

May 14, 2020

Honorable Imran Ahmed Khan Niazi
Prime Minister of Pakistan
Prime Minister's Secretariat
Red Zone
Islamabad Capital Territory, Islamabad
Pakistan

RE: PAYMENT OF UNPAID WAGES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEDIA WORKERS AND
JOURNALISTS BEFORE EID-UL-FITR

Dear Prime Minister Khan,

<http://www.freedomtalk.net> Monitors Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Expression in Pakistan. We are writing to draw your attention to the sufferings of the media workers and journalists due to unpaid wages and long-standing dues.

There are many factors for the massive job losses in Pakistan, and Covid19 has turned the situation devastating for the media workers and their families. The gravity of the crisis is so grave that even mainstream media has fallen behind to pay the wages. During the past few months, news channels Capital TV cameraman Fayyaz and City 42 cameraman Rizwan Malik, have died after struggling with depression, poverty, and waiting for their unpaid wages; not paid for as long as nine months.

<http://www.freedomtalk.net> calls on you to arrange the payment of unpaid wages and arrears before Eid-ul-Fitr and pull hundreds of families out of abject poverty during this holy month of Ramadan and enabling them to eat square meals on Eid.

Sincerely,

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CC: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Syed Shibli Faraz

