

**NOTIFICATION.**

**No.PAB/Legis: V (04)/2025/9870.** The Balochistan Witness Protection (Amendment) Bill 2026 (Bill No. 04 of 2026), having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan on 05<sup>th</sup> May 2026, and assented to by the Governor Balochistan on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026, is hereby published as an Act of the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan.

**THE BALOCHISTAN WITNESS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2026**  
**(ACT NO. XII OF 2026).**

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further to amend the Balochistan Witness Protection Act, 2016 (ACT IV OF 2016).

**Preamble.**

**WHEREAS**, it is expedient to amend the Balochistan Witness Protection Act, 2016 (Act IV of 2016) to strengthen the framework for witness security and to facilitate effective appearance and testimony of witnesses in the Province of Balochistan and for the purpose hereinafter appearing

**1. Short title and Commencement.**

(1) This Act may be cited as the Balochistan Witness Protection (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

(3) It shall extend to whole of Balochistan.

**2. Amendment of Section-1 of Act IV of 2016.**

In the Balochistan Witness Protection Act, 2016 (Act IV of 2016), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in Section-1, in sub-section (2), the expression "except Tribal Areas" shall be omitted.

**3. Amendment of Section-2.**

In the said Act, in Section-2:

(a) in clause (n), in sub-clause (i), for the expression "twelve months", the expression "seven years" shall be substituted; *and*

(b) in clause (p), in sub-clause (i), after the expression "serious offence", the expression, "including victim, survivor, and complainant" shall be inserted.

**4. Amendment of Section-3.**

In the said Act, in Section-3, in sub-section (1), for the word "heinous", the word "serious" shall be substituted.

**5. Amendment of Section-4.**

In the said Act, in Section-4, in sub-section (2), in clause (ii), after the expression "her identity by", the expression "changing his or her particulars including name and address" shall be added.

**6. Amendment of Section-5.**

In the said Act, in Section-5:

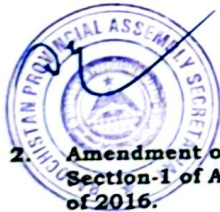
(a) in sub-section (1):

(i) in clause (a), for the word "Chairman", the word "Chairperson" shall be substituted;

(ii) in clause (b), the words "and Tribal Affairs" shall be omitted;

(iii) in clause (c) for the expression "the Secretary, Home and Tribal Affairs" the expression "the Additional Chief Secretary, Home" shall be substituted;

(iv) clause (f) shall be omitted;



- (v) in clause (g), after the word "Balochistan" the expression "or the additional Inspector General nominated by the Inspector General of Police" shall be added;
- (vi) in clause (i), after the word "Balochistan" the expression "or any Prosecutor not below the rank of (BPS-19) nominated by the Prosecutor General" shall be added;
- (vii) in clause (k) for the expression "Additional IG CID" the expression "Deputy Inspector General of Police, Counter Terrorism Department (CTD)" shall be substituted; *and*
- (viii) in clause (l), for the expression "the Director General (Levies) Balochistan, Quetta", the expression "Assistant Inspector General of Police, Legal" shall be substituted;
- (b) in sub-section (2), for the expression "the Additional Inspector General, CID", the expression "Deputy Inspector General of Police, CTD" shall be substituted; *and*
- (c) after sub-section (3), the following new sub-sections shall be inserted

"(4) In the absence of the Chairperson, the meeting shall be chaired by the Chairman Standing Committee on Home Department of Balochistan Provincial Assembly,

(5) The quorum of the meeting shall be one half of the total members."



**7. Amendment of Section-6**

In the said Act, in Section-6, in sub-section (2):

- (a) in clause (a), after the words "of the Unit", the expression "or a sub-Unit" shall be added;
- (b) in clause (b), after the words "any branch office", the expression "and sub-Unit" shall be added

**8. Amendment of Section-7.**

In the said Act, in Section-7:

- (a) in sub-section (1), the expression " Secretary, Home and Tribal Affairs", the expression "Additional Chief Secretary, Home" shall be substituted;
- (b) in sub-section (2), a comma "(,)" appearing after the expression "conferred upon", shall be substituted with word "or" and after the expression "assigned to" the expression "or imposed upon" shall be omitted; *and*
- (c) in sub-section (3), a comma "(,)" appearing after the expression "conferred upon" shall be substituted with word "or" and after the expression "assigned to" the expression "or imposed upon" shall be omitted

**9. Amendment of Section-9.**

In the said Act in Section-9:

- (a) in clause (a), before the expression "Home Department", the expression "Additional Secretary," shall be added;
- (b) for clause (b), the following shall be substituted: -  
 "(b) Deputy Inspector General of Police, Counter Terrorism Department (CTD)"; *and*
- (c) in clause (c) the expression "Additional IG Special Branch" the expression "Deputy Inspector General, CTD" shall be substituted.

**10. Amendment of Section-10.**

In the said Act, in Section-10:

- (a) in sub-section (1) in clause (e), a comma "(,)" appearing after the expression "conferred upon" shall be substituted with word "or" and

after the expression "assigned to" the expression "or imposed upon" shall be omitted;

- (b) in sub-section (2), in clause (a), a comma "(,)" appearing after the expression "conferred upon" shall be substituted with word "or" and after the expression "assigned to" the expression "or imposed upon" shall be omitted *and*
- (c) in sub-section (3), a comma "(,)" appearing after the expression "conferred upon" shall be substituted with word "or" and after the expression "assigned to" the expression "or imposed upon" shall be omitted

**11. Amendment of Section-11.**

In the said Act, in Section-11:

- (a) in sub-section (2), a comma "(,)" appearing after the expression "conferred upon", shall be substituted with word "or" and after the word "assigned" the expression "or imposed upon" shall be omitted;
- (b) in sub-section (2) after the expression "Chief Witness Protection Officer", a comma "(,)" shall be inserted and the expression "Witness Protection Unit or the Committee constituted under Section 9 of this Act" shall be added; *and*
- (c) after sub-section (2), the following new sub-section shall be inserted:

"(3) The Government may transfer and post any officer working under the Provincial Government on deputation basis until regular appointments are made."

**12. Amendment of Section-14.**

In the said Act, in Section-12, after sub-section (3), the following new sub-section shall be added: -

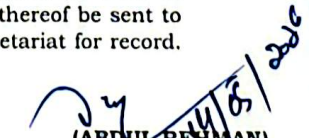
"(4) The protected witness shall be facilitated through the Witness Protection Officer, who shall escort the witness to a secure and approved facility where the evidence may be recorded safely. However, directions or orders of the trial court, if any, shall be duly observed."

  
(TAHIR SHAH KAKAR)  
Secretary.

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**Dated: Quetta, the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

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(ABDUL REHMAN)  
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