

Awami National Party's

Elections Manifesto

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The purpose of this Manifesto is to inform the public about the aims and objectives of the Awami National Party (ANP) so that voters in the forthcoming General Elections will know clearly what the Party stands for. The manifesto does not purport to be a detailed programme of action. It seeks only to describe the spirit that motivates the Party and the overall principles that will govern its policies, should it be called upon to serve the people of Pakistan, either singly or in partnership with others.

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THE PREAMBLE

The Awami National Party (ANP) draws its inspiration from the example and teachings of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, affectionately known to his people as Baacha Khan. With peace and non violence as his guiding principles, he spent his entire life in the ceaseless and unrelenting struggle in the cause of freedom and justice, and against all kinds of injustice, oppression and exploitation. He and his Khudai Khidmatgars supplied the vanguard of the tremendously demanding fight for the liberation of South Asia against the great imperial and colonial power of the day, and rendered, in that path, sacrifices which were matchless and which have remained a beacon for those who seek justice and rights. He aimed and strove not only to liberate the masses of South Asia, particularly his own people, the Pakhtuns, from the shackles of foreign domination, oppression and exploitation, but also to rid his own people of the curse of poverty, ignorance, harmful customs and biases, internal disharmony and political inertia. He wanted both political and social justice for all peoples and nations, and wished that all peoples and nations should live in freedom, with internal peace and justice, and with mutual accommodation and cooperation on International level. In sum, in Bacha Khan's scheme of things politics and public service was two sides of the same coin.

In keeping with this spirit, the ANP, like its predecessors, the NAP (National Awami Party) and the NDP (National Democratic Party), considers politics and public service essentially as two complementary and indispensable branches of the same activity. Hence, the party is dedicated to the promotion of democracy and freedom, the eradication of poverty and ignorance, the protection of all basic human rights and liberties, and the fulfilment of the genuine and legitimate aspirations of all groups and strata of the society-particularly the weak, the disadvantaged and the dispossessed.

The ANP firmly believes in peace and non violence and stands against extremism and violence in all its forms. It believes that dialogue is the best way to resolve all issues.

The ANP is for equal opportunities for all citizens without discrimination and bias. The ANP is committed to securing for all the federating units of Pakistan their full political social and economic rights as equal partners in the federation and their full share in the national progress and prosperity.

The ANP opposes parochial interpretation of religion and customs and uphold Bacha Khan's discourse of human dignity, pluralism and indigenous wisdom and identity through large scale awareness movement.

In the pursuit of these goals, the ANP is ready to work together with like-minded forces in Pakistan and to subscribe to partnerships with all peace loving countries of the world.

I. Internal Affairs

The ANP considers extremism and terrorism a threat to the very existence of the country. It has sacrificed more than 700 party members in the struggle for peace and security in the past 5 years. The Party is committed to Peace in the country and will not let the sacrifices of the people of Pakistan, security agencies and especially ANP's members go in vain.

1. Peace and Security

- i. ANP will oppose all forms of violations of the country's sovereignty and integrity.
- ii. ANP is committed to evolve a national consensus to transform the state from a merely security state into a democratically developing welfare state.
- iii. ANP believes security and foreign policies are the primary responsibility of the public representatives. A process for review of the security and foreign policies would be initiated both within the Parliament and outside to enable the transformation of the state.
- iv. ANP will ensure that state implements its writ in FATA and purge it from all sorts of terror networks.
- v. ANP will evolve a consensus on integration of FATA and PATA in the mainstream, with a comprehensive political, social and economic reform plan;
- vi. ANP will seek negotiations with all those who recognize the writ of the state and renounce violence. However, those who are not prepared to do so will face an effective and meaningful action.
- vii. ANP believes in a holistic security approach and mechanism based on professional and well coordinated intelligence organized on modern lines as a key to addressing the root causes of extremism, sectarianism and terrorism. ANP will review and reform the security policies and strategies to bring it in line with modern security requirements.
- viii. ANP will continue its efforts to establish and strengthen rule of law and justice for all.
- ix. ANP will evolve a standard policy for compensation, including a comprehensive public insurance policy, for victims of sectarianism, terrorism and violence. The policy will be extended to FATA where the people have been hardest hit by terrorism and extremism..
- x. ANP will establish a Martyrs Cell in the Provinces and FATA to ensure well being of the families of the Martyrs of terrorism and extremism.

