Lahore. The Executive Council of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists has unanimously decided to file petition in the court to get PEMRA Amendment Bill undone and hoist black flags in Press Clubs countrywide while demanded the government to remove unnecessary conditions from health insurance to make it easier for journalists working countrywide. In the meeting held Presided by GM Jamali, Secretary General Rana Muhammad Azeem, Vice President Shahr Bano, Finance Secretary Jameel Mirza, Assistant Secretary Mian Nadeem, Federal Executive Council members and representatives of regional unions from across the country unanimously not only once again rejected the PEMRA bill but termed it as a tactic to control journalists and media houses. The PFUJ leadership said that the government is trying to usurp the rights of journalists by using the parallel pocket PFUJ created for their own purposes by ignoring the original representative organization of journalists and the internationally recognized PFUJ. The Federal Minister of Information has also mentioned this support in several TV shows, after which the cut-throat organization is hiding its face. The PFUJ Executive Council unanimously approved the resolution, which endorsed the resolution passed in a joint meeting at the Karachi Press Club on Monday. Apart from hoisting black flags at press clubs and union offices across the country, it was decided to record the protest by tying black armbands on the part of reporters in field. In the meeting, it was decided that apart from the national level, the protest should be conveyed to all journalistic organizations at the international level. In the meeting, it was also decided to seek an injunction against the PEMRA amendments by filing legal proceedings in the Islamabad High Court. It was decided in the meeting that reservations were also expressed on the health insurance scheme announced by the government for journalists and it was demanded that complications be removed and it should be made easier for journalists across the country.

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