

CHALLENGES OF MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER SYSTEM IN MODERN WORLD IN

Outline

(i) Introduction

• Thesis Statement: In modern world, maintaining law and order system has become difficult, due to advancement in technology, rise in terrorism and extremism, Socio-economic disparities, Urbanization and over population, weak judicial system, weak border surveillance and lack of public trust between public and law enforcement, requiring serious attention to live peacefully.

(ii). Challenges of maintaining law and order system

1. Technology advancement.

- a. Rise in cyber crimes and cyber bullying
- b. Spread of misinformation through Social Media
- c. Rise of uncontrolled cyber-trafficking

2. Terrorism and Extremism

- a. Rise of transnational terrorist groups
- b. Manipulation of youth's minds.
- c. Spread of fear and Chaos ideology

3. Socio-economic disparities

- a. Poverty and unemployment
- b. Social exclusion and injustice
- c. Inadequate Policing in remote areas

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4. Weak-Judicial System

- a. Delay in justice
- b. Low conviction ^{rate} and legal loopholes
- c. Rise in Extra-judicial killing

5. Urbanization and Overpopulation

- a. Strain on resources
- b. Increment in slum areas
- c. Strain on Law enforcement in dense areas

6. Weak border Surveillance

- a. Illegal migration
- b. Human Trafficking
- c. Cross-border smuggling

7. Lack of trust between Public and Law enforcement

- a. Public distrust in law enforcement
- b. Politicization of law enforcement
- c. Lack of Accountability and transparency.

8. Suggestions

- a. Tackle the root-causes of Socio-economic disparities
- b. Strict Surveillance at Public places and Border
- c. Build strong trust among Public

9. Conclusion

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In ancient era, people lived peacefully maintaining their relationship with neighbours by making individual rules and regulations. With

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the passage of time, people connected ^{and live} among themselves by mutual understanding. They were recognized by community, caste etc. In modern world, where people live in sovereign states, they require proper a law and order system to live peacefully with in state as well as with other nations. Law and order refer to the condition where rules are followed, crimes are controlled and people feel safe and protected by laws. These laws and rules measure social stability, protection of human fundamental rights, strengthening of institutional trust and maintain national security. However, in modern world, maintaining law and order has become difficult due to advanced technology, rise in terrorism and extremism, socio-economic disparities, weak judicial system, urbanization and over-population, weak border surveillance and public distrust between public and law-enforcement requiring serious attention to live peacefully.

Just comes advanced technology, while it is offering a lot of benefits, has also emerged a significant challenge to maintaining law and order system in modern world. People with the help of technology, many people has victimized, People are committing cyber crime through online frauds, in many marketing application like^m Daz, Temu and an other where they use to create fake account. Moreover, many people are victimized

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by harassment, their personal data is often stolen by through fake links which are sending to them to hijack their intentions. Additionally, through the usage of social media, people spread misinformation and disinformation, causing frustration among citizens. In Pakistan, a local doctor was victimized due to spread of misinformation on social media and which led to death by a extremist mob attack on him. Furthermore, there is rise of uncontrolled cyber trafficking, many victims are often trapped through online jobs offers, false marriage proposal, and illegal visa made online. A teenager in India was contacted on social media by someone posing as a modeling agent. She was lured with promises of fame and money, by asked to send personal photos and video along with personal information, and later blackmailed into social forced online exploitation. Therefore, technology has provided many benefits, but its misuse could be jeopardizing lead to breakdown in the law and order situation.

