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Another significant achievement under Mr. Zaman's leadership at CLJP was the publication of its first official book and guide on the 26th Constitutional Amendment. This guide provides an indepth analysis of the amendment, offering a valuable resource for legal practitioners, policymakers, and students. The publication underscores his commitment to making complex legal reforms accessible to a wider audience.

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Are you facing some 'Maslay?'
Not an issue anymore as you'll get our 'Mashwaray.'

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From Denning to Dreams: Qubra Chandio's Inspiring Legal Journey

When asked about her motivation to pursue a career in law, Qubra Chandio's eyes light up with a sense of purpose. "Law is a tool for justice," she says, "a means to give a voice to the voiceless."

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Looking for a job?

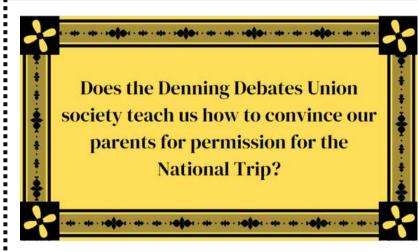
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An excerpt inspired by Sir AQ's iconic line "Law Lagana hai Aqal Nahi" and an ending excerpt by the Editors as a food for thought that will leave you smiling.

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"NAZM -E- NONSENSE"

The Denning Obiter's Poetry Corner, a sanctuary where words weave magic and emotions find their rhythm. Here, the soul of our community comes alive through verse, offering glimpses into thoughts unspoken and dreams untold

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This isn't just a question of right and wrong; it's a battle between heart and mind, morality and law. Share your thoughts and help unravel this impossible dilemma. Would your decision haunt you forever, or would you find solace in knowing you did what had to be done? The lives of many—or the life of one—what's the true cost of humanity?

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"Parachinar in Peril" Yet another Humanitarian Crisis

On November 21st, a convoy from Parachinar was ambushed, claiming the lives of 49 innocent civilians. Within days, the death toll had climbed into the hundreds. Parachinar, a picturesque valley at the heart of Kurram Agency, has been consumed by relentless sectarian and tribal violence, turning what was once a haven into a scene of devastation. This violence, however, is not purely sectarian; it is deeply rooted in historical, socio-economic, and political complexities. The crisis underscores the fragile writ of the state and the pervasive cynicism within society as it witnesses the bloodshed of its own people. Kurram Agency, of which Parachinar is the capital, is one of the seven tribal districts of the former Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). The region is divided into Upper, Central, and Lower Kurram, with



Upper Kurram predominantly Shia and Central and Lower Kurram primarily Sunni. While sectarian identities are prominent, reducing the conflict to sectarianism alone oversimplifies a far more intricate and multifaceted crisis. Kurram's history of conflict traces back to the Anglo-Afghan War, where the Shia Turi tribe supported the British, while the Sunni tribes joined hands with Afghanistan. As a result, the Turi were rewarded with a larger share of land and resources, gaining significant influence in the region. For much of the subsequent period, the tribes coexisted in relative peace. However, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in the 1980s marked the beginning of widespread violence in the region. The influx of Afghan Mujahideen brought American weapons and militant ideologies, including a pronounced anti-Shia stance. This ignited sectarian violence in the 1980s, forcing the Shia population to migrate from Lower Kurram to Parachinar, which became the only Shia-majority region in the tribal belt. Compounding the tensions, many Afghan refugees settled on land owned by the Turi tribe, creating further disputes. In the post-9/11 era, the tribal region became a sanctuary for Taliban and Al-Qaeda fighters, escalating the violence. When the government attempted to evacuate Afghan refugees, the Taliban aided Sunni Saada tribes in seizing lands left behind by the refugees, intensifying tribal and sectarian conflict. The emergence of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) further exacerbated the situation, with Shia mosques and places of worship becoming frequent targets of violence. More recently, the formation of the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP), a regional faction of ISIS, has renewed brutal assaults on rival tribes and sects. In response, the Shia community has organized their own militant groups to defend themselves and retaliate. This cycle of attack and reprisal has created a perpetual state of unrest, claiming hundreds of lives with each escalation and leaving the region deeply scarred. According to Marx, economy dictates politics and social structure of a region. The resources beneath the land decide the ideology and structure above it. In Parachinar, the conflict has been driven by land disputes. In the most recent scenario, a 100 Kanal plot of land has become the bone of contention. Parachinar, often referred to as the "Parrot's Beak," lies just 100 kilometers from Kabul, making it highly susceptible to militant infiltration. The return of the Taliban in Afghanistan has further intensified the region's conflict. Beyond Afghanistan, the turmoil is also influenced by events in the Middle East. Shia volunteers joining the Zainabiyoun Brigade in Syria bring back not only a pan-Shia interpretation of Islam but also weaponry, fueling local tension Compounding these challenges is the region's severe socio-economic underdevelopment. The literacy rate in the former FATA is among the lowest in Pakistan, standing at a mere 17%. Governance, until recently, was conducted under the Frontier Crimes Regulation (FCR), a repressive colonial-era system that ruled indirectly through political agents (PA) and tribal leaders. It was only after the 25th Amendment to the Constitution that the region was integrated into the mainstream administrative framework of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK). The consequences of this ongoing crisis have been devastating. In November 2024 alone, more than 130 lives were lost to violence. Persistent road blockages have isolated over 80,000 residents from the rest of Pakistan, forcing them to take an alternative route through Afghanistan, adding 15 hours to their journey. The Thal-Parachinar Road was blocked for two weeks in September and for 22 days in November, creating a dire situation reminiscent of the blockades in Gaza. The region remains trapped in a cycle of bloodshed, deprivation, and suffering, with no resolution in sight. Despite the dire situation in Parachinar, the fragile writ of the state and societal indifference remain deeply concerning. Under Article 9 of the Constitution, the state is obligated to protect its citizens, while Article 39 mandates the provision of socio-economic opportunities. As the sole entity with the legitimate monopoly over violence, the state must address this crisis as a priority. The conflict in Parachinar poses a significant threat not only to the region but also to the stability of the entire country. Yet, it has failed to receive the attention it urgently requires. The lack of response was starkly evident when the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) was seen attending a protest in Islamabad just days after the massacre. Meanwhile, both the media and public discourse were preoccupied with political turmoil in Islamabad, sidelining the horrors unfolding in Parachinar. It is imperative that the lives and well-being of people across all regions of the country be treated with equal importance. The conflict demands a comprehensive policy encompassing dispute resolution, equitable land distribution, and de-weaponization. Strengthening border security with Afghanistan is also critical to ensuring lasting peace in Parachinar. A new agreement, reached on January 1, 2025, offers a glimmer of hope for resolving the conflict. However, its success hinges entirely on the state's commitment to enforcement. Whether this accord will bring meaningful change or meet the same fate as previous, failed agreements remains to be seen.

