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NOTIFICATION

Dacca, the 22nd September, 1976.

No. 939-Pub.—The following Ordinances made by the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, on the 19th September, 1976, is hereby published for general information:—

THE ANTIQUITIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 1976.

Ordinance No. LXXIII of 1976.

AN

ORDINANCE

to amend the Antiquities Act, 1968.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Antiquities Act, 1968 (XIV of 1968), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamations of the 20th August, 1975, and the 8th November, 1975, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. **Short title.**—This Ordinance may be called the Antiquities (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976.

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2. **Amendment of Act XIV of 1968.**—In the Antiquities Act, 1968 (XIV of 1968), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, throughout the Act, unless otherwise provided—

(*a*) *for* the word "Pakistan" the word "Bangladesh" shall be *substituted*;

(*b*) *for* the words "Central Government" the word "Government" shall be *substituted*; and

(*c*) *for* the word "rupees" the word "Taka" shall be *substituted*.

3. **Amendment of section 2, Act XIV of 1968.**—In the said Act, in section 2,—

(*a*) In clause (*b*), *for* the word, comma and figure "May, 1857" the words "the preceding hundred years" shall be *substituted*; and

(*b*) in clause (*c*), *for* the word "Pakistan" the words "the People's Republic of Bangladesh" shall be *substituted*.

4. **Amendment of section 3, Act XIV of 1968.**—In the said Act, in section 3, in clause (*b*), *for* the words and comma "the National Assembly of Pakistan, one being from each Province" the word "Parliament" shall be *substituted*.

5. **Amendment of section 7, Act XIV of 1968.**—In the said Act, in section 7, *for* the words "direct the Provincial Government to acquire such land or any part thereof and the Provincial Government shall thereupon acquire such land or part" the words "acquire such land or any part thereof" shall be *substituted*.

6. **Amendment of section 16, Act XIV of 1968.**—In the said Act, in section 16, in sub-section (*1*), *for* the words "direct the Provincial Government to acquire such antiquity or any part thereof and the Provincial Government shall thereupon acquire such antiquity or part" the words "acquire such antiquity or any part thereof" shall be *substituted*.

7. **Amendment of section 21, Act XIV of 1968.**—In the said Act, in section 21, *after* sub-section (*4*), the following new sub-sections shall be *added*, namely:—

"(*5*) Whoever contravenes the provisions of this section shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

(*6*) The court trying an offence under sub-section (*5*) may direct that any antiquities in respect of which the offence has been committed shall be forfeited to the Government.".

8. **Amendment of section 22, Act XIV of 1968.**—In the said Act, in section 22, in sub-scetion (*2*), *for* the words, figures, comma and brackets "section 19 of the Sea Customs Act, 1878 (VIII of 1878)" the words, figures, comma and brackets "section 16 of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969)" shall be *substituted*.

9. **Omission of section 32, Act XIV of 1968.**—In the said Act, section 32 shall be *omitted*.

ABUSADAT MOHAMMAD SAYEM
President.

DACCA;
The 19th September, 1976.