

Journalistic Services of Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai

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Abstract:

Although Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai is known for his political services, yet the journalistic services of his are countless. The history of journalism in general and that of Balochistan and Pashto language in particular is incomplete without mentioning the services of Samad Khan Achakzai. This prolific journalist endeavored for the enforcement of Press Act which consumed his energy, time and money. He achieved the arduous task of setting up of a modern printing press. He sold his property and collected donation from general public for the accomplishment of this task. The initiation of weekly Istaqlal is unforgettable service of Achakzai. This newspaper played the role of a nursery where all early journalists of province Balochistan learnt journalistic work. Khan Shaheed, the title used for Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai, faced many difficulties in his journalistic life.

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