FIELD VISIT REPORT

FOUR DAYS TRAINING AT FEDERAL JUDICIAL ACADMEY, ISLAMABAD;TWO DAYS VISIT TO THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN ; ONE DAY EXCURSION TRIP TO MURREE.

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INTRODUCTION:

As a part of pre-promotion graded training, a four-day training under "Professional Exchange Programme" from 30-03-2026 to 02-04-2026 was organized by the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad (FJA) for the 24 Senior Civil Judges/A'ala Illaqa Qazis, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Stay was extended for four days (03-04-2026 to 06-04-2026), under the directives of the Honourable Chief Justice of Pakistan.

Participants headed to FJA under the supervision of the Mr. Jehanzeb Shinwari, Worthy Director General, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Judicial Academy (KPJA), assisted by Mr. Sajid Amin, Administrative Officer KPJA. Main objective of the training was to enhance judicial competence and skills of the participants so they could develop better understanding and be able after promotion to efficiently perform their new jobs as Additional District & Sessions Judges. The visit combined academic training, institutional exposure, and practical learning at FJA, with two days visits to the Supreme Court of Pakistan, and a one-day excursion trip to Murree.

WELCOME/REGISTRATION & INAUGURAL ON 30-03-2026:

Syed Muhammad Haroon, faculty member FJA warmly welcomed the participants. After the registration of the participants, the inaugural session was chaired by Mr. Hayat Ali Shah, Worthy Director General (DG) FJA, and hosted by Miss. Bushra Kokeb, faculty member, FJA. They cordially welcomed the participants and gave a brief introduction about the vision of the institution relating

to the training course. In his address, the Worthy DG, FJA sensitized the participants about promoting peace and development of public trust in the judiciary.

FOUR DAYS ACADEMIC SESSIONS AT FJA: (30-03-2026 TO 02-04-2026)

- **DAY 1:**

Professor Dr. Shoukat Ali, Forensic Medicine Expert focused on the evidentiary value of Medico Legal Reports (MLRs), and relevant thereto, duties of a doctor in conducting examinations and writing reports. His lecture helped the participants to understand the nature of injuries on vital body parts, flaccidity, and rigor mortis, alongside appreciating MLRs for determination of the mode, manner and cause of an injury or death.

Next in session, Worthy DG and faculty members, FJA engaged the participants in Syndicate discussions. Two days before the activity, the participants were divided into four groups and informed about their topics, as per below shared detail:





On the eventful day, each group prepared and did presentation on the assigned topic. Miss. Samina Iqbal Khan evaluated the presentations; Group 4 stood first, while the Group 3 stood second. The syndicate discussions proved healthy, which served the purpose of facilitating the participants to "critically analyze and highlight the gaps in law, misuse/abuse of law, and to propose reforms".

- **DAY 2:**

In the morning, Miss. Nadia Syed, faculty member, FJA did ice breaking and gave review of the book "The power of Now" by Eckhart Tolle. She well grasped the book plot and motivated the participants about loving the inner self, by not letting the mind to rule but to use that as a tool.

Thereafter, two sessions on "Critical Thinking" and Evidence–The Judges Perspective-I" were conducted by Mr. Fakhar Zaman, the Secretary Law and Justice Commission Pakistan. He asked participants that what was critical thinking. Mr. Arshad Khan responded that it was thinking out of the box. Resource person highlighted the impediments to critical thinking and sensitized the participants about the importance of the critical thinking.

In the second session, the discussion reinforced the principle that the judges were concerned with the deductive reasoning. While discussing degrees of cogency, the resource person asked the participants about the filters of cogency; Miss Sidra Azmat, pointed out "relevancy" and Miss. Beenish Ismail pointed out "admissibility".