2. Political, Legal and Administrative

ANP will strive for the establishment of a peaceful, prosperous, progressive and liberal society based on the following:-

- i. ANP will continue to focus on strengthening the democratic process, rule of law and access to justice.
- ii. ANP will continue its struggle against xenophobia and religious extremism that is pushing the country into isolation and a closed society.
- iii. ANP is committed to elimination of discrimination of any kind based on race, religion, creed or gender. Every citizen of Pakistan shall have equal rights and opportunities in the political, economic and social sense.
- iv. ANP believes that every citizen shall have the right to hold any public office including the offices of the President and Prime Minister.
- v. All discriminatory laws shall be repealed. The essence of security will be guaranteed among the religious and ethnic minorities.
- vi. ANP will ensure protection of the rights and identities of the peoples of the four Provinces, FATA, Gilgit Baltistan, ensuring unrestricted freedom for the development of their cultures and languages.
- vii. ANP has consistently opposed all forms of oppression and violence against the people of Balochistan. Simultaneously, ANP wants to ensure that the Baloch and Pashtun along with other ethnic and social groups are empowered and have fair share in the resources and governance in the Province.
- viii. ANP considers holding local government elections as a high priority for strengthening the democratic process and improving access and quality of services at the door steps. It will support and strengthen the Local government system and ensure increase of women's seats.
- ix. Freedom of association and of speech shall be guaranteed, as shall the freedom of and right to information in letter and spirit.
- x. ANP is committed to Provincial Autonomy with the centre retaining control of defence, foreign affairs, currency, communications and such other subjects which the federating units agree to in the Council of Common Interest. ANP will ensure full implementation of the 18th Constitutional Amendment, particularly with regards to oil, gas, water and power, energy, health and education. ANP will build on policies of devolution of powers to the Provinces that were started during the last 3 years.
- xi. ANP believes in fair and just distribution of water resources particularly of the Indus river system. It will strongly oppose usurpation of water rights of the Provinces.

- xii. ANP is committed to rationalizing of defence expenditures to levels which do not jeopardize economic and social welfare of the people of Pakistan.
- xiii. Moreover it will ensure that the services of trained personnel of the armed forces like doctors, teachers, engineers, skilled and semi-skilled workers shall be utilized for productive purposes whenever and wherever required and these services shall be performed on a non-profit basis.
- xiv. ANP opposes any interference in politics by civil and military bureaucracy. ANP upholds the basic principle that all institutions shall work within their Constitutional limits.
- xv. ANP shall ensure Parliament and Parliamentary Committees role in stringent accountability of the executive and in nominations and endorsements of senior level positions especially ambassadors, judges of the superior judiciary, chairperson and members of commissions and boards of public corporations etc.
- xvi. Federal civil servants posted to the Province will be appointed with the consent of the Provincial government. The Provincial government will have complete control over all officials serving in the Province.
- xvii. At the Federal level, ANP will continue to strive for the Provinces rightful share of appointments at all levels.
- xviii. ANP shall strive for the abolishment of parallel legal and quasi-legal systems so as to ensure a uniform, integrated judicial system in the country.
- xix. ANP shall support efforts of federating units which wish to reorganize on the basis of historic, cultural, linguistic and geographical similarities in accordance with the constitution.
- xx. A comprehensive package of economic, social and legal measures shall be proposed to protect workers, labour rights and interests.
- xxi. ANP will ensure protection of rights, development and welfare of people with disabilities. ANP shall strive for their meaningful participation in decision making at all levels. It will make serious effort to improve safety and accessibility for them in public and work places and will ensure implementation of existing quotas in letter and spirit. .
- xxii. Efforts shall be made to narrow the difference in salaries between the highest and lowest paid government employees so as to reach an optimal ratio of 5:1. Salaries, benefits and minimum wage shall be indexed to the cost of living.
- xxiii. Contracting the services of retired government servants shall, as a rule, not be allowed. Where it is essential, in the public interest, written reasons shall be given and these shall be justiciable.
- xxiv. Benefits, subsidies and privileges granted to former rulers of States, their dependents or other special classes of citizens shall be abolished.

- xxv. The elimination of bribery and corruption, black-marketing, smuggling and other social evils shall be given the top-most priority and a permanent, independent authority shall be established to enforce accountability’.
- xxvi. The privacy of citizens in domestic matters and in communications shall be ensured. Wire-tapping, censorship, and entry into private premises without legal authority shall be prohibited.

3. Social, Economic & Financial Reforms

One of the primary duties of the state is provision of a better life for the people. Political rights and freedoms have to be accompanied by advancement in the social and economic spheres. Poverty, disease and illiteracy have to be eliminated and social justice ensured. High population growth, huge non development and military expenditures and heavy domestic and external debt servicing have contributed to the low social, economic and human development indicators.