The Student Column

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"Beyond the Silence" Gender-Based Violence in Pakistan

By Ahmed Khoso

In 2024, the Global Gender Gap Report, published by the World Economic Forum, ranked Pakistan 145th out of 146 countries; this is a deeply concerning position for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The report assesses countries based on four key indicators: economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival, and political empowerment. Collectively, these indicators highlight systemic issues that contribute to gender-based violence (GBV).

Gender-based violence remains a critical global concern, as emphasized by Amnesty International. In one of its reports, Amnesty International starkly describes the pervasive nature of such violence:

"Women in Asia and the Middle East are killed in the name of honor. Girls in West Africa undergo genital mutilation in the name of custom. Migrant and refugee women in Western Europe are attacked for not accepting the social mores of their host community. Young girls in southern Africa are raped and infected with HIV/AIDS because perpetrators believe that sex with virgins will cure them of their disease. And in the richest, most developed countries of the world, women are battered to death by their partners."

This chilling account underscores the universal and multifaceted nature of GBV, transcending geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic boundaries. The stark reality of our world today underscores the urgent need for a collective global effort to address and eradicate gender-based violence.

In Pakistan, individuals of different genders experience various forms of violence. Direct violence includes physical, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse. Structural violence, as defined by the UN Special Rapporteur, refers to "any form of structural inequality or institutional discrimination that maintains a woman in a subordinate position, whether physical or ideological, to other people within her family, household, or community." From acid attacks and rape to neglect of health concerns and domestic violence, women are systematically denied access to basic necessities, safe environments, education, and even the internet.

News of violence against women has become a disturbing routine in Pakistan. Stories such as Malala Yousafzai being shot for advocating education, Zainab being raped, Noor Muqaddam being brutally murdered, and 16-year-old Raheela Raheem being attacked with acid are just a few examples of an unending list of atrocities.



These acts of violence are a consequence of the deeply ingrained patriarchal norms that have roots in early Judeo-Christian history and remain culturally embedded in societal structures. They reflect a grim reality where women's rights and safety are persistently undermined.

Pakistan, however, is a signatory to numerous international commitments aimed at eliminating violence against women. These include the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the Vienna Declaration, the Beijing Declaration, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

At the national level, both provincial and national assemblies have enacted various laws to ensure the safety and rights of women. Notable legislations include the constitutional safeguards for women, the Protection Against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act, 2010, the Acid Control and Acid Crime Prevention Act, 2011, the Prevention of Anti-Women Practices Act, 2011, the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offense of Rape) Act, 2016, the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences in the Name or Pretext of Honour) Act, 2016, the Anti-Honor Killing Act, 2016, and the Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act, 2020.

Despite this robust framework of legislation, the persistent issue lies in its lack of effective implementation. Laws that should protect women often fail to translate into meaningful action due to systemic inefficiencies, cultural barriers, and inadequate enforcement mechanisms. This gap between legislation and practice continues to undermine efforts to eradicate violence against women in Pakistan.

However, amidst the challenges, movements like the Aurat March, held annually on March 8th to mark International Women's Day, and the leading role of women in initiatives like the Rawadai March serve as beacons of hope in the fight against gender-based violence. These movements amplify voices calling for equality, justice, and an end to violence against women.

Many academic institutions are also contributing to this cause by fostering awareness and promoting gender equality. For instance, Denning Law School in Karachi organized a workshop on Women's and Children's Rights in Pakistan and celebrated Pink Day to raise awareness about women's health issues, including breast cancer.

Such initiatives reflect a growing societal commitment to addressing gender-based violence and advocating for women's rights. However, much remains to be done to ensure these efforts translate into tangible and lasting change.

Masla-e-Khaas, Mashwara-e-Aam

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AAP KA MASLA

"National trip ke liye 50k jama kiye thay mushkil se but yeh toh 140k maang rahe hain"

HAMARA MASHWARA

It's okay aap 50k may Islamabad se wapis ajaye ga, and baaki ka trip friends ki insta story se enjoy kariye ga

... Masla no.1 ...

AAP KA MASLA

"How can I study for my finals without studying for my finals"

HAMARA MASHWARA

You can pretend to be Rory Gilmore and romanticize studying, except you won't be getting in Yale at the end but hey at least you'll pass!

... Masla no.4 ...

