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Topic:

Political instability, Governance Crisis  
and Mob justice in Pakistan

Outline:-

1 Introduction

\* Thesis Statement: Political instability, governance crisis and mob justice are interconnected. Pakistan is suffering from these crisis and affecting its economy, sovereignty and national security. It has paid incredible cost of these crisis

2 Political instability in Pakistan:-

- (i) Foreign interference
- (ii) Exploitation of public and greed of power.
- (iii) False spread of information.
- (iv) Abducting the basic rights
- (v) Political polarization and strikes on road.
- (vi) Grievances of public left unnoticed.

3 Governance crisis in Pakistan:

- (i) Inflation and poor policies
- (ii) Weak and unstable government
- (iii) Poor departmental coherence.

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- (iv) Security threat, poor rule of law and terrorism
- (v) Lack of education and basic facility.
- (vi) Corruption and unfair means of practice

#### 4. Mob justice in Pakistan:-

- (i) Religious sentiments and extremism
- (ii) Poor judicial system
- (iii) Role of social, electronic and print media
- (iv) Lack of enforcement and observance of law
- (v) High profile cases

Case study: Mishal Khan death in Peshawar university and killing of Priyanka Kumar in Sialkot.

#### 5. Pathways towards prosperity:-

- (i) Accountability and community participation
- (ii) Provision of basic rights and firm policies
- (iii) Rule of law and social media regulation
- (iv) Enhancement of tolerance and moral values.

#### 6. Conclusion.



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Pakistan is a country, which is facing challenges since its independence. The political instability is due to external interference, weak institutions, free and fair elections and sincere leadership. The strong roots of establishment is also cause of political instability and governance crisis. The evils of corruption and short term policies are responsible for bad governance. Another rising crisis of injustice and extremism is provoking the mob justice. All these factors and crisis are harming the Pakistan's economy, sovereignty, national and international status, social values and integrity. Only the rule of law, firm policies and regularizing the institutions will be the solution of these crisis and prosperity of Pakistan.

The political instability in Pakistan is everlasting problem since 1947. Immediately after its creation, the death of Quaid-e-Azam

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and Liaqat Ali Khan created a space of enthusiastic and loyal leadership which never got fulfilled. It took seven years to formulate and finalize the constitution of Pakistan. That resulted in weak political leadership, having dependence on military. The foreign interference is also responsible for the political instability. The countries like USA, KSA and United Kingdom had always interfered in the government and political power of Pakistan. The funding of opposition and pressurizing through sanctions has been one of the tool of these and other countries for their benefits and instability of Pakistan. The **Regime change** used by the super power has destroyed many countries.

The political leader exploit the public through non-realistic promises and dreams of development. It is scarcely noted



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that politicians fulfilled their promises which they had made during the elections and after the elections when they come in power. The politicians always had the greed of power, they easily do **floor crossing** and sell their vote in the assemblies and parliament without noticing and pondering over the bill and policies. Pakistan has witnessed the **house trading** multiple times in senate elections. All these are done at the cost of government expenses and public taxes. The public interest is never viewed by the politicians. The personal interest is preferred over public interest.

The spread of fake information and news is also responsible for the political instability. It resulted in **incitement of sentiments of public** and provoke violent strikes and road

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block. The social media has become biggest tool of fake information. People were told different and incorrect knowledge about country and government. It induce the anti-state and anti-government feelings in the heart of public. This results in strikes and disturbance in the smooth flow of government and state activities. All these lead to instability of Pakistan and politicians who are serving as government.

The public rights are the basic ingredient of the sovereignty of state. If the public rights and their basic needs are fulfilled then, it strengthen the government. Public feel for the government and politicians if they are meeting the basic rights of public. If they are serving the public. The creation of opportunities of employment,



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business, and provision of daily life commodities is the principle responsibility of politicians. If the people are suppressed, their demands are not listened and force is used to crush their voice, then it evokes the anti-government sentiments, opposition parties use this opportunities and find it a good plot for disturbing the smooth flow of government.

The political polarization had dispersed the unity of nation. People are becoming the blind followers of their leader and take it as a sin if any opponent speak against them, people are not ready to listen and understand the differences of other people or other parties. The point of difference become the point of enemy among the people. The extremist thoughts feed by the

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political leaders in opposition became the cause of de-stabilization of government and public harmony. The **extremist thoughts** are disturbing the peace of society and peaceful transition of government. The extremist political worker and their leader just accept the agenda of their interest.

If government does not understand the grievances of the public and their shortcomings, it creates **sense of unrest** in the public. It induces the hatred in people for their government and politicians. The interest of public should be the center of point for policy making. The participation of public is very important for the smooth flow of government and leading the country in right direction. If the demands and feelings of public is



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crushed with power and force  
then ultimately it will crush  
the government too. It is  
famous narration

"Government is of the people,  
for the people and by  
the people."

The sole purpose of government  
should be to win the hearts  
of the people.

