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SUBJECT: NOTICE UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE DEFAMATION
ORDINANCE, 2002.

Dear Sir,

This is a statutorily required notice which I address to you on behalf of and under instructions from Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif who is presently holding the office of the Chief Minister of Punjab. I have been instructed by my client to issue and serve upon you a legal notice for defamation as follows:

1. That during the "Breaking News" segment aired/televised on 01.01.2018 by ARY News channel, for which you are a reporter, the newscaster of the segment, the channel's Lahore Bureau Chief, Mr. Arif Hameed Bhatti and you leveled certain maliciously false, utterly baseless, and completely unsubstantiated accusations, directly and through insinuations, against Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, alleging that Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, along with his brother

Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif have been interrogated by Saudi officials for corruption; that both Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif were called to Saudi Arabia based on a discovery made by Saudi authorities in the course of their investigations being conducted into various Saudi princes for corruption, that first Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif was called to Saudi Arabia to meet with security and intelligence officials in connection with investigations into the said allegations of corruption and money laundering, in order for Saudi officials to find out the extent of his involvement in the matter; that Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif were called because they have been business partners with various Saudi princes, some of whom have been arrested and investigated for the said charges; that specifically Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif were called to Saudi Arabia because five princes were arrested in Saudi Arabia on charges of corruption and money laundering amounting to billions and trillions of rupees, out of which three of the five arrested individuals had business relationships with Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif; that upon his arrival in Saudi Arabia, Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif was not greeted in an appreciative manner by the Saudi officials; and that Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif will not be able to return to Pakistan until the interrogation is over in Saudi Arabia.

2. That, as a matter of fact and record, Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif did not travel to Saudi Arabia for the reasons and under the circumstances as alleged in the "Breaking News" segment, aired/televised by ARY News channel, as informed/reported/narrated

