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To: **All Member Publications**

Sub: **Directives of Honourable Sindh High Court**

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of an order of the High Court of Sindh C.P. No.S-577 of 2025 dated July 18, 2025 regarding defamatory content against the Petitioners i.e. Qureshi Cooperative Housing Society Ltd. In the order, the APNS has been directed to ensure that no newspaper publishes any defamatory content against the above petitioner.

We enclose herewith copy of the order sheet for your information and compliance.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

-s/d-

(Dr. Tanvir A. Tahir)
Executive Director
APNS

ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C.P. No.S-577 of 2025

Date	Order with signature of Judge

1.For order on MA No.4756/2025
2.For order on office objections
3.For order on MA No.4757/2025
4.For order on MA No.4758/2025
5.For hearing of main case

17.07.2025

M/s. Ahmed Masood & Muhammad Altaf, Advocates for the applicant.

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1. Urgency granted.

2. Deferred for the time being.

3. Exemption granted subject to all just exceptions.

4-5. It is *inter alia* contended by the Petitioner's counsel that the Respondents No. 1 & 2 are publishing defamatory statements which are being printed by the Respondents No. 11 & 12 in their newspapers. In the publications, allegations were made against the Petitioners No. 2 to 4 alleging that the Petitioners are involved in corrupt practices with respect to the affairs of the Petitioner No.1. Further contends that it is being illegally circulated that the Petitioners No. 2 to 4 are allegedly depriving the allottees of the society of their alleged allotments in the Society. Moreover, it is further being circulated and published that the Petitioners No. 2 to 4 have submitted a false list of members of the Society in the Court and that allegedly commercial plots in the society have been illegally auctioned. It is contended by the Petitioner's counsel that the

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contents of the same are a compilation of unfounded, malicious, and baseless claims, which have caused serious and irreparable harm to the reputation, goodwill, and standing of the Petitioners No. 2 to 4 as well as to the institutional reputation of the Society at large. The defamatory statements made in the publication are entirely false, misleading, and devoid of any legal or factual merit. It is also contended that various Orders have been passed restraining such Respondents from carrying out such illegal activities. Moreover, it was also contended that the allegations of corruption were unfounded as judicial decisions have cleared the said Petitioners in the same regard. He further contended that the Respondents No. 3 to 10 are members of "Qureshi Welfare Association" and have been actively sharing and forwarding, defamatory publications and baseless allegations targeting the Petitioners via various WhatsApp groups, titled "NAB Inquiry Baraye" and "Qureshi Braderi Ittehad Group". It was emphasised by the counsel that being members of the aforesaid welfare association it has no nexus with the Respondents No. 3 to 10 being members of the Petitioner No.1. He further contended that the Respondents No. 3 to 10 along with their associates are lodging frivolous complaints against the Petitioners before the Respondents No. 14 to 18 claiming that they are members of the Petitioner No.1 and the Petitioners No. 2 to 3 along with management of the society are depriving them of their plots within the Society. It was categorically stated by the learned counsel for the Petition that the Respondents No. 3 to 10 are not members of the Society and for their ulterior motives are lodging frivolous complaints before the Respondents No. 14 to 16. The Petitioners have duly served notices to the Respondents regarding the defamatory

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statements made in the publications which, according to the Learned counsel, are entirely false, misleading, and devoid of any legal or factual merit. Despite the same the Respondents are continuing the above-mentioned defamatory and intrusive actions.

Contentions raised require consideration. Issue notice to the Respondents for a date to be fixed by the office after four weeks. Till the next date of hearing the Respondents are restrained from publishing defamatory content against the Petitioners and causing harassment to the Petitioners. They are also restrained from circulating any defamatory content on various social media platforms. Moreover, Respondent No. 13 (A.P.N.S) is directed to ensure that no newspaper (including the Respondents No. 1, 2, 11 and 12) publishes any defamatory content against the Petitioners.

Certified to be true copy,

Assistant Registrar (Civil/Writ S.B)

Sd/- ZULFIQAR AHMED KHAN
J U D G E

Constitutional Petition No.577 of 2025 **Karachi, dated 18th July, 2025**

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18/7/2025

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