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All Satellite TV Channel Licensees
All FM Radio Station Licensees
All Distribution Networks Operators

Subject: **DIRECTIVES WITH REGARD TO COVERAGE OF PROCLAIMED OFFENDERS/ABSCONDERS**

Reference is invited to the Hon'ble Sindh High Court's Orders passed in Constitutional Petitions No. S-618 of 2012, S-65, S-74, S-79, S-134, S-164, S-226, S-284, S-337, S-697, S-814, S-834, S-845, S-932 and S-1079 decided on 14th October, 2015 (**PLD 2016 Karachi 238**), wherein it has been held that a proclaimed offender/absconder has not right to enjoy various rights such as appearing on TV.

2. I am directed to convey that following persons have been declared proclaimed offenders/absconders by the Court of Law in various cases/FIR's filed against them:-

- Syed Akber Hussain Shah S/o Syed Hazoor Hussain
- Mr. Muhammad Sabir Shkair S/o Muhammad Shakir
- Mr. Moeed Hussain Pirzada S/o Peerzada Mahyudin
- Mr. Wajahat Saeed Khan S/o Syed Shafqat Khan
- Mr. Adil Farooq Raja S/o Umer Farooq Raja
- Mr. Haider Raza Mehdi S/o Syed Ghafar Mehdi
- Mr. Shaheen Sehbai S/o Qadoos Sehbai
- Mr. Ali Nawaz Awan S/o Muhammad Nawaz Awan
- Mr. Farrukh Habib S/o Muhammad Arshad
- Mr. Murad Saeed S/o Saeed Ullah
- Mr. Hammad Azhar S/o Mian Muhammad Azhar

3. Therefore, the Competent Authority while exercising powers conferred under Section 27 of PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2007 hereby prohibits media coverage of above mentioned individuals being proclaimed offenders on electronic media and refrain from airing any news, report, statement or tickers of individuals mentioned at para 2 above, in compliance with the principles laid down in **PLD 2016 Karachi 238**. Meanwhile, matter is being referred to the Council of Complaints for appropriate recommendations.

4. In case of any violation observed, legal action under relevant provisions of PEMRA laws shall be initiated.

5. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

(Umair Azim)
Director
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