

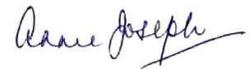
PRESS RELEASE

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New Delhi: August 25, 2017: News Broadcasters Association (NBA) condemns the brutal assault on journalists and camerapersons and attack on OB vans of member news broadcasters after clashes broke out upon the CBI Court in Panchkula giving its verdict that the Dera Chief is guilty of rape.

In a press statement, NBA stated that the entire nation was watching on television how the followers of the Dera Chief were pelting stones, damaging OB vans and beating up journalists and camerapersons who were merely performing their duty of reporting the events. The supporters are also attacking and damaging public property.

NBA considers this violence as an attack on the fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression of the media/press. NBA urges the Chief Ministers of Haryana and Punjab to take action urgently to bring the situation under control in order that the media/press are able to perform their duties without fear. The Chief Ministers of Haryana and Punjab must take exemplary action against the culprits to ensure that such shameful incidents are not repeated in future.



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