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To

The Editor,
Punjab Kesri,
New Delhi

Subject: **Rejoinder to the news item titled "POLICE NE NABALIG SE UTHWAYI SADI GALI LASH" published in Punjab Kesari on 05.02.17**

Sir,

Your kind attention is invited to the news item published in Punjab Kesri dated 05.02.2017 captioned "POLICE NE NABALIG SE UTHWAYI SADI GALI LASH".

The reporter has made the following allegations;

1. ***The reporters were not given access to the scene of crime by SHO Geeta Colony:***
   Rebuttal- Maintaining the sanctity of crime scene is an utmost duty of an Investigating Officer. In order to do that the area is always cordoned off and is made out of reach to general public so that important evidence is not lost. The surrounding areas where the dead body was found needed to be extensively searched before leaving the area. All sensible reporters always respect this exercise and assist the police officers. No wrong is done by the SHO in following the cardinal principle of investigation.

2. ***Police has taken the help of minors along with them in removal of dead body:***
   Rebuttal- Helping in removal of dead body is an extreme act of kindness. Here also the boys came voluntarily to assist policemen. A "*selfless act of benevolence"* is however disgraced by the writer. Age is never a condition to be kind and helpful.

3. ***The police personnel were behaving like babus***:
   Rebuttal- It seems that the reporter has some misplaced grievance and wants to misuse newspaper platform to settle the score. It would have been better if he would have focused more on facts and not on personal appearance. However, with an established newspaper it is highly expected that they would display a sense of respect and dignity.

In view of the above, it is requested that a corrigendum may be published in the newspaper in the same projection.

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