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## PBA PRESS RELEASE - JULY 8, 2019

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The News Director,

Dear Sir,

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

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Karachi, July 8, 2019:** In a statement issued today PBA has condemned taking off air three of its member channels by PEMRA. The statement said that a complaint was lodged by three of its members Aab tak, 24 news and Capital TV saying that their channels had been taken off air from cable networks by PEMRA without assigning a reason or giving them a hearing. PBA demanded that PEMRA restore these channels immediately and follow its laid down rules in case there was any complaint against these channels or they had violated the code of conduct. By not giving them the right of hearing and unilaterally taking them off air was against all norms of justice and threatened freedom of expression. The statement further asked PEMRA to follow its own laid down rules made to deal with situations where a channel had violated any law/ code of conduct, Meanwhile the channels should be restored.

Regards,