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OHCHR raises concerns over the disturbing trend of digital attacks on women journalists in Pakistan | Digital Rights Monitor

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The United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR), expressed concerns over the prevailing situation of violence against women journalists and human rights defenders in the country. The comment acknowledges the initial statement by the women journalists that alarmed the situation, and said, "Pakistani women journalists last month publicly warned of what they described as a "coordinated campaign" of social media attacks against those who have been critical of Government policies."

More than 150 women journalists demanded an end to violence directed at them on the internet, in a follow-up statement released on September 7. Under the banner of "Together Against Digital Abuse", the signatories highlighted, "Vile and vicious attacks on women journalists by those affiliated with the government, political parties, and social media wings are increasingly impacting our work, mental well-being and security."

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