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Anti-Crime, Successful Investigation A Modern Requirement and Some Teachings of Islamic Law

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Abstract:

Crime means violating the Pakistan Penal Code 1973. The purpose of crime prevention is to prevent and reduce the risk of crime in society. It involves the government, law enforcement agencies, and the public working together to create an environment that discourages criminal activity. While crime prevention refers not only to the prevention of crime but also to create such a safe and peaceful society that promotes social stability and public trust. Anti crime is not only a government responsibility, but also a public duty to cooperate with law enforcement agencies. In the absence of crime prevention, instability and fear are created in the society, which halts social development. Low crime provides a calm and safe social environment. Modern technological tools, strong law enforcement, and public partnership may play an important role in this. Public awareness and youth empowerment can be helpful in crime prevention. Crime can be reduced to a minimum by conducting public awareness campaigns in partnership with the government and law enforcement agencies.

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Anti-crime is a broad and multifaceted subject, which is concerned with strengthens social stability, public safety, and law enforcement. Following are some key postulates on various aspects of crime prevention and their importance:

Importance of Crime Prevention:

Undoubtedly, anti-crime efforts are vital to public safety and peace, so its importance can be divided into the following points:

Social stability:

In the absence of anti crime, fear and are instability created in the society, which halts social progress while low crime provides a calm and safe social environment.

Economic benefits:

Investment and business opportunities increase when crime decreases, so, for a safe environment is necessary for economic stability.

Rule of Law:

Respect for and enforcement of the law is only possible when crime is controlled and those who violate the law are fined and punished.

Public Trust:

Whenever the anti crime agencies are successful in preventing crime, public trust in them increases. This trust promotes social harmony among people who can live their lives without fear.

Islamic method of anti crime control:

First of all, Islam invites man to believe in Allah Almighty and the Hereafter, and offers a system of self-purification, through which no idea of guilt and sin which arise from the heart and mind of man. Then it establishes such a society in which man can fulfill his basic needs and desires through legitimate means and does not have to resort to illegal and criminal means to fulfill these needs. When crimes committed in the first two ways are committed. It is not possible to stop them, then, it is necessary to direct the government machinery to move to stop them. The detail of this matter is that before imposing severe punishments for crimes, Islam, the ruler of the Islamic state, gives the power to distinguish the religion, creed and color of the people. And regardless of race, it orders to provide such resources for them through which they can get food, clothing, house and education so that they cannot adopt illegal resources after fulfilling their legitimate requirements. Apart from this, Islam holds the government responsible for ensuring that wealth does not end up in the hands of a

few people. That's why Islam, keeping in view the human nature, has emphasized on giving a complete code of life as well as establishing a social system in which there is no scope for committing crimes. Even so, if a person commits a crime, to keep the society safe from degradation and immorality, Islam has rightly prescribed exemplary fixed punishments so that seeing these notified punishments, other people will never follow the path of sin.

Prevention of crimes in the light of Quran:

For the prevention of crimes, there are several rules and regulations in the Holy Quran which provide guidance for making the Islamic society as well as the whole world safe and fair. These principles include moral rebuke, social justice, penal laws, and social welfare practices. Here are the Islamic methods of preventing crimes mentioned along with the Qur'an and their references:

Learning piety and fear of God:

The most prominent principle in the Qur'an is to promote piety and fear of Allah. When a person has the fear of God in his heart, he tries to avoid evil and sin. Allah Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an thus:

"O believers! Fear Allah and speak the truth. " ¹

Undoubtedly, piety prevents a person from doing any type of bad deeds and makes him righteous. Attracts towards piety, thereby it is possible to control crime.

Ruler of Justice:

In Qur'an, justice is considered as the fundamental principle for the social stability. When there is justice in the society, the tendency of crime will ultimately less. It is stated in the Qur'an:

"Indeed, Allah commands justice, kindness and giving to relatives and forbids indecency and all evil and cruelty. He admonishes you so that you may get the real purpose of advice. " ²

No doubt, the prescribed verse describes justice as a means of eliminating evil and oppression, which is necessary for the prevention of social crimes.

