

**Appraisal of Police Concert in Punjab Pakistan  
and Community Repercussion**

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**Abstract:** *This research was done to examine the variables that affect how well the Pakistani province of Punjab's police force operates. By employing all of the provincial resources, including those of the police and other sister agencies, the research strives to uncover the factors that contribute to crime in the province and offer practical measures to reduce and stop it. Work productivity and policing effectiveness are positively correlated with motivation and hygienic parameters. The*



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*lack of modern facilities and the imbalance in manpower were major roadblocks to the performance of the force, according to police officers from all districts, while adequate modern facilities are a major factor in facilitating the increase in work efficiency. The social scientist expert, along with the police officers, believe that efficient patrolling, criminal investigation, and fair trials are the three pillars of the criminal justice system that support the maintenance of law and order in the nation. When the criminals are not found guilty by the courts, confidence in the performance of the police department is also questioned. The respondent's police officers claimed throughout the research that until all of the criminal justice system's pillars function cohesively, the desired results of criminal administration of justice can't be achieved. The research procedure is completed and the findings are presented using a qualitative research approach.*

**Key words:** *Community Policing, Police Behavior, Criminal Justice System, modern facilities of investigation, detection and curbing of crimes*

### **Introduction**

Pakistan's police force is a legacy of its former British overlords. The province's police force is tasked with maintaining peace and order by employing efficient patrolling, crime prevention, and criminal detection strategies. The ambition to manage the affairs of the country is impossible without the police department functioning properly. Nations grow when there is order in society, but when the fundamental component of the

criminal justice system is not working, the level of law and order in the nation won't be particularly noteworthy. Results are mostly dependent on resources. In terms of training, the Pakistan Criminal Investigation Unit of the Police Department is not even equivalent to some of the developing nations.

In Pakistan, creating rules and policies is a daily occurrence, but their actual implementation is woefully deficient. The nation's criminal justice system favors the wealthy and is harsh toward the underprivileged. The gradual growth of those countries on the global map distinguishes the wealthy from the poor. Nowadays, crimes take on complex forms, making it imperative to catch the offender using contemporary technology. This research project uses a qualitative method of investigation. The investigation was conducted using both primary and secondary sources.

### **Goals of the study**

The study's primary goals are outlined as follows:

- a) To determine the causes of different crimes in the province.
- b) To suggest steps to stop and catch criminal activity.
- c) Using cutting-edge methods and research to combat terrorism.
- d) To stop the Police Department from using outdated, idiotic methods of torture in the future.
- e) To draw attention to the limitations of police work and practical strategies for effective criminal investigations that will result in convictions.

### **Research question**

A: Do you believe that the lack of resources or the lack of stakeholder will prevent complete separation of the operation and investigation wings?

Q: 2 In the province, effective criminal investigations have not been guaranteed up to this point due to the investigation officers' lack of current skills in utilizing modern facilities?

3. Can the performance of the police department be changed by the transfer of financial authority to station house officers?

### **Discussion**

The police performance in the nation is not being praised in regards to conduct with the public, effective patrolling for the purpose of crime prevention, approach for crime detection, response time in case of an occurrence, and registration of crimes across the board is being discouraged, killing the purpose of establishment of front desk at the police station level. The investigation of the criminal cases is being handed over without judging the strength of the investigation officer in the police station is not comparable to the registration of crimes, and the investigation officers have resource problems in obtaining modern facilities. Additionally, the prosecution department's rubber stamp scrutiny of criminal cases alongwith element for corruption to get pass the challan and the lack of fair trial opportunities in the courts are current problems that prevent the effectiveness of the performance of the Punjab police from being fully understood.

According to several respondents, local police harassment at police stations discourages the illiterate, weaker segments of society, and vulnerable groups from visiting police stations. Due to many factors, police behavior frequently favors the accused rather than the victim, which is a very major unfavorable attitude on the part of the important pillar of the criminal justice system that is increasing the crime rate in the nation. The ratio of reported crimes to actual crimes occurring in society is declining as a result of the police department's unfavorable attitude, which the victim who has already experienced social trauma lacks the ability to change. Because of this, appropriate corrective actions are neglected. Due to the aforementioned factors, the crime rate in the village and impoverished neighborhoods is not low but is inaccurately stated. Every government in Pakistan deceives the populace with the claim that they will implement the perfect reforms in the police system and culture to maintain the nation's peace and order, but after their victim, the politician will not pay any attention to this ignored field.

There is a connection between indicators including improper crime detection, non-reporting of crimes, ineffective evidence collecting following the filing of crime reports, poor investigation by law enforcement officers, unfair trials, and widespread corruption in the province. Other indicators include lack of education, prior legal issues, gender discrimination, unemployment, poverty, wrongful detentions

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and arrests, political rivalry, urbanization and population boom, the negative impact of the media, and a performance deficient criminal justice system. The commission of crimes is a significant source of unease and insecurity in society. To restore the province's peace and tranquility, the crime rate can be reduced. The study of the types of crimes that occur in Punjab and their causes can aid in understanding the root causes of the ills and assist in redesigning prevention strategies that are desirable to lower the province's crime rate.

The police often keep a daily dairy register (rapt) when information on the registration of an incident is obtained, but due to corrupt system practices, they do not file a FIR right away. Instead, they wait for the middleman to file a FIR. According to the police, only those details that are not based on actual events and pertain to offences that are not punishable by law are not included in the first information record, or register No. 1. Human rights organizations claim that the police department is registering fewer complaints and is unwilling to file a FIR against elites and pressure groups (politicians, bureaucrats, journalists, and attorneys).