AAP KA MASLA

"Squid game season 2 two nights may binge watch kia but they left it on a cliffhanger"

HAMARA MASHWARA

Till the next season releases you can think of your own theories like what if Dae-Ho didn't chicken out? This will help you so that Thanos jaisi mental health na ho jaye

... Masla no.6 ...

AAP KA MASLA

"Trip ke paise jama hogaye, doston ko bhi convince karlia and shopping bhi hogayi but ab aba nahi maan rahe"

HAMARA MASHWARA

Apply the principle of WWNAGD – What would Naina and Geet do? Obviously bhaag jayen! Its easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission

... Masla no.2 ...



AAP KA MASLA

"Denning may Kaavish ka concert dekhna hai but yahan toh Mustafa Zahid ne koi special contract kia hua hai"

HAMARA MASHWARA

Let's all manifest Kaavish at the next event together, maybe it will work?

... Masla no.7 ...

AAP KA MASLA

"Mere half friends national trip pe jaa rahe hain and half bahria adventure land but im not going anywhere cause im sick"

HAMARA MASHWARA

Its okay, you cannot enjoy winters without being sick right? Plus you still get to go to the doctor's clinic, that counts as a trip!

... Masla no.3

AAP KA MASLA

"Winter break ko itna serious lelia that ab uni ke naam se bhi depression ho raha hai"

HAMARA MASHWARA

This is a very serious masla that happens every year and the only solution is to suffer, ab har cheez ka toh solution positive nahi hota na?

... Masla no.5 ...

AAP KA MASLA

"Itni thand may subah class ke liye kaise uthein gai when I cant even get up during summers"

HAMARA MASHWARA

Take your class online in your phoolon wala blanket and a cup of garam chai! But please don't doze off warna we'll get canceled for giving wrong mashwaray

... Masla no.8 ...

Another Year, Another Resolution!

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New Year's Resolutions: Hope, Dreams, and Baby Steps

New Year's resolutions—those magical promises we make under the dazzling fireworks, while clutching a glass of sparkling juice and believing we'll emerge from the holiday haze as brand-new, improved versions of ourselves. The Denning Obiter team is no exception. We've braved the confessional waters of 2025 to share our resolutions. And what a delightful mix they are! Some are deeply heartfelt, others aspirational, and a few... well, let's just say they're aiming for the stars with both feet firmly planted on the couch.

Muzna Kasi: Love in Action

Muzna's resolution begins with a poetic reflection on time. She eloquently compares it to water slipping through one's palm—a metaphor we might all relate to when we look at last year's unused gym memberships. But Muzna's resolution isn't just about seizing the day; it's about spreading kindness, particularly to those who can't ask for it. Her dream? To graduate with her parents beaming with pride and to ensure her love touches street animals and the less fortunate.

It's a resolution that makes us believe in humanity—and also reminds us that some people are just better at New Year's resolutions than the rest of us. Muzna, we're rooting for you! (And maybe borrowing a page from your playbook.)

Fardeen Imran: A Renaissance Man

Fardeen's 2024 was a year of rebuilding. He rekindled relationships, reflected on his journey, and discovered the transformative power of gratitude. But, like many of us who juggle a busy life, he admits that his physical health took a hit. Enter 2025, the year of balance. Fardeen's resolution includes continuing his academic journey, pursuing a master's degree, and embarking on a fitness odyssey.

We imagine Fardeen running marathons while simultaneously drafting essays on jurisprudence—and let's not forget the emotional growth he's prioritizing. Honestly, it's exhausting just thinking about how productive he plans to be. Fardeen, you're inspiring us all to dust off those sneakers and... okay, maybe just order some activewear for now.

Tazmeen Rashid: Self-Care Extraordinaire

For Tazmeen, self-care isn't just a buzzword; it's a necessity she's determined to prioritize. Her resolution is straightforward but ambitious: to carve out time for herself amidst life's chaos. Whether it's meditating, journaling, or just unplugging, Tazmeen plans to make self-care a daily ritual. And while yoga and walking sound like achievable goals, the real triumph lies in her commitment to consistency.

Tazmeen's approach reminds us that self-care isn't about grand gestures but small, sustainable habits. If authenticity. Whether it's Muzna's compassion, she manages to achieve this, she'll be the envy of everyone who's ever tried (and failed) to stick to a mindfulness app for more than three days. Here's to you, Tazmeen, for proving that balance is possible even if it's just one yoga pose at a time.

Zainab Khan: The (Reluctant) Athlete

Ah, Zainab. The voice of every person who has ever resolved to "get fit" only to discover that fitness, like remember that resolutions aren't about perfection. algebra, is harder than it looks. Zainab's annual vow to become a morning workout enthusiast has They're about progress. So, whether you're lifting historically ended with parcel walks being her primary cardio. She's tried football (a scheduling weights or just lifting your spirits, here's to a year nightmare), badminton (nobody to play with), and jogging (cue dramatic wheezing). Her Sitbit—a of small victories, big laughs, and resolutions that revolutionary device that tracks how often she sits—is her most reliable fitness companion.



But Zainab isn't giving up. This year, she's determined to take baby steps. Maybe a morning walk. Maybe a squat to pick up a sock. It's a resolution so relatable, it deserves its own reality show. Zainab, may 2025 be the year you conquer at least one burpee without collapsing. We believe in you... mostly.

A Common Thread

What ties these resolutions together is their Fardeen's ambition, Tazmeen's quest for balance, or Zainab's hilariously modest fitness goals, they reflect the wonderfully human desire to grow, give, and giggle along the way.

