

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ON THE ANTI-TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

1. Chairman of the Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, have the honor to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997) [The Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2016] (Private Member's Bill) as passed by the Senate and referred to the Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

2. The Committee consists of the following members: -

1) <b>Rana Shamim Ahmad Khan</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2) Syed Javed Ali Shah	Member
3) Mr. Ghalib Khan	Member
4) Dr. Ibadullah	Member
5) Sheikh Muhammad Akram	Member
6) Syed Ifikhar-ul-Hassan	Member
7) Makhdoomzada Basit Bokhari	Member
8) Mian Shahid Hussain Khan Bhatti	Member
9) Makhdoom Syed Ali Hassan Gillani	Member
10) Ms. Tahmina Daultana	Member
11) Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
12) Mr. Nauman Islam Shaikh	Member
13) Mr. Ehsan-ur-Rehman Mazari	Member
14) Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur	Member
15) Mr. Khial Zaman Orakzai	Member
16) Dr. Arif Alvi	Member
17) Kanwar Naveed Jameel	Member
18) Mr. Salman Khan Baloch	Member
19) Ms. Naeema Kishwer Khan	Member
20) Mr. Sher Akber Khan	Member
21) Ch. Nisar Ali Khan, Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill on 02-05-2017. The Committee recommends that the Bill placed at Annex-"A" may not be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-  
(SAWAD RAFIQUE MALIK)  
Secretary

*Islamabad, the 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2017*

Sd/-  
(RANA SHAMIM AHMAD KHAN)  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on  
Interior and Narcotics Control

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

A

## BILL

*further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997), for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

it is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 21, Act XXVII of 1997.** In the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997), in section 21, after sub-section (4), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:-

(5) The Government shall make rules for a comprehensive programme for protection of a judge, Member, counsel, public prosecutor and the witnesses."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Witnesses need to have the confidence to come forward to assist law enforcement and prosecutorial authorities. They need to be assured that they will receive support and protection from intimidation and the harm that criminal groups may seek to inflict upon them in attempts to discourage or punish them from cooperating. Similarly, inadequate protection to the judges, prosecutors, etc. dealing with the anti terrorism cases has been identified as one of the major causes impeding the disposal of cases. The draft Bill will ensure that the government shall formulate and implement a comprehensive program for the protection of Judges, Members, Councils, Public Prosecutors, witnesses and every other person associated with the investigation or trial of the case.

The abovementioned Bill is designed to seek the said objectives.

1. SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ,
  2. SENATOR AITZAZ AHSAN,
  3. SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI
  4. SENATOR HASIL KHAN BIZENJO,
  5. SENATOR SAEED GHANI,
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  7. SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SYED,
  8. SENATOR IQBAL ZAFAR JHAGRA,
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