

## **Analysis of the Usage of Parts of Speech Appeared on Front Page Headlines of Pakistani Newspapers**

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**Abstract:** This research aims to investigate the usage of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, cardinals, conjunctions, adjectives and determiners in the front page headings of the two prominent names in newspaper industry of Pakistan (Dawn and The Nation). A mixed approach (inclusive of qualitative and quantitative methods) is used along with the tagging of POS (Parts of Speech). The software named as, Antconc 3.2.4w is employed for the aforementioned analysis. According to the results, *The Nation* newspaper has 180 news headlines in total whereas in the “*Dawn*” newspaper, the number of news used for the study is 124. Total word count is 1949. Results display that the headlines appearing in *The Nation* are far enriching than *Dawn*’s headlines. Nouns and Conjunctions were frequently used as compared to other parts of speech. A vivid distinction can be observed that, “The Nation” is using POS (Parts of Speech) in abundance as compared to the newspaper “Dawn”. Another finding of the research is that there is a massive use of Conjunctions and Nouns observed in the newspapers “The Nation” whereas results they were used less in quantity in the newspaper “Dawn”.

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## **1. Introduction**

In a country like Pakistan, where the position of English is entertained as the second important language, newspaper performs a job as the supplementary motive for the betterment of English language skills of the second language trainees. A paper headline is repeatedly the only thing that readers look forward to at the first place in a newspaper, or at least, it is the most prominent thing that majority keeps focus on. Between all the media platforms, newspaper has the most prolonged history, arising from the ceremonial newspaper in China (Liu Lu, 2002). The time when it was published, there had been many studies related news. As newspapers are medium of judgement, the announcement when the reporter puts into the current dated paper; exercises an impact on public judgements in a larger version. The reason behind is that the headlines provide the most important and priceless piece of fact to the reader in lesser words, it plays a discreet important role in news report. (Zhijun,1998).

In a language, Parts of speech are an established terminology used for the major classes of words that are grammatically distinguished. Every language has their own classification in which they define Parts of Speech. It varies from one language to another. These differences between languages lead to the division basis on both kind and number.

## **2. Literature**

A headline must possess a legitimate sentence construction comprising of a subject and a respective verb as per the changes in situation; generally features do not think of helpers, conjunctions, articles, pronouns or conjunctions. It characterizes the lone lexical instead of grammatical function. The most extensive purpose behind that is the space particularly given for every feature and the settling issue of the best words may approach.

Attractive front-page headlines force the buyers to purchase that newspaper. Moreover, enchanting the buyers to read the news stories by putting forward the appealing stories as every headline narrates the main news and the basic details, which permit the readers to seek positivity from important ideas even when they go through the page.

In all languages we consider pack of words that partition grammatical masters. These gatherings are called "parts of Speech." There are eight sections of Speech in English dialect. A grammatical feature is an arrangement of words with some grammar characteristic(s) like

manner and every grammatical form varies in syntactic attributes from each other grammatical form, e.g., things have distinctive qualities from verbs, which have diverse elements from descriptive words. Grammatical form investigation relies upon knowing (or finding) the shifting qualities of the different word sets.

### **2.1. Types of Newspaper Articles**

These are the following news article types:

- A local news article emphasises on the events occurring in your neighbourhood.
- A national news article should include news on what's happening in country.
- An international news article would focus on news of the world and other countries.
- A feature article is about "gentler" news. An element might be a profile of a man who does a great deal of charitable effort in the region or a motion picture which includes articles that are not considered news stories.
- An editorial is that article which is comprised of essayist's musings and thoughts. Publications significantly appear simultaneously on a definite page of the newspaper and concentrate on contemporary occasions.
- A column is composed by a similar individual every day. A reporter (the author of the segment) expounds on subjects important to him/her, present occasions or group happenings. Segments are not considered news stories.

### **2.2.Headline**

Every news story has some components and among all headlines is the most essential one. The purpose of the headline is to provoke reader's attention. It also makes them read the complete article. Another purpose of a headline is to sell the news by grabbing the attention of its reader. Headlines give a direction to the reader as it provides them a framework for the reading process. According to Fries, reader starts to read the text of the article with the headline. After reading the text he connects the text with the headline and will do every possible thing to connect it to the headline.

According to LaRocque (2003), the maker of the headlines knows well what they want but there are other difficulties which need to be resolved before making a headline such as space or their own abilities which include vocabulary, creativity, knowledge of the language etc.).

Headlines are different than the rest of the newspaper. Its language makes it different among all. Mårdh (1980) illustrates that a headline should be short enough that it is readable and long enough that it specifies all the important fact and figures. Moreover, the length of a heading should not be more than seven words.

### **2.3.Function of a Headline**

According to Ludwig and Gilmore (2005), the finest headlines both 'tell and sell', intending to narrate the current news to the receptive stakeholder swiftly while convincing its reader to pay it a due attention.