As we all embark on our own journeys in 2025, let's actually stick—even if only for a little while.

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DenCo Chronicles

The Evolving Landscape of International Education By Mustafa Mogri – The Voice of Global Education



In our increasingly interconnected world, international education represents far more than the pursuit of a degree; it is a journey of transformation and discovery. From the picturesque campuses of the UK and USA to the dynamic classrooms of Canada and Australia, students are embracing global opportunities like never before. Fields like law, business, and computer science stand at the forefront of this wave, attracting bright minds eager to innovate and lead.

With over six million students studying abroad annually, major study destinations such as the UK and USA host half of this population. Post-pandemic recovery has not just restored student mobility; it has redefined it. Governments and institutions now compete to offer scholarships, streamlined work visas, and supportive environments. The UK alone saw a remarkable 90% increase in postgraduate enrolments from South Asia between 2020 and 2023, underscoring its appeal to emerging economies.

The beauty of international education lies in its diversity. It brings together people of diverse cultures, bridging gaps and fostering shared understanding. Yet, challenges persist—rising costs, visa complexities, and cultural adjustments make this journey as daunting as it is rewarding. These hurdles highlight the need for careful planning and informed decision-making.

Through this column, readers will explore evolving trends, witness inspiring success stories, and gain insights into the resilience and aspirations of students who dare to dream beyond borders. The column will also offer actionable advice to navigate the ever-changing landscape of global education. It celebrates the boundless potential of international education and its unifying power in an increasingly interconnected world.

Next Issue: Navigating Scholarships in 2025.



Denning Public Services – Helping the society one step at a time!

In a world often marked by indifference, Denning Public Services society (DPS) stands as a shining example of commitment to welfare and charitable causes. This dynamic society, dedicated to making a positive difference, has already made impressive strides in just half of this academic year, proving that small, collective efforts can lead to monumental change.

DPS kicked off their initiatives with a focus on health and well-being. A comprehensive mental and physical health screening provided participants with valuable insights into their health. Following this, a breast cancer awareness session educated attendees on early detection and prevention, highlighting the importance of staying vigilant about health issues that often go unnoticed. Not stopping there, DPS also organized a blood donation drive, which saw an overwhelming response, emphasizing the society's mission to save lives through community participation.

However, the highlight of their efforts so far has undoubtedly been the vibrant Carnival of Lights. This festive event not only brought joy and celebration to participants but also served a greater purpose. The proceeds from the carnival were channeled into meaningful initiatives, showcasing the society's dedication to using their platform for good.

A significant portion of the proceeds funded the 2024 Winter Drive. Denning Public Service society generously donated blankets, jackets, shawls, socks, gloves, and goody bags to those in need, ensuring warmth and comfort during the harsh winter months. The impact of their efforts is already being felt across communities that would otherwise struggle to endure the cold season.

Additionally, DPS took a monumental step towards improving living conditions in Achro Thar, Sindh by installing a water hand pump using a part of the carnival's proceeds, they have provided the gift of clean, accessible water to a region in dire need. This initiative reflects their belief in sustainable, long-term solutions to pressing challenges.

Through these efforts, Denning Public Services is proving that charity and community service go hand in hand with celebration and joy. Their activities so far are a testament to the power of collective goodwill and the profound impact of small, intentional acts of kindness. As they continue their journey, one can only anticipate greater initiatives and a ripple effect of change for the better. Denning Public Services is not just a society; it's a movement towards a brighter, more compassionate world



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Bridging Academia and Industry: Denning Business School's Innovative Approach



Denning Business School stands out for its dedication to connecting academic learning with real-world applications. One way it achieves this is by organizing industrial visits, giving students hands-on experience and valuable insights into various industries. These visits are a cornerstone of the school's mission to prepare students for the professional challenges ahead.

Recently, a group of students from Denning Business School visited Feroze1888 Mills Ltd, a leader in the textile industry. This visit was an opportunity to see how classroom knowledge translates into real-world operations. It offered a close-up look at the processes that make Feroze1888 an industry leader.

The students explored the C3 and A5 industrial units, which focus on spinning and weaving. They witnessed how raw materials are transformed into high-quality textiles, step by step. The team at Feroze1888 guided them through the production workflow, explaining quality control measures and sustainable practices. This firsthand experience helped the students grasp the complexity and precision involved in textile production.

For many students, the visit was a game-changer. It provided a deeper understanding of industry standards, operational challenges, and the importance of sustainability. By seeing these processes in action, they gained valuable exposure that will undoubtedly enrich their academic and professional lives. However, the Denning Business School does not just stop at organizing industrial visits. The institution is also known for its strong academic programs and a range of extracurricular activities. The goal is to give students practical experience that complements their studies. To enhance these efforts, Denning recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Alkaram Textile Mills (Pvt) Limited. This partnership is a significant step toward strengthening ties between academia and industry.

The MOU opens up numerous opportunities for students, including guest lectures, hackathons, mentorship programs, and internships. These initiatives are designed to help students develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their careers. By working closely with professionals in the field, students can stay up-to-date with industry trends and challenges, ensuring they're ready to hit the ground running after graduation.

One highlight of Denning's efforts to bridge the gap between academia and industry was the "FutureLink 2024" event. Held at Denning Services (Private) Limited, this roundtable discussion brought together leaders from both academia and industry to exchange ideas and explore solutions to workforce challenges. The theme, "Shaping the Future of Work: Strengthening Academia-Industry Partnerships," underscored the importance of collaboration in driving innovation and preparing students for the future.