1. Social and Economic Reforms

ANP will pursue social and economic policies along the following lines to address the social and economic challenges faced by the country:

- i. ANP considers evolving a political will and consensus imperative for setting economic and institutional reforms agenda to effectively address the country’s economic, social and energy crises.
- ii. ANP considers economic growth with equity between different social classes, gender, rural and urban areas, and between the Provinces as indispensable for eradicating poverty and improving human development indicators.
- iii. ANP will ensure the decisions of the Council of Common Interests in respect, to hydel profits accruing to the Provinces is implemented in letter and spirit.
- iv. In view of new oil and gas discoveries, particularly in Pukhtunkhwa, new royalty rates will be negotiated to generate more resources for the development of the Provinces in accordance with the 18th amendment of the Constitution.
- v. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Gas Company initiated by the ANP led Pakhtunkhwa government shall be taken to its logical conclusion and similar initiatives will be considered in other Provinces as well.
- vi. Alternate sources of energy including coal, run of the river, solar and wind shall be explored.
- vii. Provincial resources were reduced, when the Federal Government took away cantonment property taxes from the provinces without relieving it of the responsibility for provision of infrastructure and services and the maintenance of law and order. The federation will be urged to pay for these services through the Council of Common Interest.

- viii. Many large organizations like the National Highway Authority, the Civil Aviation Authority and others were taken out of the purview of the National Economic Council. The result was that equity in distribution of funds and projects cannot be maintained. ANP will bring these under the Council of Common Interest to ensure equity.
- ix. The ravages of terrorism and extremism for several decades have damaged the country's resource base and infrastructure, especially in FATA and Pakhtunkhwa. ANP will strive for rehabilitation of natural resources and infrastructure as a priority.
- x. ANP will support public sector development and explore public private partnership wherever possible to ensure cost effective and quality services.
- xi. ANP will encourage and protect foreign investment and offer special incentives in this regard.
- xii. ANP will continue to develop safety nets in the line of Bacha Khan Employment, Technical Training and Rural Development Schemes initiated by the ANP led Pakhtunkhwa government and will replicate these programmes in other Provinces.
- xiii. ANP will focus attention on improvement of Industrial and agricultural productivity through adoption of new technologies, more efficient techniques for production, human resource development, and lower inflation.
- xiv. Threats of extremism, terrorism and targeted killing have had negative implications for the economy. ANP will continue its efforts to deal with the root causes of violence, sectarianism and extremism to revive the economy;
- xv. Land grabbing in Gwadar and other parts of Balochistan, Karachi and other parts of the country will be dealt with firmly and Provincial resources will be developed in accordance with the will of the people.

2. Fiscal & Tax Reform

- i. ANP will increase the Tax to GDP ratio from the current low level to a minimum of 15%.
- ii. To increase the tax base the party shall impose taxes that tap the wealth and incomes of the rich rather than burden the less well to do. Direct tax net will be increased to 70% and tax collection shall be improved on a priority basis.
- iii. ANP believes that incomes from all sources should be taxed and any exemptions provided should be abolished. Incomes from agriculture, real estate dealings, defence related businesses, property of defence personnel in cantonments and incomes from speculative markets etc shall be brought in the tax ambit.
- iv. ANP will review government expenditures so that inefficiency, waste and corruption is eliminated and transparency and accountability ensured.

- v. The debt burden has crippled the economy. Debt servicing has become the single largest item of expenditure in the government budget reflecting the combined impact of surge in the volume of domestic and foreign debt, rise in domestic interest rates and depreciation of rupee. The debt management strategy has ignored the efficient and effective use of the borrowed funds. This is largely due to corruption, capital flight, adverse impacts of loans on domestic savings and spending on consumption rather than investment items. ANP will address these challenge as follows:
1. Adhere to fiscal responsibility and debt limitation act;
 2. Top priority would be given to payment of expensive debts to make the overall burden manageable;
 3. Write off or reschedule payments to improve the repayment problem;
 4. Domestic savers and foreign investors would be encouraged to invest in the country;
 5. Maintain credit worthiness;
 6. Diversify borrowing by investing in both short and long term securities;
 7. Reduce trade deficit to a sustainable level and make special efforts to boost the country's exports and remittances;
 8. Being an agro based economy, policy focus will be on the development of agriculture and agriculture related businesses;
 9. Trade deficit would be reduced mainly through reducing the existing trust deficit and improving quality standards;
 10. Expand regional trade in particular with Afghanistan. The present two main road links (Torkham and Speen Boldak) are insufficient to cater for the growing trade between the two countries. At least ten more roads and rail links will be built to enhance bilateral trade;
 11. Invest in different traditional crafts in the socio economically backward areas of the country to enable workers to create employment for themselves;
 12. Expand the share of manufacturing sector from the present 19% of the GDP to almost 30% within the next 10 years.
 13. State corporations will be made more efficient, transparent and corruption within these institutions will be dealt with severely.
 14. Necessary steps will be taken to modernize the industrial sector to reduce cost of manufacturing. Export duty will be decreased and speculative business will be discouraged, besides developing an infrastructure to bring back the economy on the right track;
 15. ANP will ensure that the government assume responsibilities of creating the right kind of incentive structures to stop the decline in manufacturing output. Focusing mainly on quality of human capital

formation and building appropriate technological capabilities through increased investments in industrial research and development;

16. Will ensure large scale investment in energy sector in collaboration with the Provincial governments to kick start the development of hydel power, gas and oil and other sources of energy in the country.

