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**Subject: - Un-Blockages of Websites.**

The Honourable Lahore High Court has ordered to unblock face book at the IP level and block only such links (at URL level) displaying sacrilegious caricature of the Holy Prophet. Necessary instructions have also been issued to Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) for compliance.

2. A press release enclosed herewith requires publication in all the news papers to apprise the latest up-dates regarding un-blockage of websites.



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## PRESS RELEASE

Subject:- UN-BLOCKAGE OF WEB SITES.

The Ministry of Information Technology (MOIT) has un-blocked all the websites which are not displaying any profane/ sacrilegious contents pertaining to the Holy Prophet. The Cabinet in its meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, took serious view of the situation and condemned the recent blasphemous contents being displayed on some websites including face-book. The Cabinet further directed the MOIT to be vigilant and block only the offending websites without disrupting the flow of information generally needed by the internet users like students/researchers and public at large.

2. All those URLs which were not displaying any profane contents, including U-tube etc were un-blocked on the same day. The Cabinet was also apprised that M/s Face Book has rendered apologies to the Government of Pakistan and ensured not to display any sacrilegious contents on their URLs, in future. Ministry was directed to bring all the relevant information to the kind notice of Honourable Lahore High Court. The Honourable Lahore High Court was accordingly apprised of such developments. The Lahore High Court has ordered the MOIT to un-block the entire 'Face Book' at IP level except such links at URL level which are displaying sacrilegious contents.

3. MOIT has accordingly, issued necessary instructions to Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to unblock the face-book at IP level and block only such links at URL level which contain blasphemous contents. The Regulator has been asked to remain vigilant and close such links containing blasphemous contents under intimation to MOIT. Through this press release, members of the public are requested to lodge complaints in case any websites is displaying any sacrilegious content at Telephone No.0800-55055 and E-mail: [complaint@pta.gov.pk](mailto:complaint@pta.gov.pk)