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ABSTRACT

Police is responsible for executing the primary most functions of the state concerning protection of life, property and honour of the citizens and maintaining law and order. This institution, a legacy of colonial period has historically been instrumental in exploitation and highhandedness in the hands of rulers to the utter disregard of their basic noble function. A multitude of Reforms Commissions have put forth elaborate recommendations. These proposed reforms as well as existing police system and the laws governing it need to be analyzed thread bare in the context of forces of history which have moulded the countenance and features of this most significant law enforcing state institution. Pakistan, being an ideological state, as set out in its Constitution, takes pride in Islam as its state religion. The police reforms and police laws must be reviewed and subjected to close scrutiny through the prism of Islamic teachings as encapsulated in Quran and Sunnah so that the chronic maladies eating into the vitals of this institution are properly diagnosed with a view to transforming it into a professional organization befitting a free Islamic Welfare State.

