

4. WHY JUSTICE AT TOP PRIORITY:

Without justice (Ad'l), a society is bound to sink because it destroys trust, causes unfairness, and breaks the social bond. This maxim highlights that justice is the core pillar holding human civilization together. **Why Justice Matters;**

- **Fairness:** It ensures everyone gets their fair right.
- **Trust:** People feel safe when rules treat them equally.
- **Peace:** It stops the strong from hurting the weak.

... AND Without Justice

- **Fear and Anger:** People lose hope in the system.
- **Crime Grows:** Lawlessness takes over when wrongdoers go free.
- **Total Collapse:** Nations fall apart from deep inside due to unfairness and hate.

Justice in the life and conduct of the State is possible only as first it resides in the hearts and souls of the citizens - Plato

According to the World Justice Project Rule of Law Index, Pakistan ranks **192nd out of 197 countries** globally, making it one of the weakest nations for legal rights & governance in the region - ***placing it among nations like Myanmar and Sudan***, where the rule of law is severely compromised.

The direct consequences of this ***broken justice system*** have brutally impacted PAKISTAN across several core areas; see details:

1. The Burden of Delayed Justice

- **Massive Case Backlog:** As of today, mid-August 2026, the total pendency of cases in courts across Pakistan stands at an estimated **2.3 million to 2.4 million cases** spanning all tiers of the judiciary. Approximately 82% to 86% of this massive backlog resides within the lower and district judiciary, while upper-tier and superior courts carry the remaining share.
- **Decades for final Resolution:** An ordinary civil suit can take **20 to 25 years** to reach a final resolution.
- **Life-Spanning Litigations:** Because the average life expectancy is relatively low, many citizens spend a massive portion of their adult lives trapped in legal battles without seeing a verdict.

2. Severe Economic Strangulation

- **Trapped Capital:** According to Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) sources:

"A total of 50,732 tax and customs-related cases are currently pending in various courts and tribunals, involving disputes worth around Rs. 5,700 billion.

The highest number of cases, 27,621, are pending before appellate tribunals, while billions of rupees worth of cases are also awaiting decisions in the Supreme Court, High Courts, and other legal forums";

FBR's Report at 'SUNO TV'

Dated 5th June 2026 is referred.

- **Unrecovered Loans:** As of today, 15th August 2026, Pakistan's total non-performing loans (NPLs) across the banking sector stand at approximately **Rs 980 billion** (around **\$3.5 billion**). While financial institutions log these distressed assets under overall bad loans, ***regulatory bodies and the State Bank of Pakistan [SBP] do not publish a separate isolated statistical category*** exclusively tallying loans tied up specifically in *prolonged legal court actions*.
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- **Investors' GONE:** Due to ***'high litigation risks'*** and unpredictable ***stay orders*** issued by courts, foreign investors are hesitant to bring business into the country.
- ***Justice & Courts have become Protection for Elite Vested Interests.***
- Justice has become ***'A Luxury Commodity'***, a privilege available mostly to the powerful, land-lords, politicians and affluent elite – ordinary people suffer the most.

- ***Exploitation of the Weak:*** Wealthier litigants regularly use procedural delays to force weaker parties into ***unfair out-of-court settlements***; some ROGUE LAWYERS make more money than parties.

3. GOVTS ARE OFTEN BLAMED:

- ***Selective Accountability:*** Powerful stakeholders, the POLITICIANS, ELITE AND Feudal / *WADERAS* ***routinely manage to bypass standard legal penalties***; while average citizens face systemic institutional neglect, intimidation and corruption.
- ***Total Collapse of Social Order and Safety in the SOCIETY / NATION.***
- ***Deep Institutional Mistrust, persistent corruption and slow performance*** cause a total breakdown of public *trust in POLICE and COURTS*.
- Deprived of legitimate legal remedies AND DELAYED JUSTICE: ***Citizens increasingly take matters into their own hands***, fueling street crimes, tribal *'jirgas'*, firings / murders and other violence.
- ***Women, children, and religious minorities face unassailable hurdles and threats*** when trying to report violence or basic inheritance disputes to POLICE or directly to COURTS.

4. JUSTICE DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED.....

- 10-25 years delay is normal in Pakistan.....salute to lacunas in CrPC of 1898, Evidence Act of 1872 and police Rules of 1934.
- ***The absence of the rule of law creates a society marked by instability, injustice, and suffering. It undermines social cohesion, economic development, and human rights, leading to a deteriorating quality of life and widespread despair.***
- The **rule of law** is essential for creating a stable, just, and prosperous society where individuals can thrive and communities can develop harmoniously.
- In a society where laws are compromised, selectively employed, and the state- institutions become above the law, numerous adverse consequences arise, leading to instability and suffering. Without the rule of law, a society faces total chaos. Which can lead to social unrest and political instability. Public cynicism and apathy.
- *Those in power govern arbitrarily – thus leading to corruption, favoritism, and abuse of power, as leaders and officials are not held accountable for their omissions and actions.*
- ***This further aggravates economic difficulties and hinders development. Education, healthcare, infrastructure, and other critical sectors suffer from neglect and corruption.***

- **Corrupt judiciary undermines the principle of judicial independence.**
- When a country's legislature is co-opted, it effectively diminishes the checks and balances that are essential to righteous functioning of governments.
- ***Delayed Justice BRINGS economic decline, which follows as instability deters investment, increasing poverty, corruption, lawlessness and unemployment.***

Accountability is maintained through a free and independent judiciary NOT through NAB or FIA as they mostly promote corrupt practices; Pakistan is typical example for the whole world.

The parliament should make laws that promote fairness and justice for all – NOT only for the elite and MNAs or Ministers ETC.

Choice is yours.