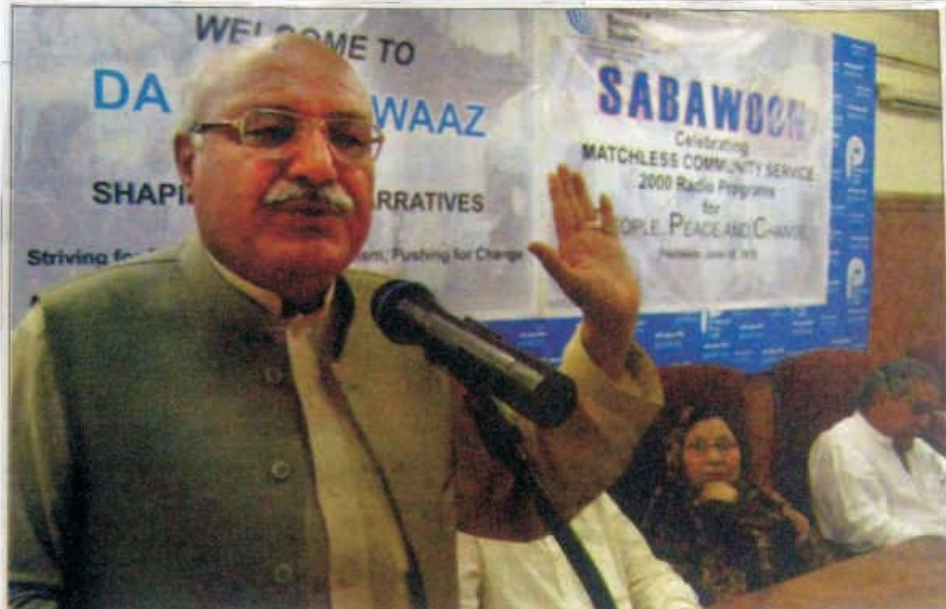


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PROVINCIAL Information Minister Mian Iftikhar addresses a function held at Peshawar Press Club on Tuesday to mark the first anniversary of 'Sabawoon' community radio programme. —White Star

Terrorists beset with internal rift: minister

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR, June 19: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Information Mian Iftikhar Hussain has said that terrorists are facing internal differences so they will be unable to complete their anti-state agenda.

He said that government was ready to hold talks with militants for establishment of durable peace in the country as it was essential for development and progress.

However, he added that strict action would be taken against them if they refused to hold negotiations and challenged the writ of the government.

"We have two options - either to launch a clean up operation against militants or face worse situation than the past," the minister said.

He was addressing the inauguration ceremony of *Da Aman Awaz*, a community radio programme of Centre for Research and Security

Studies (CRSS), and anniversary of *Sabawoon* programme at Peshawar Press Club on Tuesday.

He said that programmes like *Sabawoon* and *Da Aman Awaz* were meant for social reforms and public awareness.

"The voice for tolerance and peace should be raised through *Da Aman Awaz* to present a true picture of Pakhtun culture. Radio programmes should contain authentic and unbiased information," the minister said.

On behalf of the government, he assured CRSS of any possible help.

Mr Hussain said that CRSS was contributing in peace building in the society and providing quality programme in shape of *Sabawoon*. "The coming era is an era of radio," he claimed.

He said that peace loving people were their friends but those, who were disturbing peace, would be dealt with an

iron hand.

Addressing on the occasion, social activist Dr Begum Jan said that role of women was very important in a society. She added that radio could play an important role in amelioration of Pakhtun women.

She said that tribal region had been neglected by both democratic and military governments since the creation of the country. "That's why economic situation is the worst in Fata," she added.

Abaseen Yousafzai said that Pakhtun was a talented nation but owing to lack of education and sincere leadership it had lost direction.

Earlier, the audience while commenting on different issues being faced by Pakhtuns lauded the positive role of community radio stations.

Dr Raj Wali Shah Khattak, Intiaz Gul, Asif Orakzai and Shams Mohmand also spoke on the occasion.

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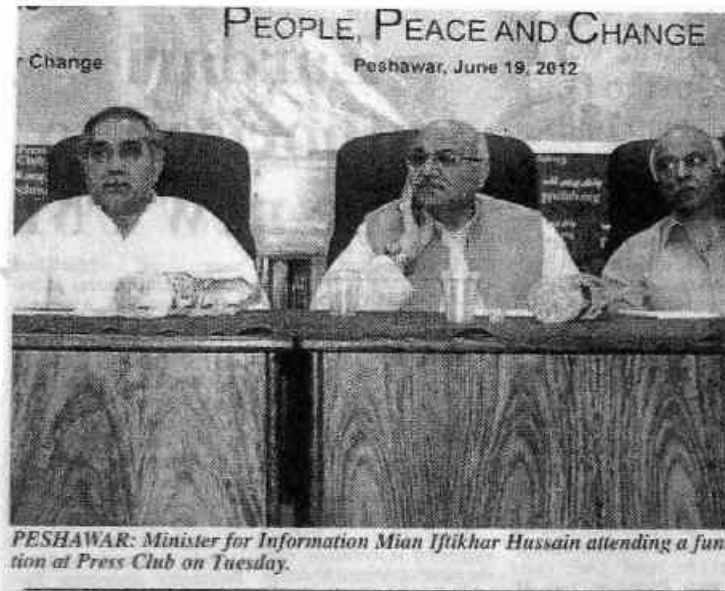
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PESHAWAR: Minister for Information Mian Iftikhar Hussain attending a function at Press Club on Tuesday.

Radio powerful, cheap tool of information: Iftikhar

Says militants should accept peace offer or face strict action

F.P. Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Information and Public Relations, Mian Iftikhar Hussain on Tuesday said that government was ready for talks with militants for the sake of peace and warned strict action if the offer was not reciprocated.

"For the sake of peace, we are ready to hold talks with anyone who accept writ of the government," he said while addressing a seminar on completion of one year of Sabaon Programme under aegis of Central Research and Security Studies-Media Production and starting of voice of peace programme here at Press Club. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that Pakhtuns are a peace loving nation and against terrorism.

To eliminate scourge of terrorism and militancy, the Minister said Pakistan, Afghanistan and US should restore their confidence in each other besides coming up forward with clear

agenda of dialogue.

To achieve tangible results, he said terrorists should also be given opportunity to take part in dialogue process through their representative Jirga.

In case of failure of negotiations, he said, Pakistan, US and Afghanistan should take strict action against terrorists without any discrimination. The Minister said Pakistan and Pakhtuns have paid a heavy price in war against terrorism and would continue to offer more sacrifices for elimination of terrorism. The Minister said the struggle of ANP will continue till elimination of last terrorist.

The Minister said radio is the best tool of communication with vast listeners especially in rural areas where the facilities of TV transmission and newspapers are not available.

He said Radio has enormous potential of communication to a wide range audience, especially with the mushrooming of FM radio stations throughout the country and

access to radio through the internet.

The Minister said the power of community radio is to mobilize groups and bring change to societies. Community radio is generally the best tool for spreading information to illiterate and poor communities, as it requires neither reading skills nor money to buy newspapers, he added.

The Minister said over the past several decades, radio had been the best medium as extensively in developing societies. Especially in rural areas radio performed best medium of providing information, education and entertainment to diverse target groups i.e farmers, rural mothers, illiterates, primary school children in provision of formal and non formal education, agriculture, health, family planning, community development and nutrition information.

Radio also has the advantage of being easy tool to 'bring to life' development issues, events and activities, thus often

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