



PAKISTAN ELECTRONIC MEDIA
REGULATORY AUTHORITY
ISLAMABAD

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Islamabad, the 1st April, 2016

Chief Executive Officer

M/s Independent Media Corporation (Pvt.) Ltd / (Geo News & Geo Entertainment)

M/s Independent Newspapers Corporation (Pvt.) Ltd. (Geo Kahani & Geo Tez)

M/s Independent Music Group (SMC-PVT) Ltd. (Geo Sports)

Printing House, II. Chundrigar Road,

KARACHI.

Subject **SUSPENSION OF TRANSMISSION OF SATELLITE TV CHANNELS OF
GEO NETWORK**

Transmission of all satellite TV channels operated by M/s. Independent Media Corporation (Pvt.) Ltd., M/s. Independent Newspapers Corporation (Pvt.) Ltd. and M/s. Independent Music Corporation (SMC-PVT) Ltd. namely Geo News, Geo Entertainment, Geo Kahani, Geo Tez and Geo Sports remained suspended from 11:42 p.m. March 31, to 11:57 a.m. April 1, 2016, without any intimation to the Authority.

2. Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) on its Complaint Call Center has received several queries from the viewers on sudden suspension of transmission of Geo channels on distribution networks across the country.

3. Whereas, under Section 28 of PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2007 read with Regulation 17(1)(v) of PEMRA Television Station Broadcast Regulations 2012, reproduced as under, the licensee cannot cease or suspend transmission without force majeure or without the prior approval of the Authority. Section 28 is reproduced hereunder:

Section 28 "A broadcast media or distribution service operator shall not cease or suspend broadcasting except on account of force majeure or with the prior approval of the Authority."

4. Therefore, M/s. Independent Media Corporation Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Independent Newspaper Corporation Pvt. Ltd. and M/s. Independent Music Corporation Pvt. Ltd. are required to clarify their position as to why transmission stayed suspended.

5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

(Muhammad Tahir)
General Manager
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1. AGM Chairman Secretariat.
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