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## Call for swift rescue of journalism dying ‘slow and agonising’ death

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Journalist Hamid Mir (centre) speaks at the event.—  
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## Free press can not survive without free judiciary: Hamid Mir

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*Journalist Hamid Mir at a seminar titled 'Media and Democracy: An Essential Partnership' at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) on June 14, 2024. — x/HamidMirPAK*

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میڈیا اور جمہوریت کے موضوع پر پینل ڈسکشن کا انعقاد

سندھ میں صحافیوں پر دہشت گردی کے مقدمے بنائے جاتے ہیں، مقررین

مضبوط عدلیہ کے بغیر صحافیوں کیلئے حقیقی آزادی کا ادراک ناممکن ہے

کراچی (سٹاف رپورٹر) سینئر فار ایکسیلنس جرنلزم آئی بی اے کے تحت میڈیا اور جمہوریت کے موضوع پر پینل ڈسکشن کا انعقاد کیا گیا، صحافی عنبر رحیم شمسی نے ماڈریٹر کے فرائض انجام دیے، سینئر صحافی حامد میر نے کہا کہ بلوچستان میں 90 فیصد صحافیوں کیلئے نوگواریریا ہیں، سندھ میں صحافیوں پر دہشت گردی کے مقدمے بنائے جاتے ہیں پولیس جاگیر داروں سے ملی ہوئی ہوتی ہے، انہوں نے احمد فرہاد کے کیس پر روشنی ڈالتے ہوئے کہا اسے 14 مئی کو غیر قانونی طور پر گرفتار کیا گیا تھا، عمران ریاض نے حج کیلئے اجازت مانگی تو اسے ایئر پورٹ سے گرفتار کیا گیا آج ان کی ضمانت ہوئی ہے، پاکستان میں صحافت زندہ رہے گی تو جمہوریت خود بخود زندہ رہے گی، صحافی عادل جواد نے کہا کہ مضبوط عدلیہ کے بغیر صحافیوں کے لیے حقیقی آزادی کا ادراک ناممکن ہے، ریویوٹ ایریاز میں سوشل میڈیا لوگوں کی آواز بن گیا ہے لوگ مختلف پلیٹ فارمز استعمال کر کے اپنی آواز پہنچانا سیکھ گئے ہیں، لن او ڈوئل نے کنٹرول میڈیا اور پاکستان میں صحافت پر افسوس کا اظہار کیا، انہوں نے آزادی اظہار کی اہمیت پر بات کرتے ہوئے اس بات پر زور دیا کہ وہ اس کی صحیح تعریف کو سمجھیں۔



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**CEJ-IBA arranges seminar**

**EP Report**

KARACHI: Pakistan can't survive without strong democracy, strong democracy can't survive without free media and free media can't survive without independent judiciary, stated renowned journalist Hamid Mir during a panel discussion in a seminar titled 'Media and Democracy: An Essential Partnership'. Mr. Mir - who has covered conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Kashmir, among others - is known for his fearless reporting and analysis as well as his commitment to press freedom.

The seminar was held at the Centre for Excellence in Journalism, Institute of Business Administration (CEJ-IBA) in collaboration with the School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS), IBA and in partnership with Free Press Unlimited. The event brought together distinguished journalists to discuss the critical role that

media plays in sustaining and enhancing democratic values.

In his keynote speech, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director, IBA Karachi, laid emphasis on the importance of free media, calling it 'a fundamental component of democracy', and adding that "Democracy requires a free and transparent media where journalists and reporters can speak the truth to those who hold power and public office".

"All elected and unelected representatives of the people need to be held accountable for their actions; hence a free media is a prerequisite and essential component of democracy," said Dr. Zaidi.

Lamenting the 'stifled and muzzled' state of media in Pakistan, where journalists are not free to report what they see, facts, interpretations and opinions, Dr. Zaidi stated, "While we continue the ritual of elections, the formal subsump-

tion of democracy is a long way away. Unless the media is free, there can be no democracy in Pakistan. This is non-negotiable."

Adil Jawad, a seasoned journalist with over 20 years of experience in the field, highlighted the rampant impunity in cases of journalist murders, pointing out that it is 'the absolute norm in Pakistan'. However, he added, "As journalist murders and impunity continue apace, willing actors that are committed to fighting impunity are not planning to sit by idle."

Discussing a new coalition in the works which aims to unite civil society against such impunity in the country, Mr. Jawad said, "We are laying important pieces of a puzzle at the moment. If we are able as civil society to engage with the authorities, we have a chance to finally decrease impunity rates in the murders of journalists."

