

NAB, FIA notices: Businessmen express concern over media hype

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The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) said Monday the businessmen are concerned over media hype of the notices issued by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA). The APTMA spokesman said such a media bashing of businessmen was detrimental to the investment promotion and image of the country.

He said APTMA was fully supportive to the anti-corruption drive of the government and lauds all such efforts to weed out corruption in the country. But he pointed out in the same breath that the notices issued by the investigating agencies are intentionally leaked to media and an unjust and unfair media trial of businessmen ends up in tarnishing their corporate images. So much so, he added, the Honorable Chief justice of Pakistan has also taken notice of this situation, saying that such practices would deter the investors.

The APTMA spokesman said Pakistan is in dire need of investment and increase in exports to overcome the economic challenges. He said there is a need to promote positivity across the globe instead of creating problems for businessmen and malign them on media once a notice has been issued by the NAB or FIA.

He has urged the government to address concerns of businessmen in the larger interest of investment promotion and a business-friendly image of Pakistan.

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