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**Violence & Conflict Reporting**  
*Media Debates its Role*

**8 - 9 OCTOBER 2013**

**Inaugural Session**

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# PROGRAMME

**8 October 2013**

**Registration and Welcome Tea** – **09:15 hrs onwards**

**Inaugural session** – **10:00-10:45 hrs**

**Opening Remarks**

*by Prof. Obaid Siddiqui, Director, AJK Mass Communication Research Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia*

**Welcome Address**

*by Mr. Florian Westphal, Deputy Director, Communication, ICRC*

**Inaugural Address**

*by Prof. S M Sajid, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia*

**Vote of Thanks**

*by Ms. Mary Wertz, Head of Regional Delegation, ICRC New Delhi*

**Tea** – **10:45-11:00 hrs**

## **Session One**

**Reporting Armed Violence/War:**

**The Balancing Act** – **11:00-13:00 hrs**

**Chair** - Pamela Philipose, Director and Editor-in-Chief,  
Women's Feature Service (WFS)

**Speakers**

- **Do journalists continue to be impartial observers in present conflicts?**  
India - M.R. Narayan Swamy, Chief News Editor, Indo-Asian News Service
- **Media and the Military – The relations and challenges while reporting**  
Pakistan - Hamid Mir, Senior Anchor/Analyst, Geo TV
- **Media and the State – The relations and challenges while reporting**  
Sri Lanka - Shamindra Ferdinando, News Editor, Island Newspaper
- **Media and Non State Actors – The relations and challenges while reporting**  
Afghanistan - Hashmatullah Radfar, Chief Editor of Nukhost Daily

- **Media and the International Organisations – The relations and challenges while reporting**  
Singapore - Augustine Anthuvan, Editor, International Desk, Channel NewsAsiaMediaCorps Pte Ltd. (TBC)
- **Television News - Representing Violence**  
India - Prof. Sabina Kidwai, Representative, AJK Mass Communication Research Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia

## Question and Answer Session

**Lunch** – **13:00-14:00 hrs**

## Session Two

### Reporting Armed Violence/War : Issues and Challenges

– **14:00-16:00 hrs**

**Chair** - Bharat Bhushan, Senior Editor

### Speakers

- **Accuracy and verification challenges of social media news in conflict situations**  
Australia - Peter Cave, Retired Foreign Affairs Editor, Australian Broadcasting Corporation
- **Media responsibility and sensitivity in crisis situations**  
Afghanistan - Mohammad Sharif Hassanyar, News Operation Manager, Tolo News, Tolo TV, Lemar TV
- **Media's role in bringing forth post conflict issues**  
Sri Lanka – Malinda Seneviratne, Editor-in-Chief, The Nation
- **Does media have enough training to report on man-made or natural disasters?**  
Nepal – Prashant Aryal, Editor-in-Chief, Nepal Magazine
- **Should media report acts of terrorism – why and why not?**  
Pakistan – Rahimullah Khan Yusufzai, Resident Editor, The News International
- **When journalism and public opinion don't integrate**  
Bangladesh – Naem Nizam, Editor, Bangladesh Pratidin

## Question and Answer Session

**Tea** – **16:00 hrs onwards**

*Please turn over*

**9 October 2013**

**Welcome Tea** – **09:30 hrs onwards**

## **Session Three**

**The Changing Media Landscape:  
Mapping the scenario** – **10:00-12:00 hrs**

**Chair** - Madhuker Upadhyay, Senior Editor

### **Speakers**

- **Changing dynamics of conflict reporting in South Asia**  
India - Patricia Mukhim, Editor, Shillong Times
- **Future Challenges of Humanitarian action through the eyes of the Media**  
Bangladesh – Toufique Imrose Khalidi, Chief Editor, BDNews24.com
- **Social Media and short Internet reporting - a bane or boon?**  
Iran – Emad Abshenass, Editor in Chief, Iran Daily
- **New Media – Making or Breaking Connections?**  
Bhutan - Rinzin Wangchuk, Editor, Kuensel Corporation
- **Reporting at Sea : Does the Media have enough means and knowledge?**  
Maldives - Hassan Ziyau, Senior Editor of Broadcasting Corporation
- **New Threats, New Responses by the Media**  
Pakistan - Kamal Siddiqi, Editor, Express Tribune
- **The struggle of balancing between urban and rural coverage**  
Nepal - Prakash Rimal, Deputy Editor, The Himalayan Times

### **Question and Answer Session**

**Concluding session** – **12:00-12:30 hrs**

- **Concluding remarks** by Mr. Marek Resich, Communication Coordinator, New Delhi Regional Delegation, ICRC
- **Concluding speech** by Prof. Obaid Siddiqui, Director, AJK Mass Communication Research Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia
- **Vote of Thanks** by Prof. Tasneem Meenai, Director, Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia

**Lunch** – **12:30 hrs onwards**