4. Provincial Autonomy

i. Education

The education system of Pakistan suffers from the malaise of both access and quality. Post 18th Amendment the State is obligated to provide free education for boys and girls up to 16 years. ANP believes that education is instrumental in dealing with the threats of terrorism, extremism and bigotry. ANP led coalition Government in Pakhtunkhwa's main focus in the past 5 years has been on improving access and quality of education.

To improve access to education for all ANP will work towards the following:

1. Will allocate a minimum of 6% of GDP to education.
2. Will work to eliminate multiple systems of education that protect and perpetuate class and feudal interests. Will work on a single system which meets international standards.
3. Will build a monitored and accountable network of primary and secondary schools in areas that are easily accessible to children especially girls.
4. Will ensure basic facilities in existing primary and secondary schools.
5. Will remain committed to rebuilding better all schools bombed by terrorists.
6. Will de-bureaucratize and decentralize educational governance and work towards eliminating political interference and corruption in the education sector.
7. Will establish education task force to provide oversight both in terms of access and governance.
8. Classrooms and teachers students' ratio will be rationalized.
9. All high schools will be upgraded to higher secondary schools (12 years of education).
10. Will build on the existing concept of elected Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) with financial freedom for infrastructure development and academic audit to ensure participation of parents in achievement of academic excellence in the Provinces.
11. Merit and need based scholarships will be available for public schools students especially for girls students.
12. Special incentives will be given to students in remote districts.
13. ANP will ensure stringent regulation of private educational institutions.
14. Each district will have at least one college with degree awarding status and each district will be provided opportunity to establish its own university.

15. Vocational centres providing market based skills will be established and strengthened with certified staff in all sectors of local labour industry to provide suitable options for students who are unable to acquire a professional degree.
16. Universities will be declared centres of excellence in research offering MS, PhD and other research projects with academic linkages with local and international institutions.
17. Merit based research fellowships will be awarded to MS and PhD students in public universities.
18. Provincial Higher Education Commissions will be established and strengthened.

To improve quality of education ANP will ensure the following:

1. Will continue to review and purify curriculum from hate literature and unwarranted glorification of wars so as to make it more creative and skills oriented.
2. Civic, cultural, peace and environmental education will be made part and parcel of all school curricula.
3. Curricula will incorporate local history and indigenous creative, aesthetic, social, political and cultural icons and legends.
4. Will de-monopolize textbooks publication.
5. Teachers trainings will be based on research oriented modern concepts of child centred education.
6. Assessment and evaluation (examination) will be rationalized and computerized.
7. Education in mother tongue along with research oriented second language and foreign languages will be taught.
8. Recruitment, evaluation and promotion of teaching faculty will be carried out strictly on merit basis.
9. Regulation of private education institutions will be rationally and objectively implemented.
10. Quality teachers training will be institutionalized and promotions linked to training certification.

ii. Health

1. ANP will ensure improved access and quality of health services for all citizens. In this respect various options including insurance schemes, regulation and/or support to the private health sector shall be considered.
2. ANP will allocate at least 6 percent of the GDP to health.
3. ANP will work towards decentralization of health services to bring them closer to the door step with special emphasis on improvement of rural health services.

4. ANP's emphasis will be on mother and child healthcare, provision of clean drinking water and preventive medicines.
5. ANP will give emphasis on primary health care (PHC) and will provide firm and good foundation for the establishment of secondary and tertiary care.
6. ANP will seek public and private sector partnership, particularly for primary health care.
7. ANP will institute special health care insurance packages and incentives for senior citizens.
8. ANP will ensure full participation of the community in primary health care and will provide incentives for health staff especially those working in remote areas.
9. ANP will focus on upgrading and better equipping BHU, RHC to provide good foundation for the health delivery system.
10. Mortality and morbidity rates from common infectious diseases will be reduced to minimum by providing preventive and curative basic measures at the primary health care levels.
11. ANP will introduce family medical registration form and record keeping system at each BHU and RHC levels. It will also introduce proper referral system of medical cases to the secondary and tertiary care levels with proper transportation facility on no loss no profit basis.
12. It will ensure continuous health education for all the health care staff i.e. Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics and health technicians. ANP will setup district level institutions for Nurses, male & female, paramedics and health technicians training linked to District Hospitals.
13. ANP will ensure coordination between public health sectors i.e. Health Department, Public Health Engineering, and industrial and environmental departments.
14. It will ensure liaison between medical institutions, health departments, and private health sectors to ensure a balance between demand and supply of all health staff and health facilities.
15. ANP will ensure quality control and stringent regulation of private medical services and institutions.
16. ANP will establish fully functional burn and trauma hospitals initially at provincial headquarters and later at each divisional level.

