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GOVERNMENT OF BALUCHISTAN ,  
LAW DEPARTMENT. V/

NOTIFICATION, °

Dated Quetta, the 22nd March, 1978.

No. Legis. 2-2/Law/78. The following Ordinance made  
by the Governor of Baluchistan on the 15th March, 1978, is hereby  
published for general information:—

BALUCHISTAN ORDINANCE NO. X OF 1978.

THE BALUCHISTAN PREVENTION OF GAMBLING, ORDINANCE  
1978. ; \

AN  
ORDINANCE

to provide for the prevention of gambling.

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WHEREAS the Prevention of Gambling Act, 1977 was enacted by the Parliament during the period when the Proclamation of Emergency referred to in Article 280 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan was in force;

AND WHEREAS in consequence of revocation of the Proclamation of Emergency on 15th September, 1977, it is expedient to re-enact the Provisions of the said Act as a Provincial Law on the expiry of six months from the said date;

AND WHEREAS the Governor is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action; )

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the proclamation of the fifth day of July, 1977, read with the Laws (Continuance in Force) Order, 1977 (CMLA Order No. 10 of 1977) and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the Governor of Baluchistan is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:— ;

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Baluchistan Prevention of Gambling Ordinance, 1978,

(2) It shall extend to the whole of Province of Baluchistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) "Common gaming-house" means any house, room, tent, enclosure, vehicle, vessel or other place whatsoever in which any instruments of gaming are kept or used for gaming purposes—

(i) With a view of profit or gain of any person owning, occupying or keeping such house, room, tent, enclosure, vehicle, vessel or other place, whether by way of charge for the use of such house, room,

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...tent, . enclosure, vehicle, vessel or  
“place or instruments: or otherwise  
howsoever; or

(ii) With or without | a'view of such  
profit or gain, if the gaming the  
'purpose of which instruments are

' so kept or used gaming on any  
figures or numbers or: dates to be  
subsequently ascertained or disclo-  
sed, or on the occurrence or non-  
occurrence of any natural event;\*

“Gaming” includes wagering or betting,

including a wager or bet made in res- ~  
pect of any horse, mare or gelding running  
in competition with 'any other horse,  
mare or gelding, or of the'rider thereof,

'Instruments of gaming” includes any  
article used or intended to be used  
as a means -or appurtenance of, or of  
carrying oor facilitating, gaming, and  
any documents used as @ register or  
record or evidence of any gaming; and

“Prescribed” means presctibed by rules  
made under this Ordinance.

3. (1) Whoever—

(a) Being the owner or occupier, or having

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the use, of any house, room, tent, enclosure, vehicle vessel or other place, ' : keeps or 'uses, or knowingly or wil-° fully permits the same. to be occupied, kept or used: by any other person as a common gaming- house;~~ or ae

Has the care or management, or in any manner . assists in conducting the business, of any common gaming-house; or

Advances or furnishes money' for 'the Purpose of -gaming' "with "persons frequenting. any coninan gaming-house,

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shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term

‘which shall not be less than one month nor more than one year, or with fine which shall not be less than one hundred rupees nor more than one thousand rupees, or with ‘both.

(2) In a prosecution under sub-section (1), it shall not be necessary to prove that the person found playing was playing for any money, wager or stake.

4. (1) Whoever is found in any common gaming-house playing or gaming with cards, dice, counters, money or other instruments of gaming, or

gaming-house. for the Purpose of gaming, whether for any money,

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wager or stake or otherwise, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees, or with both.

(2) Any person found in any common gaming-house during any gaming or playing therein shall be presumed, until the contrary be proved, to have been there for the Purpose of gaming.

5. Whoever is found gaming in any public place, street or thoroughfare, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one

year, or with fine which may extend to five hundred \_

rupees, or with both.

6. Whoever is found gaming in any ‘house, room, tent, enclosure, vehicle, vessel or other place”

Private places, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term: which may extend to two years, or with fine which:

may extend to 'one 'thousand rupees, or with both.

Enhanced pun- 7. Whoever, having been convicted of an

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offences.

offence under this Ordinance, again commits any su

é shall be punishable for every such sub-  
sequent offence with imprisonment for a term  
which may extend to three years, or with fine which  
may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both.

Power to-enter 8. If a District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional  
and search.

Magistrate,. Magistrate.of the first class upon informa-  
tion-and after such inquiry as he thinks necessary, has  
reason to believe that any place is used as a common  
gaming-house, or that an offence under section 6 is  
being committed at or in any place, he may-

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(a) Enter such place at any time with such assistance as he may require and using such force as may be necessary;

Provided that, if such place is in the actual occupancy of a woman

\ who, according to custom, does not

appear in public, the officer so en-

tering such place shall give notice

to her that she is at liberty to withdraw

and, after allowing reasonable time

for her to with-draw and giving her

reasonable facility for with- drawing,  
"may enter the place;

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\ (b) Search such place for any instruments

of gaming kept or concealed therein,  
and also the person of all those who are  
found in that place, except the women:

(c) Seize and take possession of gaming  
Moneys and securities for money  
and articles of value reasonably  
suspected to have been used or intended  
to be used for the purpose of gaming:  
which are found therein or upon any  
person found therein: and

(d) Take into custody all persons, except ;  
women, found in that place, whethe  
or not then actually gaming. 7

Presumption 9. When any cards, dice, gaming-tables,  
with respect clothes, gaming-boards or other instruments of gaming  
.to common are found in any house, room, tent enclosure, ve-  
gaming-house hicle, vessel or other place entered or searched under  
and persons the provision of section 8, or upon any person found

gaming



«resent there- therein, it shall be presumed, until the contrary is

in. proved, that such house, room, ~ tent, enclosuie, vehicle, vessel or other place is used as a common gaming-house and that any person found therein was there present for the purpose of gaming, although no play was actually seen by the officer making the entry or search.

Tender of par- 10. Any person who shall have been concerned don to an with any gaming contrary to this Ordinance and who accomplice. shall be examined as a witness before a Magistrate

on the trial of any person for a breach of any of the provisions of this Ordinance relating to gaming and who, upon such examination, shall in the opinion of the Magistrate make true and faithful discovery to the best of his knowledge of all things as to which he shall be so examined, shall thereupon receive from the Said Magistrate a certificate in writing to this effect and shall be freed from all prosecutions under this Ordinance for anything done before that time in respect of such gaming.

Saving... x 11. Nothing in this Ordinance shall apply to games played in a Tourist Complex which is established / and maintained under, and in accordance with the terms of, a licence granted by the Government and to which only foreigners are admitted.

Repeal. . 12. The Baluchistan prevention of Gambling Ordinance, 1961: (West Pakistan Ordinance | of 1961) is hereby repealed:

Mr. Justice Mir Khuda Bakhsh Marri,  
«Queita, Governor of Baluchistan:  
Dated the .  
\_ 15th March, 1978.

Fakhruddin H. Shaikh.  
Law Secretary,

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