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Shireen Mazari: Editor
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Zero Point
Islamabad

Dear Ms Mazari,

I was appalled to see the front page story in the Nation on November 20, suggesting that the two unidentified journalists pictured were CIA spies. The man in your photograph is Daniel Berehulak, an award winning photojournalist for Getty Images who was covering the aftermath of the recent suicide attack at the court house in Peshawar.

Daniel is a highly respected photographer of the utmost integrity, who has been covering international news events for Getty Images since 2005. His presence in Peshawar on November 19 was simply to do his job - as a photojournalist -- of documenting the events taking place in Pakistan.

Allow me to clarify various other points stemming from the article:

- * Daniel Berehulak was in Peshawar covering the bombing on behalf Getty Images
- * He was not arrested; he was questioned by the police for his lack of papers which he had left in the car with his driver
- * At no time during this incident was he in a UN vehicle, nor did he travel to the US Consulate.
- * He was not guarded by police commandos at the scene
- * He is not an employee of the CIA and has never pursued any agenda other than, as a photographer, to capture important moments and events on camera for historic record

We understand this is a difficult time for many in Pakistan. I am sure that as a news organization, you can sympathize with the danger journalists and photographers put themselves in every day as they do their jobs. Because of this article, these risks have been needlessly increased for Daniel Berehulak.

As a fellow Editor I am also sure you will understand my request to print a clarification of the situation to help re-establish Daniel's credentials and reputation.

Yours sincerely,



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