



PAKISTAN ELECTRONIC MEDIA
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Islamabad, January 26, 2017

Chief Executive Officer,
M/s. Labbaik Pvt. Ltd.
(BOL News),
Labbaik Plaza, C-47/C 15th Commercial Street,
Phase II Extension, DHA,
Karachi

Subject: PROHIBITION ORDERS UNDER SECTION 27 OF PEMRA
ORDINANCE 2002

Whereas, M/S Labbaik (Private) Limited was granted a Licence No. F.10-2(44) STV-2006 dated December 27, 2006, to establish and operate satellite TV channel "BOL NEWS" under terms and conditions including compliance with the code of conduct devised for the programmes to be telecast thereof.

2. Whereas, during several weeks it has been monitored that Mr. Aamir Liaquat host of the programme named "Aisay Nahi Chalay Ga", in the episodes broadcast on "BOL News" from January 2, 2017 to January 24, 2017, has willfully and repeatedly made statements and allegations which tantamount to hate speech, derogatory remarks, incitement to violence against citizens and casting accusation of being anti-state and anti-Islam, on various individuals.

3. Whereas, broadcast of such content by BOL News is blatant and deliberate violation of Section 20 of the PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by the PEMRA (Amendment) Act-2007 read with Rule 15 of the PEMRA Rules 2009 and Clauses 3(1)(h & k), 4(7)(c), 13(1)(2), 22(1)(3) and 23, of the Code of Conduct-2015, which are reproduced below:

3. Fundamental Principle:- The licensee shall ensure that:-

(i) No content is aired which-

(h) is likely to incite, aid, abet, glorify or justify violence, commission of any crime, terror or leads to serious public disorder;



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(k) amounts to intimidation, blackmail or false incrimination of any person;

4. News and Current Affair Programmes:- The licensee shall ensure that:-

(7) In talk shows or similar programmes, the licensee and its employees shall ensure that:-

(c) programme does not belittle or demean a person or group of persons;

13. Language:- The licensee shall ensure that:-

(1) Content shall maintain proper standards of language.

(2) Abusive or vulgar language shall be prohibited.

22. Airing of Allegations etc:- (1) Licensee shall not air any allegation against any person or organization unless the licensee has credible information justifying such allegation and a fair opportunity to defend such allegation has been provided to the person or organization against whom allegation is being levelled.

(3) Licensee shall ensure that reasonable opportunity of defense and reply is provided to any person or organization against any allegation levelled against such person or organization.

23. Hate Speech:- "(1) Licensee shall ensure that hate speech by any of its employees or any guest in a programme is not aired.

(2) The licensee shall not relay allegations that fall within the spectrum of hate speech, including calling someone anti-Pakistani, traitor, or anti-Islam.

(3) Where hate speech is resorted to by any guest, the channel and its representative must stop the participant and remind him and the audience that no one has the authority to declare any other citizen as a Kafir or enemy of Pakistan, Islam or any other religion.

Explanation: Hate speech includes any expression that may incite violence, hatred or discrimination

4. Now, therefore, in view of the afore-mentioned reasons the competent authority in exercise of delegated powers of the Authority vested in Section 27 of the PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by the PEMRA (amendment) Act-2007 has ordered as follows:

[Signature]



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- a. *M/s Labbaik (Pvt.) Ltd. is prohibited from the broadcasting and re-broadcasting, fresh, old or repeat programme named "Aisay Nahi Chalay Ga" with immediate effect.*
- b. *Mr. Aamir Liaquat, the host of the programme named "Aisay Nahi Chalay Ga" shall not host any program or appear in any manner, including but not limited to, as a guest, analyst, reporter, actor, in audio, video beeper, promo/advertisement on BOL NEWS.*
- c. *In case of non-compliance of the above Orders, the licence for the Channel "BOL NEWS" shall be suspended with immediate effect.*
- d. *Mr. Aamir Liaquat is also prohibited from delivering any hate speech, declaring anyone Kaafir or Ghaddar on any other TV Channel. In case of violation, action shall be initiated against such channel(s) under Section 27 of the PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by the PEMRA (Amendment) Act-2007.*
- e. *This prohibition order shall remain in effect till the time respective Councils of Complaints make recommendations on the complaints received by PEMRA and the subsequent decision of the Authority on these recommendations by Council of Complaints.*


 (Muhammad Fahim)
 General Manager (Operations)

Copy to:

1. Secretary to the Authority [For record and intimation of the Authority]
2. All RGMs, PEMRA: [For information and necessary action]
3. The Chairman, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) [With the request for immediate action to stop live web-streaming of the program "Aisa Nahi Chalay Ga" on BOL News]
4. CEO, PAKSAT, Office No. 18, Street 12, Mauve Area, G-8/1, Islamabad [With the instructions to immediately stop the transmission of the channel "Bol News", M/s. Labbaik (Pvt.) Ltd. being uplinked through PAKSAT-IR for non-compliance of these orders in coordination with this office and ensure implementation of this order in letter and spirit]
5. Director General (Admin/ Legal)
6. Director General (Licensing-Broadcasting)
7. Director General (Monitoring)
8. General Manager (Media & PR).
9. DGM, Chairman Office.

