

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN



**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR**

**ON**

**A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE PAKISTAN PENAL CODE, 1860 AND THE  
CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 1898**

**[THE CRIMINALS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024],**

**INTRODUCED BY**

**SENATOR DR AFNAN ULLAH KHAN**

**ON 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2024**

**PRESENTED BY**

**SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM RAHMAN**

**CHAIRMAN SCC ON INTERIOR**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: - REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON THE CRIMINAL LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

I, Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman, Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Interior, have the honour to present a report of the Committee on a Bill "The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024", moved by Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan, in the Senate's sitting held on 29th April, 2024.

2. The composition of the Committee is given as under:-

1.	<b>Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Senator Irfan-ul-Haq Siddiqui	Member
3.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
4.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
5.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
6.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
7.	Senator Umer Farooq	Member
8.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
9.	Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
10.	Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
11.	<b>Minister for Interior</b>	<b>Ex-Officio Member</b>

3. The Committee considered the bill in its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, with following in attendance:-

1.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman	Chairman
2.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
3.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
4.	Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
5.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Mover/Member
6.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Mover/Special Invitee
7.	Senator Afnan Ullah Khan	Mover/Special Invitee

4. Mover of the bill, Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan explained that the bill to criminalise the display of Zionism. The bill contains:
- Insertion of Sections 160A and 160B: Forbidding the preaching (160A) and display of Zionism symbols (160B)
  - Imprisonment and fine on preaching or displaying Zionism symbols
5. He further explained Zionism is a dangerous ideology that instigates hatred and violence. Its doctrine Talmud encourages the followers of Zionism to harm people that do not agree with this ideology. So in order to discourage such harmful ideology, this legislation is being presented. The bill was supported unanimously.
6. After detailed discussion, the Bill was put to the vote of Committee which was passed unanimously. The Committee recommended that the Senate may pass the Bill as it is. The Committee also gave approval of presentation of Report of Committee to the House. Hence, this Report is presented to the House.



( RIDA QAZI )  
D.G. / Secretary



( SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM RAHMAN )  
Committee Chairman Committee

<sup>As</sup>  
[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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*further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, (XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Insertion of sections 160A and 160B, Act XLV of 1860.**- In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860), after section 160, the following new sections shall be inserted, namely:-

**"160A. Preaching of Zionism.**- Whoever knowingly or intentionally is engaged in the preaching of Zionism to incite and provoke hatred in society, shall be punished with three years imprisonment, or with forty-thousand rupees fine or with both.

**160B. Display of Zionism Symbols.**- Whoever knowingly or intentionally display symbols of Zionism to spread hatred and cause a disturbance in public peace, shall be punished with two years imprisonment, or with thirty-thousand rupees fine or with both."

**3. Amendment of schedule II, Act V of 1898.**- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), in schedule II, in column I, after section 160 and corresponding entries relating thereto in columns 2 to 8, the following new sections and entries relating thereto shall be inserted, namely:-

"160A	Preaching of Zionism	Shall not arrest without warrant	Summons	Bailable	Not compoundable	Imprisonment for three years, or with forty-thousand rupees fine or with both.	Magistrate of the first class.
160B	Display of Zionism Symbols	Shall not arrest without warrant	Summons	Bailable	Not compoundable	Imprisonment for two years, or with thirty-thousand rupees fine or with both.	Magistrate of the first class."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The term "Zionism" was coined by Nathan Birnbaum in the year 1890. It was started as an ethnic and religious movement, and later on converted into a political movement on Semitism, which endeavours to gather Jews around the world and attain a homeland in the land of Israel.

Zionism is an ethnic, religious and political school of thought, which adopt extremist and strict ways and means to attain their objective. There is no doubt, Pakistan presented a combination of religious harmony and tolerance for all religions, casts and creeds, but supremacy and sovereignty of Allah and Islam is the basis of the Constitution of Pakistan, and being a Muslim State, it should never allow display of symbols depicting Zionism, for spreading unrest in Pakistan. Hence, in the light of above, the said amendment has been brought.

2. This Bill is aimed to achieve the above-said objective.

**SENATOR DR. AFNAN ULLAH KHAN**  
**MEMBERS-IN-CHARGE**