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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) in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing:-

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of new section 382A, Act XLV of 1860.**_ In the Pakistan Penal Code (XLV of 1860), after section 382, the following new section (382-A), shall be added, namely:-

"382-A. **Snatching and a street crime after preparation made for causing death, hurt or restraint in order to the committing of the street crime.**_ (1) Whoever intimidates, threatens, or coerces any person by requiring his to relinquish or by demanding their movable property, such as mobile phones, jewelry, and personal belongings, shall be deemed to have committed snatching or street crime.

(2) Whoever commits snatching or street crime, having made preparation by using firearm, causing death, or hurt, or restraint, or fear of death, or of hurt, or of restraint, to any person, in order to the committing of such offence, or in order to the effecting of his escape after the committing of such offense, or in order to the retaining of movable property' taken by such offense, shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term, which may extend to ten years, and shall also be liable to fine."

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3 **Amendment of section 181, Act V of 1898.-** In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), in section 181, after sub-section (4), the following new sub-section (5), shall be added, namely:-

"(5) Any unlawful act committed in public or open area where an offender using firearm, intimidates, threatens or coerces any other person by snatching or to relinquish or demand his moveable property like Mobile Phone, Jewelry and personal belonging etc and deprive that person of his possession or liberty, may be inquired into or tried by a special Court within the local limits of whose jurisdiction such offence was committed or the property stolen was possessed by the snatcher or by any person who received or retained the same knowing or having reason to believe it to have been snatched or stolen."

4. Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), in schedule II, after entry 382, a following new entry 382A in column (1) and the corresponding entries relating thereto in column (2) to (8) shall be added, namely:-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
382 A	Snatching and a street crime after preparation made for causing death, hurt or restraint in order to the committing of the street crime	May arrest without warrant	Warrant	Not Bailable	Not Compoundable	Rigorous Imprisonment for ten years, and fine	Court of Session, Magistrate of the first Class

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to address the escalating issue of street crimes, particularly those involving violence, intimidation, or coercion in public spaces, by introducing stringent legal measures and procedural mechanisms under the Pakistan Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). The primary objective is to ensure the safety of citizens in public areas, deter criminal behavior, and streamline the prosecution and punishment of offenders involved in street crimes.

The Bill will apply to all individuals involved in the commission, facilitation, or concealment of street crimes within the jurisdiction of the relevant legal authority. It seeks to amend existing laws, including the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) and Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objective.

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