Secondly, terrorism and extremism has also undermined the law and order situation. The aftermath of cold war and the 9/11 accident, there has rise in transnational terrorist groups like Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in Pakistan, Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in Sri Lanka and soon

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These groups have made hurdles to maintain law and order situation as well as national security. In Pakistan, TTP has conducted many blasts at different cities like Peshawar, Karachi, and Quetta to spread fear and chaos in the country. Furthermore, these terrorists manipulate the minds of youth who are have unemployed, victim of social erosion. They are encourage to commit suicide blasts or attacks while undermine the situation of law and order. Moreover, These terrorists aim to impose their criminal ideology as they attacked to achieve their goals. A terrorist organization, Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), sponsored by India, conducted many attacks suicide bombs for the sake of separate state Balochistan which is constitutional defined province of Pakistan. Hence, These terrorist along with their ideology, has also made hurdles to maintaining law and order system.

Thirdly, Socio-economic disparities also is has undermined the law and order system. When people live in poverty, and they have not any resources for their survival, so they may involves in criminal activities for their fulfilling their needs. Furthermore, social exclusion and injustice has also led to compromise law and order system. People who have victimized by disparities of resources, and of their basic rights also have led to disturb law and order situation. Kashmir, the area of Sindh belt along the Indus river, extremely under-

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developed, with no proper infrastructure, hospitals, schools, or employment opportunities. It has become a safe haven for dacoits and organized criminal gangs. Although law enforcement forces ^{have} launched multiple operations since 2022, these groups carry out kidnapping for ransom, armed robberies, extortion and attacks on innocent citizens as well as police. Therefore, socio-economic disparities has made hurdles to maintaining to law and order situation.

Fourthly, weak judicial system poses a serious threats to maintaining law and order system. When courts fail to deliver fair and timely justice due to case backlog, poor prosecution, criminals often walk free, which leads to culture of impunity. The delay of justice due to lack of evidences, and intimidation. For instance, in Pakistan, according to Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan, in ^{December} 2024, a total number of 2.37 million cases were pending across all courts. This backlog not only discourage victims but also enhance public frustration. Additionally, low conviction rates and legal loopholes weaken the effectiveness of criminal justice system. In India, despite registering of thousands cases annually, including murder and rape cases, the conviction rates remains low. According to National Crime Records Bureau, the conviction rates for offences stood at merely 64.3%, from these only 27.4% were rape convictions, and 27.4% of murders. Such

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low conviction rates furtherly deteriorate the rule of law. Moreover, when law enforcement fails to engages in the extra-judicial killing, it undermines the rule of justice, erodes public trust and violate human fundamental rights. According to United Nation High Commissioner Human Rights (UNCHR), in early 2005, at Khartoum North, Sudan, 18 civilian including woman were, reportedly executed by the Sudanese Armed Force (SAF) to recapture the area. These incidents reflect a breakdown in legal system. Therefore, unchecked extra-judicial killing not only violate human right but also destroy the foundation of society.

Fifth comes, Urbanization and over-population can also corrode to maintaining law and order system. People migrate from low income resource, to high income resource for their needs. It leads to strain on resources which are limited to exist populations resultantly, it becomes difficult to maintain law and order systems. In over-populated areas, lack of public services, food, shelter, jobs and other basic needs also increases frustration in society which leads to people take law in their hands. Moreover, due to urbanization and over-population, there is increment in slum areas. In many cities many slum areas grow without proper planning; and proper poor infrastructure causes difficulty for law enforcement agencies to provide public services. This delays

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gives an opportunities to ^{criminals} to escape or hide, like in Brazil, a slum area, Favelas, a controlled by drugs gangs and armed groups. According to Human Right Watch, Police operates against these gangs, but it causes to high civilians & casualties, which Resultantly, the trust between public and Police is deeply broken. Furthermore, in dense populated areas, law enforcement faces many challenges. The high number of people live in small ~~region~~ area find difficulties for public resources like surveillance, complaint system and Patrol units and it leads to many criminal activities like robberies, snatching. According to Citizen Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) ^{Karachi} ~~rep~~ latest reports that reveals more than 86,500 criminal incidents occurred from January to May 2025, in at different areas of Karachi, from these 48 residents killed while resisting robberies. Hence, this instability underscores when there are limited resources in dense areas, it hurdles to maintain law and order system.

