

TOPIC:

THE PARALYSIS OF JUSTICE IN PAKISTAN.

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1. Introduction.

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• General statement.

• Thesis statement: The paralysis of justice in Pakistan is not a new topic of debate but an old one.

From a layman to an influential personality, all have faced the stagnant justice system of Pakistan.

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2.1. 2.26 million pending cases.

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3. Using the paralysis of justice for political gain.

3.1. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto declared innocent after 44 years.

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5. Justice used as a toy by : 1922

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8. What "rule of law and rise in vigilantism."

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ESSAY:

In World War II, when Hitler was bombing London and London was on the verge to lose the war. The then prime minister of the United Kingdom asked a very interesting question, "Are our courts still dispensing justice?" To this he was told that yes, in return Churchill showed a sign of relief and said, "If our courts are dispensing justice we will win the war". History has witnessed that despite the fact that Germany had a huge army and better artillery, the great Britains still won. This tells us that how important law and order is, but unfortunately Pakistan is one of the very few countries where justice is still a myth. The world in the 21st century is dispensing justice even in case of animals. Till the mid of last century, justice seemed to be a distant dream where individuals with power and money used and ruled the system but currently west is based on justice. In



contrary to this Pakistan despite being a Muslim country still lacks justice.

The paralysis of justice in Pakistan is not a new topic of debate but an old one. From a layman to an individual personality, all have faced the stagnant justice system of Pakistan. Some serious reforms should be taken, so that every individual in Pakistan no matter how powerful or rich comes under justice.

First and foremost, talking about the stagnant judicial system of Pakistan: Pakistani judicial courts are a joke, according to the Law and Order Commission of Pakistan as of 2023, 2.26 million cases are still pending in the courts, this sheds light of the fact that how slow and delayed the justice of Pakistan. As it is rightly said that, "justice delayed is justice denied", this saying perfectly describes the failed justice system in Pakistan! Moreover, the courtrooms



of Pakistan are so slow in dispensing justice that an individual by the name of Mazhar Hussain was hanged and after two years of him being hanged was declared innocent by the courts. Many other individuals have also lost their lives because of the poor judicial system. God knows, how many more such victims are yet to come that will receive justice after being executed.

Coming towards the world of politics. Politicians are not normal individuals but VIPs. History is evident that even very influential politicians like Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto have not ~~have~~ did not receive justice. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was tried and found guilty in the murder of his political opponent in the year 1979, and was hanged. The whole country mourned at the death of their leader who made Pakistan an atomic power. After a whole generation had passed, the grand son of Bhutto, Bilawal



Bhutto's daughter demanded the case to be reopened and after 44 years the apex court of Pakistan declared the case trial of late Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to be unfair and wrong. Not only this, but the first women prime minister of Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto was exiled in the late 1990s. At her return, after the regime of Pervez Musharraf, she faced a lot of criticism and death threats. and in 2007, at a rally of the Pakistan's people's party, Benazir Bhutto was brutally murdered. The devastating thing is that her killers are still at large even after almost 17 years of her death. This sheds light on the fact that not only normal residents of Pakistan but influential leaders also face the paralysis of justice in Pakistan.

In addition, women in Pakistan are not getting justice and because of this very reason, women face violence in almost every sector of life. Firstly, the



UNFPA (United Nations Fund for Population Activities) have stated in a study that in Pakistan, almost 28%

women from the age of 15 to 45 face some kind of violence.

This is due to the lack of proper law and order. The perpetrators are of the view that they are above the law and because of weak law and order reforms will face no consequences of their actions.

Second, the case of Mukhtara Mai,

An innocent woman was raped by more than 10 individuals as

a revenge because the brother of Mukhtara Mai was dating the sister of rapist. Out of the 13

individuals that were involved in

the rape of Mukhtara Mai, 12 were set free and only 1 of them was incarcerated. This

is another example of the weak law and order situation in Pakistan.