J. Morley distinguishes five main functions of newspaper headlines (Morley,1998:31):

1. Attract the reader's attention;
2. Epitomise the content of the article;
3. Signifies the writer's attitude to the story;
4. Indicate the register of the article;
5. Points out the focus of the article.

### **2.4.Use of Parts of Speech in Newspaper Headlines**

The most important parts of speech give the significant "content" to a message, are generally called content words, instead of different parts of speech known as capacity or structure words. The substance words are the ones that we find in daily paper features where space is at an earlier position. Correspondence verbs like these are particularly common in discussion, news, and fiction.

Chances have been made to gauge daily paper features as a kind by centring the components that portray them. Allan Bell (1991) looks at the 'distinctive telegraphic syntax' of English daily paper features. Mardh (1980) proposes a thorough study of the trademark of grammar features and its scope in English daily newspapers: the lapse of articles; the cancelation of functional or

linking verbs and of assistants, nominalizations, and the consistent employment of intricate thing phrases in the subject position.

Nouns are conventionally defined as the name of a place, person, thing or an idea. (Weaver 1996: 252) Nouns are normally meaning based or semantics based. They are defined according to its usage by the people. By Weaver's definition, Madonna, Pittsburgh, and Godzilla are all nouns, which is correct. Noun phrases focus on the noun followed by determiners and go with modifiers- either pre-modifiers or post modifiers (for instance, the strawberry cake is on the board) (Biber et al. 1999, pp41-42). Chiefly a modifying adjective is used as the leading a noun phrase (For instance, all the illiterate in our municipality). According to Bieber, the definite article often comes with such adjectives and they point out to "a set of community with the feature illustrated by an adjective". (Biber et al., 1999, p203). Relating to the noun phrase it should highlight one of the chief traits of the block language, which is regularly in use of headline writers and is called as a noun cord or concurrence. Adjective phrases are defined by the use of an adjective in lead to these phrases. Same is case with the noun phrase; variable modifiers can be a chunk of these phrases. Biber points out that those pre-modifiers are usually adverbs reflecting the level of a quality (e.g. badly alone). (Biber, 1999, p43). Furthermore, he explained that the body of an adverb phrase is like the structure of adjective phrases, with the variation that an adverb is the head. The prepositional phrase is the last type. A preposition followed by a noun phrase which is the most frequent structure of these phrases (For instance, in the bank). Occasionally, they can also take complementary clauses- "clauses which have the similar function as noun phrases- as complements, but generally these are only wh-clauses and ing-clauses" (Biber et al., 1999, p45). Every newspaper headline does not present itself for scrutiny in the light of regular sentences and hence are replaced by an analysis of non-sentential deliveries

## **2.5. Typical Grammar Features of Newspaper Headlines**

Previous research into daily paper features has emerged the subject of either comparable components can be found in the press of varying culture and dialects; ponders have still not included features from a sufficiently wide scope of nations to allow for results to be closed. As indicated by Kniffka, cited in Bell (1989: 189), feature body faces to be all the time crosswise over dialects, however his examinations included just German and American English writings.

Different reviews investigate features from just a single nation: like Allan Bell (1989: 185) evaluates the 'distinctive telegraphic syntax' of English daily paper features and Ingrid Mardh gives a thorough analysis of the representational selective elements of the newspaper features for the scope of English newspapers. She distinguishes the accompanying grammar highlights as commonplace of features in daily papers in English: the slip of articles; the elimination of verbs and of linkers (the verb 'to be' for instance); nominalisations; the regular utilization of intricate thing phrases at the position of a subject (in topic position); word intensifying features, with the lapse of both the verb and the subject (a case from our corpus: French ?... non merci); the utilization of the short words ('offer' rather than 'endeavor'); the expansion being used of quips, word play and homophones' usage; the importance of word range, with the most vital subjects put in the first place, even, in a few circumstances, a verb; and autonomous "wh" structures not connected to a fundamental condition (a case from our corpus: Why the French don't care at all), a frame not found in standard English.

Mouillaud and Tétu (1989) breaking down Le Monde, give conclusion that the taking after elements as typical features:

- a) crackdown of spatial and specifically temporal markers;
- b) use of the present tense of verbs (where they are used) as conflicting to - or in place of - any other tenses;
- c) substitution of verbs by nominalizations;
- d) prevention of declarative verbs and the unseen of signs of speech (quotation marks; personal pronouns).

### **3. Research Question**

1. How frequently parts of speech are used in the headline of front pages of Pakistani Newspapers?

### **4. Methodology**

. In order to find out the use of parts of speech in front pages headlines of Pakistani newspaper, mixed methods are applied, the qualitative as well as quantitative. For quantitative analysis, corpus analysis technique has been used.

