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**New Delhi: July 19, 2008** —The News Broadcasters Association (NBA) has condemned the attack on journalists, cameramen, and damage to television crews' equipments and vehicles belonging to Aajtak, Times Now & Tv18 yesterday in Ahmedabad. More than 15 journalists have been seriously injured. The journalists and crew were covering the Ahmedabad band following the mysterious death of two children residing in the ashram of religious guru Asaram in Ahmedabad.

Mr G Krishnan, President of NBA, voiced concern about the growing violence against journalists and media organizations, intolerance & resentment against the media. He said journalists and media workers provide a service that is essential for any democratic society and keep the public informed. There can be no acceptable reason for attacking the men and women who help make possible the fundamental right of freedom of expression. He reiterated that preventing journalists from performing their duties were violations of the freedoms enshrined in and guaranteed by the Constitution.

The NBA President urged the Chief Minister & Home Minister of Gujarat to restore law & order & ensure that journalists are allowed to perform their duties in a free and fearless manner. He hoped that the state administration would take action to book the culprits and displaying that no individual(s) are beyond the law of the land.

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