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January 26, 2021: National / International [Current Affairs](#)

1. Senate rejects bill seeking more powers for Pemra

- The opposition-dominated Senate on January 25, 2021 rejected a bill proposing to give powers to the Pakistan Electronic Media Regularity Authority (Pemra) to look into the complaints of violation of contractual obligations by private TV channels.
 - The Pemra (Amendment) bill twice cleared by the Senate Standing Committee on Information was moved in the house by Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf Senator Faisal Javed who heads the panel.
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2. Cabinet allows Sehat cards across Punjab

- The Punjab cabinet on January 26, 2021 gave a go ahead to implement the Sehat Sahulat Programme for 29 million families across Punjab with a total financial impact of Rs80 billion by the end of this calendar year.
 - Each family will have a benefit package of Rs720,000 and seek secondary and tertiary care treatment at public and private hospitals on government panel.
 - The cabinet meeting was chaired by Chief Minister Usman Buzdar who had approved a summary for the implementation of the programme last week
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3. Pakistani-American set to become first Muslim attorney in US

- Saima Mohsin, a Pakistani-American, will become the first Muslim US attorney next week, when she replaces the current attorney in Detroit, Michigan, the US media reported on January 25, 2021.
 - In the United States, US attorneys are the chief federal law enforcement officers in their districts and are also involved in civil litigation where the US government is a party. The President appoints a US Attorney to each of the 94 federal districts.
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4. Biden overturns Trump ban on transgender troops

- US President Joe Biden on January 25, 2021 overturned Donald Trump's ban on transgender people serving in the military, saying 'all Americans' qualified to serve should be able to do so.
 - Biden's new policy was set in an executive order he signed at the White House, the latest in a string of directives aimed at reversing Trump-era policies.
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5. Xi warns leaders against 'new Cold War', seeks unity to fight Covid

- Chinese President Xi Jinping warned global leaders at an all-virtual Davos forum on January 25, 2021 against starting a 'new Cold War' and urged global unity in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.
 - Having largely curbed the spread of the pandemic within its borders, Xi wants to position China as a key player in a new multilateral world order as the US remains crippled by the pandemic
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6. Tractor rally aims to overshadow India's show of military might

- Thousands of tractors lined up on the outskirts of New Delhi on January 26, 2021, ready to swarm the Indian capital in a protest against new agriculture reform laws that have triggered a growing farmer rebellion that has rattled the government.
- Tens of thousands of farmers have been blocking key highways connecting New Delhi with the country's north for almost two months demanding a complete withdrawal of the laws.

They plan to parade through the capital in a massive tractor rally on Tuesday, when India celebrates Republic Day

7. World lost equivalent of 255m jobs last year: UN

- The coronavirus pandemic took a huge toll on global jobs last year, the United Nations said on January 25, 2021, with the equivalent of more than a quarter of a billion lost.
 - In a fresh study, the UN's International Labour Organisation (ILO) found that a full 8.8 per cent of global working hours were lost in 2020, compared to the fourth quarter of 2019
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8. Indian, Chinese soldiers brawl along disputed frontier

- Indian and Chinese soldiers brawled last week along the countries' disputed border, Indian officials said on January 25, 2021, as a months-long stand off between the nuclear-armed rivals continued.
 - The clash in the Naku La area of Sikkim came four days before the countries held the ninth round of talks on Sunday on ending tensions in another disputed border area in the remote Ladakh region
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9. Scientists to build instruments with finer resolution

- Study co-led by Berkeley Lab and Columbia Engineering could lead to simple, high-resolution bioimaging in real time by overcoming a fundamental property of light.
 - Since the earliest microscopes, scientists have been on a quest to build instruments with finer and finer resolution to image a cell's proteins - the tiny machines that keep cells, and us, running.
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10. BD trounce WI to sweep ODI series

- Bangladesh completed a clean sweep of the West Indies by securing a 120run victory on January 25, 2021 in the third and final One-day International.

- Skipper Tamim Iqbal, Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim and Mahmudullah all hit half-centuries to help Bangladesh post 297-6 after West Indies captain Jason Mohammed won the toss and decided to bowl first
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