Quetta: On the mark of 'International Press Freedom Day', the journalists of Balochistan said that the province’s situation was grim and appalling. They said the lives of working journalists were in jeopardy, as they added that several of their colleagues had been killed in incidents of targeted killings

during the past few years.

They passed these remarks while addressing a seminar on the ‘International Press Freedom Day’ which was organized by the Balochistan Union of Journalists and South Asia Free Media Association here at the Quetta Press Club.

Senior journalist Siddiq Baloch said Balochistan was considered a conflict zone, while adding that it was too difficult for a journalist to perform his duties in an honest and impartial manner.

“There used to be tolerance among certain groups but now they keep a close eye on our performance. We are working under tremendous pressure”, he remarked.

INVAB media staff members also remarked that they are facing so much trouble due to this alarming situation in the region and especially when they try their best to work unbiased and keep up with the good job to inform the masses. They also felt sorry for the Assistant Editor of INVAB media who was being persecuted and forced to exile last year by the militant groups and rebels while the government was unable to provide any kind of security.

Association of Journalists for Risk Management (AJRM) also condemned the filthy situation regarding the killings of journalists in the province and expressed real concern for the betterment of the situation a.s.a.p. by making mutual efforts with government and other organizations.

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