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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
- PPSP: Probation and Parole Service Punjab



Dear Recipient (s),

The month of February (2022) remained very busy for our volunteers, members and those associated with us. Pursuant to Covid-19 restrictions and protocols we held a two-days training workshop on **Child Protection and Juvenile Justice** in Lahore, Pakistan of stakeholders that included Office of Prosecutor General of Punjab, Probation and Parole Service of Punjab and Sindh, Social Welfare Department of Punjab and Sindh, Legal Practitioners/ Defense Advocates, Punjab Police, Journalists from leading dailies. In the workshop two foreigners gave presentations on restorative justice *via* video link from Europe. We thank them as well as those who had been with us during those two days either virtually or in person for materially in the success of the workshop.

We've a launched a new scheme for recipients i.e., stakeholders, NGOs and individuals of this newsletter from the beginning of this initiative in **(2021)** that we'll offer a special column in future editions of this newsletter to those who would wish to share their views or small articles not more than **200** words on restorative justice or any other piece of information pertaining to juvenile justice.

We wish to have your feedback *via* email for letting us to improve our future editions and share with us your active e-mail addresses if you would like to be amongst the network facilitated by **LAW Pakistan**. **Note:** *Compilation of editions that we issued last year (2021) available online at: www.legalawarenesswatch.com*

Thanking you,

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



RECENT PAST NEWS:

- The boy who had been charged of allegedly committing murders of his mother, sister, and brother in February this year dispatched to judicial lockup.¹ The police provided in the investigation that the boy murdered his mother, sister, and brother after being influenced by **PubG** video game. **LAW Pakistan** had urged the Federal government and stakeholders that **PubG** video game and other alike virtual activities to be banned in Pakistan for children. Apart from our demand the Punjab Police itself had put a request to the Federal Government of Pakistan/Interior Ministry to seek appropriate orders from all quarters to ban **PubG** game in Pakistan. In past **Battleground's** video game in July 2020 had been banned when the authorities had raised concerns that it was driving the teenagers to violence while reporting some incidents in which teens committed suicide for not completing the task given in the games.²
- We are really pleased to share with you that we have submitted the *Report on the Criminalisation of Homelessness and Extreme Poverty* to the **UN's Special Rapporteurs on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty**, and on the **Right to Housing** in response to the Call for Input on the decriminalisation of homelessness and extreme poverty (30 August 2021). The report is co-signed by **Consortium for Street Children** and their other network members which is available at: [Global Network Defending Street Children's Rights - CSC](https://www.globalnetworkdefendingstreetchildrensrights.org/)

UPCOMING EVENT:

- The two-days training workshop had concluded with numerous recommendations amongst those important was that child protection and juvenile justice system of Pakistan to be implemented rigorously in Pakistan by virtue of CRC with reference to General Comments No. 24 and No. 21. Furthermore, children's rights in the juvenile justice to be protected keeping the principles of restorative justice in sight within the criminal justice. Without keeping principles of restorative justice in sight children's rights in juvenile justice would not be achieved in Pakistan (if not) possibly taking many to gallows (without age determination) and mass incarceration without the prospect of parole, the participants added.

After the conclusion of two days training workshop participants had received "**Certificate of Participation**" from us to boost their courage as well as potential to make sure that they would adopt international

¹ <https://e.jang.com.pk/detail/60556>

² <https://www.dawn.com/news/1674222>

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practices proactively with reference to local context concerning children in conflict with law or on streets being destitute and/or neglected.



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