

**PREVENTION OF  
TERRORISM ACT  
(Act No. 10/1990)**

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## **Name**

1. This Act shall be cited as the “Prevention of Terrorism Act 1990”.

## **Offence of Terrorism**

2. The acts/activities mentioned hereto shall be construed as acts of terrorism.
  - (a) The act of killing or causing any bodily harm or intent to carry out such actions to person(s) with the intention of creating fear or terror or with a political motive.
  - (b) The act or the intention of kidnapping or abduction of person(s) or of taking hostage(s).
  - (c) The act or the intention of hijacking of any vessel or vehicle.
  - (d) The unauthorized import of any explosive substance, ammunition or fire arms into the country, the production of such substance or equipment, the use, storage, sale or interchange of such substance or equipment in the Maldives.
  - (e) The use or intent of use of any explosive substance, ammunition or fire arms or any form of weaponry so as to cause harm or damage to person(s) or property.
  - (f) The act of or intent of arson, so as to cause harm or damage to person(s) or property.

- (g) The use of terror tactics, force or making threats to cause harm or damage to person(s) or property orally or in writing or other means to create fear amongst the community.

## **Aiding, Abetting and Planning**

- 3. The aid or abet of any form, through finance or property, or planning of any act as stipulated under Section 2 shall be construed as an act of terrorism itself.

## **Invalidating the Registry of the Organization Aiding or Abetting**

- 4. The aid or abet of any form, through finance or property, or planning of a terrorist act stipulated under this Act by an organization registered with the Government and operating in the country, shall be caused for its registration to be terminated.

## **Compensation**

- 5. Person(s) guilty of an offence under this Act, in addition to being sentenced under Section 6, should compensate the victim(s) of terrorism for the subsequent damages as ordered by the court.

## Penalty

6. (a) Any person(s) found guilty of an act of terrorism resulting in the loss of a life shall be sentenced to death or life imprisonment or banishment for life. The same penalty shall be passed on those found guilty of complicity in the crime. Person(s) found guilty of abetting and/or privy to such information shall be sentenced to between 10 and 15 years imprisonment or banishment.
- (b) Any person(s) found guilty of an act of terrorism, without a loss of life, shall be sentenced to between 10 and 15 years imprisonment or banishment. The same penalty shall be passed on those found guilty of complicity in the crime. Person(s) found guilty of abetting and/or privy to such information shall be sentenced to between 3 and 7 years imprisonment or banishment.
- (c) In passing sentence to imprisonment under the subsection (a) or subsection (b) the judge reserves the right to sentence imprisonment with hard labour.