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Press Release

The CEC Chairman has rejected the appeal by Keshet and Reshet (press agencies) vs. the Knesset factions, Government Legal Counsel and the Second Authority for Television and Radio Broadcast, regarding the dates and times of election campaign broadcasts and informational broadcasts.

The appellants requested that the CEC chairman explain the instructions of Section 16c of the Elections Law (Means of Propaganda) such that the total time, for all parties' campaign broadcasts AND for CEC informational broadcasts, should be divided between ALL the media. This is in contrast to the current application of the law, which grants the parties and CEC the full time allotment on EACH media station licensed by the Second Authority for Television and Radio.

CEC Chairman, Justice Hanan Melcer, explained in his decision that the current practice should be preferred, and that the cost to the various media outlets does not justify adopting an explanation which would defeat the goal of the mandated elections broadcasts. Additionally, Justice Melcer recommended that the Second Authority, as regulator, find a way to compensate the stations and to initiate a change in the relevant regulations, if necessary.

[The text of the chairman's decision is available at this link.](#)

Sincerely,

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