

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**  
**Local Government Elections Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 2021**  
**(CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEDIA)**

**NOTIFICATION**

Islamabad dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2021.

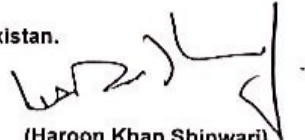
No. F. 6(1)/2020-LGE(KP) - In exercise of its powers under Articles 140-A & 218(3) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, read with sub-section 2(233) Of Election Act 2017, section 75 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Local Government Act 2013 and Ruls -2 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Conduct of Election) Rules-2021 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, Election Commission issues the following Code of Conduct for Media which shall be obligatory for all media representatives covering the regarding bye- election NA-133 Lahore, PP-206 Khanewal and Local Government Elections Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Elections to follow in letter and spirit.

- (1) No Radio or Television Channel shall broadcast/telecast or print media shall publish anything that adversely affects the public opinion against a particular political party or a candidate.
- (2) The print and electronic media shall refrain from disseminating any information about a political party or a candidate which is not supported by cogent evidence about any election related activity. Due care shall also be exercised by them to ascertain veracity of any information or news relating to a political party or a candidate before its telecast, broadcast or publishing.
- (3) The print and electronic media shall broadcast, telecast or publish only authentic election results officially issued by the Presiding Officer, Returning Officer or the Election Commission.
- (4) Any remarks about personal life of any candidate shall be avoided in print and electronic media.
- (5) All political parties and candidates shall be provided balanced coverage time on National Radio/TV channels during their election campaign.
- (6) PEMRA will monitor the coverage given to political parties and candidates for their election campaigns through public/private Radio/TV channels and for that purpose will obtain the transmission certificates, details of payments made by the political parties and candidates and copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Election Commission.
- (7) The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority ("PEMRA") shall ensure the compliance of this Code by each and every Radio/TV channel.
- (8) Representatives of print and electronic media must obtain Accreditation Card from the Election Commission or its authorized officer for observation of polling process and if a serious violation is found to have been committed, the concerned representative may have his/her accreditation withdrawn. The authority to determine whether any violation has occurred or not rests with the Election Commission of Pakistan.

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- (9) Representatives of print and electronic media must not obstruct any element of the election process and must display their identification provided by the Election Commission whenever required by the Presiding or Returning Officer.
- (10) If a candidate makes an allegation against another candidate, the media as far as possible should seek comment from both sides before publishing or broadcasting/ telecasting such allegation.
- (11) Wild allegations and statements which may harm national solidarity or may create law and order situation shall be strictly avoided.
- (12) The print and electronic media shall not use language in reporting events which may incite violence on any grounds, including race, sex, language, religion.
- (13) The accredited media persons shall be allowed to enter a polling station along with camera for making footage of the voting process or counting process only for one time. However, they shall not make footage of the screened off compartment to maintain the secrecy of ballot.
- (14) The media shall not air any unofficial result of a polling station until one hour is passed after the close of poll.
- (15) Broadcasters will not air any final, formal and definite election results and/or they will be aired only with clear disclaimer that they are unofficial, incomplete and fractional results, which should not be taken as final results until returning Officer has announced results of ward.

**By order of Election Commission of Pakistan.**



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