

Taking of Hostages Act 1982

1982 CHAPTER 28

2 **Prosecution of offences.**

(1) Proceedings for an offence under this Act shall not be instituted—

- (a) in England and Wales, except by or with the consent of the Attorney General; and
- (b) in Northern Ireland, except by or with the consent of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland.
- (2) As respects Scotland, for the purpose of conferring on the sheriff jurisdiction to entertain proceedings for an offence under this Act, any such offence shall, without prejudice to any jurisdiction exercisable apart from this subsection, be deemed to have been committed in any place in Scotland where the offender may for the time being be.
- (3) In Part I of Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (scheduled offences for the purposes of that Act) after paragraph 19 there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

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19A Offences under the Taking of Hostages Act 1982.".