iii. Population Planning and Well-being

ANP stands committed to ensuring well being of all citizens and to addressing on a priority basis the rapidly increasing population and its adverse effects on quality of life. The ANP led Pakhtunkhwa government passed comprehensive women and child protection legislation. ANP is committed to the following:

1. Will ensure a holistic, cross sectoral and integrated approach to population planning and well-being, linking programmes and initiatives with health, education, nutrition, environment, skills development and poverty eradication etc.;

2. Will ensure that public and private programmes are focussed on mother and child's health and well-being as of highest priority;
3. Will work towards stabilizing and reducing population growth to 1 percent by 2020;
4. Will double the per capita expenditure on public sector spending on population planning and well-being;
5. Will improve quality and access of services especially ensuring better rural outreach for access to high quality birth spacing services.
6. Will institutionalize training of community women health workers and birth attendants and link their services with the Basic Health Units;
7. Will ensure community support in implementation and monitoring of programmes;
8. Will institutionalize a credible mechanism for research and monitoring at the Provincial levels;
9. Will launch communication campaign addressing men, women, families and community to promote mother and child health and well being;
10. Will extend social security and retirement benefits to support parents in old age;
11. Will invest in skills development, recreational and employment opportunities for the youth population.

iv. Youth Development & Employment

1. ANP is committed to youth development and creation of suitable employment opportunities.
2. ANP will have special incentives for youth such as academic scholarships, exchange visits and trainings both nationally and internationally.
3. ANP shall focus on skills development and vocational training at an early stage.
4. ANP will also give special emphasis to providing opportunities to youth for creative learning, art and culture, recreation and sports.
5. Special attention will be paid to addressing the problem of the educated unemployed. Facilities like internship, placement bureaus and advisory organizations will be provided to help them find jobs. Comprehensive projects for self-employment would also be given a priority.
6. ANP will develop a cadre of youth volunteers in each district trained in disaster mitigation and management.

v Labour and Workers Rights

1. ANP believes trade unions are critical in protecting labour rights, safety standards and in ensuring better living standards and opportunities for

- workers. ANP will continue to support trade unions and will review and amend any laws that restrict formation or working of trade unions.
2. ANP is committed to the protection of rights of workers employed in the informal sector and will ensure their rights to a safe working environment and employment benefits.
 3. ANP will ensure workers access to improved health care, education, skills development and holidays.
 4. ANP will revise and facilitate implementation of labour laws to ensure safe and secure working environment in both formal and informal sectors.
 5. ANP will regularly review and set minimum wage and workers benefits comparable to cost of living and inflation rates.

vi. Agriculture, Livestock and poultry development

Agriculture sector is the single largest component of Pakistan's GDP with 25 percent contribution. The progress of agriculture sector provides a sound base for economic development. Approx. 50 per cent of the labour force is employed in the agriculture sector and 70 per cent of population subsists on agriculture. Hence Agriculture sector development will be of top priority.

1. Livestock is a major contributor in this sector. ANP will give special attention to this sector because of its large scale impact on poverty reduction, nutrition and economic growth.
2. Poultry farming has made positive gains in the country. Similarly, the sale of dairy products and live animals for urban consumption are an additional source of income for the farmer. ANP will take measures to build on this strength in each of the Provinces. ANP will also promote hygienic processing and packaging of poultry and dairy products for export purposes.
3. Potential of pastureland will be explored in each Province and exploited to benefit the farmers.
4. Vast potential exists for diversification of agriculture into high value cash crops like fruits, vegetables, flowers, edible oil and crops like olives etc. Incentives will be given to grow these commercially.
5. Major reforms will be brought to develop wheat, maize and tobacco. Industries based on these products will be developed.
6. Modern farming techniques will be introduced especially techniques that help reduce the use of water for irrigation purposes.
7. Will encourage and invest in agriculture research and development.

vii. Industrial & technical advancement

1. ANP will accelerate large scale industrial development. Investment will be promoted especially in industries based on oil and gas, water and power and alternate energy sources.
2. Large scope exists in the extraction and polishing of marble, gemstones and mineral processing. ANP will encourage investment in these industries.
3. Special emphasis will be laid on food preservation and processing industry so as to increase the incomes of fruit and vegetable farmers.

