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**COC recommends Rs. 1 Million fine on Channel 24 for baseless
allegations against Anwar Aziz's wife**

Islamabad: PEMRA Council of Complaints in its 67th meeting held on Dec 14, 2016 at the Regional Office Lahore, under the chair of Dr. Mehdi Hassan recommended a fine of Rs. 1,000,000/- on Channel 24 for airing of false and malicious statements about the family of Mr. Anwar Aziz in the program "Khara Such" dated 25-05-2016 and the matter was disposed of.

Regarding the complaint filed by Dr. Haider Ashraf Dy. Inspector General of Police against ARY News, Capital News, City 42 & Waqt News for broadcasting of old / fake footages taken from social media for the sake of sensationalism, panic and harassment among the general public, the Council adjourned the matter due to non-appearance of the complainant and non-submission of reply by the channels.

With regard to a complaint by Mr. Muhammad Akram Malik Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan against Channel 92, the matter was adjourned till the next meeting of COC, Lahore due to non-appearance of the complainant. The matter of District Police Officer, Okara against Channel 92 for telecasting fake campaign against police officials of District Okara, the Council adjourned the matter till next meeting of COC with directions to appear along with evidences.

While hearing the complaint of Mr. Afzal Syed Ali against A-Plus program 'Jago Jago Subha Huwi', dated 27.10.2016 the Council recommended a fine of Rs. 100,000/- to A-Plus for non-appearance before the Council. In the matter of Malik Sanaullah resident of Gujranwala and Channel 5, the grievance of the complainant was addressed by Channel 5 for not handing over the car won through lucky draw in program 'Marhaba Ramzan' dated 18-06-2016.

The Council recommended a fine of Rs. 100,000/- to Silver Screen for change of frequency without prior approval of PEMRA and airing of objectionable content due to change of frequency. While hearing the complaint against M/s Golden Star Cable Network Kasur, the Council recommended a fine of Rs. 50,000/- to M/s Golden Star Cable Network Kasur for violations of PEMRA Laws.

Other Council members including Dr. Sughara Sadaf, Dr. Mubashar Nadeem, Dr. Lubna Zaheer, Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad Tarar, Ms. Fuzia Viqar and Dr. M. Safdar Rehman (RGM-Lhr/ Secretary COC) were also present in the meeting.

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