

Crime and police

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The citizen of the country are unsafe, insecure and scared. That is because our crime fighters have turned a dumb head and deaf ear to the misdoings of criminals. The felons, thugs and unlawful elements are playing havoc with the lives of ordinary citizens of the country. The crime graph has unrestrainingly galloped to reckless proportions. The criminal, the dacoit, the robber, the rapist, the cheat, the expropriator and the thug has perpetrated the innermost recesses and the outermost tresses of the hearths and highways of the country. Can we name a city, a village or a street in the city or a street in the city of lane in the village that remains yawning for crime and felony, for thuggery and trespass. The spin and the span of such a horrid graph tells us that crime looms on the horizon. And those that be to check it, have steeped into an abortive existence. It is a fact of our lives, that is day to day and night to night that criminals act with gay abandon, without interference or interception. Crime in the whole country whether it be a city like Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Islamabad, Peshawar, Quetta, Faisalabad, Sukhar, Hyderabad, Sargodha, Dadu, Pishin, Kasur, Sahiwal, Charssada, Mardan or Okara or Villages like Kamoke, Sadhoke, Bucheki, Kanbar, Faizpur, Jehangira, Jhal Magis, Miranwala and many more one could name has assumed rampant proportions.

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Almost all instances go untraced, unchecked and unpunished. At this instance we are not in a position to supply a list of crimes. But can assert on authority that a single days work for the criminals vavaging the home and hearths, streets and lanes of Pakistan run into thousands on any given day. Such heinous crimes involve dacoities, thefts, day light robberies, murders kidnappings and a whole plethora of felonious activities. There is a Federal Police force comprising of almost 50,000 personnel, that is a cop for ten citizens, that tantamount to the highest police : citizen ratio in the world. Also in the content and context of Pakistan the Islamabad Police is both the elite and the model police force. Yet to the chagrin and despondence of the citizens, the crime graph has multiplied by 200% over the past three years. Robbers have run awoke in Islamabad, dacoits refuse to be detected and road robberies around the precincts of Islamabad are almost an every night phenomenon. This much for the federal metropolis. We will not quote figures for fear of the police.

The provinces are in a more wearisome, vilified condition. The largest most populous. Province of Punjab has a police force of 200,000 personnel, that amounts to one policeman for 500 citizens. World wide statistics reveal that it is an adequate ratio. But crime refuses to decline and criminals are momentarily spread thru the province. Despite claims to the contrary by the well-guarded and well-worded provincial government the loss to the citizens of Punjab from crime and illicit activities runs into billions of rupees. Daily criminal activities throughout the province take place and the criminals are not apprehended. They are acting at will and running amok. The population which forms a majority is left clueless and almost shelter less. Shelterless because their homes and hearths can be penetrated by trigger happy terrorist like vandals at impunity. The crime charts are bubbling vivaciously with merriment in the other provinces as well. Where with almost a 25% increase in the police force and 100% enhancement in their annual grants and professional accouterments over a 3 Years period, there has been a simultaneous upsurge in crimes of all varieties and colours by the same proportion and percentage. We are not prone to pin all responsibility on the police force. We are not oblivious of the fact that crime is rooted in the socio-economic milieu also, for which the whole govt. is responsible. But primarily crime fighting falls within the domain of the policeman, who must nurse it to some modicum of normality. At least to a level where citizens cross the anxious sweat of despondence and doldrum.