

THE
HIGH TREASON (PUNISHMENT) ACT, 1973
(LXVIII OF 1973)

26th 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**

Preamble: 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.