



PBA Press Release - PBA rejects the proposal for establishment of Media Courts

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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.

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Karachi, July 26, 2019: In a statement issued today PBA has outrightly rejected the Government suggestion of establishing Media Courts.

In the statement PBA asked the Government to reveal the real purpose of the proposed media courts. An incomplete document was shared with PBA a day earlier which gave no real details, purpose, need or intent for establishing these courts. It seems to be another effort to control media and restrict freedom of expression.

The statement further added that coming from a Government which had made pre-election promises to uphold independence of media and encourage freedom of expression and is now already struggling to justify media curbs, it is shocking.

The statement further asked the government to immediately abandon the ill-conceived and ill-advised proposal. There already exist laws, courts and regulatory authorities in the country to deal with media related issues. As such there existed no justification for these media courts.”

Sincerely for,

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