

**THE AZAD GOVT. OF THE STATE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR,
LAW & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT,
MUZAFFARABAD.**

Dated the 18th October, 1980.

No. 5981/LD/80. The following Ordinance made by the President on the 14th day of October, 1980, is hereby published for general information:-

(ORDINANCE CLXXV OF 1980)

AN

ORDINANCE

to amend the Penal Code, 1860

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

AND, WHEREAS, the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 41 of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution Act, 1974, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.-** (1) This Ordinance may be called the Penal Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 1980.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Addition of new section 298-A, Act XLV of 1860.-** In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), as in force in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, in Chapter XV, after Section 298, the following new section shall be added, namely:-

“298-A. **Use of Derogatory Remarks etc., in respect of Holy Personages.-** 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 any wife (Ummul-Mumineen), or members of the family (Ahle-Bait), of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him), or any of the righteous Caliphs (Khulafa-i-Raashideen) and companions (Shahaaba) of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him), shall be punished with imprisonment of either

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description for a term which may extend to three years or with fine or with both.”

(Muhammad Hayat Khan)
President,
Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
Sd/-

(Syed Muhammad Akram Shah)
Deputy Secretary Law.