

CRIMINAL CODE OF GEORGIA (1999, as amended 2011)

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CHAPTER XXXVIII. TERRORISM

Article 323. Terrorist Act

1. Terrorist act, i.e. explosion, arson, application of arms or any other action giving rise to threat of a person's death, substantial property damage or any other grave consequence and undermines public security, strategic, political or economic interests of the state, perpetrated to intimidate the population or put pressure upon a governmental body,- shall be punishable by prison sentences ranging from five to ten years in length.

2. The same action committed: a) by a group; b) repeatedly; c) by using weapons of mass destruction,- shall bear legal consequences of imprisonment ranging from eight to fifteen years in length.

3. The action referred to in Paragraph 1 or 2 of this article, that through negligence has claimed a human life or has given rise to any other grave consequence,- shall carry legal consequences of imprisonment ranging from ten to seventeen years in length.

4. The action referred to in Paragraph 1 or 2 of this article that has claimed a human life or has given rise to any grave consequence,- shall be punishable by prison sentences ranging from fifteen to twenty years in length or by life imprisonment.

Note: Criminal liability shall be lifted up from the person participating in the preparation of the terrorist act who by giving a timely notice to a governmental body or acting otherwise, will help stave off the terrorist act, in case his/her action bears no other criminal signs.

Article 324. Technological Terrorism

Technological terrorism, i.e. the use, or threat of use, of a nuclear, radiological, chemical or bacteriological (biological) arms or a component thereof, pathogenic micro-organism, radioactive or other substance hazardous for human health, including the seizure of the object of nuclear, chemical or strong technological or ecological vulnerability, that undermines public security, strategic, political or economic interest, perpetrated to intimidate the population or put pressure upon a governmental body, shall bear legal consequences of imprisonment ranging from eight to fifteen years in length.

Article 325. Assault on Political Official of Georgia

Encroachment upon the life, health or property of the President or any other political official of Georgia or a family member thereof, related to the diplomatic activity of such official,- shall be punishable by prison sentences ranging from seven to twenty years in length or by life imprisonment.

Article 326. Assault on Person or Institution Enjoying International Protection

Assault on the representative of a foreign state or the employer of an international organization enjoying international protection or on their office or residential building or vehicle, as well as encroachment upon the life, health or property of a family member thereof

on political motives or for deterioration of international relations,- shall be punishable by prison sentences ranging from seven to twenty years in length or by life imprisonment.

Article 327. Formation of Terrorist Organization or Leading Thereof or Participation Therein

1. Formation or leading of a terrorist organization,- shall bear legal consequences of imprisonment ranging from seven to fifteen years in length.

2. Participation in a terrorist organization,- shall be punishable by prison sentences ranging from five to ten years in length.

Article 328. Accession and Assistance to Terrorist Organization of Foreign State or to Such Organization Controlled by Foreign State

Accession to the terrorist organization of a foreign state or to such organization controlled by a foreign state or assisting it in terrorist activities, shall carry legal consequences of imprisonment ranging from seven to fifteen years in length.

Article 329. Seizure of Hostage for Terrorist Purposes

1. Hostage-taking for terrorist purposes, i.e. to coerce the state authority or an international or religious organization to carry out or not to carry out a particular action by promising to release the hostage,- shall be punishable by prison sentences ranging from seven to thirteen years in length.

2. The same action perpetrated:

- a) against a political official of Georgia or a family member thereof;
- b) against a foreign official representative or the one enjoying international protection;
- c) by a group;
- d) repeatedly;
- e) by a terrorist organization,- shall bear legal consequences of imprisonment ranging from eight to fifteen years in length.

3. The action referred to in Paragraph 1 or 2 of this article that has claimed a human life or has given rise to any other grave consequence,- shall carry legal consequences of imprisonment ranging from twelve to twenty years in length.

Note: If, within 72 hours upon hostage-taking, the offender, voluntarily or by request of the government, releases the hostage so that the term for release has not been met, such offender shall be absolved from criminal liability if his/her action involves no other criminal signs or there is no complaint on the part of the victim.

Article 330. Taking Possession of or Blocking Object of Strategic or Special Importance for Terrorist Purposes

1. Taking possession of or blocking the object of strategic or special importance for terrorist purposes,- shall be punishable by prison sentences ranging from eight to fifteen years in length.

2. The action referred to in Paragraph 1 of this article that has claimed a human life or has given rise to a grave consequence,- shall carry legal consequences of imprisonment ranging from twelve to twelve years in length or by life imprisonment.

Article 331. False Notification on Terrorism

False notification on terrorism,- shall be punishable by fine or by corrective labour from one to two years in length or by jail time up to three months or by imprisonment not in excess of three years.