

February 2023 A monthly round-up of news stories about women and women's representation in Pakistan's news industry

EDITOR'S NOTE

WHEN THE CHEETAH OUTSMARTS THE HUNTER

This country is often derisively defined as a "Banana Republic." A place where chaos thrives so much that it becomes a wild circus. We, however, argue that Pakistan is not a Bananas Republic; on the contrary, its inability to protect its people because it chases the criminal so poorly makes it a "Chasing Cheetahs" republic.

Three incidents prove this point (all three unfortunately involve the victimization of women): the F-9 Park rape case, the wrongful arrest of a mother of two children, and the inhumane treatment of a family at the hands of a vicious feudal lord. In all these incidents, one thing is common: the inability to bring justice through proper channels.

Even worse, was the ill-thought-out diktat that kept these stories in the dark. Not only did it hurt the public, it also hurts the media's ability to report on sexual assault accurately. We are talking about PEMRA's banning of electronic media from reporting on this case. The effect was so far reaching that even newspapers (which were not part of the ban) had to tone down their reporting of this incident. This resulted in the public focusing on questioning the assailants' killing and forgetting the assault itself.

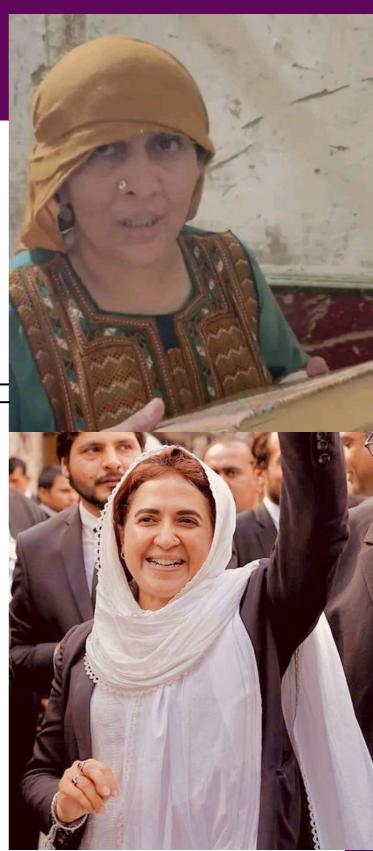
As if that weren't enough, a woman and her family were held captive and killed in a Baloch politician's private prison. This news would have been buried had it not been for social media. The details of the ordeal are so horrifying that one questions how ingrained human cruelty is in Pakistan's social fabric. The fact that there are so many similar reports of breaking others down with impunity, and never being held accountable, should be something this nation should be ashamed of.

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There is, however, some good news for this month too. Two women have been voted into key positions at the Lahore Bar Association, the first women holding them in 150 years. And the Pakistani women's cricket team is truly destined for greatness, thanks to Muneeba Ali's fantastic performance. We wait for a time when the positives will outnumber the negatives for Pakistan's women. A time when she will not be easy prey. When she will not be blamed for being a victim. A day when she will feel and be safe...



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ANOTHER WOMAN APPOINTED TO TOP POLICE POST IN ATTOCK

Another female police officer has been appointed as the district police officer (DPO) in Attock. Earlier during the month, the Attock district police had appointed a woman as the station house officer of a police station for the first time in its history. Ammara Athar has become the district police officer (DPO). successor Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Fazal Wahid was posted as SSP special branch (Rawalpindi). In a bid to ensure maximum representation of women in the field as well as in decision-making positions, the Punjab police have posted a female police officer as the DPO. Attock district is a district in the Potohar plateau of Punjab.

Source: Dawn Date: 1st Feb 2023





EX-WIFE ALIZA REQUESTS APOLOGY FROM FEROZE KHAN

Syeda Aliza Sultan has sent a legal notice to her ex-husband Feroze Khan. In the notice, Syeda Aliza Sultan in which she addressed all the accusations and claims of Feroze Khan. On 16th January, Feroze Khan sent a notice to Aliza in which he said that the accusations against Aliza has damaged her career and stature. He also shared personal social media. details on Sveda demanded an apology from Feroze Khan in her response. Syeda Aliza Sultan's counsel responded to Feroze Khan's claims that Aliza's writing diminished his reputation by saying, "it was Syeda Aliza Sultan's right to write whatever she wants as she keeps the right to express her views as a free citizen"

Source: Daily Times **Date:** 2nd Feb 2023

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FAFEN URGES FAIR GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION ON **SEATS RESERVED FOR WOMEN**

Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN) on Thursday called for introducing divisional auotas for seats reserved for women in the National and Provincial well as to incentivize their greater political role in the areas where women's the political parties to select the candidates from any areas of their choice.

