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To: All Member Publications

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of a letter dated May 13, 2015 from the Director (Judicial), Press Council of Pakistan regarding concerns about Yemen crisis. We reproduce hereunder the text of the letter for your information and necessary action :

“ No.1(1)/2015-J/PCP

Islamabad: May 13, 2015

Sub: Concerns about Yemen Crisis

The Chairman, PCP has desired that while reporting on Yemen Crisis and Saudi Arabia provision of Article 19 of Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan may be kept in view by our print media. Acute case should be taken to avoid negative comments to ensure about our bilateral friendly relations with Arab countries are not adversely affected.

2. *In view of the above, it is requested that provisions of Article 19 may be circulated among the member newspapers. Article 19 of Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan is reproduced below :-*

“ 19. Every citizen shall have the right to freedom of speech and expression, and there shall be freedom of the press, subject to any reasonable restrictions imposed by law in the interest of the glory of Islam or the integrity, security or defence of Pakistan or any part thereof, friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency or morality, or in relation to contempt of court, 1[commission of] or incitement to an offence.

“19-A. Every citizen shall have the right to have access to information in all matters of public importance subject to regulation and reasonable restrictions imposed by law.”

*(Safdar Hussain Malik)
Director (Judicial)”*

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

-s/d-

(Dr. Tanvir A. Tahir)

Executive Director

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