Ms. Lynne O'Donnell -

one of the panelists, who spent many years as a foreign correspondent - talked about the unlimited availability of information online. She stated, "There has never been so much information available - we are drowning in a rising sea of words, photos, videos, blogs, vlogs, podcasts, social media, misinformation, disinformation, artificial intelligence, and propaganda."

In her opinion, while 'journalism, apparently, is thriving, the space for good journalism is shrinking'.

Ms. O'Donnell pointed out, "Our integrity as journalists, and the veracity of our work are persistently and consistently undermined." She further said that "Our challenge is to redefine our purpose for a brave new world that needs journalism - meaningful, informative, trustworthy journalism that holds power to account without fear or favor - more than ever."

Amber Rahim Shamsi,

who has 20 years of experience in journalism, moderated the discussion. She highlighted the global impact of populism, the takeover of news distribution by social media platforms, and new technologies on journalism. She termed the seminar 'an opportunity to understand the future of journalism in these tumultuous times in both the global and Pakistani contexts and chart a solution'.

The discussion was followed by a question-and-answer session.

**About CEJ-IBA**

The Centre for Excellence in Journalism at the Institute of Business Administration (CEJ-IBA) stands as the nation's most prestigious journalism training facility that has been instrumental in elevating the standards of journalism in Pakistan.

**About SESS**

The School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS) at IBA is

an amalgamation of two academic departments and two research centers. The Economics department's faculty is highly specialized in the fields of Development Economics, Applied Economics, Macroeconomics, Trade, Industrial Organization, and Labor Economics. The Department of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts prepares students in a wide range of academic disciplines including Philosophy, History, Literature, Political Science, Urban Studies, Media Studies,

**Anthropology, and Journalism.**

**About Free Press Unlimited**

Free Press Unlimited is an international press freedom organization that collaborates with over 300 local media partners in more than 50 countries. With them, the organization works on the mission to make independent news and information available to everyone.





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## پاکستان مضبوط جمہوریت کے بغیر قائم نہیں رہ سکتا، حامد میر

آزاد میڈیا کے بغیر مضبوط جمہوریت قائم نہیں رہ سکتی اور آزاد میڈیا آزاد عدلیہ کے بغیر زندہ نہیں رہ سکتا

(CEJ-IBA) میں (SESS) IBA کے تعاون اور فری پریس کے اشتراک سے پینل ڈسکشن کا انعقاد

کراچی (سٹی ڈیسک) پاکستان مضبوط جمہوریت کے بغیر قائم نہیں رہ سکتا، آزاد میڈیا کے بغیر مضبوط جمہوریت قائم نہیں رہ سکتی اور آزاد میڈیا بڑھانے میں میڈیا کیا اہم کردار ادا کرتا ہے۔ اپنی



آزاد عدلیہ کے بغیر زندہ نہیں رہ سکتا۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار معروف صحافی حامد میر نے ”میڈیا اینڈ ڈیموکریسی: ایک ضروری شراکت“ کے عنوان سے ایک سیمینار میں پینل ڈسکشن کے دوران کیا۔ حامد میر نے افغانستان، عراق، شام، لبنان، اور کشمیر کے تنازعات کا احاطہ کیا ہے، دوسروں کے علاوہ اپنی بے خوف رپورٹنگ اور تجزیہ کے ساتھ ساتھ آزادی صحافت کے عزم کے لیے بھی جانتے ہیں۔ یہ سیمینار سنٹر فار ایکسی لینس ان جرنلزم، انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف بزنس اینڈ منسٹریشن (CEJ-IBA) میں اسکول آف ایکٹائس اینڈ سوشل سائنسز (SESS)، IBA کے تعاون اور فری پریس لاجھود کے اشتراک سے منعقد ہوا۔ اس تقریب

کلیدی تقریر میں، ڈاکٹر ایس اکبر زیدی، ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر، IBA کراچی نے آزاد میڈیا کی اہمیت پر زور دیا، اور اسے کہا۔ جمہوریت کا ایک بنیادی جزو اور مزید کہا کہ ”جمہوریت کو ایک آزاد اور شفاف میڈیا کی ضرورت ہے جہاں صحافی اور رپورٹرز اقتدار اور عوامی عہدہ رکھنے والوں کے سامنے سچ بول سکیں۔“ عوام کے تمام منتخب اور غیر منتخب نمائندوں کو ان کے اعمال کے لیے جوابدہ ہونے کی ضرورت ہے۔ اس لیے آزاد میڈیا جمہوریت کا ایک لازمی اور لازمی جزو ہے، ڈاکٹر زیدی نے کہا۔ پاکستان میں میڈیا کی ”دب گئی اور مسلط“ حالت پر افسوس کا اظہار، جہاں صحافی آزاد نہیں ہیں۔