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**SHOW CAUSE ISSUED TO GEO NEWS FOR AIRING CONTENT IN VIOLATION OF
CODE OF CONDUCT DURING SHAHZAIB KHANZADA'S PROGRAMME**

Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has issued a show cause notice to M/s Independent Media Corporation (Geo News) for airing abusive words in its programme 'Aj Shahzaib Khanzada kay Sath' dated September 26, 2017. It came to the notice of the Monitoring Wing of the Authority that in the said programme, Minister of State for Interior Affairs Muhammad Tallal Chaudhary, uttered such words as could be called indecent and against the commonly accepted norms of society. The remarks were aired live in the said programme. Airing of such content is in violation of several clauses of PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2007 as well as Electronic Media Code of Conduct 2015. In the show cause issued to the TV channel, the Authority has directed the management of the TV channel to furnish reply on the said violation within a period of seven (7) days i.e. on or before October 4, 2017. Meanwhile, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the TV channel is also called upon to appear before PEMRA hearing committee for personal hearing on the said date within the stipulated time. In case of failure to reply or non-appearance for personal hearing the Authority shall have the right to initiate ex-parte proceedings.