The researcher has collected all the news headlines from news archives (online). The Nation has 180 news headlines whereas Dawn has 124 dated from 1 January 2016 to 30 April 2016.

- After collection of data, the researcher has tagged the data from online NLP free parts of Speech tagging website. It has been tagged to make the data more authentic and reliable, grammatically easy to analyze.
- To analyze news headlines from two different newspapers the researcher has tagged each newspaper one by one.
- By using Antconc 3.2.4w text data analysis software, the researcher has explored the frequency of different parts of speech in use in POS tagged data of news headlines separately.
- The word frequency lists of both text data of tagged news headlines appeared in Antconc 3.2.4w software, each list starts from the most frequently occurring part of speech and it ends on least frequently used word.
- From both lists, the researcher has selected 19 most frequently used parts of speech for analysis and exploration.

## **5. Result and Discussion**

Headlines have always been very important and have great impact on its reader due to its attractive language. They attract the reading by using captivating words. Headlines are different than rest of the newspaper. Readers choose to read an article by looking at the headlines and choose it first. An attention grabbing headlines create curiosity among its readers.

If we classify the words of a headline according to parts of speech then we will see the inclination or preference of the newspaper composers towards parts of speech. They may also use different parts of speech according to the need of an article or its function. A part of speech is one of the prominent features of newspaper headlines and they enhance the meaning of a

headline. A part of speech is a very vast area, due to this reason the researcher has looked upon few categories of the selected parts of speech which were found in the newspaper headlines of two prominent newspapers of Pakistan “The Nation” and “Dawn”.

Sr.	Tagged Parts of Speech in Two Newspaper	Freq. in The Nation	Freq. in Dawn
1	NNS (noun plural)	142	96
2	NNP (proper noun)	148	84
3	NNPS (proper noun, plural)	1	3

A noun is a word used to name a person, place, or thing. According to their kinds, English nouns can be categorized into 2 kinds, i.e. (1) proper, and (2) common nouns which are divided into (a) abstract, (b) individual, and (c) collective nouns. When it comes to singular and plural noun it can be is easy to mark. A noun which indicates one object only, it is a singular noun. When a noun indicates more than one, it is plural noun. According to the above mentioned table, it has been observed that, noun plural(NNS) was used 142 times. Proper Noun (NNP) is used for an organization, an individual or a place. Proper nouns normally begin with a capital letter no matter where ever they occur. Proper Noun (NNP) was used 148 times and Proper Noun Plural (NNPS) was used 1 time in the headline of the front page of the newspaper The Nation. Noun plural (NNS) was used 96 times, Proper Noun (NNP) was used 84 times and Proper Noun Plural (NNPS) was used 3 times in the newspaper Dawn. Hence, the newspaper The Nation is using more NNS and NNP than the newspaper Dawn whereas NNPS is more in frequency in Dawn. The percentages mentioned above are the highest among all other parts of speech except IN prepositions and Subordinating conjunctions which shows their importance and dominance in the headlines of front pages.

Sr.	Tagged Parts of Speech in Two Newspaper	Freq. in The Nation	Freq. in Dawn
1	PPR Pronouns(personal pronoun)	9	9

Pronouns replaces noun at various positions and for various reasons. Personal pronouns are ( *I, you, he, she, it, we, they, me, him, her, us, and them* ) which shows contrasts of person,

gender, number, and case. It has been observed that, PPR Pronouns(personal pronoun) was used equally 9 times in both the newspapers and that shows that personal pronouns are likewise important for both the newspapers.

Sr.	Tagged Parts of Speech in Two Newspaper	Freq. in The Nation	Freq. in Dawn
1	VB Verb(verb base-form)	54	30
2	VBD(verb-past tense)	18	28
3	VBG(verb- present participle)	17	14
4	VBN(verb- past participle)	22	29
5	VBP(verb-single present)	12	15
6	VBZ(verb-third person)	57	29

A sentence cannot be completed without a proper verb which gives it a suitable sort of direction. Verbs help connect us to the state, or condition, of someone or something. Verbs have considerable importance in heading too as they clarify about the things in action. According to the results, VB Verb (verb base-form) was used 54 times in the newspaper The Nation and 30 times in Dawn. VBD (verb-past tense) was used 18 times in the newspaper The Nation and 28 times in Dawn. VBG (verb- present participle) was used 17 times in the newspaper The Nation and 14 times in Dawn. VBN (verb- past participle) was used 22 times in the newspaper The Nation and 29 times in Dawn. VBP (verb-single present) was used 12 times in the newspaper The Nation and 15 times in Dawn. VBZ (verb-third person) was used 57 times in the newspaper The Nation and 29 times in Dawn. Results clarify the presence and importance of verbs in the headlines of front pages of both the newspapers.

