Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council

Law Amending the Penal Code

3rd Waxing of Tabodwe, 1382ME
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1. The State Administration Council enacts this law according to Article 419 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar:

2. This law shall be called Law Amending the Penal Code.

3. The Penal Code Section 121 shall be substituted as follows:

“121. Whoever wages war against the Union of Myanmar or any constituent unit thereof, or assists any State or person or incites or conspires with any person within or without the Union to wage war against the Union or any constituent unit thereof, or attempts or prepare to alter unconstitutional means or any other means or otherwise prepares by force of arms or other violent means to overthrow the organs of the Union or of its constituent units established by the Constitution, or takes part or is concerned in or incites or conspires with any person within or without the Union to make or to take part or be concerned in any such attempt shall be guilty of the offence of High Treason.”

4. The Penal Code Section 124-A shall be substituted as follows:

“124 A. Whoever by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the Government established by the Constitution, or takes part or is concerned in or incites or conspires with any person within or without the Union to make or to take part or be concerned in any such attempt shall be guilty of the offence of Treason.”

5. After Penal Code Section 124-B, the Section 124-C and Section 124-D shall be added as follows:

“Sabotage or hinder the performance of the Defence Services of the Union or Law Enforcement agencies

124 C. Whoever intends or causes to sabotage or to hinder the success of performance of the Defence Services and law enforcement organizations who are engaged in preserving the stability of the State, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of twenty years, to which fine may be added, or with imprisonment which may extend to seven years with fine or fine."

6. At Penal Code 505, (a) Sub-section (a) shall be substituted as follows:

“(a) whoever with intent to cause, or which is likely to cause, a member of the Defence Services or government employees to deprive affect, hinder, disturb, damage the motivation, discipline, health, conduct upon Government or the Defence Services and the duty of government employees or members of defence services to being into the hatred, disobedience, disloyalty;

(b) sub-section (a), (b), (c) shall be reclassified as sub-section (b), (c) and (d)."

7. After, Penal Code Section 505, Section 505-A shall be added as follows:

“Cause fear, spread false news, agitate directly or indirectly criminal offence against a Government employee
505 A. Whoever-

(a) causes or intends to cause fear to a group of citizens or to the public,

(b) causes or intends to spread false news, knowing or believing that it is untrue,

(c) causes or intends to commit or to agitate directly or indirectly criminal offence against a Government employee, any kind of Government employee or Government employees;

Such person shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to three years or with fine or with both.”

I hereby sign under Article 419 of the State Constitution.

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State Administration Council