

# Dawn Editorial Vocabulary & Phrases

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## 1. Crypto fever

### **Words and phrases & Idioms:**

#### 1. **\*\*Words:\*\***

gigawatts: a unit of power equal to one billion watts  
adoption: the act of accepting or taking up something  
disconnect: a lack of connection or understanding  
rationalised: attempted to justify or explain  
speculative: involving risk or uncertainty  
volatile: likely to change rapidly and unpredictably  
innovation: a new method, idea, or product  
coherent: logical and consistent  
bombastic: pompous and inflated in style  
zeal: great energy or enthusiasm  
mainstream: accepted by most people  
undermining: weakening or damaging

#### 2. **\*\*Phrases and Idioms:\*\***

threw into sharp relief: highlighted or emphasized  
reap windfall dividends: to receive an unexpected and large profit  
at stake: at risk  
temper its zeal: to reduce enthusiasm or eagerness  
focus on the homework: concentrate on the necessary preparation

## **2. Overzealous justice**

### **Words and phrases & Idioms:**

#### **1. \*\*Words:\*\***

overzealous: excessively enthusiastic  
dissidents: people who oppose official policy  
indefensible: impossible to justify  
harsher: more severe  
reserved: kept for a specific purpose  
threshold: the level at which something begins  
motivated: driven by a particular reason  
dissenting: expressing a different opinion  
militants: people involved in armed struggle  
instruments: tools or means  
hardcore: extreme, uncompromising  
reconciliation: the restoration of friendly relations  
suppression: the act of suppressing something

#### **2. \*\*Phrases and Idioms:\*\***

powers that be: those in authority  
buy-in: agreement and commitment  
lawfare: the use of legal processes as a weapon  
jet-black: completely black (used figuratively to describe the darkest kind of terrorists)

### **3. Refuge for journalists**

#### **Words and phrases & Idioms:**

1. **\*\*Words:\*\***

oppressive: unjustly inflicting hardship and constraint

deportation: the expulsion of a person from a country

persecution: hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of race or political or religious beliefs

sanctuary: a place of refuge or safety

pluralistic: encompassing a variety of viewpoints and perspectives

unfettered: not restricted or limited

repressive: suppressing dissent or opposition

2. **\*\*Phrases and Idioms:\*\***

speak out: to express one's opinions frankly

at risk of: in danger of

safe passage: safe travel

at the mercy of: entirely dependent on

safe sanctuary: a secure and protected place

holds sobering lessons: provides serious and cautionary lessons

ranks...on the World Press Index: holds a specific position on a global press freedom ranking system

retook Kabul: regained control of Kabul

clash with: conflict with

left at the mercy of: entirely dependent on

doomed to live in darkness: destined for a state of oppression and ignorance

## **4. The cost of relief**

### **Words and phrases & Idioms:**

#### **1. \*\*Words:\*\***

stern: strict and severe

multilateral: involving more than two parties or countries

concessions: things given up or yielded

inconclusive: not leading to a definite decision or result

bolstering: support or strengthen

prioritise: to treat something as more important than other things

overarching: including or affecting all aspects of something

fiscal: relating to government revenue, especially taxes

apprehensions: anxieties or fears that something bad might happen

formidable: inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable

extravagance: excessive spending or luxury

#### **2. \*\*Phrases and Idioms:\*\***

feel-good factor: something that makes people feel happy and optimistic

relief plans: plans to ease financial burdens

tax relief: reduction in the amount of tax paid

tax cuts: reduction in the amount of tax levied

revenue slippages: shortfall in expected tax revenue

primary budget surplus: the excess of government revenue over non-interest expenditure

win over: to persuade someone to support you

sorted out: resolved or settled

hit the target: to achieve a goal

come up with: to produce or create something

offset the impact: to counteract or reduce the effect of something

deepen the feel-good factor: to intensify the feeling of happiness and optimism

## **5. Muzzling criticism**

### **Words and phrases & Idioms:**

#### **1. \*\*Words:\*\***

coercive: using force or threats to control someone

legitimate: conforming to the law or rules

stifle: make (someone) unable to breathe properly; suppress

underscores: emphasizes

morphed: changed in form or nature

blunt: direct and uncompromising; not sharp

punitive: inflicting or intended as punishment

retribution: punishment inflicted on someone as revenge for a wrong or crime

vaguely: in a way that is not clearly expressed

vested: granted or entrusted to

authoritarianism: a system of government characterized by strong central power and limited political freedoms

bailable: able to be released on bail

cognizable: able to be dealt with legally

safeguards: protective measures

intimidation: the action of intimidating someone, or the state of being intimidated

hyper-regulated: excessively controlled or regulated

fraught: filled with something unpleasant

curbing: restrain or keep in check

underpinned: supported or strengthened

scrutiny: critical observation or examination

procedural: relating to the rules of procedure

repressive: unjustly inflicting hardship and constraint

autocracy: a system of government by one person with absolute power

repeal: revoke or annul (a law or act)

#### **2. \*\*Phrases and Idioms:\*\***

speak truth to power: challenge authority, expose wrongdoing

muzzle the press: suppress freedom of the press

weaken fundamental freedoms: undermine basic rights

a blunt instrument: a crude or ineffective method

a tool of political retribution: a means of political revenge

a dire picture: a serious or grave situation

the new normal: the current state of affairs, usually negative

slide further into autocracy: move towards dictatorship

a grave misstep: a serious mistake

safeguards speech: protects freedom of speech

penalises it: punishes it

## **6. Coastal development**

### **Words and phrases & Idioms:**

#### **1. \*\*Words:\*\***

multibillion: consisting of or worth many billions of dollars

purview: the scope of authority or influence

desalination: the removal of salt from seawater

premature: happening or done too soon or before the right time

proportions: size, scale, or extent

transparency: the quality of being easily seen through

ecological: relating to the relation between organisms and their environment

sewerage: a system of sewers or drains

devastate: to severely damage or destroy something

nurturing: caring for and encouraging the growth or development of

fragile: easily broken or damaged

venture: a risky or daring undertaking

#### **2. \*\*Phrases and Idioms:\*\***

in the works: being planned or prepared

buy-in: agreement or support for a plan or idea

keeping in mind: remembering or considering something

do its homework: to prepare adequately

done right: done correctly or effectively