Sr.	Tagged Parts of Speech in Two Newspaper	Freq. in The Nation	Freq. in Dawn
1	JJ Adjectives	37	54
2	JJR (comparative degree of adjective)	3	1
3	JJS (superlative degree of adjective)	2	0

An adjective modifies a noun or a pronoun and also tells the quality of a noun or a pronoun. For making comparisons we use Comparative and Superlative form of adjectives.

Comparative adjectives are defined as comparing of one noun to another whereas Superlative is defined as comparing three or more nouns. In the front pages headline of a newspaper JJ adjectives were used 37 times in the newspaper The Nation and 54 times in Dawn. JJR (comparative degree of adjective) were used 3 times in the newspaper The Nation and 1 times in Dawn. JJS (superlative degree of adjective) were used 2 times in the newspaper The Nation and 0 times in Dawn. The results shows that the newspaper Dawn uses more JJ adjectives than the newspaper The Nation whereas other adjectives are used somewhere in the same manner.

Sr.	Tagged Parts of Speech in Two Newspaper	Freq. in The Nation	Freq. in Dawn
1	RB (Adverbs)	35	20

An adverb is the one which modifies verbs, adjective or another adverb. According to the data, it has been seen that adverb has been used 35 times in the newspaper The Nation and 20 times in the newspaper Dawn. According to the above statistics, it can be said that The Nation uses adverbs frequently than the newspaper Dawn. This shows the inclination of The Nation towards the use of adverbs in their headlines.

Sr.	Tagged Parts of Speech in Two Newspaper	Freq. in The Nation	Freq. in Dawn
1	IN Prepositions/Subordinating conjunctions	155	146
2	CC (coordinating Conjunctions)	9	3

A conjunction is another important element of parts of speech. Conjunctions are connectors of the clauses or phrases to render a sense to a sentence or serve the purpose of coordinating words in the clauses. Subordinating conjunctions are the ones that join dependent clauses to independent clauses whereas Coordinating conjunction used to connect two identically creating or syntactically equal grammatical elements. It was found that IN Prepositions/Subordinating conjunctions are used more frequently in the newspaper The Nation instead of the newspaper Dawn. CC (coordinating Conjunctions) is also used more often in The Nation instead of Dawn. The result shows that preference of the newspaper The Nation towards conjunction than the newspaper Dawn.

Sr.	Tagged Parts of Speech in Two Newspaper	Freq. in The Nation	Freq. in Dawn
1	CD (cardinal number)	22	26
2	DT (Determiner)	56	43

Cardinal number indicates the quantity (as in, one, two, three, etc.), in contrary to an ordinal number (for instance, first, second, third). Results show that newspaper Dawn uses more cardinal numbers than the newspaper The Nation.

Determiner is a modifier that establishes the reference kind for a noun or noun group. For example, a, the, every, are some of the determiners. It was seen that the newspaper The Nation uses more determiners than the newspaper Dawn.

## **6. Conclusion**

This study reveals the frequent use of parts of speech in the front page headlines of Pakistani Newspapers “The Nation” and “Dawn”. A mixed approach (inclusive of qualitative and quantitative methods) is used along with the tagging of POS (Parts of Speech). The software namely, Antconc 3.2.4w is employed for the aforementioned analysis. The Nation has 180 news headlines in total on the other hand the number of news in Dawn newspaper for the study are 124. Total word count is 1949. Results display that the headlines appearing in *The Nation* are far enriching than *Dawn*’s headlines on the basis of the selected corpus (Parts of Speech). Moreover, the results depict that The Nation is using POS abundantly as compared to the newspaper Dawn. Conjunctions and Nouns are used immensely in the newspapers The Nation whereas result show that they were used less in quantity in the newspaper Dawn.

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### Appendix 1

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## Appendix 2

### The Nation (January 2016- April 2016)

S.NO.	Date	Headline	Type of News
1	1 January	Govt fumes as Opp kills PIA Ord in Senate	Political
2	2 January	Golden chance to whiten black money	Political
3	2 January	Senators demand publication of APS attack inquiry report	Political
4	3 January	8 dead in attack on Indian airbase	World
5	3 January	Won't let Centre build tampered CPEC: Khattak	Political
6	4 January	Saudia Arabia serves diplomatic ties with iran	World
7	5 January	Sunni states back KSA in row with Iran	World
8	5 January	India airbase attack threatens Pakistan talks	World
9	6 January	Nawaz assures support after Modi's call for action	World/political
10	7 January	UNSC plans sanctions as North Korea tests nuke	World
11	7 January	Banks Punished for violating anti-terror financing rules	Local/finanacal
12	8 January	IB tasked to probe Indian leads	Political
13	8 January	MQM 'Assassin testifies against London leader	World
14	9 January	-Top civil-military brass for extending all-outhelp to Delhi -	World
15	10 January	Keep the dialogue on,US urges Pakistan and India	World / Political
16	10 January	China hopes early CPEC consensus	World