The event featured a panel of esteemed professionals who shared their insights on fostering meaningful partnerships. Special thanks go to panelists such as Haris Hussain, Javed Baig, Tahreem Fatima (CHRP), Shahzad Nazir (PMHR) (CLLIRP), Sharmeen Majeed, Muhammad Moazzam Ali, Zeeshan Ahmed, and Tasneem Akhtar. Their contributions were instrumental in making the event a success. This dialogue marked the beginning of significant partnerships aimed at addressing workforce needs and enhancing educational outcomes. By combining the expertise of industry leaders with the innovative spirit of academia, Denning Business School is helping shape the future of work.

Denning Business School's proactive approach ensures that its students are well-equipped to excel in their careers. By integrating practical exposure with academic rigor, the school prepares its graduates to be leaders in their industries. This commitment to excellence and real-world relevance sets Denning apart, making it a hub for aspiring professionals eager to make a meaningful impact.

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Ayzel Carter had always been mysteries—the fascinated by darker, the better. When she heard about the Villisca Axe Murder House, one of the most infamous unsolved crimes in American history, she knew she had to see it. Over a century ago, eight people were brutally slain in the small, white-framed house in Villisca, Iowa. Despite countless theories, remained unsolved, case shrouded in fear, tragedy, and rumor.

Ayzel arrived at the house just before sunset. Despite its ordinary appearance, it radiated a chilling aura. With her equipment in hand; an EMF detector, a thermal camera, and a voice recorder, she stepped through the front door. The floorboards creaked beneath her feet, each step echoing ominously. She paused in the living room, imagining the Moore family's final the horror awaiting them.

1912. Josiah and Sarah Moore, their lingered, compelled by guilt or a darker force. four children, and two visiting unknown intruder, believed to have grandfather clock downstairs. hidden in the attic, emerged. Armed next, her skull crushed by the blunt abandoned. end of the weapon.

entered the guest bedroom, where unintelligible. Lena and Ina stayed. Lena, the eldest, had defensive wounds,



evening; laughter, conversation, suggesting she tried to fight back. Ina, just eight, was slain without resistance. and prayers before bed, unaware of The house remained eerily quiet as Ayzel moved upstairs. She placed her EMF detector on the floor, watching for any flicker of activity. Paranormal investigators had long claimed the house was haunted, reporting unexplained footsteps, The murders took place on June 9, disembodied voices, and moving objects. Some believed the spirit of the killer

children, Lena and Ina Stillinger, "Is anyone here?" Ayzel whispered, her voice barely more than a breath. She held went to bed after attending a her recorder steady, hoping to capture an EVP—electronic voice phenomenon. church event. After midnight, an Silence pressed in around her, broken only by the rhythmic ticking of the

with Josiah's axe, the killer entered Legend had it that the killer stayed in the house for hours after the murders, the master bedroom, attacking covering mirrors and windows with cloth and feeding himself from the kitchen. Josiah with such force that his face When a concerned neighbor discovered the bodies the next morning, blood was unrecognizable. Sarah was spattered the walls and ceiling. The axe was left leaning against the wall,

A sudden chill washed over Ayzel. The temperature had dropped, and her thermal From there, the murderer moved camera showed a cold spot near the children's bed. Her EMF detector blinked methodically through the house. erratically. Ayzel's pulse quickened. "If someone is here, give me a sign," she said, Herman, Mary, Arthur, and Paul— her voice steady despite her fear. A faint whisper drifted through the room, enough all under twelve—were bludgeoned to send shivers down her spine. Holding her breath, she played back the recording. as they slept. Lastly, the killer Static crackled, and beneath it, a faint, distorted voice murmured something

Ayzel's mind raced. Was it a trick of her imagination, or had she truly captured

something paranormal? Some believed the murders were the work of a drifter or a rival of Josiah Moore. Others whispered of a dark force driving the killer to commit the atrocity. One theory even suggested the house itself was cursed, its very walls soaked in malevolence.

Moving to the attic, Ayzel felt a renewed sense of dread. This was where the killer was believed to have waited until the household fell asleep. The small, cramped space offered little room to maneuver. She switched on her thermal camera, scanning the corners. Nothing appeared, but the oppressive feeling remained.

As the night wore on, Ayzel experienced several inexplicable events: a door creaked open, her EMF detector spiked, and faint knocking sounds echoed. Each incident added to the tension, making her question if she had ventured too far into a place where the past refused to rest.

dawn, Ayzel was exhausted and exhilarated. She had come seeking answers, but the house offered only more questions, its secrets buried beneath layers of fear and time. As she packed up, she glanced back at the quiet, unassuming house. It stood as it always had, a sentinel of a century-old mystery, daring those brave enough to seek its truths.

Stepping outside, Ayzel felt the weight lift from her chest, but the memories lingered. The Villisca Axe Murder House had whispered to her in the dark, a chilling reminder that

some mysteries are never meant to be solved.

A Reader's Verdict

A Train To Terror

The clock ticks relentlessly in the control room of a sprawling metropolitan train station. It's an ordinary evening, until it's not. An emergency alert blares through the system: a freight train, dormant for years, has been hijacked. The hijacker? A notorious terrorist whose name alone strikes fear. His mission? Catastrophic. His hostage? A terrified seven-year-old child.

The terrorist's intentions become horrifyingly clear within moments. He plans to drive the train at full speed into the city's central station, a hub teeming with thousands of commuters. If the train reaches its destination, it will detonate a bomb powerful enough to flatten the station and send shockwaves through the city. A live feed from inside the train reveals the grim reality: the terrorist has cuffed the child to himself, a human shield against any external interference.

