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The Editor,

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Dear Sir,

Please publish the following news item and oblige:

The All Pakistan Newspapers Society expresses its serious concern on the highly objectionable remarks of Mr. Ali Ameen Gandapur, Chief Minister KP, against the journalists and media fraternity.

Ms.NazafreenSaigol Lakhani, President and Sarmad Ali, Secretary General of the APNS in a statement has strongly condemned the outburst and threatening language used by Mr. Gandapur against the journalists at the Islamabad PTI public meeting. They stated that such uncalled for remarks tantamount to sheer harassmentto journalists who perform their professional duty to protect and promote the peoples' right to know. They observed that Mr.Gandapur has intentionally attacked the freedom of press to force the journalists to act as per his dictation and toe the line of a political party. The APNS office bearers urged upon the leadership of PTI to disassociate and denounce the statement of Mr. Gandapur and issue public apology on his statement. The APNS hoped that the PTI leadership would ensure that such remarks would not be repeated in future.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Tanvir A. Tahir )

Executive Director

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