17	11 January	KSA reassured sans solid commitent	World
18	11 January	CPEC crack widens	Local
19	12 January	Pakistan Stock Exchange opens	Local
20	12 January	Taliban' to join'peace talks next month	Local
21	13 January	Neither asked nor will send combat troops to KSA: Aziz	Poltical
22	14 January	Bombers kills 16 at Quetta Polio center	Local
23	14 January	Pakistan nabs Jaish chief over Pathankot atck	Political
24	15 January	PM calls APC today to iron out differences on CPEC	Political
25	15 January	Pakistan, India defer peace talks	World
26	16 January	PM soothes nerves over CPEC	Local
27	16 January	Govt mulls banning Falah-e-Insaniat Foundaion	Local
28	17 January	Pakistan to mediate between KSA, Iran	World
29	17 January	US, EU lift nuclear sanctions on Iran	World
30	18 January	N-deal a model for resolving regional issues: Iran	World
31	18 January	Brahamdagh mulls new destination after Swiss snub	World
32	19 January	Pakistan for early end to KSA-	World/ Political

		Iran standoff	
33	20 January	Pakistan offers to hosts KSA-Iran reconciliation talks	World
34	20 January	Taliban bomber kills 11 near Peshawar market	Local
35	21 January	Gunmen turns Charsadda varsity into killing field	Local
36	22 January	Charasadda attack was Zarb-e-Azb blowback: PM	Local
37	22 January	PML-N wants revision of Charter of Democracy	Political
38	23 January	Terror wave puts question mark on NAP execution	Political
39	23 January	Nisar under fire in Senate for 'false statement' on Maulana Aziz	Political
40	24 January	BKU attack 'controlled' from afghanistan	World
41	25 January	Indian proposal for joint grilling of JeM chief turned down	World
42	26 January	Extension- No thank you!( General Raheel says he will retire on time)	Local
43	27 January	Forigen airlines owe billions to CAA	World
44	27 January	Corruption still rife but 2015 saw pockets of hope	Local
45	28 January	COAS promises fearless Karachi life	Local
46	29 January	Nisar breaks silence by	Political

		shelling PPP	
47	31 January	Less than expected cut in POL prices	Local
48	1 February	IS bombing near Zeinab shrine kill 60 in Syria	World
49	1 February	Keep war of words within limits, Zardari asks partymen	Political /Local
50	2 February	We will thwart cowards attacking children : Nawaz	Local
51	2 February	Govt strikes a sword at PIA Strikes	Local
52	3 February	3 PIA strikers die in Karachi airport clashes	Local
53	4 February	Choas at airports	Local
54	4 February	Key CPEC projects links Gawadar to rest of country	Local
55	5 February	Action to counter hostile foreign agencies reviewed	Local
56	5 February	Govt shelves plan to privatize power firms	Local
57	6 February	Kashmir Solution lies in dialogue : Nawaz	Political
58	7 February	Afghan roadmap adopted	World
59	7 February	Bombers kill 10 outside Quetta district courts	Local
60	8 February	FO priority list for 2016 eyes India	World
61	9 February	PIA flights gains thrust	Local
62	10 February	PIA strikes ends	Local
63	11 February	Hundreds of Pakistanis joining	Local

		Daesh: IB	
64	11 February	Pakistan, Qatar ink LNG deal	World
65	12 February	COAS confirms death penalty to 12 terrorists	Local
66	13 February	Biggest terrorist nexus in Karachi busted	Local
67	14 February	Deadly Kotli clash triggers Centre- AJK war of words	Political
68	14 February	Govt given 15 days to convene CCI meeting	Local
69	15 February	Pakistan regrets India's unease over F-16 Deal	World
70	16 February	Kotli killing troubling govt	Local
71	17 February	Stay within limits, PM warns NAB	Local
72	17 February	Pakistan team plans visit to Pathankot Airbase: Nisar	Local
73	18 February	SC stays election of mayors across Sindh	Local
74	18 February	3000 KP seats remain un contested	Political
75	19 February	NAB chief throws Chaudhry-like challenge at Sharif	Political
76	20 February	Pakistan lifts sanctions on Iran	World/ Political
77	21 February	Court issues non-bail able warrants for Musharraf	Political
78	22 February	Ogra, Nepra also to be 'reformed' along with NAB	Local
79	22 February	FIA probes into PPP-era corruption to go on: Nisar	Local / Political

