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**Legal Awareness
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**Juvenile Justice
NEWSLETTER**

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Abbreviations

- **LAW: Legal Awareness Watch Pakistan**
- **MRDO: Marvi Rural Development Organisation**
- **CRPC: Criminal Code of Procedure 1898**
- **PPC: Pakistan Penal Code 1860**
- **JJ: Juvenile Justice**
- **JC.: Juvenile Court**
- **JJSA: Juvenile Justice System Act 2018**
- **JJN: Juvenile Justice Newsletter**
- **PEMRA: Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority**
- **NAPA: National Academy of Prison Administration**
- **KPK: Kyber Paktunkhaw province**
- **CRC: United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children**
- **CTD: Counter Terrorism Department**
- **JJC: Juvenile Justice Committee of Lahore Bar Association**
- **LBA: Lahore Bar Association**
- **I.G: Punjab Inspectorate General of Prisons**
- **I.O: Investigation Officer**
- **D.G: Director General**
- **A.C.: Assistant Commissioner**
- **GBV: Gender Base Violence**

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Dear Recipient (s),

A very Happy New Year (2022). We hope that you had a good time with your families and dear ones during holidays.

After having received positive feedback on each edition of this newsletter throughout the year **(2021)** given us the energy and courage to continue this newsletter in **(2022)** thus this is the first edition of this year. **LAW Pakistan** will issue twelve editions with a month gap as we did last year **(2021)**. However, this year we're expecting this newsletter to reach to at least *one thousand* individuals, organisations, judges, legal practitioners, prosecution, social welfare/probation officers, etc. within Pakistan and abroad linked to child justice and Human Rights.

Hence, this issue will entail news and information that our volunteers came across in the very end of December **(2021)** and provide collection of news printed in local newspapers as well as found on social medias pertained to children in conflict with law.

We wish to have your feedback *via* email for letting us to improve our future editions in this year. **Note:** *Compilation of editions that we issued last year available online at:* www.legalawarenesswatch.com

Thanking you,

(Sarmad Ali)
Director LAW Pakistan
Advocate High Court
Dated: 1st January 2022.



RECENT PAST NEWS:

- A child (**14**) arrested on suspicion of raping his cousin in *Shahdara* town of Lahore. The police told media that child in custody resided under a same house in joint family being cousins.¹ **LAW Pakistan** insists that child in custody of police to be given due protection of law i.e., JJSA 2018.
- Local electronic media channel broke a news that police had arrested a child (**15**) from “**Feroz Wattoya**” village of Sheikhpura district of Punjab on suspicion of rape. The child who was apprehended interviewed by the local TV channel on 12th December 2021-- whose screen shot is placed below. It is to bring in your knowledge last year (**2021**) on the complaint of **LAW Pakistan**, the **Human Rights Ministry of Pakistan** had issued direction to the Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (**PEMRA**) to instruct (**PEMRA**) to observe section 13 of JJSA 2018 that prohibited disclosure of identity of children in conflict with law and it required prior permission from the **Station Head Officer** (SHO) of police station that apprehended the child or from the guardian of that child. When **LAW Pakistan** contacted the reporter who interviewed the child opined “accused is accused it does not matter what her/his age is”.



Screen shot of the interview (right the media reporter and on left the child in custody).

- It is brought to your knowledge that the Home Department Punjab had prepared draft “**Rules of Business**” under JJSA 2018 to be tabled in the Punjab Assembly for its approval. The rules of business will instruct the departments/stakeholders how to operate and conduct their operations--where a child is found or reported to have infringed any penal law of Pakistan.

¹ Roznama “Awaz”/Urdu newspaper dated 25th December 2021 at page no.6.



- **Police** on Thursday arrested two teenage students involved in the killing of an elderly man for making a thrilling video. Four teenage TikTokers, riding two motorcycles, gunned down Qamar Raza at the Ghazi Chowk, Jaffer Tayyar area, six days ago.²
- We're delighted to inform you that **LAW Pakistan** is invited to participate in a research submission that is due in the “**UN’s Special Rapporteurs on the Right to Adequate Housing and on Extreme Poverty**”. The research submission will entail information on criminalisation of homelessness (involving children) and related behaviour (vagrancy, status offences etc.) in Pakistan. We’ll share the final research submission once it is available online.

RECENT PAST EVENTS:

- **LAW Pakistan** with the support of its partners abroad and within Pakistan the year **(2021)** went successful with regards to planning and execution of **six** awareness-raising sessions on **child justice** across Pakistan last of those sessions held in **Karachi** in December 2021 (*photo from that session placed below*) and a two-day national level training workshop with stakeholders in Lahore in May 2021. Given that those awareness-raising sessions and national training workshop got recognition from almost every relevant department this enhanced the credibility of **LAW’s** advocacy about juvenile justice. The Inspectorate General of Police of Punjab and Sindh, Social Welfare and Bait-ul-Maal, Probation and Parole Service of Punjab Sindh and Balochistan, Office of Prosecutor General Punjab and Sindh among others that acknowledged **LAW’s** awareness-raising

² <https://e.thenews.com.pk/detail?id=40855>

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sessions and a national level training workshop.



Photo from awareness-raising advocacy session that held in Karachi on child justice in December 2021.

LAW Pakistan apart from executing awareness-raising advocacy and individuals' cases even in the wake of rapid spread of the Covid-19 in early (2021) had also completed research survey (volume II) on tracing of children facing or convicted of severe punishment i.e., life sentence without the prospect of parole and the death penalty. Volume I and II received international recognition and acknowledgement in the **World Congress on Juvenile Justice** that held in November 2021.

UPCOMING EVENT:

- **LAW Pakistan** has planned to hold a two-day national training workshop on JJSA 2018 in Lahore in the month of February 2022.

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