

**THE AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR SANCTITY OF RAMZAN
ORDINANCE, 1970**

(Ordinance XVIII of 1970)

*(Passed under Government Order No. 4570-4670/SL/70,
Dated the November 25, 1970).*

WHEREAS it is expedient to make punishable the violations of the sanctity of Ramzan;

AND WHEREAS an emergency has arisen which renders it necessary to provide immediate legislation ;

Now, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 24 of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government Act, 1970, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance :-

1. **Short title, extent and commencement:-** (1) This Ordinance may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sanctity of Ramzan Ordinance, 1970.

(2) It extends to the whole of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Definitions:-** Unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:
 - (i) 'Sanctity of Ramzan' includes all acts or their forbearance enjoined upon a Muslim for keeping fast according to Shariat during the month of Ramzan ;
 - (ii) 'Public place' means a place which is accessible to the general public and includes a building, hotel, shop, booth, chhaper, tent and vehicle or any part thereof.
3. **Violation of the sanctity of Ramzan:-** No person shall violate the sanctity of Ramzan at a public place.
4. **Offences and punishments:-** Whoever contravenes the provisions of section 3 of this Ordinance, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two months or with fine which may extend to one hundred

rupees or with both.

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Criminal Procedure Code, 1898 (Act V of 1898), the offences under section 4 of this Ordinance shall be cognizable and bailable.
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