



Permanent Delegation of Pakistan
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Subject: **Investigation into killing of Journalist Sohail Khan in Pakistan**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to UNESCO's Press release dated 23rd October 2018 urging investigation into murder of a journalist Sohail Khan in Pakistan. We would like to provide the following information, pertaining to the case:

- The Government of Pakistan is fully committed to ensuring security, protection and fundamental rights of freedom of expression as well as the right to access information for all especially the media persons.
- This commitment of the Government was fully reflected in the swift investigation of this criminal case, involving a journalist. Initial reports indicated that the crime was committed based on some personal animosity.
- In view of sensitivity of the matter, multiple investigation teams including a Joint Investigation Team were constituted.
- As a result of these efforts of the law enforcement agencies, the two perpetrators/accused namely Ali Sher and Hamayun Iqbal have been arrested. They will now be prosecuted as per Pakistan's law.

Yours sincerely,

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