80	23 February	COAS discusses afghan peace with Qatari leadership	Local
81	23 February	Pakistan 10 <sup>th</sup> largest Arms importer in world	World
82	24 February	Pakistan to host Afghan peace talks in March	Local
83	24 February	Work on IP gas pipeline to start by year end	World
84	25 February	Zarb-e-Azb final phase set in motion	Local
85	25 February	CCI to decide census issues, NA told	Political
86	26 February	Pak probe team is 'already' in India	World
87	27 February	Karachi rough days almost over, says PM	Local
88	28 February	Five soldiers, 34 militants dead in NWA clashes and air strikes	Local
89	29 February	Will go to any length to finish terrorists: COAS	Local
90	29 February	PML-N moves to soothe opponents of Women Protection Act	Political
91	1March	Census put off with concenses	Political
92	1 March	Taseer's killer hanged	Local
93	2 March	India links Modi's Pak visit to Pathankot action	World
94	2 March	Qadri buried peacefully	Local
95	3 March	Pakistan rules out change nuclear policy	Local
96	3 March	Dar's success story fails to impress opposition	Local
97	4 March	'Fugitive son' speaks out	Local

		against MQM cheif	
98	5 March	PIA bill will now go to joint session	Local
99	5 March	Media offices attacked	Local
100	6 March	Taliban spurn peace talks with Afghan govt	Local
101	7 March	Pak'terror tip-off'talks India co-op to new level	World
102	8 March	Taliban bomb Charsadda court	Local
103	9 March	Shahbaz comes home	Local
104	9 March	No arrests made, no confrontation with captors	Local
105	10 March	Senators protest against terrorism	Local /Political
106	11 March	No security gurantee, no India visit	World
107	11 March	2 more MQM leaders join Kamal party	Local / Political
108	12 March	Senate passes law against child abuse	Local
109	12 March	PPP 'Ready' to support reforms in accountability system	Local / Political
110	13 March	Using special powers, PM appoints new Sindh IGP	Local
111	14 March	Kamal 'to record statement ' over MQM-RAW link	Local/ Political
112	14 March	NAB, PML-N quietly digging in for bigger showdown	Local/ Political
113	15 March	PM placates Fazl ahead of Mansooraa moot	Local/ Political
114	15 March	Riya's love for New Delhi worries Islamabad	World
115	16 March	Religious parties give ultimatum to govt	Local
116	17 March	Bomb on govt employees bus kills 17 in Peshawar	Local
117	17 March	SC lifts travel ban on Musharraf	Local /Political
118	18 March	Govt allows Musharraf abroad for treatment	Local
119	18 March	Nationlists Quietly abandon anti-CPEC protest	Local
120	19 March	PM concerned at unending militants	Local/ Political
121	20 March	Girls outshine boys in cricket	Local/ sports
122	20 March	62 killed in Russia air crash	World

123	21 March	Govt break carmakers monopoly	Local
124	21 March	Musharraf's ghosts haunts Parlimet	Local/Political
125	22 March	Govt moves to break carmakers Monopoly	
126	23 March	'Black moment' for Belgium as terror strikes	World
127	24 March	Pakistan to crush terror , achieve prosperity	Local
128	25 March	Key RAW spook routed	World
129	26 March	New Pak-Iran border crossing to boost trade	World
130	26 March	CCI again puts off census plan	Local
131	27 March	Pak energy security Iran's responsibility: Rouhani	World
132	28 March	Taliban park death at Gulshan-e-Iqbal	Local
133	29March	PM pledges to average every drop of blood	Local /Political
134	30 March	D chowk Occupiers given a day	Local /Political
135	30 March	Yadav confesses to RAW terroe rolr in Balochistan	Local /Political
136	31 March	Pro-Qadri protest ends	Local /Political
137	31 March	Misguided followers of the religion of peace	Local
138	1 April	US, India discuss Pak nukes	World
139	1 April	Special court fumes over Musharraf exit	Local
140	2 April	Obama warns of nuclear 'madmen'	World
141	2 April	IMF notes challenges to govt's privatization plans	Local/ Political
142	3 April	Iran has 'no hand. In RAW's Chabahar network	World
143	3 April	Pakistan ,India should reduce nuclear threat: Obama	World
144	4 April	65 die as rains ravage north	World
145	4 April	Mansooraa moot participants supporters of terrorists: Govt	Local /Political
146	5 April	Panama papers whip up political system	Local/Political
147	6 April	PM orders judicial probe into Panama papers claims	Local/Political
148	7 April	Civil-mily leadership vows to	Local/Political

