

**AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR  
LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT,  
MUZAFFARABAD**

Dated the 6th September, 1991.

No. 926-930/LD/91. The following Ordinance made by the President on the 6th day of September, 1991, hereby published for general information: -

**(ORDINANCE LXXIV OF 1991)**

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**ORDINANCE**

to amend the Penal Code, 1860.

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

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is not in session and 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 he Penal Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 1991.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 295-A, Act XLV of 1860.**- In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), asinforce in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, hereinafter referred to as the saidCode in Section 295-A, for the word “five years” the words “ten years” shall be substituted.
3. **Addition of new Sections 295-B and 295-C, Act XLV of 1860.**- In the said Code, after Section 295-A, following new Sections shall be added:-  
“295-B. **Defiling, etc, of copy of Holy Qur’an.**-Who ever wilfully defiles, damages or desecrates a copy of Holy Qur’an or of an extract therefrom or uses it in derogatory manner or for any unlawful purpose shall be punishable with imprisonment for life.  
295-C.- **Use of derogatory, remarks, etc.in respect of the Holy Prophet.**-Whoever by words, either spoken or written , or by

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visible representation, imputation , innuende, or insinuation, directly or indirectly, defiles the sacred name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) shall be punished to death and shall also be liable to fine.”

(Sardar Sikandar Hayat Khan)  
President  
Azad Jammu and Kashmir

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