Third Session on "Organizational Culture, Evaluation Processes, Gender Discrimination and the Law" was of Miss. Nadia Syed, faculty member, FJA. A day before, the case of "Ann Hopkins" along with propositions was shared with the participants. During the session, the resource person fully involved the participants in illustrating bias, stereotypes, and subjective perceptions which compromise the institutional credibility. After studying the case, the participants developed a consensus that professional competence could not be judged through gender norms and biases. The activity was impactful, which gave an opportunity to each participant to share their view.

- **DAY 3:**

Day was started with book review by Syed Mansoor Shah Bukhari (participant). He reviewed the book "A long walk to freedom", an autobiography

of Nelson Mandela. He shared the core insight of the book "to walk out of a negative situation by staying positive".

Mr. Fakhar Zaman, the Secretary LJCP/DG (Reforms), SCP had another interactive session on "Evidence-The Judges Perspective-II", which helped the participants in appreciating an ocular and circumstantial evidence.

The next session on "Summary Trial under O-37 CPC" was of Syed Muhammad Haroon, faculty member, FJA. He well explained the subject matter and procedure of summary trial, including leave to defend. Mr. Muhammad Wali (participant) asked as to whether call deposit receipt in procurement could be considered as a bill of exchange. The resource person replied in negative. Mr. Shakeel Arshad (participant) asked that a document without heading of pro-note could be considered as a pro-note. The answer of the resource person was again in "No".

Mr. Mahmood Azam, faculty member, FJA conducted a session on "Handling Appeals in Family Cases". He mainly focused on the determination of jurisdiction of the appellate court. He asked the participants about the purpose of the insertion of section 21-A in the WP Family Courts Act, 1964. Miss Sidra Azmat responded to the question that it was meant for the protection and preservation of a property relevant to a dispute. At the end, participants were divided into the group of two and were given exercises to solve, which helped them to draw a thin line between an order/judgment finally determining a matter and an interlocutory order.

- **DAY 4:**

Day started with the book review; Mr. Muhammad Wali shared his thoughts about the book "The last man idea" by Friedrich Nietzsche and persuaded the participants to live beyond their comfort zones by accepting challenges.

Last academic session on "Civil Appeals, Revision and Review" was conducted by Miss Bushra Kokeb, faculty member, FJA. She engaged the participants in a detail discussion on the relevant provisions of law. While deliberating on the importance of decree sheet, resource person asked the participants that in case, decree sheet was not annexed with the appeal, could the appeal be dismissed. Miss Sidra Azmat responded that the appellate court could allow time for the submission of the attested copy of the decree sheet, which was affirmed by the resource person.

EVENING TEA ARRANGEMENT ON 31-03-2026 BY MISS. NADIA SYED (FACULTY MEMBER) AND ACADEMY NIGHT ARRANGEMNT ON 01-03-2026 BY THE WORTHY DG, FJA:

Both informal gatherings at the academy provided an opportunity to the participants to enjoy food in the company of the hosts.

CALL ON THE HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF PAKISTAN (02-04-2026):

FJA arranged a visit to the Supreme Court of Pakistan, which privileged the participants to have an interactive session with the Honorable Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi (CJP). Worthy Directors General of KPJA & FJA, and Secretary law and justice commission of Pakistan, Mr. Fakhar Zaman also attended the session. While addressing the participants, Honourable CJP

highlighted the importance of the proactive role of judges in the dispensation of justice. He also appreciated the role of judicial academies in arranging capacity building and skill development trainings for the judges. Worthy DG, KPJA presented a souvenir to the Honourable CJP.



The visit was ended on preserving the memory in a group photo.



Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan in a group photograph with a delegation of 24 Senior Civil Judges from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, who are under training at the Federal Judicial Academy Pakistan under Professional Exchange Program

ONE DAY EXCURSION TO MURREE: (03-04-2026)

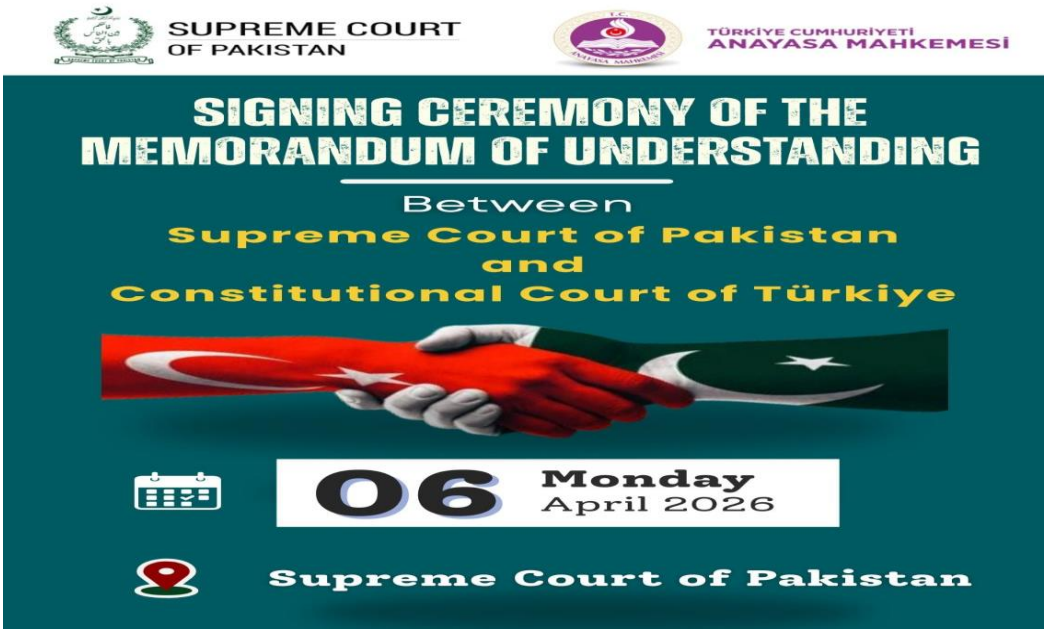
With permission of the Honourable CJP, FJA under the supervision of Mr. Mahmood Azam, Faculty member FJA arranged one day excursion for the participants. The destiny point was Chief Justice Lodges, Murree where the tea was arranged for the participants. The hospitality of the Honourable CJP was highly appreciated.

CONCLUDING CEREMONY (06-04-2026):

After two days' interval, training program was concluded at FJA; ceremony was hosted by Miss. Samina Iqbal Khan, faculty member, and presided over by the Worthy DG, FJA. Miss Night Bibi, on behalf of the participants formally thanked the Worthy DG and the faculty members, FJA for arranging a meaningful training and facilitating the stay at hostel. Worthy DG, FJA bid a farewell to the participants with the message to remain humble and efficient in the dispensation of justice. On giving training completion certificates to the participants, followed by a group photo, the ceremony stood concluded.



- **SECOND VISIT TO THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN:**





Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi addressing the participants of MoU signing Ceremony at the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, today i.e. 6th April 2026.



Hon'ble Mr. Kadir Özkaya, President Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye addressing the participants of MoU signing Ceremony at the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, today i.e. 6th April 2026.

After formal approval of the parent department, FJA took the participants to attend Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony between the Honourable Chief Justice of Pakistan and the Honourable President of the Constitutional Court of Turkiye, Mr. Kadir Ozkaya. Through the MoU, judiciaries of both the countries promised professional development of judges through joint ventures. It was a unique experience for the participants to witness the commitment between the Honourable judges of Pakistan and Turkiye.

CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Overall, field visit to FJA proved to be professionally enriching and practically valuable. It provided an exposure to the participants to enhance their knowledge and skills by coming into interaction with the resource persons, experienced in different subjects of law. FJA prepared the training module to help the participants in handling civil, criminal and family matters, which scored appreciation but allocating four days to cover these vast subjects is never ideal. It is recommended that in future, duration of such trainings be extended to a week to benefit the most.