As the station operator, you are thrust into the center of this escalating crisis. The controls are in your hands, and every second counts. You discover there's only one way to stop the train: by activating a derailment lever. This action would force the train off its tracks, rendering it useless as a weapon. But there's a catch—derailing the train at its current speed would almost certainly kill everyone aboard, including the child.

The alternative? Let the train barrel toward its destination and hope for a miracle—a SWAT team's last-minute intervention or a malfunction in the terrorist's plan. But the odds are slim, and the potential for carnage is unimaginable.

Your mind races, torn between moral outrage and legal accountability. The law is clear: deliberately causing the death of an innocent child could classify as premeditated murder. But failing to act could lead to charges of criminal negligence for allowing hundreds, perhaps thousands, to die.

Your moral compass spins wildly. How do you weigh the life of one innocent child against the lives of so many? The child's tear-streaked face haunts the live feed, but so does the thought of the unsuspecting commuters going about their lives in blissful ignorance of the doom hurtling toward them.



Your colleagues frantically suggest alternatives—stalling tactics, negotiating with the terrorist—but none are feasible. He's made his intentions clear: this is a suicide mission.

As the train hurtles closer to the city, an eerie calm descends. You realize this is not just a question of legality or morality; it's a test of humanity itself. Sacrifice one life to save many? Or protect the innocent at all costs, even if it means unimaginable destruction?

The public will inevitably dissect your choice. If you derail the train, they might call you a monster, a child killer. If you let it continue, they might brand you a coward, complicit in mass murder. But the headlines will never capture the weight of the decision made in those agonizing minutes.

The train's whistle pierces the silence, a harbinger of the devastation that lies ahead. Your hand hovers over the lever. The child screams for help, the commuters remain blissfully unaware, and the terrorist's grin is the last image on the screen before you lose the feed.

You close your eyes, heart pounding, and make your decision.

This isn't just a question of right and wrong; it's a battle between heart and mind, morality and law. Share your thoughts and help unravel this impossible dilemma. Would your decision haunt you forever, or would you find solace in knowing you did what had to be done? The lives of many—or the life of one—what's the true cost of humanity?

Reader's Verdict

What would you do? Pull the lever and sacrifice the child to save countless others? Or let the train continue and pray for a miracle? Perhaps you'd take a third option—if there is one.

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The Journey of Mr. Muhammad Zaman Khan

Mr. Muhammad Zaman Khan's extraordinary journey in the legal profession is a testament to his dedication, leadership, and passion for justice. As a respected academic, mentor, and advocate, he continues to inspire those around him through his exceptional contributions to law, education, and advocacy. Mr. Zaman's decision to pursue law was fueled by a deep desire to create meaningful change. Recognizing the law as a powerful tool to protect rights and promote equality, he set out on a path to contribute to the betterment of society. His commitment to justice and advocacy has guided every step of his illustrious career.

Mr. Zaman began his academic journey with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of London (UOL). He further advanced his legal education by completing a Master of Laws (LLM) at Washington University in the United States of America (USA), specializing in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution. During his time at Washington University, Mr. Zaman made history as the first Muslim president of the university, where he championed diversity, inclusion, and global understanding. Mr. Zaman transitioned into academia to share hisknowledge and inspire future legal professionals. As a faculty member at Denning Law School, he teaches International Protection of Human Rights, Human Rights and Jurisprudence. His engaging teaching style and commitment to his students have made him a beloved figure in the classroom. For Mr. Zaman, teaching is not just a profession, it is an opportunity to empower the next generation of lawyers to think critically and advocate for justice.



As the Head of Mooting at Denning Law School, Mr. Zaman has been instrumental in fostering a culture of excellence in legal advocacy. His leadership has propelled Denning's Mooting Society to new heights, starting his tenure at Denning Law School, by winning the 2nd Bahria International Moot Court Competition in Islamabad, with students excelling in both local and international moot competitions. Mr. Zaman's involvement in mooting extends beyond Denning. He serves as the official coach for Washington University's Official team in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition. Under his guidance, the team competes in one of the world's most prestigious arbitration law competitions, demonstrating his commitment to nurturing talent on a global stage. Judging Prestigious Competitions Mr. Zaman's expertise in legal advocacy has earned him invitations to judge some of the most prestigious moot court competitions worldwide. He has had the honour of judging several National and International Moots, including but not limited to the Willem C. Vis Arbitration Moot and Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, where he evaluated teams from Ivy League institutions such as Harvard, Yale, and Columbia. Notably, he was the only South Asian to ever judge the US Regional Final, a role that speaks of his reputation as a leading figure in the mooting community. In addition, Mr. Zaman is a distinguished judge for the Global Undergraduate Awards, often referred to as the "Junior Nobel Prize." His role on the Law Jury Panel has allowed him to assess the work of exceptional students from around the world, further cementing his position as a global leader in legal education.

As the Director of the Centre for Law, Justice & Policy (CLJP) at Denning Law School, Mr. Zaman works tirelessly to promote legal reform in Pakistan. Collaborating with policymakers, legal experts, and international organisations, he spearheads initiatives aimed at improving the legal framework and advancing justice. One of Mr. Zaman's most significant recent achievements was organising the International Human Rights Day Seminar at Denning Law School, under the banner of the Centre for Law, Justice & Policy (CLJP). This seminar was a landmark event, officially funded and supported by the European Union, the United Nations Development Programme and conducted in collaboration with the Government of Sindh and the Sindh Human Rights Commission. Mr. Zaman's vision for the seminar was to create a space where critical conversations about human rights could thrive, while also promoting collaboration between global and local stakeholders. The event served as a platform for sharing insights, exchanging ideas, and fostering partnerships aimed at advancing human rights in Pakistan and beyond.

