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Federating units, AJK sign Joint Declaration on Education

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ISLAMABAD: The top political leadership of the country, all the federating units and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) signed a Joint Declaration on Education to meet international commitments, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), on Friday.

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Speaking on the occasion, the prime minister said that the Joint Declaration demonstrates the commitment of the provinces and areas to develop action plans for the implementation of the policy.

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