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To: All Member Publications

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of a letter No.1(02)/2022-HP-I dated February 17, 2022 from the Deputy Director General (HP-1), Islamabad wherein the APNS has been requested to advise member publications to strictly comply with the orders of the honorable Lahore High Court, Lahore dated September 07, 2015 in a petition about Mr. Altaf Hussain.

Member publications are advised to comply with the orders. (Copy of the above Order enclosed)

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

-s/d-

(Dr. Tanvir A. Tahir)
Executive Director
APNS

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ORDER SHEET

IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT LAHORE
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Case No: Writ Petition No.22093/2015

Sardar Aftab Ahmed Virk, Advocate Versus *Prime Minister of Pakistan, etc.*

S.No. of order/ Proceeding	Date of order/ Proceeding	Order with signature of Judge, and that of parties of counsel, where necessary.
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- (3) 07.09.2015 *Mr. Muhammad Imran Chaudhry, Advocate with petitioner.*
Mr. Naseer Ahmed Bhutta, Additional Attorney General.
Mr. Shan Gull, Additional Advocate General.
Ms. Hina Hafeez Ullah Ishaque, Assistant Advocate General.
Mr. Tahir Farooq Tarar, Advocate/Legal Advisor PEMRA.

In pursuance of order dated 31.08.2015, learned Additional Attorney General for Pakistan has entered appearance, who submits that despite of his intimation, report regarding status of Altaf Hussain has not been received from respondent No.2.

2. At this stage Legal Advisor for Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has entered appearance and placed on record copy of Notification No.13(99)/Ops/011/341, dated 1st May, 2015, according to which PEMRA has issued directive under Section 27 of the Ordinance, 2002, to all the Television Channels to stop/not airing hate speeches.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the copies of CDs appended with the instant constitutional petition contain sufficient material from where it can easily be gathered that the speeches made by Altaf Hussain/respondent No.9 are hazardous to the integrity and sovereignty of this country. Further contends that respondent No.9 by making speeches against the armed forces and other law enforcing

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agencies, has tried to ridicule the whole nation in the eyes of international community. It has been further argued that the directive issued by the PEMRA is of generalized pattern, which does not contain any specification regarding respondent No.9, hence the same does not serve the purpose. Prays that during the pendency of the instant petition all concerned may be directed not to air/publish any speech/activity regarding Altaf Hussain/respondent No.9.

4. In view of arguments advanced by learned counsel for the petitioner and taking into consideration the submissions made by learned Additional Attorney General, as well as, learned Additional Advocate General, we are of the considered view that there is sufficient material available on record to issue direction to the Chairman, Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority, to completely black out the activities of Altaf Hussain/respondent No.9, including hatred speeches, any news regarding his activities, as well as, display of his picture on electronic media.

5. As far as print media is concerned, learned Additional Advocate General is directed to convey the order of this Court to the Chairman, Press Council of Pakistan, for immediate compliance.

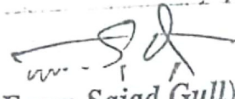
6. Learned Additional Attorney General for Pakistan undertakes that the requisite report and parawise comments shall be submitted before the Court in the spirit of order dated 31.08.2015, before the next date of hearing.

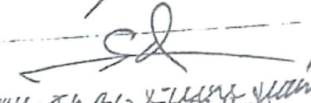
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7. For further proceedings to come up on 18.09.2015.


(Sayyed Mazahar Ali Akbar Nagvi)
Judge


(Erum Sajad Gull)
Judge


(Mazhar Iqbal Sidhu)
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