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Karachi November 17, 2008: 'Democracy means more than just holding elections; it means allowing institutions to perform their assigned role given in law and adherence to the rule of law by everyone in the country, says the Pakistan Broadcasters Association.

PBA, The premier electronic media body have expressed their deep concern at unlawful restriction of transmission of two of its member networks namely GEO Network and ARY Digital Network, in different cities of Sindh through various Cable Networks. PBA strongly condemns such action and demands immediate restoration of the channels transmission.

Exactly one year back, two Pakistani channels were completely shut down throughout the world and now with the new democratic government it was hoped that such actions would not be repeated and media would not be penalized for playing its part in promoting and building progressive Pakistan. But unfortunately today restricting of the transmission of channels is very discouraging for the entire Pakistani media.

PBA has requested the President and the Prime Minister to take a serious note of the issue and ensure that Pakistani media is protected against such unlawful actions.