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'Causes and Consequences of Delayed Justice'

Outline:

1- Introduction

Concept of Justice and its centralized role in the society; Explanation of Delayed Justice; Implications on different levels

2- Brief overview of delayed Justice.

3- Causes of delayed Justice.

- a- Overburden courts and backlog of cases
- b- Inefficient case management
- c- Corruption and external interference
- d- Low legal awareness among the public
- e- Appeal culture and strategic adjournment

f- Financial constraints

4- Consequences of Delayed Justice.

- a- Loss of Public trust in Judiciary
- b- Damage to National and International image
- c- Denial of fundamental rights
- d- Encouragement of crime
- e- Political and administrative instability
- f- Mental, emotional and financial sufferings

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5- Way forwards for Denial Justice:

- a- Increasing of Judicial capacity
- b- Strengthening of Judicial administration
- c- Limitation of unnecessary adjournment
- d- Public awareness and expanding of legal aid

6- Conclusion

Reiteration of the importance of timely justice; call for comprehensive reforms; vision of just and equitable society.

Justice is the cornerstone of a peaceful and orderly society ensuring fairness, accountability and protection of human rights. However, when justice is delayed its very important purpose is defeated. The famous proverb "Justice delayed is justice denied" highlights the gravity of this issue. In many developing countries including Pakistan, delayed justice is a chronic problem due to its institutional inefficiencies, procedural complexities and socio-political interference. This delay not only cause immense sufferings

to individuals but also weakens the rule of law and encourage lawlessness. Therefore, examining the causes and consequences of delayed Justice is essential to understand its profound effects on individuals, society and the state. Delayed Justice undermines the rule of law by eroding Public Trust, encouraging criminality and denying fundamental rights. Therefore, timely justice is essential for social stability, accountability and the credibility of Judicial institutions.