

PRESS COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN

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Subject: **KARACHI VISIT PROGRESS REPORT**

Chairman PCP Dr. Rana Muhammad Shamim has visited Karachi from 21.02.2015 to 25.02.2015. During his stay at Karachi the programme/scheduled was as under:

<u>21.02.2015</u> Saturday	1500 hrs 1710 hrs	Dep. Islamabad - By Shaheen Airlines Arr. Karachi
<u>23.02.2015</u> Monday	1600 hrs	Held meeting with the General Secretary and members of CPNE in their office situated at Room No. 28-30, 3 rd Floor, Fareed Chambers, Abdullah Haroon Road, Karachi. I was warmly welcomed by Mr. Abdul Jabbar Khattak, General Secretary CPNE/Chief Editor of Awami Awaz Group of Publications, Ms. Rubina Rashid, Office Secretary of CPNE, Mr. Wamiq A. Zuberi, nominated member of PCP, Mr. Amir Mehmood, nominated member of PCP, Mr. Hamid Abidi, Editor Daily "Amn", and Mr. Ghulam Nabi Chandio, Editor Daily "Pak".
<u>24.02.2015</u> Tuesday	1100 hrs	Held Meeting with Mr. Hameed Haroon, President APNS and discussed about the co-ordination/co-operation and improvement in working relations of APNS and PCP vice versa. Mr. Hameed Haroon very graciously assured of full co-operation and made suggestions to ask the Government for the Grant to PCP to make it more independent, autonomous and self-regulatory authority. Karachi, being the hub, he suggested an immediate establishment of PCP Regional Office at Karachi and opined to request the Sindh Government to provide premises for PCP Regional Office and also pointed out some places. He informed that Mr. Muhammad Ali Siddiqui,

		<p>who is one of the senior most members of the staff, is being appointed as the Newspaper's First "Dawn Readers' Editor" to have its own internal Ombudsman. The idea was to attend to Dawn readers' complaints and to respond to them professionally in a manner that would address the matter that directly concerns the complaints. The Dawn Readers' Editor will be the investigating authority to whom all clarifications/contradictions and complaints will be referred and it is he who will take note of any alleged violations of Dawn's code of ethics, which is based on the internationally recognized journalistic values and ethic, and which have always been upheld and guarded by Dawn's team of media-persons</p> <p>He expressed that Dawn Readers' Editor will convey his observation/recommendation to the Editor or the final decision. In case the final decision requires the publishing of any clarification, modification, contradiction or apology, if the circumstances so require, the complainant may be informed of the decision and provided further that the complainant shall have agreed that publication in accordance with the final decision of the Editor shall be in full satisfaction of his/her grievance.</p> <p>He also gave a valuable suggestions to implement the Code of Ethics and to make the system more effective and functional.</p> <p>Mr. Hameed Haroon was also pleased to make my contacts on his phone with Mr. Zaffar Abbas, Editor Dawn, Mr. Sarmad Ali, CEO "The News", and Secretary General APNS, Dr. Tanveer Tahir, Executive Director APNS.</p>
<u>24.02.2015</u> Tuesday	1300 hrs	<p>Held meeting with Mr. Sajjad Saleem Hotiana, Chief Secretary Sindh and discussed for the provision of office premises for PCP. Consequently, he arranged my meeting with Secretary (Administration & Services) and the locations suggested by Mr. Hameed Haroon,</p>

		President APNS were discussed to be provided for PCP Regional Office at Karachi. Both the Chief Secretary Sindh and Secretary (Administration & Services) suggested me to meet with the Honourable Chief Minister who is the final authority to permit the provision of office premises for PCP. The request to grant time with the Honourable Chief Minister has already been sent by this office, the reply of which is still awaited. As soon as time is granted I shall meet with the Honourable Chief Minister Sindh accordingly.
<u>24.02.2015</u> Tuesday	1500 hrs	A meeting was held with Mr. Zaffar Abbas, Editor Daily "Dawn" who apprised that Dawn has already appointed Dawn Readers Editor as its own internal ombudsman and assured that the Dawn has completely implemented Code of Ethics.
<u>25.02.2015</u> Wednesday		Held meeting with Dr. Tanveer Tahir, Executive Director APNS, at APNS Office located at Gulistan-e-Johar and discussed to implement Self Accountability System of all APNS members as has already been implemented by daily "DAWN". The learned Executive Director assured that he will pass on to APNS members for the implementation of Internal Accountability System. I have also got an opportunity to meet with Mr. Jawed Mehr Shamsi, Chief Editor Daily "Kaleem", Sukkur who came to meet with the Executive Director APNS with whom I discussed as well about coordination, cooperation and improvement in relations of APNS members and PCP.
<u>25.02.2015</u> Wednesday	1900 hrs 2110 hrs	Dep. Karachi - by Shaheen Airlines Arr. Islamabad