Another significant achievement under Mr. Zaman's leadership at CLJP was the publication of its first official book and guide on the 26th Constitutional Amendment. This guide provides an in-depth analysis of the amendment, offering a valuable resource for legal practitioners, policymakers, and students. The publication underscores his commitment to making complex legal reforms accessible to a wider audience. An Enduring Legacy From the classroom to the global stage, Mr. Muhammad Zaman Khan exemplifies the transformative power of law and education. His dedication to fostering excellence in legal advocacy, mentoring future leaders, and promoting justice is a source of inspiration for all who cross his path. His remarkable journey is a testament to what can be achieved with passion, perseverance, and a commitment to making a difference.

From Classrooms to Careers

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From Denning to Dreams: Qubra Chandio's Inspiring Legal Journey

When asked about her motivation to pursue a career in law, Qubra Chandio's eyes light up with a sense of purpose. "Law is a tool for justice," she says, "a means to give a voice to the voiceless." But what began as an abstract passion has now evolved into a full-fledged mission for change. For Qubra, the law isn't just a career; it's a way to impact lives meaningfully, one case at a time.

The Denning Effect

Reflecting on her time at Denning Law School, Ms. Chandio credits her alma mater for more than just academic learning. "Denning didn't just teach me the law; it taught me how to think critically and persevere under pressure," she shares. The rigorous environment not only shaped her confidence but also refined her passion, instilling a belief that no problem is insurmountable with dedication and knowledge.

Navigating New Shores

Transitioning to study for the SQE in the UK was no small feat for Ms. Chandio. From adapting to a new legal framework to navigating cultural differences, the challenges were many. "Every struggle became a stepping stone," she admits, underscoring the resilience and adaptability she gained in the process. "The most profound growth happens outside our comfort zones." And if her SQE prep could be turned into a meme? "The 'This is fine' dog sitting in a burning room—balancing chaos with optimism perfectly sums it up," she laughs.

Keys to Success

What's Ms. Chandio's secret to juggling the demands of academics and the professional world? "Consistency," she says firmly. Breaking goals into manageable daily tasks, staying organized, and finding moments for self-reflection have been pivotal. And if there's one lesson she holds close, it's that seeking help when needed is not a weakness but a mark of strength and wisdom.

The Road Ahead

Passionate about human rights law, Ms. Chandio's

goal long-term advocate for is to marginalized communities and fight systemic injustices. "The law can be a beacon of hope for those who feel forgotten," she says, her conviction unmistakable. As the legal landscape evolves with advancements in technology and a focus on global issues like climate change and data privacy, Ms. Chandio sees herself at the forefront, championing fairness and equity.

Ms. Chandio views the SQE as a progressive step. "It's challenging but rewarding," she notes. By emphasizing merit over traditional pathways, the SQE opens doors for diverse talent, reflecting the evolution of the legal profession.

Moments of Doubt and Triumph

Even a powerhouse like Ms. Chandio has faced moments of self-doubt. "There were times I felt like giving up," she confesses. But her unwavering commitment to her purpose, along with support from loved ones and the occasional much-needed break, kept her going. "Every setback is temporary, and every challenge is an opportunity to grow stronger."

Women Leading the Way

When discussing the role of women in shaping the future of the legal profession, Ms. Chandio is unequivocal. "Women bring empathy, resilience, and fresh perspectives to the profession," she says. "In Pakistan and globally, they are not just participating—they are leading, breaking barriers, and reshaping the narrative."

A Light-Hearted Side

In true Denning spirit, Ms. Chandio's journey is not all serious business. When asked what career she'd have chosen if not law, she quips, "A psychologist—solving the mysteries of the mind sounds just as thrilling!" Her favorite fictional legal character? Jessica Pearson from Suits. "Confident, composed, and unshakable. Who wouldn't want to channel her energy?"

And her all-nighter snack of choice? "Red



In Picture: Qubra Chandio - Class of 2023

Bull and chocolate—not the healthiest, but definitely effective." As for a completely nonsensical law she'd pass, Ms. Chandio doesn't miss a beat: "Mandatory afternoon naps. It's a human right to recharge and dream!"

When asked which celebrity she'd love to represent in court, Ms. Chandio's admiration shines through. "Malala Yousafzai," she says. "Representing her would feel like standing for courage, education, and equality—principles I deeply admire."

Cultural Connections

Living in the UK hasn't dulled her love for Pakistani traditions. Her go-to comfort food? "Biryani, hands down," she says. Introducing friends to Pakistani dishes like biryani and chai has been a delightful experience. "Watching their faces light up at the first bite or sip reminds me of home."

And what Latin phrase doubles as a great band name in Ms. Chandio's book? "Res Ipsa Loquitur," she grins. "It sounds mysterious, edgy, and perfect for a rock band."

A Bright Future

As Ms. Chandio continues to break new ground, she leaves an indelible mark on those she meets. Her journey from Denning to the UK is a testament to the power of resilience, passion, and an unyielding commitment to justice. And as she sums it up, "Every step, no matter how small, is a step toward meaningful change."

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By Sulehri

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By Fardeen Imran

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"ZINDAGI BARI HONI CHAHIYE, LAMBI NAHI" Do Your Final Moments Outweigh a Lifetime?

