

## Complaints Received during the month of February, 2022 at PEMRA Complaint Call Center

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1	116355	<p>Respectfully,                      ARY Digital Drama Bulbul Episode 316 which has been telecasted in last week, it violated Clause (d) of sub-rule (1) of rules 3 of Electronic Media Code of Conduct 2015, which is reproduced below:-                      "3. Fundamental Principles:- The licensee shall ensure that:-                      (1) No content is aired which –                      (d) passes derogatory remarks about any religion, sect, community or uses visuals or words contemptuous of religious sects and ethnic groups or which promote communal and sectarian attitude or disharmony."                      In this ARY Digital Drama Bulbul Episode 316, there is a character of a thief who steals the goat at the end. This thief has been portrayed throughout this episode as Sindhi. It has been addressed as Sindhi as well throughout the episode. I belong to the Sindhi community. "Sindhi" is not a name, rather it's our identity. How can it be portrayed as a name of a person? Why ARY Digital Bulbul drama has aired this full of discrimination episode towards Sindhis? This whole episode concluded that Sindhi means a thief? What is PEMRA doing? Where are PEMRA watchers whose job is to watch what is being aired? I am requesting PEMRA Chairman to take strict action possible against ARY Digital channel. This is a serious matter. I'll be watching what action is PEMRA taking. If no action is taken timely, I'll be lodging a lawsuit against ARY Digital as well as against PEMRA itself.</p>	ARY Digital
2	116380	<p>Subject : Complaint Against Mr Waseem Akhtar MQM hatred speech against Sindhi and community code live on TV channels and social media .</p> <p>Respected Sir ,</p> <p>It is state that few days MQM leadership and their member Mr Waseem Akhtar has given on media hatred speech against sindhi community and our province which cannot be tolerated no body has right to insult or give hatred speech against one community we are all live together in peace and happiness and we respect in Karachi all community pathan , punjabi , or Mahajir all we consider each other brothers and sisters but these criminal political party MQM has been doing such act many times but I will not tolerate this anymore . Even Mr Altaf hussain who is already ban from media and all member of MQM pakistan are same people its same party kindly requested to ban Mr Waseem Akhtar .</p> <p>We reuqest your department to register complaint against Mr Waseem Akhtar and take action against him according to the law and hatred speech on live media against one large community this is not tolerable anymore.</p> <p>Pakistan Zindabad</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	ARY News, Bol News, Capital TV, Channel 24, Dawn News, Dunya TV News, Express News, Geo News, Hum News
3	116350	<p>Re: Complaint against Geo Harpal Entertainment TV: Cc to Minister for Information, Citizen's Portal</p> <p>I was wondering if you got my mail below, Mr. Chairman, PEMRA?</p> <p>Kind regards.</p> <p>Sincerely</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Greetings from Lahore.</p> <p>May I draw your attention to the facts that:</p> <p>1. Harpal Geo Entertainment Channel uses almost 50% of its drama time for TV commercials;                      2. This channel repeats at least 50% of its previous day episode with every new episode whether it's locally produced TV dramas or Turkish TV drama Kurulus Osman. This amounts to insulting the intelligence of the viewers!</p> <p>I look forward to serious action taken against unethical and unprofessional attitude of Geo Entertainment Channel.</p> <p>Thanks and kind regards.</p>	Geo Ent.
4	116351	<p>جیو ٹی وی کے ڈرامہ فاسق میں کشمیر کو جان بوجھ کے انڈیا میں دنیا گیا ہے                      محترم چیئرمین کونسل آف کمیونٹیز پیما بیڈ کوآرڈ اسلام آباد .                      جیو ٹی وی پر چلنے والے ڈرامہ فاسق۔ قسط نمبر 61 کے 26 منٹ سے آگے بوجھ کر ایک نقشہ دکھایا گیا جس میں کشمیر کو ہندوستان کا حصہ دکھایا گیا ہے براہ مہربانی ضروری قانونی کارروائی کی جائے نیو میپ اب پاکستان کی خلاف ورزی پر ۔ جیو ٹی وی نے جان بوجھ کے کی ہے ثبوت کے لئے سکرین شاٹ ایچڈ ہے</p>	Geo Ent.
5	116352	<p>Assalam o Alikum.                      Pakistan Zindabad,                      Hope You all Fine in Pakistan .                      As we all know and clear about Kashmir is integral part of Pakistan.                      As a responsible Pakistani I don't bear insult of Pakistan and Kashmiri Shudaahs.                      The Geo Drama Serial FASIQ , Episode 61,After 25 minutes onward they show a Wall Scenery of Pakistan Map ,In this map they Show Kashmir is permanent part of India.                      This thing make me hursh .                      I noticed this thing.                      As a Pakistani as well as Kashmiri Please,Just check this thing ,if iam right then do Lawful action against the Channel and Impose Ban on Drama atleast.                      Millions of people watch this Drama around the world,please investigate objective behind the screen.                      Thanking for this act of kindness.                      Long Live Pakistan.                      Regards                      Asghar Khan                      Gilgit,                      Profession . Government Employee GB</p>	Geo Ent.

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7	116379	<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Greetings from Lahore.</p> <p>May I draw your attention to the facts that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Harpal Geo Entertainment Channel uses almost 50% of its drama time for TV commercials;</li> <li>2. This channel repeats at least 50% of its previous day episode with every new episode whether it's locally produced TV dramas or Turkish TV drama Kurulus Osman. This amounts to insulting the intelligence of the viewers!</li> </ol> <p>I look forward to serious action taken against unethical and unprofessional attitude of Geo Entertainment Channel.</p> <p>Thanks and kind regards. , ed</p>	Geo Ent.
8	116360	<p>Reportedly map of Pakistan was incorrectly shown during live TV show of Dr Shahid Masood as under:- Govt of Pakistan issued following official map on 4 August 2020:-</p> <p>For appropriate action, please.</p> <p>Regards ☐</p>	GNN News
9	116374	<p>Hi</p> <p>I would like to register my complaint against the above mentioned drama serial currently being aired on said TV channel. Contents of this programme are not only immoral and derogatory, but also against the principles of our religion Islam and our basic societal &amp; family values. Some of the instances to highlight my concern are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A young woman, while married, is having an illicit extramarital affair with her fellow student.</li> <li>2) This affair is happening with full knowledge and muted consent of said woman's husband.</li> <li>3) A father and a daughter are planning an insurance fraud in the name of their severely ill son / brother.</li> <li>4) A father, while consuming drugs, encourages his daughter to have an extramarital affair to extort money, so he can use proceeds to gamble.</li> </ol> <p>Above are just few examples, while there are many more. All in all, this is a completely disgusting program, and hence should be immediately cancelled. Furthermore, HUM TV should be prosecuted, their programming taken off-air for atleast 1 month and financial penalties should be imposed upon their management immediately. I will look forward to your confirmation and actions being taken in this regard.</p>	HUM TV
10	116387	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>On February 16, 2022, PTV SPORTS, TEN, and A Channel showed live coverage of cricket match between Quetta Gladiators and Peshawar Zalmi. During the match a heated exchange took place between two players Sohail Tanvir (bowling) and Ben Cutting (Batting) during the 2nd Innings.</p> <p>During the heated exchange between both players, both player exchanged obscene gestures (raising middle fingers with both hands) which were telecast on live TV across the world. In any decent society such gesture are considered inappropriate. It appears very little effort was done to avoid this and the scenes could have been deleted in a 10 second tape delay.</p> <p>Such relaxed attitude by the state run TV warrants need to effective punishment so that such things are not repeated again, as they bring a bad repute to the state of Pakistan.</p>	Ten Sports