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The honourable Syed Murad Ali Shah
Chief Minister of Sindh
Chief Minister House – Sindh
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Subject: Letter of Support for Mr. Jaffar Memon

June 21, 2017

Dear Chief Minister Shah,

I am writing on behalf of <http://www.freedomtalk.net/>, the Canadian-based non-profit, non-governmental organization that works to monitor and promote freedom of speech and freedom of expression in Pakistan, in support of a Pakistani journalist Mr. Jaffar Memon, the senior member of Hyderabad Press Club, who has been remained president in the body of the Press Club Hyderabad. We have successfully intervened in many issues related to the human rights and free speech.

<http://www.freedomtalk.net/> knows Mr. Jaffar not only as a seasoned journalist but also as an avid activist for freedom of speech, an activist striving for inter-faith harmony and instrumental in protecting the rights of the Hindu minority in Sindh.

Mr. Jaffar collaborated with us during our Pre-Election Awareness Program (PEVAP) in 2012 and teamed up in the publication of our newsletters BridgeUS and BridgeEuropa; the newsletters aware the people of Pakistan about far-reaching effects of the US and the EU aid in the progress of this country and dedicated to Daniel Pearl.

<http://www.freedomtalk.net/bridgeus--eu.html>

Currently, Mr. Jaffar is going through stressful situations related to the following and unfolding occurrences violating the Constitution of Hyderabad Press Club:

1-Article II clause a & b of Rule 1 of the constitution of Hyderabad Press Club.

- 2-Rule 1 of Article II of the Constitution of Hyderabad Press Club.
- 3-Article 8 Rule 2 of the constitution of Hyderabad Press Club.
- 4-Rule 7 of Article 8 of the Constitution of Hyderabad Press Club.
- 5-Rule 15 and 17 of Article 8 of the Constitution of Hyderabad Press Club.
- 6-Article II clause a & b of Rule 1 of the constitution of Hyderabad Press Club.

In the light of the circumstances outlined above, we would urge you to please intervene and:

- 1-Grant interim relief by restraining the current President & General Secretary of Hyderabad Press Club from conducting the annual election.
- 2-Order an independent audit of the accounts of Hyderabad Press Club.
- 3-Order the deactivation of the illegitimate memberships of Hyderabad Press Club.

Your timely involvement will strengthen the confidence of journalists and restore the normal activities of a free press in the second largest city of Sindh.

<http://www.freedomtalk.net/home.html> strongly believes that Free, unbiased and non-partisan journalism is the cornerstone of democracy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about our affiliation with Mr. Jaffar, or the situations of journalists, freedom of speech, freedom of expression and our potential involvements in Pakistan more broadly.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.



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