



## THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB OF SOUTH ASIA

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### Press Release

**New Delhi, 27-9-2025**— It is a proud moment for **The Foreign Correspondents' Club of South Asia (FCC South Asia)** that our **President, Dr. Waiel Awwad**, has officially assumed the presidency of the **International Association of Press Clubs (IAPC)** from the **London Press Club**, following the conclusion of the Association's assembly meeting held in New Delhi and hosted by FCC South Asia.

Founded in **1958**, FCC South Asia is one of the **oldest and most respected press clubs in the region**, with a long-standing legacy of fostering dialogue, defending media freedom, and serving as a platform for international correspondents covering South Asia. Hosting this year's IAPC assembly in New Delhi marks a **historic milestone** in the club's commitment to advancing global media cooperation.

The IAPC unites more than **fifty press clubs worldwide**, serving as a global voice for journalists and freedom of expression. The transfer of leadership from London to New Delhi under Dr. Awwad's presidency is viewed as a **symbolic strengthening of South Asia's role in international media dialogue**.

**Dr. Waiel Awwad**, President of FCC South Asia and the new IAPC President, remarked:

*"It is an honor to take on this responsibility at such a crucial time for global journalism. The press today faces unprecedented challenges—from disinformation to shrinking freedoms—and it is vital that press clubs unite in solidarity. I look forward to working with all member clubs to strengthen cooperation, defend free expression, and ensure that journalists everywhere have the support they need to tell the truth."*

**Jaroslav Wtodarczyk**, Secretary-General of IAPC, added:

*"The election of Dr. Awwad as President marks a new chapter for the International Association of Press Clubs. FCC South Asia's leadership and its long tradition of supporting foreign correspondents will enrich our global network. We are confident that under his guidance, the Association will continue to grow stronger and serve as a beacon for press freedom worldwide."*

### Prakash Nanda

Secretary, FCC South Asia