



## THE HIGH TREASON (PUNISHMENT) ACT, 1973



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ACT No. LXVIII OF 1973

[26<sup>th</sup> September, 1973]

*An Act to provide for the punishment of persons found guilty of acts of abrogation or subversion of a Constitution or of high treason*

WHEREAS it is necessary to provide for the punishment of persons found guilty of acts of abrogation or subversion of a Constitution or of high treason;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the High Treason (Punishment) Act, 1973.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Punishment for high treason, etc.**—A person who is found guilty—

- (a) of having committed an act of abrogation or subversion of a Constitution in force in Pakistan at any time since the twenty-third day of March, 1956, or
- (b) of high treason as defined in Article 6 of the Constitution, shall be punishable with death or imprisonment for life.

**3. Procedure.**—No court shall take cognizance of an offence punishable under this Act except upon a complaint in writing made by a person authorised by the Federal Government in this behalf.

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