

The Foreign Relations Act, 1932

(ACT NO. XII OF 1932)

¹♣An Act to provide against the publication of statements likely to prejudice the maintenance of friendly relations between the Government of Bangladesh and the Government of certain foreign States.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide against the publication of statements likely to prejudice the maintenance of friendly relations between the Government of Bangladesh and the Governments of certain foreign States; It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**Short title
and extent**

- 1.(1) This Act may be called the Foreign Relations Act, 1932.
- (2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.

**Power of
Government to
prosecute
in certain
cases of
defamation**

2. Where an offence falling under Chapter XXI of the ²[Penal Code] is committed against a Ruler of a State outside but adjoining Bangladesh, or against the consort or son or principal Minister of such Ruler, the Government may make, or authorize any person to make, a complaint in writing of such offence, and, notwithstanding anything contained in section 198 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, any Court competent in other respects to take cognizance of such offence may take cognizance thereof on such complaint.

**Power to
forfeit
certain
publications
or to detain
them in the
course of
transmission
through
post.**

3. The provisions of sections 99A to 99G of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, and of sections 27B to 27D of the Post Office Act, 1898, shall apply in the case of any book, newspaper or other document containing matter which is defamatory of a Ruler of a State outside but adjoining Bangladesh or of the consort or son or principal Minister of such Ruler and tends to prejudice the maintenance of friendly relations between the Government of Bangladesh and the Government of such State, in like