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## Int'l Mothers Day to acknowledge mothers role marked

ISLAMABAD, May 10 (APP): To acknowledge the role of mothers in development of a child into a dignified citizen, like other parts of the globe the nation marked the international event of Mothers Day here with number of colourful activities.

On the occasion, people irrespective of their ages wished their mothers in different ways for their selfless contribution in upbringing of a child.

No one can deny the part which the mothers play in nurturing and raising of their children.

Mothers are the bedrock who protect their children from the difficulties of life and lend them confidence and courage to meet challenges ahead.

Mothers are instrumental in giving their children an identity and instill in them positive values of honesty, integrity and love for others.

The World Population Foundation (WPF) in collaboration with National Trust for Population Welfare (NATPOW) arranged Mother's Night here in federal capital on Saturday night.

During the event a number of mothers and leading artists of the country participated.

A discussion programme was also arranged during the event in which panelists highlighted the concept of safe motherhood.

The NATPOW and WPF arranged the celebrations of Mothers' Night in all the provincial capitals of the country. While the national event took place in Islamabad. Simultaneously taking on the sub-themes of teenage marriages, maternal nutrition and maternal mortality, various factors contributing to the alarming maternal mortality rate in the country was also highlighted.

An advocacy campaign titled "Saving the Soul Bearers" by the WPF was culminated on the occasion.

Besides its headquarters in the Netherlands, World Population Foundation celebrates Mothers' Night in 10 different countries across the globe this year.

Iftikhar Durrani Chief Executive of NATPOW told this news agency that celebrating mother's night aims at creating awareness about complications endangering health of mothers.

He said that diseases related to mother and child are leading cause of death and disability among women of reproductive age in developing countries.

Durrani said that greater change could only be made possible through partnership between government and civil society.

He said that celebrations of mother's night in "our homeland makes Pakistan among the few developing countries that have taken a lead in efforts for improving the plight of women".

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