

NOTIFICATION.

No.PAB/Legis:V(18)/2025/5388. The Anti-Terrorism (Balochistan Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Bill No. 18 of 2025), having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan on 04th June 2025, and assented to by the Governor Balochistan on 05th June 2025, is hereby published as an Act of the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan.

**THE ANTI-TERRORISM (BALOCHISTAN AMENDMENT) ACT, 2025.
(ACT NO.XVI OF 2025.)**

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further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (Act No. XXVII of 1997).

Preamble.	WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Anti- terrorism Act, 1997 (Act No. XXVII of 1997), in the manner hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:-
Short title, extent, and commencement.	1. (1) This Act may be called the Anti-Terrorism (Balochistan Amendment) Act, 2025. (2) It shall come into force at once. (3) It shall have effect to the extent of Balochistan Province.
Amendment of Section-2, Act No. XXVII of 1997.	2. In the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (Act No. XXVII of 1997), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, after clause (m), the following new clause shall be inserted:- “(ma) “Intelligence agencies” means the intelligence agencies notified by the Government through a notification issued from time to time.”
Insertion of new section 11-EEEE.	3. In the said Act, after section "11-EEE", the following new section "11-EEEE" shall be inserted:- “11-EEEE. Preventive Detention for Inquiry. (1) The Provincial Government or any Detaining Authority duly notified by the Government in this behalf in the official gazette, or where the provisions of section 4 have been invoked, the armed forces or civil armed forces, or intelligence agencies as the case may be, subject to the specific or general order of the Government in this regard, for a period not exceeding three months and after recording reasons thereof, issue order for the preventive detention of any person who has been concerned in any offence under this Act relating to the security of Province or defence of Pakistan or any part thereof, attacks on law Enforcement Agencies, installing & detonating IEDs, damage to vital installations, or any part thereof, or public order relating to target killing, kidnapping for ransom, sectarian attacks on minorities, ethnically motivated killings, facilitating/aiding & abetting criminals involved in acts of terrorism and extortion/bhatta, or the maintenance of supplies or services, or against whom a reasonable complaint has been made or credible information has been received, or a reasonable suspicion exists of his having been so concerned, for purpose of inquiry:

Provided that the detention of such person, including any extension beyond the initial three months period, shall be subject to the provisions of Article 10 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

(2) The inquiry under sub-section (1) shall be conducted by a police officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police or through a Joint Interrogation Team (JIT) notified by the Government comprising a police officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police and officers of other investigation agencies and the powers of the inquiry officer will be vested as per section 5 of the Federal Investigation Agency Act, 1974 (VIII of 1975):

Provided that where the detention order is issued by the armed forces or civil armed forces under sub-section (1), the inquiry shall be conducted by a JIT consisting of members of the armed forces or civil armed forces, as the case may be, intelligence agencies and other law enforcement agencies, including a police officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police.

(3) The provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2) shall remain in force for such period as may be notified by the Government from time to time:

Provided that such period shall not exceed six (6) years from the commencement of the Anti-Terrorism (Balochistan Amendment) Act, 2025, and may be extended once for a further period of two years by the Government of Balochistan through notification in the official Gazette.

(4) During the course of inquiry, the concerned police officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police or equivalent officer of law enforcement agencies, or a member of the JIT, as the case may be, shall be vested with all powers relating to search, arrest, and seizure of property and other materials relevant to the offence. Such officers shall exercise all powers available to a police officer under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, or any other applicable law for the time being in force:

Provided that the detainee may be confined in a detention center notified by the Government and may, upon a written request by the investigating agency or investigating officer and with the prior approval of the Detaining Authority, be handed over to any law enforcement agency for the purpose of investigation, if he is alleged to be involved in any scheduled offence under this Act or any other cognizable offence under any law for the time being in force.

(5) The Provincial Government, or any officer authorized in this behalf, may issue a detention order in respect of each individual, who shall be confined in the designated detention center as prescribed under the rules.

(6) Any person detained under this section shall be provided facility of medical checkup / treatment as may be prescribed by rules.

(7) The Provincial Government may, by notification, designate an appropriate officer to act as the in-charge of the detention center.

(8) The Detaining Authority may, either on its own or on the written request of the person confined or his relatives, may withdraw the order of interment:

Provided that the Detaining Authority shall examine the request made under this section and depute a suitable officer or officers to inquire into the offence attempted or committed, previous and present conduct, impact of counseling, background and affiliations of the person detained and accordingly submit its report:

Provided further that the Detaining Authority may, based on the report referred to herein above and material produced before it through whatsoever sources, pass a suitable order in writing whereby it may,—

- (a) turn down the request for the time beings; or
- (b) accept the request unconditionally or with certain conditions as it may deem expedient and may also take an undertaking or guarantee from the family or a notable member of the community.

(9) The officer in-charge of the detention center shall maintain a proper register and records of all detainees, in the form and manner prescribed by the Provincial Government.

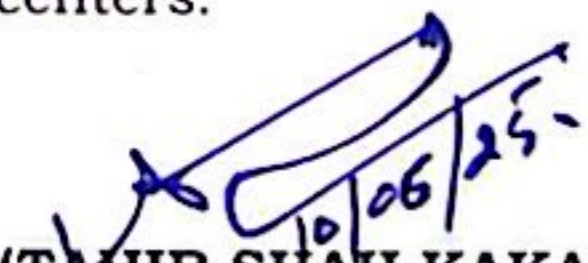
(10) The Provincial Government shall notify Oversight Board(s), comprising two civilians, two military officers, a psychiatrist, and a criminologist, under the chairmanship of ACS Home or any other officer(s) duly nominated and authorized by the Chief Minister, to assess the case of each detainee and his ideological disposition and mental, physical, and psychological condition during detention, and recommend, where necessary, transfer to a detention center duly established by the Government. The Oversight Board shall also periodically review the case of each detainee and prepare a report for consideration of the Provincial Government.

(11) The Oversight Board(s) shall periodically review the conditions of detention centers and recommend suitable action for consideration of the Provincial Government.

(12) The Oversight Board(s) may also take notice of any complaint or information in respect of any degrading treatment of any person detained or any torture or any in-dignified treatment and in this regard carry out any inquiry in the matter and where necessary recommend suitable departmental action against the official concerned.

(13) The Oversight Board(s) shall also be responsible to impart training and awareness regarding human rights standards and laws applicable on the conduct of preventive detention, under this section to all the concerned and officials of the Detaining Authority.

(14) The Provincial Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, frame rules for regulating the procedure and conditions of preventive detention, including provisions relating to the welfare, nutrition, medical care, religious observance, visitation rights, counseling, psychological rehabilitation, and de-radicalization programs for detainees confined in detention centers.


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Secretary.

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