

**[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]**

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**BILL**

further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898

WHEREAS it is expedient further the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), the Code of Criminal Procedure (Act V of 1898), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- This Act may be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2014.
- (2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Substitution of section 297, Act 1860.**- In the Pakistan Penal Code, Act 1860, (Act XLV of 1860), in section 297:-
  - (a) Between the words "human corpse" and "or" occurring in the 8<sup>th</sup> line, the words "or eats the flesh thereof" may be inserted; and
  - (b)
    - (i) for the words "one year" the words "seven years", and
    - (ii) for the words "with fine", the words and figure "with fine of Rs. 500,000/-" occurring in the last line, shall be substituted.
3. **Amendment of Second Schedule of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898.**- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) in the Second Schedule in column 7 for the words "one year" the words "seven years" and in column 8 for the words "Magistrate of the first or second class" the words "Court of sessions", shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

In 2011, two persons were arrested by police in Darya Khan District Bhakkar on the report of a person that his sister's grave was dug out and her corpse was found missing. Both the cannibal suspects confessed that they had eaten five corpses dug out from the graveyard. The FIR was lodged against them under section 16 of Maintenance of Public Order (MPO) and Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) under section 295 (A), 297 and 201. As specific law does not exist for cannibalism in Pakistan as such both were released from jail after two years imprisonment and fine. Subsequently, on the complaint of neighbours police raided their house and recovered head of a child of two or three years of age from their house. One of them again confessed eating flesh of the body of the infant. This Bill seeks to provide for punishment and fine for cannibalism in Pakistan so that such incidents may not occur in future and ensure safety of the dignity of corpses/dead bodies.

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