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IMPORTANT PRESS RELEASE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF RADIO AND TELEVISION OF PERU

The National Society of Radio and Television of Peru - SNRTV - issued an important press release related to a criminal complaint filed by the Ministry of Defense of that country against journalists of an over-the-air television channel, who carried out a report on alleged irregularities in the handling of public funds by the Ministry.

Following, the statement of our Institutional Member of Peru:

The National Society of Radio and Television protests against threat to press freedom

The **National Society of Radio and Television –SNRTV**, strongly protests at the complaint submitted by the Ministry of Defense against journalists of the Sunday program “Panorama”, of our associate Panamericana Televisión, following a report that reveals the alleged misappropriation of resources for fighting against terrorism in VRAEM.

In the same spirit, **SNRTV** firmly condemns the use of State secret to cover suspected irregular acts that put at risk the lives of the brave soldiers stationed in the emergency zone, and demands prompts results from the Ministry of Defense in the research such serious complaint requires.

SNRTV stands in solidarity with the threatened journalists and encourages them to persist in the fulfillment of the duties their dedicated and important work involves.

Lima, July 1, 2016.



The International Association of Broadcasting - IAB is an organization founded in 1946 that represents over 17.000 private radio and television stations and its goal is the defense of private and free broadcasting as well as the effectiveness of Freedom of Expression and Opinion.