Six comes weak border surveillance. When many countries fail to maintain border security, it leads to ^{illegal} migration, cross-border smuggling, and human trafficking. In addition, weak border security allows migrants to enter the country, illegally, which makes pressure on national resources and contributes to rising crime in the state.

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For instance, In Nigeria, weak border fencing and limited patrol along its frontiers with neighbouring countries have enabled many people to enter the country, illegally. According to Nigerian Government, 828 illegal immigrants were deported during 2024-2025. This reflects that the illegal migration through poorly regulated borders can strain on law enforcement capacity. Furthermore, weak border ^{security} allows traffickers to move people illegally across countries. Many victims including women and children are forced into jobs or abuse against their will. These crimes are mostly secrets, which could not easily ~~det~~ detect. According to United Nations Office Drugs and Crime (UNODC), many people are trafficked from Bangladesh to India through weak border security; In 2024, many young girls were taken to India for forced work and illegal activities. Moreover, Weak border security also enable criminals for smuggling and illegal supply that huts the law and order system. Criminal groups takes advantages of weak border security and to run their illegal ~~sm~~ smuggling business like supply of drugs, arms, oil, or even people. According to United Nations on Drug and Crime (UNDC), power Cartel like the Sinaloa and Jalisco New Generation earns billions through smuggling at USA-Mexico border. They use to buy illegal arms and

influence citizens. It have led to turf war, kidnapping and killing where local citizen feels unsafe. Therefore, weak border security fuels crime as well as undermine to maintaining law and order system.

Lastly, lack of trust between public and Law ~~enforcement~~ enforcements weaken the entire law and border when people donot trust that Police or other law enforce agency will not protect them fairly, they stop reporting and refuse to help in with investigation, which allow criminals to act more freely. According to Gallup Pakistan Survey 2025, only 35% of Pakistani, especially in Urban area trust the police. It underscores most people donot have trust on their police. This distrust often grow due to Corruption, delay in justice, misuse of power. Moreover, when Politicians control the police regarding personal will, the law becomes unfair and increase distrust on police. For example, in 2025, United Nations Human Rights Office (OHCHR) criticized the Government of Türkiye, and reported that Police detained 2000 peaceful protesters, including journalists, after the arrest of Istanbul mayor Ekram Imamoglu. Such actions, seem as politically driven, underscored how law enforcement was used to suppress dissent rather than uphold justice. Furthermore, When Law enforcement lacks transparency and is not uphold accountable, their misconduct often goes unchecked.

For example in 2021, Pakistan Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCPI) ²⁰²⁴ report that highlights 4864 staged encounters done by Punjab and Police. Yet almost no any officer faced charge, or external review. This lack of accountability may distrust among public on police and weaken law. Therefore, without fair accountability and transparency, law enforcement may diffuse fear rather than protection, and it damage the rule of law.

There are many challenges of maintaining law and order in modern age. However these challenges can be addressed through practical solutions that aim to restore law and order. The Government of must reduce poverty, and provide opportunities for employment, preventing people to commit crime. Furthermore, there is requirement of strict and strong checking at border and public areas to stop crime and illegal activities. Moreover, Law enforcement must earn the public trust by modernizing Criminal Justice System and ensuring transparency.

In modern age, maintaining law and order is very difficult task due to multifaceted challenges. From misuse of technology, rise of terrorism and extremism, Socio-economic inequalities, urbanization and dense population, weak judiciary system, and poor surveillance of border and Lack of trust between public and law enforcement, these each element ^{is} a role. While, these

challenges are diverse and evolving, they are surmountable. By addressing underlying challenge causes of inequality, ensuring strict surveillance mechanism across the country and rebuilding public confidence through transparency and modernization system, the state can pave the way for a safer, more just society. A balanced approach that combines firmness with fairness is an important to maintain rule and law in an increasingly unpredictable world.

"Justice will not be served until those who are affected are as outraged as those who are." Benjamin Franklin.