



Press Release

**UN News Urdu Version is a most welcome development; expand
United Nation's outreach: Ambassador Munir Akram**

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The United Nations has launched the Urdu version of UN News recently.

Welcoming this development, Ambassador Munir Akram, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations said that the launch of the UN Version of Urdu News will expand the UN's outreach to a wide range of Urdu speaking audience and promote the diversity of its communications in the multiplicity of languages.

Ambassador Akram also deeply appreciated the Department of Global Communication for supporting Pakistan's pioneering efforts towards promoting multilingualism and the diversity of UN's communities in order to maximize UN's noble objectives and priorities all across the world especially those related to human rights, climate change and development.

The Urdu version of UN News website is now Live on the following link: <https://news.un.org/ur/> as a dedicated website in Urdu language.

The website is regularly populated with fresh and updated contents managed by a dedicated UN News multimedia producer who creates digital content and publishes audiovisual updates and stories drawn from developments across the UN System, as opposed to just translated content on this website.

The content creation follows standard editorial guidelines of UN News and more broadly of the Department of Global Communication, United Nations.

The feature of UN Radio is also accessible in Urdu through the web link. The website contains information related to the Secretary General's activities and the most recent articles published across the UN News website.

UN News produces daily news content in six official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish through a regular budget. In addition the content was produced in only a few non-official languages such as Kiswahili, Portuguese, and Hindi.

According to 2022 estimates by Ethnologue, Urdu is the 10th-most widely spoken language in the world, with 230 million total speakers.

The content in Urdu is a welcome addition.