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Resolution

The 3rd May which is recognized as world Press Freedom Day, this House resolves the fundamental right of freedom of speech enshrined in the Constitution under Article 19 which is the foundation of freedom of the press and recognizes that it is a fundamental human right protected by International Law, essential to democratic societies, and critical to the protection of human dignity. This House recommends that the Government should protect the freedom of the press from censorship and violence and promoting its full realization in accordance with its International Human Rights obligations; essential for the functioning of democratic societies, and vital for the protection of other human rights;

Recognizing the critical role of journalists and media professionals in providing accurate, timely and impartial information to the public, and the need to protect them from violence, intimidation, and harassment;

Affirming the obligation of the government to safeguard and uphold press freedom against any form of censorship, undue interference, or retribution; and

This House resolves to take effective measures to ensure the safety, security, and independence of journalists, to strengthen the legal and institutional framework for the protection of press freedom, and to promote a pluralistic, diverse, and vibrant media environment in Pakistan, in compliance with its International Human Rights obligations and commitments.

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