

# Political Stability prerequisite

## for the Rule of Law

### OUTLINE

#### 1- Introduction

**Thesis Statement:** The rule of law and political stability are intertwined because the institutions that establish 'law and order' fall prey to political unrest. Only in a utopian world could these two function in complete isolation; however, for better functioning, dichotomy must be reiterated and practiced to every possible degree.

#### 2- Rule of law dependent on political stability

#### 3- Core components of establishing the rule of law

- a. Law prevails through enforcing agencies'
- b. Advent of some sort of authority or scripture to maintain order even in prehistoric times - chief dome
- c. Human psyche needs an organized platform to follow a certain course - herd mentality.

4- Political stability ensures smooth running of organizations' responsible for the rule of law

a. Absence of instability ensures a well rooted legislative body

b. Countries' are in a position to aid 'democratic enabling' processes whilst maintaining the writ of the state

c. Structural integrity of state institutions is not challenged with preconceived notions of them serving as political pawns

d. States priorities aligned with the idea of ensuring rule of law

5- Rule of law compromised when political instability prevails

a. Political instability in Karachi and its dominoe effect on the cities' prevalent law and order situation

b. Persistent political ups and downs leading to police departments' inefficiency and shifted focus

c. Lack of strong institutions resulting in them underperforming - the pertinent example of

Waziristan, post military operations

d. Political turmoil in Afghanistan - a resultant rogue state.

e. Global examples of prevalence of order declining in states amidst their political crisis - the Arab Spring.

6 - Balancing through this interlinked situation

a. Strength of stability : upholding the rule of law

b. Practicing democratic rights should not equate to street politics - floor of the parliament must be used to voice concerns.

c. Political parties must put their foot down when mobilization starts shaping up as anarchy.

d. Institutional strength should be ensured by practicing politics - administration dichotomy

e. Legislative reforms must be made to limit political activities beyond the point they hinder law and order.

7 - Conclusion