

Blasphemy Clauses

ACT III OF 1986 CRIMINAL LAW (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1986

An Act further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898

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The following Act of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) received the assent of the President on the 5th October, 1986 and is hereby published for general information:

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1893), for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement

(1) This Act may be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 1986.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of new section 295-C, Act XLV of 1860. In the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860), after section 295-B, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:

295-C. Use of derogatory remarks, etc. in respect of the Holy Prophet. Whoever by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representation, or by any imputation, innuendo, or insinuation, directly or indirectly, defiles the sacred name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) shall be punished with death, or imprisonment for life, and shall also be liable to fine."

3. Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898. In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), in Schedule II, after the entries relating to section 295-A, the following new entries shall be inserted, namely:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
295-B	Defiling, etc of copy of Holy Quran,	May arrest without warrant	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment for life	Court of Session
295-C	Use of derogatory remarks, etc. in respect of the Holy Prophet	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Death, or imprisonment for life, and fine	Court of Session which shall be presided over by a Muslim