

**THE AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR SANCTITY OF
RAMZAN ACT, 1971.**

Act VI of 1971.

An Act to provide punishment for the violation of the sanctity of Ramzan.

(This Act passed by the Legislative Assembly of Azad Jammu and Kashmir State, received the assent of the President on 14th June, 1971, and is published for general information in the Government Gazette).

WHEREAS it is expedient to make punishable the violations of the Sanctity of Ramzan:

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title, extent and commencement:-** (1) This Act may be called the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sanctity of Ramzan Act, 1971.
 - (2) It shall extend to the whole of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Territory.
 - (3) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Definitions:** - Unless there is any thing 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, chapter, teni 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 Act, 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 offence under Section 4 of this Act shall be cognizable and bailable.

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