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**PEMRA DIRECTS SAMAA TV TO AIR APOLOGY ON NAB'S
COMPLAINT**

PEMRA Council of Complaints, Islamabad while hearing two different complaints of National Accountability Bureau (NAB) against Samaa TV for airing baseless and defamatory news reports against Chairman NAB, directed the channel to immediately air apology in the same manner and magnitude. The Council also recommended that in case of non-compliance, PEMRA may proceed against Samaa TV as per law.

NAB in its complaint to PEMRA dated September 9, 2015 had sought appropriate action against Samaa TV under the law for airing unverified, false and baseless news against Chairman NAB and NAB as an institution on September 8, 2015 between 8.30 to 9.0 p.m. According to the complaint, Samaa TV, while referring to the investigation of Dr. Asim Hussain had alleged involvement of Chairman NAB in financial corruption which was immediately rebutted by the spokesman of Sindh Rangers.

In another complaint against the same channel dated November 30, 2015, NAB had pleaded that Samaa TV repeated an attempt to tarnish the image and repute of Chairman NAB and NAB as an institution by airing false and concocted news on November 18, 2015 which was also immediately rebutted by the spokesman WAPDA.

The Council after hearing the both parties and in the light of evidences; directed Samaa TV channel to immediately air an apology in the same manner and magnitude failing which PEMRA to proceed against the channel as per law.

It may be mentioned that Council of Complaints are independent and autonomous forums comprising of eminent citizens and they are not used to be PEMRA employees.

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