viii. Art and Culture

1. Will preserve and promote cultural heritage through a comprehensive culture mapping.
2. Will expand space for creative cultural expression through encouraging cultural practitioners, art and literary organizations.
3. Will promote indigenous sports, folklore and indigenous languages through establishment of Arts Councils and Community Cultural Associations.
4. Will introduce Culture Education into public education.
5. Will encourage, support and promote fine arts, performing arts and visual media, as part of a wider cultural legacy in a historical as well as contemporary context.
6. ANP will encourage thoughts and aspirations of artists, intellectuals, poets writers, artisans, architects and all others related with cultural activities while retaining the integrity of cultural diversity in different parts of the Provinces.
7. ANP will study the devastation inflicted on indigenous culture by extremism and terrorism and will take effective steps for its rehabilitation and restoration.
8. Will take necessary steps for protection of sites of spiritual significance and highlight respect and reverence for all belief systems, religions and sects.
9. Will encourage civil society's cultural initiatives like cultural exchange programmes, exhibitions and growth of public-private partnerships to support arts and culture.
10. Will discourage copyright piracy, provide material incentives, employment, support and exposure, in view of competitive global trends eroding local art, culture and values.
11. Will continuously make efforts to develop and strengthen the implementation framework for Culture Policy with a view of the post 18th amendment scenario, including setting up of administrative machinery and funding allocation for annual plans and recurring positions.

ix. Environment

1. ANP will lay special emphasis on the protection of our natural environment and promotion of biodiversity.
2. Will ensure improved access to clean air, drinking water, waste management systems, sanitation and open spaces.

3. ANP will also urgently address the problems of safe disposal of hospital, industrial and other toxic waste.
4. ANP will focus on improvement of urban waste management system.
5. ANP will increase the safe drinking water supply coverage and increase sanitation facilities.
6. Will double the forest cover including state-owned, private forest and farmlands, as percentage of the total land area.
7. High priority will be given to cleaning of rivers.
8. Will increase land area protected for the conservation of wildlife.
9. Provincial Environmental Protection Agencies & tribunals will be strengthened to effectively monitor and act against environmental violations.
10. ANP will focus on fuel efficient, comfortable, reliable and low cost intra and inter-city public transport system.
11. ANP will proactively explore and support alternate energy sources especially solar and run of the river energy.

x. Sports & Tourism

1. Sports facilities and activities will be made compulsory in all schools and colleges for both boys and girls.
2. Provincial, National and International sports tournaments will be facilitated and their security ensured.
3. Sports and recreational complexes will be set up in all districts with special facilities for women.
4. ANP will promote traditional and local sport.
5. ANP will encourage public-private partnership in protecting, restoring and promoting heritage and religious sites.
6. ANP will invest in infrastructure and security to facilitate and encourage tourism in the country.

xi. Information and Communication

1. ANP is committed to freedom of expression and right to information and communication.
2. ANP will bring transparency in blocking and censorship policies.
3. ANP will legislate to ensure right to information and communication.
4. ANP will facilitate Provincial governments in setting up and running Provincial television channels and radio stations independently.

II. Human Rights

1. Women's Rights and Empowerment

Pakistan's women are trapped in a web of dependency and subordination due to their low social, economic, and political status. The majority of women suffer from all forms discrimination and violence. There are inherent structural impediments that prevent and discourage women from participating in the decision making process and this perpetuates their disadvantaged status. Although Pakistan has made commitments at the National and International levels to ensure women's rights, there is a wide gap between commitment and implementation.

The ANP is committed to gender equality. In light of its vision, constitution and policies, the party will work towards ensuring women's rights and empowerment through the following:

1. Will continue efforts to increase Women's Participation in decision-making at all levels to a minimum of 33% representation in Political Parties, Parliament, Provincial Assemblies, local government, public services, superior judiciary, public commissions and boards etc.
2. Will evolve consensus on direct elections for women to all elected positions including on reserved seats/quota, as the party believes that there is no substitute for direct elections.
3. Will provide women meaningful and requisite technical and financial support to enable them to participate effectively in all spheres of life.
4. ANP pledges equal access and opportunities to employment for women and will take effective administrative steps to ensure implementation of the existing 10% quota for women.
5. Will ensure effective implementation of legislations enacted for women's rights and empowerment.
6. Will continue efforts to repeal all discriminatory laws and policies that infringe on the equal rights of women and their participation in decision making within the state, family, community and society.
7. Will continue efforts for the promulgation of the pending domestic violence legislation and trafficking in women.
8. Will comply with existing international conventions/instruments ratified by Pakistan addressing violence against women and ratify the Optional Protocol of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and other relevant instruments relating to trafficking of women and children and violence against women.