Source: Daily Times **Date:** 3rd Feb 2023





NCHR EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER INCOMPLETE **NIKAHNAMAS REGISTERED IN PUNJAB**

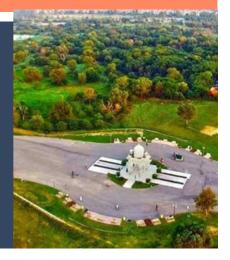
were discussed in the first working group meeting of 'Inter-Provincial Working Group on Protecting Women's Marriage Rights'.

Date: 4th Feb 2023 Source: Dawn

ARMED MEN RAPE GIRL IN F-9 PARK

A girl was raped allegedly by two men at gunpoint in F-9 Park, sources said on Saturday. The incident took place within the limits of Police Station Margalla. Police have registered a case against the two unknown rapists and began investigation, sources said. No arrest was made by the police so far. According to the sources, a girl namely (MS), hails from Mian Channu, appeared before officials of the Police Station (PS) Margalla and lodged a complaint stating she was working as property agent in Behria Enclave and Mumtaz City and came for a walk in F-9 Park with her colleague Amjad at 8pm on February 2, 2023.

Source: The Nation **Date:** 5th Feb 2023





TRANSGENDER PERSON AMONG THREE MURDERED IN **RAWALPINDI**

Three persons, including a transgender and a woman, were murdered in separate incidents while a bride was shot and injured by a young man at her wedding ceremony, police said on Sunday. Sharafat Ali alias Tipu, a resident of Okara, lodged an FIR with the Waris Khan police stating that they were participating in a function at Ghauri Town when their friend Saifur Rehman called to inform that Zahoor Ahmad, one of their colleagues, was found dead in a room at Sadiqabad with a waistband tied to his neck.

Source: Dawn **Date:** 6th Feb 2023

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SINGER AROOJ AFTAB PERFORMS AT GRAMMYS AWARDS 2023

Arooj Aftab performs song Udhero Na at the 2023 Grammy Awards. Arooj's song was also nominated for a Grammy Award 2023 in the category of Best Global Music Performance. The Brooklyn based artist failed to receive a Grammy at this year's Award function. Aftab's song Udhero Na has been sung in collaboration with musician Anoushka Shankar. Even though, she didn't succeed in wining this year's Grammy but she did get the honour to perform her nominated song at the Centre stage of the big award show along with Shankar.

Source: The Nation

Date: 7th Feb 2023

RESIDENTS 'ATTACK' HIRA MANI, NABEEL QURESHI ON FILM SET IN KARACHI

Several celebrities, including drama actress Hira Mani, Gul-e-Rana and film director Nabeel Qureshi, were attacked by a mob during the shoot of an upcoming project in Karachi's PIB Colony. Responding to the incident, East Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Zubair Nazeer on Tuesday confirmed that the mob misbehaved with the actors and other staff at the shoot. Two suspects were arrested. He said that the residents didn't want the shoot to take place in their neighbourhood. A case is being registered at the Jamshed Quarters Police Station. On Monday, Qureshi shared details of the incident, calling it "horrific", via his social media handles.

Source: The Nation Date: 8th Feb 2023



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TURBAT'S GIRLS ESTABLISH FIRST LIBRARY FOR GIRLS

At a gathering of 20 girls in a small town of Turbat city's Kallag, Mahwash Karim, 19 year-old studying in first year at Government Girls Degree College Turbat, reviews Khalil Jibran's 'The Broken Wings' in her area's newly-established library for girls, named Kallag Public Library for Girls. Prior to this gathering, she had never got such an opportunity to share what she had read because of lack of such a library and a study circle. She finds the library a turning point in her educational development.

Source: Daily Times **Date:** 10th Feb 2023





NO ELIGIBLE WOMEN CANDIDATES FROM ISLAMABAD **AVAILABLE TO FILL 18 POSTS OF CONSTABLES**

All the constable posts in the capital police reserved for women belonging to Sindh urban, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Azad Kashmir were filled while many posts reserved for Islamabad (18), Sindh rural, Balochistan and tribal districts still remain vacant due to unavailability of eligible candidates. Officers of the capital police told Dawn that seven women - five from Punjab and two from Islamabad - were also selected on the basis of open merit.