Governance is the  
sole and duty of the state  
and its ruler for performing  
the state functions. There are  
many tools for performing the  
state function. Governance crisis means  
when state fails to perform its  
duties. The governance crisis in  
Pakistan is often due to weak  
and unstable government which  
is unable to meet the needs  
of the public. The weak government  
can never perform good governance

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as it depends on its coalition parties for passing the law and running the government. The unstable government can never take long term projects and they do not make long term policies. Their sole interest is to pass the time with little and temporary projects that can be used as tool for election.

The **bad** governance in Pakistan has resulted in **spikes of inflation**. The businessmen, commerce and trade groups are running everything according to their own rule. They are not under the control of state departments as they know that there is no law enforcement agency that can apprehend them and there is no rule of law. As a result of these operations and thoughts, price of basic commodities is increasing day by



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day and price hike on daily basis has questioned the writ of government. People are unable to fulfill their basic needs. The credibility of third party and purchasing groups is also affected. As price of material is changing every moment, contracts made by the contractors cannot be fulfilled on some previous condition.

There is weak departmental communication to work together for the effective governance. There is no obvious guidelines set by the government for inter-departmental performance of tasks. As a result of these loop-holes, mafia find a place where they grow. The writ of every department is also limited under specified guidelines. That department cannot be crossed. The jurisdiction of department is also limited due

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to which every department is dependent on other for efficient working and performing their duties.

The poor rule of law and external security threats also resulted in terrorism. The insurgency from Afghanistan is raised and increasing terrorism in Pakistan. The law enforcement agencies are failed to provide the security and curb the terrorist activity. The people are having fear to start new business or expand their existing business. The Tourism, one of the industry having potential to explode to billion dollar industry is halted only because of terrorist activities and state is failed to ensure its writ in northern and western side of Pakistan. The focus and goal of security department should be



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solely to protect the land and provide peaceful environment to people of Pakistan. There interference in other non-security issues and civilian activities should be restricted.

The government responsibility is not limited to management of departments and security. **Education** is the **basic necessity** of every human. People should be educated about their basic rights. The highly qualified people should be appointed on merit so that governance can be done effectively. The training and courses should be made compulsory for government posts. People should be provided with facilities of education so that they could equip themselves with skills and knowledge that is compulsory for meeting the needs of life and world so that,

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they could live a respectable life in society.

The corruption and unfair means of practice is also hindrance in good governance. They are depleting the country of its resources. Pakistan has ranked 120th in corruption index and all this is due to poor accountability. The officers in government office serve the needs of elite class and politicians. This is also unfair play and misusing of posts. As result government has no concerns with accountability. To eradicate this evil strict policies and enforcement of zero tolerance is necessary.

Mob justice in Pakistan is surging. People are having no trust on the judicial system. But people are also becoming extremists due to our religious leader.



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They don't use their sense <sup>on</sup> religious issues. Even people don't bother to testify or check the credibility of blame and news regarding their religion. In contrast to it, no religion of world teach the extremism and take law into your hand. The extremist society don't bother the prosperity of state.

The electronic and print media broadcast such news and also **indicate the feelings and violence** among the people. The social media become the pool of fake news and information. A little fake news brought the security of state on stake. There should be proper law to curb such activities and punish the master mind of such activities, so that security and sovereignty of the state should be ensured.

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It is the responsibility of state and law enforcement agencies to deal with such issues and activities with iron hand and judiciary should be efficient enough to decide the decision of such cases without any peer pressure speedily.

The case study of Mishal Khan a young boy in university of KPK was killed by the university mob on believing the fake news. The Siritankah engineer was killed by cruel mob and his dead body was burnt into ashes due to false spread of religious disobedience.

To meet these crisis, there should be strict **accountability** in all departments including government, parliament, law enforcement agencies and other state bodies. People should



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be informed about the information regarding various activities, projects, funds and functioning of government projects and departments.

The provision of basic rights should be ensured. People should be provided education, employment, health and security. The well educated society with handsome job or source of bread and butter is the key solution of political stability. They become part of good governance instead of mob without any direction and sense.

The media should be regulated and held responsible for every information and news they show or telecast. The strict monitoring and policy making along with its implementation should be done.

The moral and social values of the society should

should be enhanced. The leaders from all the classes i.e. from political, religious, professional and educational groups should take responsibility to enhance the sense of education, responsibility and humanity.

**In a nut shell,** political instability and governance crisis are interlinked with each. The mob justice also the result of above two. The political instability has been core issue of Pakistan since its independence but the top brass of political leadership should take steps to strengthen the political institution and democracy. The governance is the core function of state. To tackle the corruption, short term policy, political interventions in government department regarding promotion and transfer of officers, there should be strict



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accountability, independence of department from every external references and rigid policy making to ensure the professional duties should be done under the guidelines of government with true spirit. The mob justice should be discouraged with strict implementation of rule of law, educating the public and create sense of fair and fast judicial system. All these efforts will bring the prosperity of Pakistan