9. Will ensure that no Laws, Regulations, Policy and Code of conduct prescribed and adopted by the State exclude and/or discriminate against women.
10. Review and revise identification policies to ensure that citizens are identified by parentage and not spouse so that their national identity cards do not change with a change in marital status. Remove the need for a male guardian for adult women when applying for National Identity Cards.
11. Will create awareness about the importance of gender equality through education and media.
12. ANP is committed to taking concrete steps to combat Gender Based Violence (GBV) and the concomitant reforms and adjustment in rules and regulations within the government system for horizontal linkages and coordination mechanisms among concerned departments.
13. ANP will expand and improve the protection and welfare institutions of survivors of GBV in the face of rising incidents and current inadequate systems.
14. Will strengthen the relevant Ministries and Departments for Women Development in the Provinces post the devolution of the Ministry of Women Development. Strengthening in terms of professional, technical and financial requirements for its challenging agenda of women empowerment.
15. Will make the existing Provincial Commission on the Status of Women (KP) autonomous (financially and administratively) and ones to be set up in the other Provinces to make them an effective autonomous forum for raising and following up on women's issues.
16. Will prohibit deals between local elders and political parties that bar women from exercising their right to vote and/or contest.
17. Ensure administrative reforms within civil, judicial and police, for effective implementation of existing laws, especially for women rights to inheritance, elimination of customary discriminatory practices of child marriages, swara, ghag, vani, etc. Encourage recruitment of women in the judicial system at the level of Readers and Moharirs especially along with the needed recruitment as judges in the higher courts.
18. Acknowledge the role of civil society and CSOs as contributory and useful partners in promotion of women advancement in all walks of life including legislation for women, political education and participation and poverty reduction projects.

2.2. Child Rights

Children under-18 years, constitute around 50% of Pakistan's population. The 18th Constitutional Amendment as introduced in April 2010, inserted article 25-A in the Constitution which promised free and compulsory education to all children of the age of five to 16 years in such manner as may be determined by law.

1. Education after the Eighteenth Amendment is a fundamental right of each and every child in Pakistan. It is binding on the State to protect and promote this right. ANP will ensure full implementation and adherence to article 25-A.
2. ANP will review, legislate and implement child labour laws to ensure that child labour under the age of 16 years is prohibited in all formal and informal sectors including domestic sector.
3. ANP is committed to implementation of the Juvenile Justice System and will establish exclusive juvenile courts and introduce exclusive prisons with immense rehabilitation possibilities for the children.
4. ANP will make efforts to prohibit all forms of violence against children such as corporal punishment, sexual abuse, rape, kidnapping and ensuring punishment as per law.
5. ANP will strengthen the National Human Rights Commission with Provincial & District Chapters in collaboration with the Provincial Governments to monitor the status of child rights in the country.

2.3. Minorities Rights

1. The misuse of religion in politics has strengthened and reinforced violent conflicts over the others version of religion. ANP will continue its struggle for a secular democratic & pluralistic Pakistan with equal rights and opportunities for all citizens.
2. ANP will continue efforts to repeal amendments made to the 1973 Constitution mainly by dictators relegating religious minorities to a secondary status.
3. ANP will make effort to review and remove all discriminations against religious minorities in the Constitution and the law and will ensure affirmative action to integrate religious minorities as equal citizens.
4. Incitement to violence against citizens of other ethnicity, faith and religions will be prohibited.

III. The Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA)

The Federally Administered Tribal Areas of Pakistan (FATA) have an area of 27,000 square kilometers and a population of approx. 10 million. This region is administered by the President under Articles 246 and 247 of the Constitution. Pakistani laws are not applicable, the jurisdiction of the superior courts has not been extended and the inhabitants do not enjoy fundamental rights as guaranteed by the Constitution.

The tribes remain the victim of poverty and the lowest social indices in the country. The literacy rate is only 17% versus the national average of 45%. Female literacy is an abject 3% versus 32% for the rest of the country.

The region has suffered the most serious dislocation due to conditions in Afghanistan ever since 1979. Extremist elements have sought refuge in parts of FATA and have, unfortunately, succeeded in imposing themselves on the tribes. Development work has virtually ceased, the administration has collapsed and the normal method of mediation through the jirga is not being utilized properly.

FATA has been a victim of devastating armed conflict between extremist insurgents and state security apparatus. The people of FATA, particularly women and children are caught in the cross fire. Those who have been pushed out of their homes and living in IDP camps are suffering from numerous challenges and denied the right to a normal life, access to education and health.

ANP proposes the following actions to reverse the present dangerous trends.

