

Law enacted on 11 January 1958

Amendment of certain articles of the Criminal Code

Parliament has approved and the President of the Republic has promulgated this law, the text of which is as follows:

Article 1 - Articles 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313 and 315 of the Criminal Code shall be temporarily suspended and replaced by the exceptional provisions hereinafter set forth.

Article 2 - Any person who commits an act of violence or attempted violence with intent either to provoke civil war or sectarian conflict by arming Lebanese citizens or urging them to take up arms against one another, or to engage in incitement to murder, pillage or vandalism, shall be liable to the death penalty.

Article 3 - Any person who leads an armed gang or occupies therein any function or leadership position of whatever nature for the purpose of invading a city or area, state-owned property or private property, or for the purpose of attacking or resisting the law enforcement authorities operating against the perpetrators of these offences, shall be liable to the death penalty.

Article 4 - Members of an armed gang formed for the purpose of committing any of the offences set out in the two preceding articles shall be liable to the death penalty.

However, those members who have not occupied any function or specific mission in the gang, who have not been arrested at the site of a violent incident and who have surrendered with their weapons without resistance before a court has issued a judgement in their case, shall not be liable to the said penalty.

Article 5 - Any person who, for the purpose of committing or aiding and abetting the commission of one of the offences set out in the preceding articles or any other offence against the State, manufactures, obtains or has in his possession explosives or inflammable substances or toxic or incendiary products, or components or ingredients entering into the composition or manufacture of such products, shall be liable to hard labour for life.

Article 6 - Any act of terrorism shall be punishable by hard labour for life. Where the act results in the death of one or more individuals, the total or partial destruction of a building having one or more individuals inside it, the total or partial destruction of a public building, an industrial plant, a ship or other facilities, or disrupts the functioning of telecommunication or transport services, it shall be punishable by death.

Article 7 - Any person who enters into a conspiracy with a view to the commission of any of the offences set out in the preceding articles shall be punishable by hard labour for life.

Article 8 - Military tribunals shall have jurisdiction for the offences set out in the preceding articles.

Beirut, 11 January 1958
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Promulgated by the President of the Republic

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