Source: Dawn **Date:** 11th Feb 2023

AIMA FIRST FEMALE SINGER IN HISTORY TO LEND HER **VOICE TO NATIONAL ANTHEM AT PSL 8 OPENING CEREMONY**

It's that time of the year where the nation bands together to welcome Pakistan Super League. The 8th iteration of the cricketing league, or HBL PSL 8, as it is officially called, is set to commence on Monday, February 13. Topping off the opening ceremony will be musical sensation Aima Baig with her soulful rendition of the National Anthem. The "Na Cher Malangaan Nu" hitmaker has lent her voice to official PSL anthems in the past.

Source: Daily Times **Date:** 12th Feb 2023





FIRST FEMALE HINDU OFFICER POSTED AS AC **HASSANABDAL**

appointed as the assistant commissioner of Hassanabdal for the has assumed the charge of the AC and administrator of the town.

Source: Dawn **Date:** 13th Feb 2023

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WAPDA WIN WOMEN, ARMY MEN TITLES IN NATIONAL NETBALL C'SHIP

Pakistan Wapda won the women's title and Pakistan Army clinched the men's title in the 22nd National Women's Netball Championship that concluded at Pakistan Sports Board Complex, Islamabad. The winning spree of Wapda in sports continues, as they retained the women's title by beating Sindh 16-7 in the final.

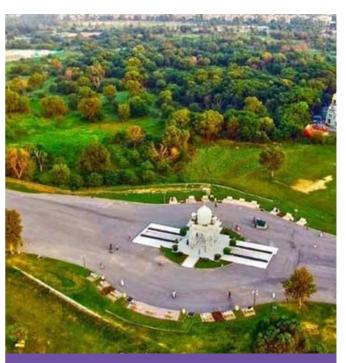
Source: The Nation Date: 15th Feb 2023



FLOOD RESILIENT EDUCATION **SYSTEM SOUGHT FOR FLOOD-**HIT STUDENT

"Towards a Resilient Education Recovery Education Champion Network (ECN).

Source: The Nation Date: 16th Feb 2023



TWO KILLED IN 'ENCOUNTER' WERE INVOLVED IN F-9 PARK **RAPE CASE: POLICE**

The Islamabad police on Thursday claimed that the two youngsters killed during a police 'encounter' at D-12 police picket were involved in the recent rape incident that took place in Islamabad's F-9 Park. The police on Thursday morning announced on its twitter handle that two gunmen riding a motorcycle opened fire at the police picket. Due to police's "safety measures" the personnel unharmed, remained it added. According to the police, the gunmen during the 'encounter' received injuries and were taken to hospital where they died. In another tweet later, the police said both the suspects had been wanted to police in heinous and street crimes. The police said one of the suspects was an absconder in a murder case as well.

Date: 17th Feb 2023 Source: Dawn

IWMI ORGANIZES TRAINING ON GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) Pakistan organized a two-day training workshop on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in district Okara. Dr Abdur Rehman Cheema, Regional Researcher – Water Governance and Institutional Specialist, IWMI Pakistan, gave the welcome note and highlighted Pakistan's vulnerability to climate change and how it is impacting the water and agriculture sector.

Date: 18th Feb 2023 Source: Daily Times





PINK BUS SERVICE BEGINS IN HYDERABAD

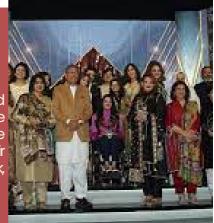
After Karachi and Sukkur, the operation of Pink Bus Service, equipped with modern travel facilities for women, was inaugurated in Hyderabad on Saturday. Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) MNA Shaghufta Jumani inaugurated the service at a ceremony at SRTC Bus Terminal, Qasimabad. Talking to the media at the launch of Pink People's Bus Service, MNA Jumani said that launching a bus service dedicated to woman was another step forward to serve the people.