1. Political changes

In order to finish the under-development and the violent nightmare of the tribesmen ANP will continue its efforts along the following lines:

- i. Will evolve consensus to urgently determine and settle the administrative status of FATA in accordance with the wishes and aspirations of the people.
- ii. ANP will struggle for due representation of FATA in the Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Assembly with proportionate representation on reserved seats for women. If voted to power ANP will ensure meaningful representation of FATA in the Provincial cabinet.
- iii. ANP will amend the constitution to mainstream FATA, bring it under the Parliament's ambit and ensure equal rights and opportunities for the people.
- iv. ANP will also amend the constitution to ensure that the Pakhtunkhwa Governor can be a registered voter of FATA and/or Pakhtunkhwa.

- v. As an immediate measure the FCR will be amended to provide human right protection as laid down in the Constitution. Other provisions of the FCR will also be amended to permit oversight by a special bench of the Peshawar High Court.
- vi. Fully empowered local bodies will be instituted with adequate representation of women, for a meaningful participation of the people of FATA in all their affairs.
- vii. ANP will work for the dignified return of FATA IDPs to their homes and rehabilitation of their lives and livelihoods.
- viii. ANP will evolve a comprehensive compensation package for families who have had loved ones killed and whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed in armed conflicts and terrorism.
- ix. ANP will ensure implementation of the right to vote for the tribal population particularly women and families who have been displaced and are living in camps.
- x. Population faced with severe security risks due to armed conflicts and terrorist threats will be facilitated to use their right to vote in adjacent settled areas and/or in camps.

2. Developmental reforms

ANP proposes the following measures for immediate implementation to bring a peaceful and a positive change in FATA.

- i. ANP will ensure that state implements its writ in FATA and purge it from all sorts of terror networks.
- ii. Since there are no reliable statistics a detailed survey and investigation of the development potential of the area is essential.
- iii. ANP endorses the principles of development outlined in the Sustainable Development Plan for FATA but proposes more active implementation through empowerment of local communities.
- iv. Generally speaking ANP will follow the same development strategy for FATA as for the Pakhtunkhwa Province, though FATA will be accorded special treatment because of its abject poverty and poor indices.

IV. External Affairs

Pakistan owes its importance in the world to a number of factors, not all of its own making. Its geo-strategic location is often cited as a primary one, but in fact, it is a mixed blessing. Pakistan borders on four countries, each of which has played or continues to play a major part in international affairs. These countries are China, India, Iran and Afghanistan. Pakistan's proximity to these States makes it a useful tool for powerful countries to exploit it for their own global interests and, while this can be turned to advantage, it can also pose a threat to the country's independence and freedom of action. The country's foreign policy has, therefore, to be finely adjusted to guard against these dangers while, at the same time, it must serve to further the national interest in terms of economic and commercial progress. Keeping this in view, ANP will work for a independent Foreign Policy which contains the following elements:

- i. Friendly and peaceful relations with all countries, particularly with neighbours.
- ii. Compliance with the Charter of the United Nations and full participation in all its developmental and peace-keeping activities. Similarly Pakistan should take part in the work of other international organizations of which it is a member. In particular, it should actively engage in international efforts to promote an equitable international order. It should also support international moves for arms reduction and abolition of nuclear weapons on a universal and non discriminatory basis.
- iii. Promotion of the concept of a multi polar world which would avoid universal domination by one or two major powers.
- iv. Use of diplomacy as a tool for promoting the country's economic and trade interests, diversifying its market and attracting foreign investment.
- v. Special attention to be paid to relations with Afghanistan. In view of the commonalities in culture, faith, language and history between people of Pakistan particularly Pukhtunkhwa and Balochistan and those of Afghanistan. Determined efforts shall be made to promote cooperation in every field including economic, commercial, educational and cultural. Bilateral relations shall be conducted strictly on the basis of sovereign equality and non interference in each other's internal affairs.
- vi. Similarly, establishment of peaceful, cooperative good neighbourly relations with India will be given high priority. All issues including Jammu and Kashmir and other outstanding issues would be solved through peaceful negotiations and open dialogue shall become the hallmark of bilateral relations.
- vii. Establishment of peaceful and cooperative relations with Iran, Russia and Central Asian republics will be actively pursued on the basis of sovereign equality and non interference in each other's internal affairs.

- viii. The traditional close relations with China will be maintained and further developed.
- ix. ANP will strive for normalcy in the relations with the United States based on mutual interests and respect as independent and sovereign states. It will avoid fluctuating policies that border on extreme reactions of either abject surrender or threats of armed conflict.
- x. Relations with the European Union will be further developed and strengthened.
- xi. Pakistan shall play a leading and constructive role in the Organization of Islamic Conference, SAARC and ECO.
- xii. Special attention will be paid by our missions abroad to the problems of expatriate Pakistanis, particularly in the Gulf countries and Saudi Arabia where there are many Pakhtun workers.
- xiii. Pakistan will encourage the seeking of political solutions to political problems rather than the use of force.