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Press Release

Ominous Portents...

DUJ Condemns Raids on Newsclick

The Delhi Union of Journalists(DUJ) condemns the raids by the Enforcement Directorate on the office of online portal Newsclick and the homes of its owner editor Prabir Purkayastha, editor Pranjal and human resources head Amit Chakravarty earlier today.

Newsclick has been providing a platform to leading investigative journalists like Paranjay Guha Thakurta and bold video journalist Abhisar Sharma, P.Sainath - among others. It has also been reporting extensively on the farmers' agitation for the past two months. It has established itself as a different voice with news and analysis of national and international affairs.

We view these raids as a serious attack on the online media and the freedom of the press. Coming in the wake of the filing of sedition charges against several senior journalists last week and government moves to curb free speech on Twitter and YouTube, the raids are ominous. The aim is clearly to intimidate and browbeat independent and critical voices that disagree with the government on contemporary issues.

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