

Relationship of Political and Economic Stability with Revamping of Criminal Justice System

Economic growth is not possible without political stability and rule of law. The political system of a country goes hand-in-hand with its economic and the law and order situation and it goes without saying that an unreliable political system, without rule of law, reduces the likelihood of investments. Moreover, smooth democratic process is also a prerequisite for the success of a country. If Pakistan is to become economically stable efforts would be required to follow a roadmap for revival in all segments of society.

The processes of curbing crime and inflicting punishments in Pakistan are far from satisfactory. There is lack of fairness and fair play that is to say the stakeholders of the justice sector do not perform their functions in accordance with law which directly affects the overall stability of the country. It is the need of the hour that the centuries old criminal laws may be revisited, processes may be refined and capacity building of those responsible to implement the same may be undertaken.

Similarly, the performance of investigation agencies requires drastic improvement as due to faulty investigation the convictions could not be achieved. For this purpose, more funds required to be allocated for creating more posts and capacity building of investigators in modern techniques.

Financial crimes including white collar crime and money laundering account for huge financial loss to persons, organizations and countries. Crimes like money laundering are often spread across different countries and involve many organizations and governments therefore, there is need of adoption of local and international laws to curb the same.

The constitution guarantees the right to life and the State is responsible for the protection of the lives of the citizens especially those in custody. However, as is evident from various press reports the custodian killings are on the increase which is a serious violation of human rights and the laws and procedures in this regard require to be revisited.