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1. Unprecedented

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Never done or known before

- **Sentence:**

The new year sees Pakistan at an unprecedented crossroads.

2. Reconfiguration

Noun

- **Meaning:**

The process of arranging and putting together something in a different way

- **Sentence:**

A painful and messy reconfiguration of the country's political order over the past year

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3. Standoff

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A situation in which agreement on a argument does not seem possible

- **Sentence:**

where the public will no longer seem to matter and a civil-judicial-military standoff holds the country's future hostage.

4. Faction

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A group within a large group

- **Sentence:**

Within the political domain, the two main factions remain locked in a zero-sum game, with no way for either to back down without surrendering political capital,

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5. Turmoil

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A state of great disturbance

- **Sentence:**

- Their high-stakes battle for power and control has ripped up the social fabric and created unprecedented turmoil in the national economy.

6. Colossal

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Extremely large

- **Sentence:**

Meanwhile, the new army chief, [Gen Asim Munir](#), has major problems on his plate. Chief among them is how to fix a colossal PR mess

7. Bequeath

verb

- **Meaning:**

To give or leave money, property by your will

- **Sentence:**

Chief among them is how to fix a colossal PR mess his predecessor bequeathed on him on his way out.

8. Acrimonious

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Full of anger, arguments and bad feelings

- **Sentence:**

- Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa's six years as army chief had drawn to an acrimonious close in November,

9. Ascendant

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

A rise in power and influence

- **Sentence:**

If Imran Khan's star is now in the ascendant, it is because of his sheer luck

10. Folly

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Foolishness

- **Sentence:**

If Imran Khan's star is now in the ascendant, it is because of his sheer luck and the many follies of his enemies.

11. Sympathetic

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Feeling and showing sympathy

- **Sentence:**

there were fears that Mr Khan would seek to extend his grip on power by appointing a sympathetic army chief.

12. Thwart

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To prevent someone from accomplishing something

- **Sentence:**

He unsuccessfully tried to win back the military's favour, even offering Gen Bajwa an indefinite extension for his assistance in thwarting the PDM.

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