

THE AZAD KASHMIR CRIMINAL LAW  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1958

(Passed under Council Order No. 337/58 Dated 18-8-1958.

Whereas it is necessary to provide for the trial of certain cases or  
classes of cases in camera, it is hereby enacted as follows :-

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(i) This Act may be called the Azad Kashmir Criminal Law  
(Amendment) Act, 1958.

(ii) It shall extend to the whole of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir  
Territory and shall come into force at once.

Notwithstanding anything contained to the contrary in the  
Criminal Procedure Code, 1898, or in any law for the time being  
in force, the Government may, by order, direct that any  
particular case or class of cases involving or affecting the  
security of Azad Kashmir or any part thereof, shall be tried by  
any Court in camera and that the proceedings in such cases shall  
not be open to the public in any Court at any stage whether  
original or appellate or in revisional or other proceedings.

Every person who being in possession of any document or  
information concerning the proceedings in such cases before any  
court by virtue of participation therein, whether as a witness, or  
as an officer of the Court, or otherwise, howsoever discloses  
such a document or information to any person other than a  
person who is officially connected with the preparation or  
conduct of the said case or cases, shall be deemed to be guilty of  
an offence under the State Official Secrets Act, 1977 (Bikrami),  
as in force in the Azad Kashmir Territory.

EXCEPTION: The provisions of this Section shall not apply to  
any communication between any accused person and his  
counsel, which is made bonafide for the purposes of the defence  
of such ail accused person in the case.