

## **PMA seeks ban on dangerous kite string**

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KARACHI: Demanding a complete ban on deadly kite string, the Pakistan Medical Association on Tuesday expressed its deep concern and sorrow over the death of a 10-year-old girl in the city by the string that slit her neck while she was riding a motorcycle with her father.

“This incident has brought a grave loss to the family and requires urgent radical measures to stop recurring of such tragedies in future,” said Dr Qaisar Sajjad, secretary general of the PMA, while speaking to journalists at PMA House.

He said the worst part of the incident was that the ambulance carrying the victim to hospital became stuck in a traffic jam due to blockage of road because of an illegal cattle and bird market on the street.

“We demand that the government take tangible measures to stop such tragic incidents,” he said, seeking immediate action against sale and manufacturing of deadly kite string.

“The government should impose a ban on it as it has been [done] in Punjab. Besides, strict action must also be taken against those who use this string for kite flying and put the lives of innocent people in danger.”

Dr Sajjad said the practice of using streets for rallies, processions, sit-ins and illegal markets that blocked roads across the country was inflicting misery on society.

He said blockages of roads obstructed traffic movement and it became threat to the life of people.

“Eidul Azha is getting closer and illegal cattle markets would soon be mushrooming in streets in every city, thus, plans should be afoot to discourage these markets to avoid untoward incidents.”

Dr Sajjad said the PMA had been continuously raising its voice against road blockages that put human lives in danger.

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## PMA concerned over kite string death

KARACHI: Pakistan Medical Association (Centre) showed its deep concern and sorrow over the death of a 10-year old girl in Karachi by kite string that slot her neck while she was riding on bike with her father.

The worst part of the incident is that the ambulance carrying her to hospital was stuck in a traffic jam due to blockage of road because of an illegal cattle and bird market on the road. PMA believed that immediate action against sale and manufacturing of deadly string is taken like it has been taken in Punjab. Strict action must also be taken against those who use this string for kite flying and put the lives of innocent people in danger. The practice of use of roads for rallies, processions, sit-ins and illegal markets block

roads all over Pakistan causing immense misery for the people, particularly for the health care providers, ambulances and the ailing people. This blockage of roads stuck traffic movement and it becomes threat for the lives of people. We are proceeding towards Eid-ul-Azha. The illegal cattle markets will be mushrooming in the cities everywhere on roads. Plan should be chalked out to stop these cattle markets to avoid any untoward incidents.

PMA has been continuously raising its voice to ban the blockage of roads for all types of activities. In this regard, PMA has requested the government to stop this ugly practice; we have also requested Chief Justice of Pakistan to take suo-moto action.—RT/Agency

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