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To: All Member Publications

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of a letter No.DI (PI-INF)/566 dated December 19, 2018 from Sindh Information Department regarding compliance of Hon'able High Court of Sindh Orders passed in Constitutional Petition No.S-2622 of 2018.

We reproduce hereunder the above letter, which is self-explanatory, for your information and compliance.

“ Sub: Compliance of Hon'able High Court of Sindh Orders Passed in Constitutional Petition No.S-2622 of 2018.

I am directed to convey here, the orders passed by the Hon'able High Court of Sindh in Constitutional Petition No.S-2622 of 2018, pertaining to disclosure of names of victims and their families in the cases of honor killing as well as in the cases of free will marriages through news for strict compliance. The orders of Hon'able High Court of Sindh is reproduced as under :

“Since, such like publication / declaration in newspaper is not the requirement of law nor a legal action (setting law into motion) can be prevented on such publication alone rather this may result in causing serious problems which is not limited to increasing agony of parents but would include defaming the name and fame of parents because typical culture which even encourage parents and relatives to kill in name of “Karo-Kari” in interior Sindh. To marry the man of choice is right of every sui-juris but such right needs not be exploited in increasing the agony of innocent parents or putting their name and reputation by such like publication. Needless to add that all laws of the lands, including constitution provides protection to dignity. Accordingly, till further orders we restrain Sindhi and Urdu newspapers to public such type of “Qasam Namoon or Dhayan Talab” or other statements whereby a declaration with full particulars is made that a lady has left house of her parents against their wishes to marry the man of her choice because freedom of expression would not include making a statement which may result in causing any legal injury to other. However, this would not include any press conference or any agitation with regard to the serious threats of their lives. This order shall be circulated to Editors of Press Club of Sindhi and Urdu newspaper as well as Information Secretary for Compliance.”

It is requested that strict compliance of Hon'able High Court of Sindh be ensured.

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Government of Sindh, Karachi”

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

-s/d-

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