



The News Director,

Secretariat

Dear Sir,

Please broadcast the following Press Release of PBA in News Bulletins / Tickers on your esteemed channel.

PRESS RELEASE

“Karachi: Saturday, November 25, 2017: Pakistan Broadcasters Association has strongly condemned the unilateral closure of news channels by the Government. PBA is a signatory to the Code of Conduct that is approved by the Supreme Court and has always been willing to abide by it. The right to information is a fundamental right guaranteed by the constitution. PBA members have been responsibly covering the event and protest for the viewers of Pakistan including the dharna's side effects as well as the courts judgment regarding it. As per the code of conduct on sensitive security operations PBA members will avoid live coverage that can jeopardize the operation and safety of security personnel as well as avoid all sensitive content that can incite violence against law enforcement personnel. Across the board unilateral action however must be avoided at all cost by the Government / PEMRA. The outright closure of news channels regardless of their content and conduct will not be acceptable by PBA and this action must be reversed immediately. Action should be against those channels that violate the code of conduct as per the law. PBA has also strongly condemned violence by the protesters against journalists including reporters, camera men and technical staff. Burning of media vans and DSNGs is highly condemnable. DSNG vans of Samma, Abb Tak and GEO have been attacked and damaged as have reporters associated with GEO and Dunya been injured. PBA demands that Government take action against the culprits and provide security to the journalists and property of media houses performing their constitutional responsibilities”.

Sincerely for,
Pakistan Broadcasters Association


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