

September 2020, Jehlum (the province of Punjab) police booked *journalist* and former Chairman of the *Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA)* **Absar Alam** for sedition. The charges ranging from Section 131, 124A, 505, 499 of Pakistan Penal Code, section 20 of Pakistan Electronic Crimes Act, and High Treason under Section (Article) 6 of the Constitution.” The plaintiff Chaudhary Naveed Ahmed alleged that Mr. Alam used derogatory language against Prime Minister Imran Khan and the military.

September 2020, Karachi police released journalist **Bilal Farooqi**, working for the English-language daily *The Express Tribune*, after several hours of detention. A citizen had alleged Mr. Farooqi's social media posts are defaming Pakistan Army and causing sectarianism. Mr. Farooqi booked under Sections 500 and 505 of the Pakistan Penal Code and Sections 11 and 20 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (Peca), 2016. The Karachi Union of Journalists (KUJ) condemned the arrest of Mr. Farooqi.