### **Community Policing**

Due to community policing, police performance is up to par in developed countries, and society plays a significant role in enhancing police performance. Daily connection with the community helps police identify crimes as a result of

community policing. At the District/Police Station level, liaison committees must be established to carry out the process and address local issues of the populace in a priority manner in order to lessen their suffering. Volunteers, interns, and students can assist with reporting crimes.

The police force serves as both the first supporter of the criminal justice system and the first response to crimes. In an investigation, both sides present evidence to support their claims, and the investigator has the duty to examine and compile this evidence as well as offer his expert opinion on whether the accused is innocent or guilty, which will determine whether he is found guilty or not and ultimately found not guilty during the trial. Poor criminal investigations lead to false accusations against innocent people, which causes the administration of justice to fall short of giving the accused their due, and society, loses faith in it. People begin seeking their own retribution, which makes society more anarchic. Investigative agencies should operate scientifically, and the government should foster an environment that supports this.

In order to foster harmony and peace in society, the legal system should perform its legitimate function. The history of Pakistan's legal system includes several instances from the subcontinent's Hindu, Muslim, and English eras. Every citizen has a fundamental right to justice, which is guaranteed by the constitution. Criminal law is decided through the criminal

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proceedings process. Even if the jurisdictions for criminal processes vary greatly, the process often starts with a formal criminal charge, followed by the accused person's release on bail or incarceration and either a conviction or acquittal. Without an effective criminal justice system, it is impossible to maintain peace and order in the nation. The country's criminal justice system can be strengthened by the legislature through the enactment of robust laws.

### **Educational Disparity**

Due to the fact that Pakistan has three concurrent educational systems operating, investments in education are being wasted and the country as a whole has not been able to form a single, cogent perspective on important subjects. Different methods and resources are used in the English medium, Urdu medium, and madrasas systems of education to prepare students for current challenges and equip them for pragmatic success in life. In our educational system, Pupils in English-medium schools see themselves as elite groups and despise the students in the other two systems. The majority of jobs are given to persons who are read in and talented in English and pupils from the other two systems fall short of holding a supreme position in the nation. Due to a lack of qualified and committed faculty, rote learning is a major component of the madrassha and Urdu medium educational systems. Despite lifting the enormous weight of the school backpacks, their level of ingenuity is still in



question. Society suffers as a result of prejudice in the education of young people. When they are unable to get employment, persons with limited literacy want to make money quickly by engaging in a variety of vices.

**Rewards for criminal justice system workers are not commensurate with their line of work.**

The nature of work of police employees and required duty hours, police department personnel salaries cannot be compared to the employees of other departments. The salaries of personnel in other departments who often work in air-conditioned offices with equal basic salary are higher than those of the police department. Officers and administrators in the police department typically have to deal with the environment and public pressure 24 hours a day. For the purpose of reducing, preventing, and detecting crime, they must patrol and conduct raids in order to apprehend offenders. The convince allowance of 20 days for police department personnel is unjustified and is based not on their current basic salary but rather their basic pay from 2009. Despite working in air-conditioned rooms and enjoying a more relaxed environment than police officers, even member departments of the criminal justice system of courts pay their employees higher salary due to their power to impose judgments. The sense of might is right transmitted in the departments. There is an urgent need to increase the compensation of department

employees who don't even get Sundays off from work, in line with the nature of their jobs.

### **Behavior of police department with the public**

In the province of Punjab, Pakistan the police department's attitude toward the populace is not friendly. In addition to their number of martyrdoms for the greater good of the country, all of the department's efforts to reduce and control crime are failing as a result. The PRO arm of the police department is not effectively communicating with the public about the department's operations. The police force is operating in a defensive manner. Due to high-ups' directions and to improve the District Police Officers' performance indicators, certain criminal charges are filed on a point system, but they are ultimately dismissed in court because the evidence is weak or the allegations are untrue. Such conduct on the part of the police department damages the department's reputation and undermines public faith. The police department operates as a service in developed nations where the criminal justice system is also established, but as a force in the province. The department's officers need to stop using a crude kind of law enforcement and shift their focus to community policing<sup>1</sup>.

### **Multiple Approaches/Solutions and Recommendations**

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 14-4 the Police Rules, 1934.

The following approaches if, implemented in letter and spirit then improvements in the criminal justice system will be ensure in true line;

- ❖ There should be pro-active policy of the police department, proper strategies be devised that the possibility of crime is terminated before its commission.
- ❖ The Reactive policy after the commission of crime be strengthened by empowering the criminal justice of the country by modernizing the system on the modern tools.
- ❖ Strict vehicle inspections at district entry and departure points.
- ❖ It is crucial to guarantee that Thikri para and Nacka Bandi are effective against property crimes. Naka Bandi should be made operational on the important points but randomly.
- ❖ Installing cameras in a crime-prone area to maintain strict surveillance
- ❖ Information exchange between sisters agencies to be increased.
- ❖ The police department's effectiveness in maintaining public order and combating crime needs to be improved.
- ❖ Community policing should be strengthened so that it can improve the police department's service delivery and soften its image by eradicating its unpleasant behavior.

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- ❖ The policy of target hardening should be implemented effectively.
- ❖ There should be Zero tolerance for all kinds of crimes and the criminal should be dealt with iron hands.

No department can function properly without appropriate discipline and accountability, yet punishing department personnel arbitrarily will deter them from carrying out their jobs effectively in the future. Therefore, it is essential for department officers to understand the value of their subordinates and to help them improve in order to prevent future errors in criminal investigation, crime detection, and other disciplinary matters. The reformatory theory has to be applied more and more under close supervision. The degree of the accused employee's guilt should determine the severity of the punishment.

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