

ENGLISH ESSAY

Delays in Justice: The Role of Police and Courts

1. Introduction

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Background Statement

Thesis Statement

2. Role of Police in Justice Delays

2-1 Ineffective investigation procedures

2-2 Lack of training and forensic resources

2-3 Corruption and political influence

2-4 Poor coordination with prosecution and courts

3. Role of Courts in Judicial Delays

3-1 Backlog of pending cases

3-2 Shortage of judges and staff

3-3 Outdated legal system and adjournment culture

3-4 Weak case management and technological lag

4. Measures to Address Delays

- Police reforms, ~~Judicial~~

- Judicial reforms

- Strengthening forensic and investigation capabilities

- Use of e-courts and digital documentation

5. Conclusion

"Justice delayed is justice denied," a timeless maxim popularized by British statesman William E. Gladstone, deeply resonates with current judicial delays in our country. The essence of justice lies in its timely availability, whereas delayed justice loses its meaning and impact. Across the globe and especially in developing countries like Pakistan, judicial delays are common due to institutional weakness and flawed judicial structure. Due to very high number of cases, cases linger for years and sometimes even decades which make people lose their trust in judiciary. Delays in justice are often associated with two main judicial pillars: the police and the courts. The role of police in judicial delays is often highlighted due to ineffective investigation procedure, lack of training and forensic resources and corruption and political influence. Whereas the role of judiciary in judicial delays is because of backlog of pending cases, lack of judges and staff, outdated legal system, weak case management and technological lag. For timely availability of justice, we need to address these issues by judicial and police reforms, strengthening the forensic and investigation capabilities and use of e-courts and digital documentation.