		clean punjab	
149	7 April	Witnesses from indian forces not produced before JIT:FO	World
150	8 April	Pak-India peace talks 'suspended'	World
151	8 April	Over 100 facilitators of terrorists arrested in south Punjab operation	Local
152	9 April	Consensus eludes NA debate on Panama probe	Local
153	9 April	Imran threatens march on Raiwand	Local/ Political
154	10 April	Zarb-e-Ahan in Punjab	Local/ Political
155	11 April	Imran gives govt two weeks for CJP-led Probe	Local/ Political
156	11 April	4 die as quake rattles KP, Punjab	Local
157	12 April	Jalsa yes ; No Jalsa	Local/ Political
158	12 April	All flights to london	World
159	13 April	Shun confrontation , focus on cooperation : COAS	Political
160	13 April	PPP, PTI agree to give tough time to govt	Local/ Political
161	14 April	Chotu Gang takes a heavy toll on raiding police	Local
162	15 April	Turkey urges anti-terror OIC body	World
163	16 April	Gunship strafe chotu gang's hideout	Local
164	17 April	Army takes lead in op against chotu	Local
165	18 April	Khan is back!	Local/ Political
166	19 April	Live by law or die out!	Local/ Political
167	20 April	COAS links stability to uprooting corruption	Local/ Political
168	21 April	Taliban kill 7 in Karachi	Local
169	22 April	Army chief 'sacks' six corrupt officers	Local
170	23 April	PM upgrades Panama probe	Local/ Political
171	24 April	Mian Sahib's accountability first	Local/ Political
172	25 April	Imran spares Raiwand for now	Local/ Political
173	25 April	Operations alone wont resolve issues: Kamal	Local/ Political
174	26 April	Progress is PM's politics	Local/ Political
175	27 April	Pakistan, India trade 'concerns' at Delhi meeting	World

176	27 April	Pakistan not solely responsible for Afghan Talks: FO	World
177	28 April	PM to lend ear to opp parties	Local/ Political
178	29 April	PM warns rivals against sabotaging development	Local/ Political
179	30 April	Congress blocks funding for Pak F-16s	World
180	30 April	Judicial commissions' history bleak	Local

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S. No.	Date	Headline	Type of News
1	1 January	Price of diesel slashed, petrol unchanged	Local
2	2 January	'IS recruiter' arrested in Karachi	Local
3	3 January	Gunmen attack Indian airbase; all four assailants shot dead	world
4	4 January	S. Arabia cuts ties with Iran	World
5	5 January	Saudis, Iran stand firm; big powers for restraint	World
6	6 January	No bias in CPEC projects, says Ahsan	Political
7	7 January	Army stresses 'zero tolerance' for terrorist groups	Political
8	8 January	Two suspects confess in Imran Farooq murder case	Local
9	9 January	Balochistan cabinet takes oath tomorrow	World
10	10 January	Five 'militants' killed in Shawal drone strike	Political
11	11 January	Choosing sides in Mideast may trigger sectarian unrest	World
12	12 January	Senators call for revival of student unions	Local
13	13 January	Afghan official hopeful of Taliban joining peace process	World
14	14 January	Rangers operation in Punjab on the cards	Political
15	15 January	Pakistan, India agree to defer talks	World

16	16 January	Bilawal asks Sindh, AJK to end ban on student unions	Political
17	17 January	No reason to keep YouTube blocked, PTA tells SC	Political
18	18 January	Iran receives \$400m frozen funds along with \$1.3bn interest	World
19	19 January	Musharraf acquitted in Bugti case	Political
20	20 January	10 killed in Jamrud suicide attack	World
21	21 January	WB team to finalise \$180m deal for polio immunisation	Political
22	22 January	Islamabad DHA scam: NAB arrests 3 accused	Local
23	23 January	6 militants, soldier killed	Political
24	24 January	Xi meets Khamenei; Iran lauds 'new chapter' in China ties	World
25	25 January	Cleric among three injured in blast	Local
26	26 January	MQM senator elected PBC vice chairman	Political
27	27 January	Sahibzada Yaqub laid to rest	Political
28	28 January	Some schools to close, some to remain open amid confusion	Local
29	29 January	Motorway police foil attempt to blow up railway track	Local
30	30 January	Power breakdown hits most of Karachi	Local
31	31 January	BLF leader killed in gunbattle: minister	Political
32	1 February	Over 50 killed in bomb blasts near Damascus shrine	World
33	2 February	Respite for Altaf as London police lift bail conditions	Political
34	3 February	Protesters may lose jobs, land in jail: PM	Local
35	4 February	Protests keep PIA operations at standstill	Political
36	5 February	PIA flight operations remain suspended for 3rd day	Local
37	6 February	Roadmap for Afghan peace talks likely today	World

38	7 February	Clinton emails suggest US examines Pakistani media closely	World
39	8 February	PIA flight operations partially resumed	Local
40	9 February	PM orders probe into role of PIA management	Political
41	10 February	Khattak tipped as next KP governor	Political
42	11 February	IS emerging as a threat, warns IB chief	World
43	12 February	Interior ministry gets new secretary	Political
44	13 February	Eight F-16s will be sold to Pakistan, Congress told	Political
45	14 February	10 'militants' killed in Sibi operation	World
46	15 February	Are new anti-terror laws an exercise in futility?	Political
47	16 February	Nine 'militants' killed in Tirah air strikes	World
49	17 February	Sindh seeks special package for Steel Mills	Local
50	18 February	NAB 'falls in line' after PM's criticism	Political
51	19 February	Sharif, Modi likely to meet in Washington next month	World
52	20 February	Army chief visits CPEC division	Political
53	21 February	US hopes to host Sharif-Modi meeting	World
54	22 February	India halts Dosti Bus service amid protests	World
55	23 February	INGOs can work till decision on registration	Local
56	24 February	Islamabad United lift PSL trophy	Local
57	25 February	Iqbal Jhagra set to become KP governor	Local
58	26 February	Principals booked in Saqiba case	Local
59	27 February	Former Afghan governor rescued	World
60	28 February	Pakistan-India cooperation key to fighting terrorism: US	World

