PFUJ, affiliates celebrate WPFD

Lahore: Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists and its affiliated unions in collaboration with APNEC held events in different cities of the country to mark the World Press freedom day. It included protest demonstrations, seminars, discussion workshops and candle vigils to highlight the issues of the press and journalists being faced by the stake holders. The COVID-19 was a hurdle this year to celebrate the day on big scale but still the media workers managed to attend the events with protective masks and gloves. Personal protective equipment (PPE) were also distributed amongst the journalists to safe guard against Corona virus.

The PFUJ President GM Jamali attended events in Karachi, secretary general Rana Azeem was busy in Lahore and Sheikhupura, treasurer Jamil mirza and VP Iftikhar Mishwani along with Chairman APNEC Ikram Bukhari and President RIUJ Shakeel Ahmad led the protest held in front of parliament house Islamabad. Senator Talha Mehmood and Federal press information officer Shaheer Shahid were special speaker in Islamabad protest.

The speakers and leaders while addressing the participant said that the media in Pakistan was passing through the most difficult period of the history where thousands of journalists had become job\

ss and a number of media outlets were closed due to financial constraints. Working journalists were facing irregular salaries issues while personal security was another important issue to be addressed. They demanded the government to ensure freedom of the press so that it could report independently

The speakers vowed to continue their efforts to ensure freedom of speech and expression and to fight for the rights of the journalists and media workers all around the country. They also thanked IFJ for its motivational steps to support the media worldwide and fight for the rights.

Different affiliate Unions also issued some promotional slogans and cards to mark the WPFD on the occasion.