Death is an inevitable part of life and a reality none of us can escape. Hence, rather than viewing it as a looming threat, it is more fitting to embrace it as a natural phase of the life cycle. At some point of our lives, we do imagine ourselves on a deathbed, reflecting on memories, both good and bad, and departing this world as somewhat heroes of our own stories. However, life seldom unfolds in such theatrical manner.

The reality is often less poetic.

Many pass away due to cancer, strokes, or heart attacks. Strokes and heart attacks rarely allow for any contemplation, while cancer often clouds the mind with painkillers, leaving little room for coherent thought. The truth is that dwelling on how we'll spend our final days serves no real purpose and can rob us of the real joy of living in the present. Instead of fixating on the end, we should focus on making the most of the time we have now.

Daniel Kahneman, the renowned author of Thinking, Fast and Slow, highlights a fascinating flaw in how the human mind processes and recalls experiences. According to him, we don't remember events in their entirety, instead only retain mere snapshots of an instance, which primarily includes the peak moments and the eventual ending. For instance, if you embark on a four-week vacation, your memory is likely to condense the experience to just the highlights of a single week, leaving the rest a blur.

Moreover, Rolf Dobelli, author of The Art of the Good Life, presented a thought-provoking scenario to university students in the US. He described two women, Anna and Berta, who never married or had children but lived fulfilling lives. Anna died suddenly at 30, while Berta passed away at 35, with her final years marked by undesirable circumstances. When asked who had the more fulfilling life, most students chose Anna, emphasizing her happy final years.

This outcome illustrates the peak-end rule, where the significance of an experience is judged primarily by its peak moments and its conclusion. Researchers dubbed this phenomenon the James Dean Effect, referencing the actor who died at 24, during the height of his career. Had Dean lived longer and faced a decline, public perception of his legacy might have been less idealized, much like the comparison between Anna and Berta.



In essence, a person's reasoning and readings can be flawed in many ways; it is their very nature to overlook certain parts of their lives when drawing conclusions. This tendency is harmless in hypothetical scenarios like Anna and Berta's, but in real life, the narrative becomes more personal and profound. As people age, the magnitude of their happiness and accomplishments may seem to diminish, overshadowed by the inevitable afflictions of aging.

While a rational mind might strive not to let such hardships cloud the judgment of an entire life, it's a nearly impossible feat.

However, Dobelli offers a poignant perspective: it's far better to live a rich and fulfilling life, even if the final chapters are less than ideal, than to have no life at all. Aging and death are simply the costs of experiencing a remarkable existence, much like paying a premium for a Michelin-starred meal rather than settling for a plain cheeseburger. Life's value lies in savouring its fullness, regardless of how it concludes.

Career Corner

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HANDPICKED OPPURTUNITIES JUST FOR YOU

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) VOLUNTEER LEGAL INTERNSHIPS.	DOJ	Completed at least one semester.	Internship	USA On- site	https://www.justice.gov/legal- careers/volunteer-legal-internships? utm_source=chatgpt.com
TARGET JOBS LAW	Target jobs	Law student and graduates	Internship	Online and onsite	https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/law
LEGAL INTERNSHIP	Bright Network	All students	Internship	Online	https://www.brightnetwork.co.uk/internsh ip-experience-uk/law
FORAGE (LAW-FOCUSED VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS)	Forage	All students and graduate.	Internship	Online	https://www.theforage.com/simulations
KENNEDYS LAW VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE	Kennedys	All students and graduate	Virtual Work Experience Program	Online	https://kennedyslaw.com/en/careers-at- kennedys/early-careers/virtual-work- experience/
SPRINGPOD LAW VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE	Springpod	Age 13 or above.	Virtual Work Experience Program	Online	https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work- experience/law-exploration-virtual-work- experience-realities-and-pathways- dive/WEXP-00027
ASPIRING SOLICITORS	Aspiring Solicitors	Open for students of under- represented groups	Diversity and Career Support Program	Online	https://www.aspiringsolicitors.co.uk/
LAW LIBRARY OF CONGRESS	Law Library of Congress	Law students	Internship	Onsite and remote	https://www.loc.gov/research-centers/law- library-of-congress/about-this-research- center/opportunities/internships/? utm_source=chatgpt.com
FREE REPRESENTATION UNIT (FRU)	FRU	Law students	Internship	On-site	https://www.freerepresentationunit.org.uk
SEO LONDON – LEGAL PROGRAMS	SEO London.	All students	Internship	Online	https://www.seo-london.org/
COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES LAW STUDENT VOLUNTEERS	Community Legal Services	Law students	Internship	Online and on-site	https://www.legalaccessforall.org/pro- bono-and-volunteer/law-student-volunteers

That's All Holks!

Sawal Lagana Hai Aqal Nahi Inspired by Sir. AQ's *"Law Lagana hai Aqal Nahi"*

- Does the Denning Debates Union society teach us how to convince our parents for permission for the National Trip?
- Does the Denning Fashion Society have a dress code for courtroom chic?
- Are there any study abroad programs of DenCo in Narnia?
- If we quote "Lord Denning said so," will it automatically make our answers correct?
- Isn't passing Property Law proof that we can survive anything in life?
- Isn't joining the Mooting Society just another way to make arguing a legitimate hobby?
- If law is about interpretation, can we interpret my grade as a Merit?
- Is the PECHS campus library the only place where silence is enforced more strictly than the law?
- Wouldn't the world be a better place if we all got paid internships?
- If all law students here become brilliant debaters, who's going to lose the argument?
- If we get a distinction in EU law, do we deserve a free trip to Brussels?
- Is it normal to think about drowning during the Beach trip?

*Send in your answers at denning.obiter@denning.edu.pk or on Instagram @thedenningobiter

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