Source: Express Tribune **Date: 19th Feb 202**

HAMZA ALI ABBASI, SANAM JUNG, ARIF LOHAR AND **BUSHRA ANSARI GRACE WOMEN LEADERS AWARDS CEREMONY**

The highly-anticipated fourth edition of the Kashmir Hum Women Leaders Award has successfully concluded, honouring eleven remarkable women and one dynamic man from Pakistan and abroad. The awards ceremony, held at the prestigious Jinnah Convention Centre in Islamabad, recognized the recipients for their outstanding contributions and achievements in various fields, including social work, healthcare, human rights, education, journalism, and special effects for movies.

Source: Daily Times **Date:** 23rd Feb 2023





COURT GRANTS 10-DAY PHYSICAL REMAND OF KHETRAN IN MURDER CASE

A judicial magistrate court on Thursday granted a 10-day physical remand of Provincial Minister for Communication and Works (C&W) Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran in the Barkhan triple murder case. Sardar Abdul Rahman, who was arrested on Wednesday after the recovery of the dead bodies of a woman and her two sons from a well in Barkhan, was produced by the police in the court of judicial magistrate.

Date: 24th Feb 2023 **Source:** Daily Times

MAJOR STORIES *Clicker**

COUNTRY'S FIRST-EVER TRANSGENDER NEWS ANCHOR SURVIVES GUN ATTACK

A case was registered on Friday against unknown assailants for attacking Pakistan's firstever transgender news anchor after she survived a gun attack here a day earlier, reports Geo News. Marvia was attacked by two gunmen — who opened indiscriminate fire on her — when she was returning to her home in the Lahore Cantonment area from a pharmacy.

Date: 25th Feb 2023 **Source:** The News



LHCBA ELECTS FIRST-EVER WOMAN SECRETARY

the LHCBA in the election held for the year

Source: Dawn **Date:** 26th Feb 2023

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TERMED 'ENDEMIC' IN PAKISTAN

In Pakistan, human rights activists say that domestic violence is an 'endemic.' Studies show that 40 per cent of women in Pakistan experience physical or emotional violence in their lifetime. Divorced, widowed, and separated women suffered more violence than married women. Domestic violence is not confined to matrimonial relationships.

Source: The News **Date:** 27th Feb 2023



TRANSGENDER PERSONS TO **BE GIVEN JOBS IN POLICE: IGP**

Inspector General Police Punjab Dr Usman Anwar said that 'Protection Centres' are being established in all the districts of the province to provide legal and social protection to the members the transgender community. Likewise, DIG IT Ahsan Younis will work as project head for establishing the project and making them functional throughout the province. Dr Usman Anwar expressed these views while expressing his views in a discussion session titled **'Protection** Transgender Community's Rights' at the Central Police Office on Monday.

Date: 28th Feb 2023 **Source:** The News



Stories In The Digital Sphere

A ROUNDUP OF THIS MONTH'S
TRENDS AND VIRAL STORIES ON
GENDER-RELATED ISSUE ON
PAKISTAN'S INTERNET

#SabahatRizvi

Lawyers Sabahat Rizvi and
Rabbiya Bajwa make history as
the first women to be appointed
Secretary and Vice-President of
the Bar Association of Lahore, the
oldest association of Pakistan



#ReleaseMahalBaloch

Mahal Baloch has been arrested for allegedly being a active member of the BLF. But there is also evidence that she was made an example of due to her ethnicity. Protests took place demanding her release

#MarviaMalik

TV anchor Marvia Malik was attacked outside her residence due to rising transphobia in the country. She survived the attack. This hashtag was used to raise awareness about the hate crime that took place



#GomalUniversity

Gomal University's administration ordered its female students to not mingle with their male colleagues outside of their classroom. This order had been called out for its misogynist discrimination against the women



#F9Park

A woman was assaulted by two men in Islamabad's F-9 park. But the assailants were allegedly captured and killed off by the police. This hashtag was used to rally for the victims as well as to update everyone on the case.



#MuneebaAli

Cricketer Muneeba Ali has become the first woman to score a T20 hundred for Pakistan. She achieved this during this year's T20 World Cup. This hashtag was used to celebrate her achievement.



#JusticeForMarriFamily

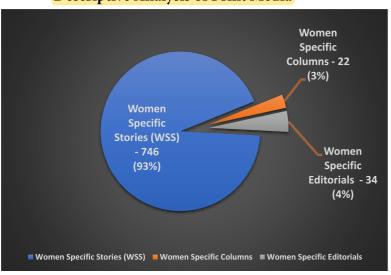
Social media was outraged when bodies of a mother and her two sons were found in a well in Balochistan's Barkhan district.

