Women's Newsletter

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Increased maternity leave

DAWN Editorial (April 30, 2018)

WOMEN'S empowerment is a concept with many moving parts. Adequate maternity leave is one of those elements, and it has received scant attention by policymakers in Pakistan. Women should not be 'handicapped' in the workplace by the traditional expectations ... Read More

Call for women empowerment

DAWN (April 28, 2018)

SHANGLA: Local lawyers on Friday called for empowering women by giving them their due rights enshrined in the constitution. They were speaking at a session organised by Al-Wakeel Foundation in collaboration with Nida-Pakistan in Bisham here. Pakistan ... Read More

Women listed as inventors in third of Global patent filings: UN

The Express Tribune (April 26, 2018)

GENEVA: The UN on Thursday hailed a significant increase in women listed as inventors in global patent filings over the past decade, but warned a pronounced gender gap remained. New data from the World Intellectual Property Organization showed that women were ... Read More

A tear in the canvas

The News by Kamila Hyat (April 26, 2018)

We like to see ourselves as a harmonious, perhaps almost perfect, society. Some amongst us at least imagine that religion and tradition drive our lives, keeping us and our youth safe from the 'decadence' that they believe has taken over the West and its communities ... Read More

'The Sensational Life and Death of Qandeel Baloch' gets a release date

Express Tribune (April 26, 2018)

Journalist and author Sanam Maher's upcoming book on Qandeel Baloch is set to hit shelves on May 10. Titled The Sensational Life and Death of Qandeel Baloch, the book has been tipped as one of the most-awaited reads ... Read More

Ajoka Theatre founder Madeeha Gohar passes away

Express Tribune (April 26, 2018)

Madeeha Gohar, the founder and artistic director of renowned Lahore-based performing arts group Ajoka Theatre, passed away early today morning at Doctors Hospital in Lahore. Her funeral will be held later in the evening. Madeeha had been battling against ... Read More

She was a sift target with big international impact

Express Tribune (April 24, 2018)

KARACHI: She never looked back – no matter how great the danger was. She never flinched while raising her voice against injustice, be it by the state or anyone else. ... Read More

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Indian women's visa extended for six months

Express Tribune (April 24, 2018)

LAHORE: The Home Ministry has extended the visa of an Indian woman, Kiran Bala, for the next six months. Approval for the visa extension of the woman, who after converting to Islam has taken the name Amna, ... Read More

Of consent and copyrights: Women lodge 90% complaints in FIA Cybercrime Circle

Express Tribune (April 9, 2018)

KARACHI: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) released the performance report of the first quarter of 2018, which showed women as victims in a staggering 90% of the cases reported to the Cybercrime Circle in Lahore. ... Read More

Need for women's awareness of their legal rights highlighted

DAWN by Shazia Hassan (April 7, 2018)

KARACHI: The importance of women knowing and understanding the law and their legal rights was highlighted during a special programme, 'Recognising Rights of Women in Prison' organised by the Committee ... Read More

Gender non-conformists and Marvia Malik

Pakistan Today by Yasmeen Aftab Ali (April 3, 2018)

Born to a father who is a lawyer based in London, a mother who passed away when she was four, rejected by her immediate family, given education till matric, Marvia Malik was then on her own seeking a decent ... Read More

Lithuanian women meets her children after seven years

DAWN (April 3, 2018)

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court (SC) on Monday arranged a meeting of a Lithuanian women with her children after she had petitioned in court for their custody. Maimouna Liskauskaite was meeting her children for ... Read More

Play staged to discourage violence against women

The News (April 3, 2018)

PESHAWAR: A play was staged on Monday to raise awareness about violence against women and highlight issues facing them. Lawmaker Meraj Humayun Khan, who recently quit the Qaumi Watan Party and joined the ... Read More

Asma Nawab case: Women accused of killing family acquitted after 20 years

Express Tribune (April 3, 2018)

Bringing an end to a 20-year long case, the Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered the release of Asma Nawab, accused of murdering her parents and brother. In 1998, Asma Nawab was alleged to have orchestrated the ... Read More

Dozens participate in all-women bike rallies across Pakistan

DAWN (April 2, 2018)

ISLAMABAD: The third annual bike rally by Girls at Dhabas started off on Sunday. The rally is an initiative aimed at collectively asserting a woman's right to navigate and hence reclaim public spaces on her terms. ... Read More