61	29 February	COAS vows to wipe out all terrorist hideouts	World
62	1 March	Sharmeen does it again	World
63	2 March	Talks with India to resume after probe team's visit: Aziz	World
64	3 March	Man kills two sisters for 'honour'	Local
65	4 March	Pakistan underlines its influence on Afghan Taliban	World
68	5 March	SC upholds life sentence in honour killing case	Local
69	6 March	Another reference filed against Dr Asim, others	Local
70	7 March	Mortar shells fired from Afghanistan land near checkpost	World
71	8 March	PM, army chief to attend Saudi-led bloc's meeting	World
72	9 March	Countrywide rain likely from today	Local
73	10 March	Commander among 8 BLA men killed in Sibi	World
74	11 March	'Thunder' in Saudi desert as major war games end	World
75	12 March	Army officer shot dead in Peshawar	Local
76	13 March	FIA contacts Merchant, Kamal over RAW claims	World
77	14 March	Afridi, Malik say they never felt security threat in India	World
78	15 March	Operation in Fata nearing completion	Political
79	16 March	Army chief ratifies death sentences of 13 convicts	Political
80	17 March	Pakistan begin T20 campaign in style; Windies beat England	World
81	18 March	AJK seeks KP-like royalty on its projects	Local
82	19 March	Three held for killing two girls in name of honour	Local
83	20 March	Spaniards hold protest against migrant policy	Local
84	21 March	PIA's fate to be decided at joint sitting of parliament	Local

85	22 March	Hopes fade for students buried under snow in Chitral	Local
86	23 March	Trade policy unveiled	Political
87	24 March	People to be protected from terrorists, says Zehri	Local
88	25 March	Iranian president arrives today	World
89	26 March	CCI leaves census issue up in the air	Local
90	27 March	Locally made diagnostic kits don't cause cancer, SC told	Local
91	28 March	2 more bodies of students retrieved from snow in Chitral	Local
92	29 March	Terrorists can't 'break our will', says PM	Political
93	30 March	Protesters given last chance to disperse	Local
94	31 March	England march into T20 final	World
95	1 April	Windies stun India to reach T20 final	World
96	2 April	Shahbaz, Nisar and army chief discuss anti-terror operation in Punjab	Political
97	3 April	Nisar rules out Iranian hand in anti-Pakistan operations	World
98	4 April	Double glory for West Indies at World T20	World
99	5 April	Papers reignite row between PTI, PML-N	Political
100	6 April	Rescue work hampered by continuing rain, landslides	Local
101	7 April	16 'militants' killed in Kalat gunbattle	Local
102	8 April	People facing food, fuel shortages in GB	Local
103	9 April	Three killed in Karachi sectarian attack	Local
104	10 April	34 suspected militants killed in Kalat	Local
105	11 April	Three killed, kidnapped boy recovered	Local
106	12 April	Sharifs come under fire for making investments through offshore firms	Local

107	13 April	timing of PM's UK visit has tongues wagging	Political
108	14 April	Afridi, Malik say they never felt security threat in India	World
109	15 April	Maryam unhappy with PML-N response	Political
110	16 April	OIC assails Iran for 'supporting terrorism	World
111	17 April	Two fishermen held over 'RAW links' in Karachi	Local
112	18 April	Iran vows to defend Muslim states	World
113	19 April	Two jailed for life in Kasur child abuse case	Local
114	20 April	PM hints at probe into funds collected by Imran	Political
115	21 April	Seven policemen guarding polio workers shot dead	Local
116	22 April	Police claim killing three 'TTP militants'	World
117	23 April	Acting CJP may not take decision on commission	Local
118	24 April	Panama probe on hold in absence of CJP, consensus	Political
119	25 April	PTI minority leader held in Swat over Singh's murder	Political
120	26 April	Gay rights activist hacked to death in Bangladesh	World
121	27 April	Move to resuscitate Afghan peace talks under way: FO	World
122	28 April	Brahamdagh Bugti to seek asylum in India	World
123	29 April	PPP leaders not named in JIT report on Uzair Baloch	Political
124	30 April	TV channel's 'sting operation' causes uproar in Sindh PA	World