Media Statistics

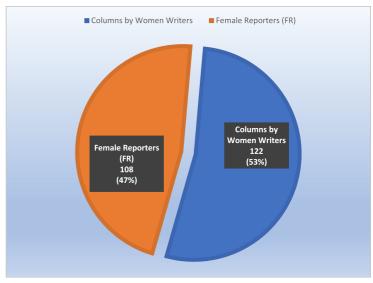
Data derived is from media-monitoring throughout February 2023



Descriptive Analysis of Print Media



Graph 1: Number of women-specific stories, columns and editorial



Graph 2: Number of female reporters and women columnists

***** Breakdown of the Monitored Content:

	Urdu	Daily Ausaf	Daily Khabrain	Daily Pakistan	Daily Jinnah	English	Daily Times	The News	Dawn	Express Tribune	The Nation	Total Print Media
Women Specific Stories (WSS)	175	42	43	27	63	571	106	114	121	145	85	746
Front Page WSS	18	4	1	7	6	12	2	2	6	2	0	30
Back Page WSS	44	8	13	14	9	31	15	6	4	0	6	75
Women Specific Columns	4	0	1	3	0	18	3	6	5	3	1	22
Women Specific Editorials	1	1	0	0	0	33	7	7	10	5	4	34
Columns by Women Writers	17	1	0	1	15	105	25	25	24	16	15	122
Female Reporters (FR)	32	0	0	32	0	76	0	64	12	0	0	108
Front Page FR	1	0	0	1	0	13	0	11	2	0	0	14
Back Page FR	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	7	1	0	0	8

 $\underline{\textit{Table1: Breakdown of all the monitored content of English and Urdu print media}}$

- 1. Women-specific includes all the news stories, columns and editorials that are dedicated to women's achievements, problems, status etc. <u>Click here</u> to see all categories classified as women-specific
- 2. All female sources that are named and not named (such as lady reporter) are considered female reporters.

***** Mean Comparison of English Media:

	wss		Editorial(WSS)		Columns (WSS)		Female Reporters		Columns by Women	
	Mean	S.D	Mean	S.D	Mean	S.D	Mean	S.D	Mean	S.D
Daily Times	3.7857	2.6854	0.29032	0.441	0.3871	0.31497	0	0	0.80645	0.7373
The News	6.1613	2.1418	0.25806	0.4104	0.19355	0.83254	1.6452	1.7182	1.03226	1.1969
Dawn	4.6129	2.2287	0.41935	0.488	0.29032	0.39002	0.1613	0.7418	1.32258	0.8909
Express Tribune	6	3.1038	0.51613	0.39	0.16129	0.41627	0.1613	0	0.6129	0.8357
The Nation	4.6452	1.8152	0.22581	0.3563	0.22581	0.18898	0.0323	0	0.51613	0.6372
	Mean is Average and S.D. is Standard Deviation									

Mean Comparison of English Media for the month of February 2023

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Daily Times The News Dawn Express Tribune The Nation

WSS — Editorial(WSS) — Columns (WSS)

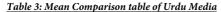
Female Reporters — Columns by Women

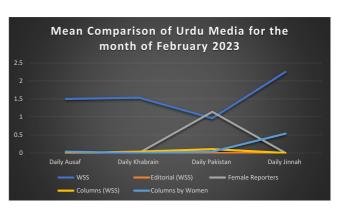
Table 2: Mean Comparison table of English Media

Graph 3: Mean Comparison of English Media

❖ Mean Comparison of Urdu Media:

	wss		Editorial (WSS)		Columns (WSS)		Female Reporters		Columns by Women	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Daily Ausaf	1.5	1.20185	0.0357	0.189	0	0	0	0	0.0357	0.18898
Daily Khabrain	1.53571	1.373887	0	0	0.036	0.189	0	0	0	0
Daily Pakistan	0.96429	0.999338	0	0	0.107	0.315	1.143	1.2387	0.0357	0.18898
Daily Jinnah	2.25	1.548168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5357	0.63725
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Graph 4: Mean Comparison of UrduMedia

Descriptive Analysis of Electronic Media

Analysis of Primetime News Talkshows:

Primetime talk shows of 5 national news channels were monitored 2 days a week in February 2023. <u>Click here</u> to see the methodology

