

**PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)**  
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**ISLAMABAD: OCTOBER 18, 2018;** President Dr. Arif Alvi has said that Pakistan is facing numerous challenges which require a national approach for their resolution and media should play their proactive role in this regard.

The President said this while talking to office bearers and members of All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) in a meeting at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Thursday. Senator Faisal Javed, Secretary Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Shafqat Jalil and senior officers were also present.

The President emphasized that print media has played a pivotal role in strengthening the democratic and social structure of the country. He underscored that media is cornerstone of democracy and the Government of Pakistan is committed to the freedom of both print and electronic media. He highlighted that media in Pakistan is highly independent and vibrant.

The President further said that the incumbent Government believes in self regulations by the media which should exercise judgment and observe code of ethics keeping in view the integrity of Pakistan and national objectives. He underlined that the objective and healthy criticism from the media is vital to the functioning of any government. He urged that the media especially the print media should play a part in the social and economic development of the country by creating awareness through public service messages and campaigns particularly on the issue of health and women empowerment.

The delegation congratulated the President on his election and also briefed him regarding the issues being faced by newspaper industry. The President assured the delegation of his full support in resolving these challenges. Moreover, the office bearers and members of APNS also assured the President of their cooperation in national efforts for strengthening of social, political and economic fabric of the country.

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