Law

Amendment of Article 316 bis of the Penal Code

Single Article

Article 316 *bis* of the Lebanese Penal Code on financing terrorism shall be amended to read, based on the Arab Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism signed in Cairo on 22/4/1998 and ratified under Law No. 57 of 31/3/1999, as follows:

"New Article 316 bis

Anyone who performs or attempts to perform or directs or participates in, intentionally and by any means, directly or indirectly, financing terrorism in full or in part, or contributes to financing terrorism or terrorist acts, or finances an individual terrorist or terrorist organizations, or activities connected therewith, including presenting, providing or collecting movable and immovable property, from legitimate or illegitimate sources, in Lebanon or abroad, whether the property is used or not used, and whether the terrorist act took place or did not take place in Lebanon or abroad.

The crime of financing terrorism includes travel, the attempt to travel, recruitment, planning, preparation, organization, facilitation, participation, providing or receiving training, and any other act connected thereto with the intention to perform terrorist acts and without such acts being connected to a specific terrorist act.

Perpetrators of the specific actions set out above shall be subject to a penalty of imprisonment with hard labor for a term not less than three years and not more than seven years and with a fine not less than the same amount paid and not exceeding three times such amount, and such shall not prevent application of the penalties provided in Articles 212 to 222 inclusive of the Penal Code."

This Law shall come into effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette.

