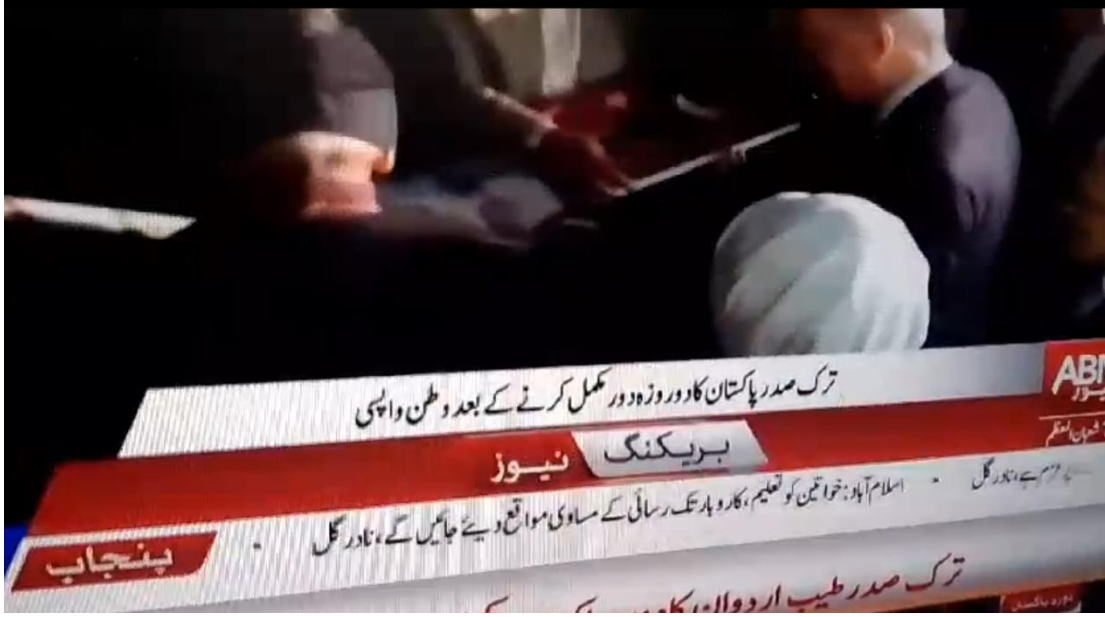


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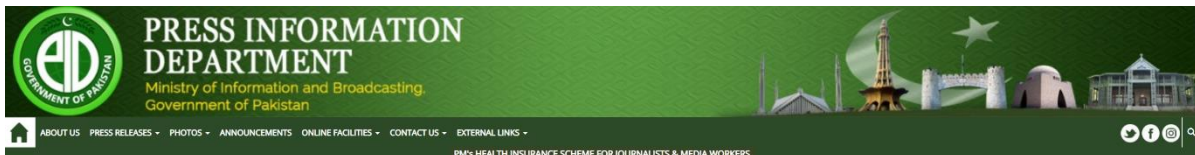
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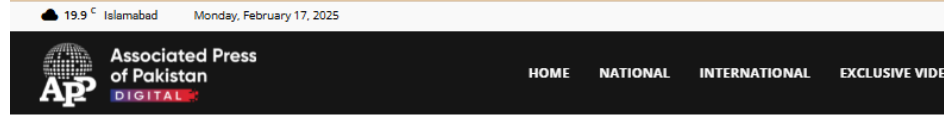
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Ms. Wajih-aQamar emphasized the importance of empowering women for national development.

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representatives from Daktaran-e-Pakistan, the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW), the Ministry of Human Rights, and NACTA.

Ms. Wajiba Qamar emphasized the importance of empowering women for national development. "When women thrive, economies grow, and communities prosper. Investing in their potential creates opportunities that uplift society as a whole," she stated, commending PPAF's role in fostering inclusive progress. Ms. Sehar Kamran highlighted the role of rural women in economic growth, calling them the "backbone of our communities." She stressed the need for greater access to resources and opportunities to ensure their full participation. Dr. Shazia Sobia Soomro underscored the importance of financial inclusion, stating, "Access to finance empow-

level, enabling them to invest in businesses, uplift their communities, and drive lasting change." Ms. Farah Naz Akbar praised

PPAF's commitment to promoting education and skill-building for women in underserved areas. "By removing barriers to education and fostering skill development, PPAF is creating a generation of empowered women who can shape a more equitable society," she noted. Government representatives from the Ministries of Human Rights, Health, and Education acknowledged PPAF's impactful work and reaffirmed their commitment to collaborative efforts aimed at scaling up these initiatives. The session fostered insightful discussions on scaling up successful interventions, strengthening inter-ministerial coordination, and leveraging partnerships to enhance women's economic participation. PPAF remains dedicated to empowering women as a driving force for poverty alleviation and sustainable

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