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موسمیاتی تبدیلی محض ایک ماحولیاتی مسئلہ نہیں، یہ معاشی انصاف، سماجی استحکام اور امن کو بھی متاثر کرتا ہے، ایسے مسائل سے نمٹنے کیلئے نوجوانوں کا کردار اہم ہے، ماڈرنگ پریچ

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اسلام آباد (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبارتازہ ترین - اے پی پی۔ 08 فروری 2026ء) پاکستان پارٹی لیوٹی الائنس (پی پی ایف) کے چیف ایگزیکٹو آفیسر، ڈاکٹر محمد رفیق نے کہا کہ موسمیاتی تبدیلی محض ایک ماحولیاتی مسئلہ نہیں بلکہ یہ معاشی انصاف، سماجی استحکام اور امن کو بھی متاثر کرتا ہے۔ ایسے مسائل سے نمٹنے کیلئے نوجوانوں کو کلیدی کردار ادا کرنا ہو گا۔

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