To protect the innocent and to prevent accusations:

The Qur'an enjoins us to avoid accusations and false slanders in order to save the innocent. Allah says:

"And those who persecutes in believing men and women without any crime they have committed have borne the burden of slander and manifest sin."³

In this verse there ,man is a encouraged to avoid false accusations and to do justice.

Prevention of obscenity and lewdness:

In the Qur'an, it is ordered to avoid obscenity and immorality, because these practices cause crimes and social deterioration. In this regard, Allah says thus:

"And do not go to the indecencies that are apparent among them or those that are hidden and do not kill unjustly the soul whose life Allah has made sacred. It is commanded you to have wisdom"⁴

The order warns people to stay away from obscenity, no doubt, which is an important crime prevention tool.

Prevention of murder and riot:

In the Qur'an, the killing of an innocent person is considered as the killing of the entire humanity, which is the basis of social peace. It is command of Allah as the one who killed someone not for the sake of a life or for mischief; it is as if he killed all the people in the world. Similarly, the one who gave life to someone; it is as if he gave life to all the human beings.

The Qur'an emphasizes the prevention of murder and corruption, which is very helpful in reducing social crime.

Protection of rights of women and weaker social class:

The Qur'an enjoins the protection of the rights of women and socially weaker persons so that they are not oppressed and depressed. Allah says thus:

"Live well with women."⁵

Through this order, social justice is promoted; it will be helpful to reduce crimes against the oppressed class.

Learning about social welfare and well-being:

In the Qur'an, people have been encouraged to do goodness and sapphire and forbade from doing evil. Allah says:

"And among you there must be such a group that calls to good, enjoins righteousness and forbids from doing evil, and those are successful."⁶

Through this prescribed verse, it is ordered to prevent evil at the social level and to promote the works of virtue, which is an important means of crime control.

Brief Summary:

In eliminating crimes, there are comprehensive guidelines for the prevention of crimes in the Holy Qur'an, which promotes social peace, justice, and the protection of human rights. Fear of Allah, piety, social justice, welfare measures, and penal laws, which are very effective principles of Islamic society.

Prevention of crimes in the era of the Prophet (PBUH):

No doubt, the era of the Prophet (PBUH) was to establish a comprehensive Islamic system for the prevention of crimes, with the aim of social peace, justice, and the protection of human rights. Some peculiar principles and measures for crime prevention were adopted during this period, including moral education, accountability, penal laws, and improving social order. This system of the Prophet (PBUH) can be understood easily through the study Islamic Shariah.

Importance of Eyewitnesses and Testimony:

In Islam, the presence of witnesses is necessary to prove the crime. If there are witnesses in a case, their testimony is given priority. Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) said:

"It is narrated from Hazrat Fatimah bint e Qays, may Allah be pleased with her, that when my husband divorced me, I intended to leave this place, so I came to serve the Holy Prophet (PBUH). The Prophet (PBUH) said that you should go to the house of your cousin Hazrat Amer bin Makhtoum and you should spend the period of time in that place. After hearing this, Hazrat Aswad threw a stone at him

asking why you are giving this kind of fatwa. Then Hazrat Umer said that if you present two witnesses to this blessed decree of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), then it is fine, otherwise we cannot leave the Book of Allah because of a woman, and that verse is this: Do not take them out of the house and they do not leave the houses themselves. However, if they commit a clearly bad act, they should be expelled from the houses."⁷

This principle facilitates the delivery of social justice and does not convict anyone on the mere accusation. To prove a right, the testimony of two persons is mandatory.

Not Relying on Confession:

It is not considered right to compel someone to accept guilt through investigation. In the time of the Prophet (PBUH), even if a person had accepted a crime, it would be verified and only after confirmation, someone would be punished. Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) said:

"A wrestler is not one who is too harsh in revenge, but a strong one who controls himself when angry."⁸

It means we should cover up crimes until clear evidence is not found. Hence, it is clear from this hadith that it is against Islamic principles to declare someone guilty before proving the crime.