Total Topic	/Stories	Women Specific	%	Total No. of	Women	%	Total No. of	Shows with	%
Cove	red	Topic/Stories	70	Guests	Guests	70	Shows	Manels	70
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Table 4: Breakdown of monitoring of primetime talkshows by percentage

***** Monthly Comparison of Primetime Talkshows

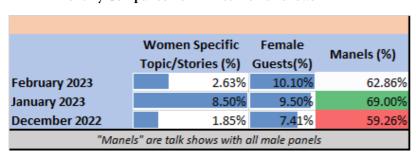
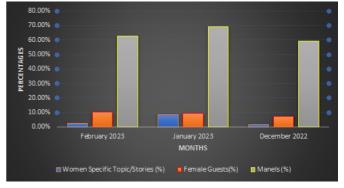


Table 5: Monthly Comparison of Primetime talkshows by percentages



<u>Graph 5: Monthly Comparison of Primetime talkshows by</u> percentages

Analysis of Prime News Bulletins:

	February 202	Jan-23	Dec-22		
	No. of Women Specific Stories	%	%	%	
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<u>Table 6:</u> Breakdown of the monitoring of Primetime bulletins of the month of February 2023 and monthly break down by percentages

- In the months of January 2023 and December 2022 the percentage of women specific stories in primetime news bulletins was low.
- In the month of February 2023 this percentage was high.



CRITICAL EYE

Topic: Reportage Of F-9 Park Rape Case

Descriptives of print media

> Breakdown of the news stories:

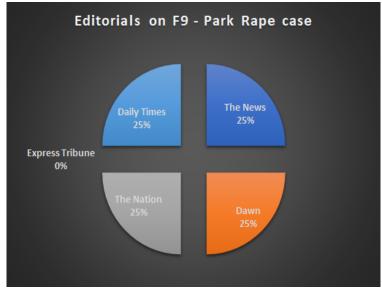
News Stories in English Media									
Source									
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The Nation	6	J 4	→ 4	4	0	2			
Express Tribune	6	J 5	1 5	4	0	2			
Daily Times	5	4	J 2	0	0	4			

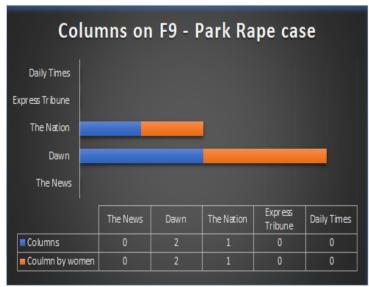
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Table (a) Table (b)

Table (a and b): Breakdown of all the monitored news stories related to F9- park case, from English and Urdu print media

- The first columns of table A and B show the total number of news stories related to the F9-Park case published in the corresponding newspapers.
- The second columns show the quantity of follow-ups to the F9-Park case story.
- The third columns of both tables show the quantity of news reports where the accuseds were the subject of the story. The encounter of the accuseds rendered a special scenario where there is more reportage on the accuseds.
- The next three columns break down the source of the news stories, where "Male" corresponds to the male reporter of the story, "Female" corresponds to the female reporter of the story, and "Gender Not Mentioned" is the category where the name of the source is not mentioned (e.g. special reporters, agencies, and monitoring desks, etc.).
 - > Breakdown of the columns and editorials:





Graph(a) Graph(b)

Graphs (a and b): Breakdown of all the monitored editorials and columns related to F9- park case, from English media

- Two editorials related to the F9-park rape case appeared in each of the four newspapers: Daily Times, The News, Dawn, and The Nation
- No editorial or column related to the F9-Park rape case appeared in the monitored Urdu media.
- Columns related to the case appeared in two English newspapers, and all of the columns were written by female columnists



Pictures of The Month



Pakistani players celebrate the dismissal of a Bangladeshi batter during the ICC's Women T20 World Cup

Courtesy: The News

Women attend a yoga training class at Government College University Lahore

Courtesy: Express Tribune





PTI supporters hold placards during a peace rally following a mosque suicide blast inside police headquarters in Peshawar

Courtesy: Express
Tribune



Pictures of The Month



Artists perform during a musicial event "Ramoz-e-Ishq" at PNCA

Courtesy: The Nation

Pakistani batter Javeria Khan plays a shot during the Women's T20 World Cup warm up match

Courtesy: Dawn





Women queue up to buy ghee outside a utility store in sector G-6

Courtesy: Daily Times



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