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Pakistan Medical Association (Centre) showed its deep concern and sorrow over the death of a 10year 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 believes 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. The letter written to Hon. Chief Justice of Pakistan in this regard is attached.

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