Tendency to acquit:

In Islamic investigation, the benefit of doubt is always given to the accused. Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) said:

"He is not a liar who reconciles people and speaks better things."⁹

It is very clear from this Islamic principle that it is against Islamic procedure to convict any person without evidence during investigation.

The principle of gentleness and mercy:

In the ways of Islamic interpretation, instead of strictness, it has been instructed to adopt an attitude of mercy and gentleness. Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) said:

"Allah will not show mercy to the person who does not

show mercy to other".¹⁰

As harshness and violence in the interrogation process may not prove fruitful. So, it is important to treat the accused gently so that he gives correct information.

To be a seeker of truth:

The most important thing among Islamic comprehensive principles is to search for truth and facts. Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) said:

"Give good news, not create hatred. Create ease, not difficulties and complexities.""¹¹

This means that during the investigation the truth should be given importance and any false accusation must be avoided.

Propensity to forgive and willingness to reform:

In crime prevention forgiveness and reform were also given importance. If a person repents on a crime and is ashamed of his actions, there is also scope for forgiveness according to Islam. Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) said thus:

"Beware of temptations, for in such cases the tongue plays a worse role than the sword."¹²

During the time of the Prophet (PBUH), there was a trend that if someone confessed to the crime and no harm was done to him, and then the accused was often forgiven, so that he would refrain from doing these actions again.

No doubt, it has been cleared from this hadith that Allah wants to forgive the human beings in society.

Discouragement of evil and promotion of good:

In the reign of the Prophet (PBUH), evil was discouraged at the social level along with the good deeds were encouraged. Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) said:

" If you see any evil with in front of you, stop it with your hand, if you cannot afford it, stop it with your tongue, and if you cannot afford it, then do it with your

heart, and this is the weakest level of faith."¹³

During the Prophet (PBUH) era, the Islamic procedure of investigation proved an ideal system of justice in which no one was convicted without evidence. It included the importance of witnesses, evidence, and testimony, along with the principles of leniency, forgiveness, justice, honesty, accountability, and correction and giving the benefit of the doubt. By adopting these principles of Islamic education social justice can be promoted. Islamic society has given priority to spiritual and social training for the elimination of crimes. A safe, secure and just society was built on the basis of these Islamic prominent principles.

Anti-crime and advanced investigation requirements:

Today, the nature of crime is changing day by day. The growing incidences of cybercrime, transnational organized crime and terrorism have produced new challenges for police and investigative agencies.

For a successful investigation need of advanced techniques: Achieving logic that requires the application of forensic science, DNA analysis, and data forensics is a step in the right direction.

Role of Modern Technology: The usage of modern technology for crime analysis, such as CCTV cameras, GPS tracking, and biometric identification, will be automatically helpful in the investigation.

Tools like artificial intelligence and machine learning also support in identify crime patterns and track down suspects.

Training for a successful investigation: Continuous training of officers in mastering modern investigative methods is very essential. It also includes psychological analysis and training in compassionate behavior with victims and accused.

Legal and Judicial Support: No doubt, a successful investigation requires strong cooperation with legal and judicial institutions so that evidence may be used in a legally effective manner.

International Cooperation: In keeping view the international crimes, information exchange and joint investigation cooperation between investigative agencies of different countries is also among the contemporary dire needs.

Public involvement in the investigation: Public participation and cooperation plays an important role in making the investigation successful. Public awareness about crime prevention will also make this process effective.

Major Challenges of Crime Prevention:

Legal Gaps: Weaknesses and loopholes in some major laws always hinder crime-fighting.

Lack of resources: Law enforcement agencies from some countries or regions suffer from lack of financial along with technical resources.

International growth of crime: Now a day, network of crime is becoming stronger at the global level, which makes it harder to tackle and stop it.

Need for public awareness and training: Public awareness and youth involvement will be helpful in crime prevention. Public awareness campaigns in partnership with government and law enforcement agencies can reduce crime to a great extent.

Successful results of crime prevention: Effective crime prevention enhances social peace, economic growth, and the rule of law. People can live in a peaceful environment which promotes social development.

