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# *Juvenile Justice* **NEWSLETTER**



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## NEWS FROM RECENT PAST:

- **KASUR:** A teenage boy was shot dead by another teenager allegedly for sexually abusing him at a village in Pattoki Saddar.<sup>1</sup> We anticipate that the concerned probation officer had been informed by the police about the arrest of the teenager considering the **Juvenile Justice System Act 2018 (hereinafter JJSA)** to make sure that apprehended child would get fair and transparent investigation.
- **LAHORE:** It was reported in local Urdu newspapers “**Jang**” that the police had apprehended “**A**” allegedly on charges of committing rape.<sup>2</sup> We at **LAW** believe that the medical practitioners would develop fair **Medico-Legal Certificate (MLC)** based upon true facts and collect correct samples considering international scientific standards of **DNA** and **MLC** from the alleged accuser and apprehended minor.
- The prison reforms committee headed by the **Caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab** had directed the prisons’ administration to establish a system inside **43** prisons across Punjab for conducting the judicial proceedings through video link to facility inmates including children and women for the speedy disposal of their cases.<sup>3</sup> **LAW** applauded this decision as it had decided to consider modern techniques for speedy disposal of cases pending in the courts for years and years. In addition, it will keep vulnerable individuals secure those said to have infringed blasphemy laws across Punjab from getting lynched or killed in courts.

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## TERRORISM AND JUVENILE JUSTICE FROM THE PRISM OF RECENT JUDGMENT:

- We at **LAW** believe that the JJSA 2018 to be prevailed upon all substantive penal laws of Pakistan where children less than eighteen years of age said to have infringed penal laws. Under section 23 of the said Act the JJSA 2018 will override all penal laws even **Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 and The Control of Anti-Narcotics and Substance Act 1997** would be ignored in cases implicating children. JJSA 2018 would prevail and its application and procedure to be adopted by courts in the judicial procedures. Recently, the Single member bench of High Court of Peshawar had penned down a landmark judgment wherein it was stated that the cases of children even cases--where they had been

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<sup>1</sup> [https://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=19\\_04\\_2023\\_178\\_006](https://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=19_04_2023_178_006)

<sup>2</sup> <https://e.jang.com.pk/detail/414262>

<sup>3</sup> <https://e.jang.com.pk/detail/420576>

apprehended on alleged charges of terrorism to be tried in juvenile court (s) not in Anti-terrorism courts.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> [https://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=17\\_04\\_2023\\_009\\_003](https://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=17_04_2023_009_003)