



Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 56

PART I

PROSCRIBED ORGANISATIONS

1 Proscribed organisations

- (1) Subject to subsection (6) below, if any person—
- (a) belongs or professes to belong to a proscribed organisation ;
 - (b) solicits or invites financial or other support for a proscribed organisation, or knowingly makes or receives any contribution in money or otherwise to the resources of a proscribed organisation; or
 - (c) arranges or assists in the arrangement or management of, or addresses, any meeting of three or more persons (whether or not it is a meeting to which the public are admitted) knowing that the meeting is to support, or to further the activities of, a proscribed organisation, or is to be addressed by a person belonging or professing to belong to a proscribed organisation,
- he shall be liable—
- (i) on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding £400, or both, and
 - (ii) on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to a fine, or both.
- (2) Any organisation for the time being specified in Schedule 1 to this Act is a proscribed organisation for the purposes of this Act; and any organisation which passes under a name mentioned in that Schedule shall be treated as proscribed, whatever relationship (if any) it has to any other organisation of the same name.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order add to Schedule 1 to this Act any organisation that appears to him to be concerned in terrorism occurring in the United Kingdom and connected with Northern Irish affairs, or in promoting or encouraging it.

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- (4) The Secretary of State may also by order remove an organisation from Schedule 1 to this Act.
- (5) In this section " organisation " includes an association or combination of persons.
- (6) A person belonging to a proscribed organisation shall not be guilty of an offence under this section by reason of belonging to the organisation if he shows that he became a member when it was not a proscribed organisation and that he has not since then taken part in any of its activities at any time while it was a proscribed organisation.

In this subsection the reference to a person becoming a member of an organisation shall be taken to be a reference to the only or last occasion on which he became a member.
- (7) The court by or before which a person is convicted of an offence under this section may order the forfeiture of any money or other property which, at the time of the offence, he had in his possession or under his control for the use or benefit of the proscribed organisation.