

# The Paralysis of Justice in Pakistan

**Thesis Statement:** The condition of justice is extremely discouraging in Pakistan due to various political, economic and social causes. It leads to grave consequences. However, certain measures can be taken to improve this situation.

## Outline:

I. Introduction

II. Causes of paralysis of justice in Pakistan:

A. Compromised judicial independence  
case: 26th constitutional amendment

B. Fragmented principle of rule of law.

case: Ruling elite is spared of law

C. Unabated Corruption

case: Judicial corruptions.

→ corruption in medical entrance exams, &



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D. Lack of freedom of expression  
→ strict media regulations  
• e.g. PECA, PEMRA.

E. Suppression of dissenting voices  
→ Disappearances of journalists.

### iii - Consequences of paralysis of justice in Pakistan:

A. Increase in crime rate

→ Upsurge in crime cases in Karachi

B. Poverty elevation

→ Wadera culture in Sindh

→ Extremely poor wages.

C. Weak national image in international community

→ ICJ's comment on 26th amendment.

→ interference by other countries & (e.g. USA) in national issues (elections)

D. Economic losses due to social unrest

→ blockage of roads during public protests.

E. Desensitization of people.

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#### IV. Suggested measures to improve justice condition in Pakistan:

- A. Ensure separation of powers
- B. Uphold → Independent judiciary
- B. Uphold constitution and law  
→ Right of fair trial.
- C. Promote freedom of media
- D. Empower and protect dissenting voices.

#### V. Conclusion.



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"O people, those who have gone before you were destroyed because if anyone of high rank committed Muft among them, they spared him; and if anyone of low rank committed Muft, they inflicted the prescribed punishment upon him"

Islam provides a complete code of life including the worships and rituals as well as all the systems of life. Islamic judicial system abundantly emphasises the importance of justice. Pakistan is one of the prominent Islamic Republics but unfortunately, the justice is paralyzed in this Islamic country. The justice is compromised in Pakistan due to lack of judicial independence and rule of law. which in turn intensify the corruption. People-Police is not free to express themselves due to suppression and Freedom of expression is restricted due to suppression of dissenting voices. Resultantly, crime rate and poverty increase. This leads to a weak national



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image in international community and economic losses as result of social unrest. The routine of injustice cause desensitization of people. Therefore, ensuring separation of powers and upholding constitution is necessary to combat with this issue. Promotion of the situation can also improve by the promotion of media freedom and empowerment of dissenting voices. In fact, the discouraging situation of justice in Pakistan is due to various political, economic and social causes. It has leads to a number of grave consequences.

First of all, the compromised judicial independence is the major causes of paralysis of justice in Pakistan. The judiciary in Pakistan is mostly under the influence of legislative or executive branch of government. The recent amendment in the constitution of Pakistan is evident of ~~exact~~ invasion on judicial independence. The 26th constitutional amendment empowers the parliament to interfere in judicial matters. Through this legislation,

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The parliament can exercise a significant influence over judiciary ~~either~~ <sup>either</sup> through constitutional benches and presiding officer in the court. Thus, the weak judiciary strengthens the roots of injustice in Pakistan.

Moreover, the fragmented principle of rule of law is another significant cause of weak situation of justice in Pakistan. The countries, where the principle of rule of law is strictly followed, have strong justice system. Usually, the developing countries lack enforcement of this principle. Pakistan is also one of such nations where strong people can ~~get~~ escape the law. For example, the ruling elite in Pakistan is spared of strict ~~enforce~~ law enforcement conditions. This leads to injustice with poor people. Therefore, the weak rule of law is an important factor of paralysis of justice in Pakistan.

In addition, the unabated corruption ~~is~~ causes the justice to fade away in Pakistan. The corruption is an increasing phenomenon in every ~~department~~ <sup>enables</sup> institution of Pakistan. It ~~satisfies~~ enables the authorities to satisfy their greed



and they dis regard the poor public.  
~~For - see~~ This leads towards the  
demise of meritocracy. For example  
every year, thousands of cases corruption  
cases are heard during medical  
entrance exams. The people students  
with weak economic status get deprived  
of merit seats despite of their  
strong educational & background.  
Thus, the corruption is a big evil  
than enhances the injustice in  
Pakistan.