Intelligence and immediately reached the level of knowledge: The mind is one of the God blessed qualities; a witty person quickly understands the hidden things and truths. Any kind of rumors, which is created on occasion, becomes easy to establish a connection between these events and incidents. Every case is handled on time due to the nature of work and it does not waste time due to the arrival of official vocations.

Importance of successful investigation:

A successful investigation refers to the investigative process that effectively gathers evidence, analyzes it properly, and brings into the light the facts and figures and fulfills the demands of justice. A thorough investigation not only uncovers the nature and motives of the crime, but also provides access to the real perpetrators, thereby building a strong and reliable legal system.

The importance of successful investigation in terms of crime prevention, justice delivery, and social stability can be briefly narrated in the following points:

Dispensation of justice: An effective investigation brings to light those involved in the crime and ensures that the innocent go unpunished, and the guilty are punished.

Crime Prevention: When criminals are punished, it becomes a lesson to others, which reduces crime.

Public confidence: A successful investigation increases public confidence in the law and justice system. This makes people believe that the perpetrators or culprits will be caught by the law.

Social stability: When crime is detected in a timely and effective manner, it contributes to society. Hence, law and order is maintained.

Key elements of a successful audit:

A successful investigation requires the following elements to be considered:

Gathering Evidence: Preserving and analyzing evidence at the scene is one of the most important steps in an investigation. This evidence can be emotional, physical, or detailed.

Statements of the eyewitnesses: Eyewitnesses also play an important role in the investigation. It is also necessary to verify the authenticity of the statements of the eyewitnesses and analyze the contradictions in these vows.

Investigation of suspicious persons: It is mandatory to interrogate suspicious persons and observe their movements, and compare their identities.

Technical Analysis: Detailed evidence, CCTV footage, and forensic science surely help get to the bottom of crimes.

Psychological analysis: Psychological analysis is often done to examine the psychological state and behavior of suspects, in order to better understand the nature and motivations of the crime.

Complete procedure of successful investigation:

The verification process can be divided into different stages according to the different form of scattered crimes:

Incident Investigation: The first step in any investigation is to conduct a thorough investigation of the incident. This includes preserving all the evidences at the crime

scene and understanding the nature of the crime. Forensic experts also took help to collect the evidence effectively.

Gathering and verifying evidence: Evidence at the scene of the crime, including bloodstains, fingerprints, and physical evidence, is collected. These evidences are sent to the forensic laboratory for testing so that accurate results can be obtained. Detailed evidence such as analysis of mobile phone, computer, and CCTV footage is also included in this initial process.

Interview with witnesses and victims: An important part of the investigation is the testimony of eyewitnesses. Their words are listened seriously and notes are taken. Knowing affected individual also helps in understanding the nature of the crime and its impact.

Identification and investigation of suspicious persons: The expert investigators make a list of possible suspects and question them. The suspect's statements are combined with other evidences and analyzed to identify the main suspect in the crime.

Use of Tacna: In today's era, the use of Tacna Technology is essential to prevent cybercrime and other modern crimes. It is also assisted by biometric analysis, GPS tracking, and artificial intelligence is also supported. Investigation agencies take help from social media, mobile phone data and DNA test using modern equipment.

Forensic report and final analysis: Forensic analysis of all the evidence is done, which gives final information about the nature, time, and persons involved of the crime.

Preparation and filing of a report: At the end of the investigation process, a detailed report is prepared that includes all the evidences, findings, and analysis. This report is submitted to the court so that the offender can be convicted.

Conclusion:

From the overall discussion, it cannot be denied that criminal investigation is very important for social security, crime prevention, and justice delivery. Therefore, the role of modern technology, legal and forensic skills, and public cooperation are very crucial. Those who commit serious crimes in the society should be punished severely but unfortunately many culprits in our society get away with these punishments due to bribery, recommendation and influence which encourage the criminals. If we want to prevent the society from serious crimes, there is a dire need for strict application and enforcement of Shariah laws along

with legal laws in this regard and there should be no relaxation of leniency after the crime is proven. . If a few people are punished publicly, the country can become a peaceful state free from any crime. May Allah Almighty keep our country as a peaceful state forever! Amen!

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