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**New Delhi: February 24, 2011** — The News Broadcasters Association (NBA) condemns the irresponsible manner an employee Retd Major M. P. Yadav of the Adani Group, who claimed to be a nodal officer of the SEZ Commissioners office took the law into his hands and forced two women journalists of the leading national channels NDTV 24X7 & NDTV INDIA to abandon their journalistic duties, while filming the depletion of the mangrove belt in Mundra. He took the women journalists in his car on the pretext that the NDTV driver had been arrested and for this they needed to meet the SEZ Commissioner. Instead, they were taken to the Adani House in Mundra. The NDTV team was detained in the Adani Group office for half an hour. He even tried to wrest the camera out of the cameraperson's hands. The journalists & the crew were not allowed to leave as their car keys were in his possession and the tyres of the NDTV vehicle deflated.

The NBA condemns this incident and urges the Chief Minister & Home Minister of Gujarat to immediately take cognizance of this incident & book the culprits. The state administration should take immediate action to display that no individual or a corporate entity is beyond the law of the land.

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