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Dear Recipient (s),

This is the tenth edition of our **Juvenile Justice Newsletter**. At glance, through this edition **LAW Pakistan** would like to pay its humble gratitude to *President Sialkot Bar Association*, District Police Officer

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Sialkot (D.P.O) for nominating officials to our awareness-raising session in Sialkot district of Punjab province on **4th September, 2021**. Awareness-raising session was inaugurated by the President of Sialkot Bar Association who opined that *“no prior attempt had been made to have this kind of open discussion on juvenile justice in Sialkot”*.

This edition will provide latest news pertained to welfare of children in conflict with law, and information that our volunteers had collected and found during their field operations and pleadings happened in courts.

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Thanking you!

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RECENT PAST NEWS:

- **National Commission for Human Development** in collaboration with **Punjab Prisons Department** had launched a program that would allow prisoners particularly unschooled to receive preliminary education inside prison walls. The notification that had been issued by the office of **Inspectorate of Prisons Punjab** read that **01 center** in district prison, and **02** in **central** prisons. *It is to remind you that in Punjab there are **41 prisons** some are central and others are district prisons housing **40,000** prisoners altogether.*¹
- A child was arrested on suspicion of killing his friend (**aged 14**) from Lahore. The police alleged that the arrested child wanted to marry a girl that had a relationship with deceased.²
- It is brought to our knowledge that the *Punjab Probation & Parole Service* revised the draft rules under JJSA 2018, and resent it to the **Secretary Home Department** for its approval.

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS:

- We share with you in sheer grief that a man (**62**) whom we provided *pro-bono* legal assistance under our project on saving individuals (adults) from gallows had been sentenced to death penalty on **13th of September, 2021** by the trial court. The trial court in sheer violation of United Nations Declaration on Human Rights and domestic substantive criminal law found him culpable of an offence that until the time of this edition from the day of its introduction in **Pakistan Penal Code 1860** had been mis-used against marginalized, and vulnerable communities in Pakistan. Considering this development **LAW Pakistan** has been appealing for *donations* for contesting his criminal appeal under **Section 410 of Criminal Code 1898** against the judgement, and order of the death penalty in the High Court for saving him from going to barbaric gallows. *Note: “M” has been abandoned by his family in apprehension of getting lynched from the hands of any charged and*

¹ https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2021-09-08&edition=LHR&id=5762108_94150601

² https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2021-09-22&edition=LHR&id=5779581_42311897

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violent mob instigated by the radical, and fanatics. Note: Further information may be requested by email.

RECENT PAST EVENTS:



Participants actively taking apart in session.

- Participants suggested in **Sialkot** on **4th September, 2021** that the police to carefully investigate alleged crimes by juveniles;
- To protect the identity of accused juveniles, to hold juveniles in rehabilitation facilities rather than adult prisons, to criminalize torture by police and prison staff;

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- To place the burden of proof on officials in the case of deaths in custody. On top of everything, *“the President of Sialkot Bar Association suggested that such like sessions to be planned frequently across Pakistan having participation from stakeholders because seeking before implementation of the law for the protection of juveniles awareness level of the stakeholders required to be increased for effective implementation of the law at all levels of criminal justice system.”*

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Help us if you can!

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