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**Shahid Masood Withdraws Complaint against Private TV Channels; Seeks Adjournment on Finance Minister's Complaint**

Dr. Shahid Masood, (Anchorperson ARY News) withdrew his complaint against private TV channels and subsequently his complaint was disposed off by PEMRA Council of Complaints. Shahid Masood explained before the Council that his complaint against Federal Information Minister Pervaiz Rashid was against PTV and not against private TV channels. The Council of Complaints, therefore, disposed off the matter being non-maintainable as PTV, being the state TV, is not under PEMRA laws.

In the second case, the legal counsel of Federal Finance Minister, Senator Ishaq Dar agreed to give another opportunity to ARY News channel and Dr. Shahid Masood to prepare and furnish their defense before the Council in its next hearing. The ARY and Shahid Masood's counsel had requested for a second adjournment.

The complaint filed by Ms. Farah Razzaq, Regional Director Punjab Small Industries Corporation against Dunya News channel for allegedly airing defamatory news was adjourned with directions to file reply on orders of the Hon'ble Lahore High Court within three days of receiving copy of the orders regarding the quashment of inquiry.

The complaint filed by Ms. Haleema against some TV channels for airing defamatory news reports was adjourned on the request of the complainant with the directions to ensure her appearance in the next meeting of the Council.

While hearing the complaint lodged by Islamabad Diagnostic Centre against ARY News, the Council recommended issuing Warning to ARY News for damaging the credibility and reputation of complainant by airing false news.

The complaint filed by Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar, Minister of State for National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination was adjourned with the directions to submit complete documentary evidence of the complaint filed before the Council.

The Council dismissed the complaints of Shuhda Foundation on non-appearance and non-compliance with its earlier recommendations. Moreover, in the matter of complaint filed by Senator A. Rehman Malik the Council recommended that complainant may file proper complaint with specific allegations on the content of the programme,

Other Members of the Council including Ms. Nuzhat Fatima, Prof. Dr. Maqsood Jafri, Dr. Shah Jahan Sayed, Mr. Haroon ur Rasheed and Mr. Muhammad Farooq (RGM / Secretary, Council of Complaints, Islamabad) were also present in the meeting.

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