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**MAIN ASPECTS OF CRIMINAL  
LEGAL CHARACTERISTICS OF  
TERRORISM**

The problem of terrorism exists as a relevant question for many years in an international community. For many years ago terrorist activity was used as illegal, but harsh and effective way for solving political and social confrontations. Unfortunately, the

relevance of the problem of fighting against terrorism is dictated by our reality. Terrorism is any form of its manifestation turned into one of the most dangerous socially political and moral problem by its scale, unpredictability and consequences that humanity entered into 21st century with.

Criminal law aspect studying problem of terrorism is very important considering the key role in fighting with terrorism of authorized authorities. Legislative activity and cooperation of authorized authorities that fight with terrorism is an important step in a fight with this dangerous thing. The object of this problem is public relations that appears in connection with manifestations of terrorism and using the legislation in fight with this thing. The subject of research is a criminal law that envisages responsibility for act of terrorism - this complicated, dynamic, multidimensional occurrence and legislative structure of crime, which envisaged by the Criminal Code of Ukraine (art. 258) and judicially investigative practice of its use.

Terrorism used to be and still is a big threat for humanity that accompanies the development of civilization, but the number of acts of terrorism in the world is increasing in the last decade. Terrorism is one of the most dangerous occurrences in the world which gains momentum and measures. The result of it is death of many people, great material losses and creating atmosphere of terror, distrust, malice, hatred within the society and state. "Terrorism" is a latin word for "terror", "fear". There are more than hundred of definitions of word "terrorism" in a modern literature, but all scientists consider that it is a specific form of violence, which is aimed at innocent people. Terrorism can be defined as a threat of using the violence which causes feeling of fear within particular citizens the same as among many other people, and expected for their intimidation and causing distrust for public authorities in their ability to resist this crime. The object of acts of terrorism is a human as a victim on the one hand and the law and order which exists in a certain country or in the world in general on the other [3].

According to The law of Ukraine “ About the fight against terrorism” [1] : Terrorism it is a socially dangerous activity which idea a conscious, purposeful use of violence with hijackings, arsons, murders, tortures, intimidation of the population and public authorities or doing other attacks on life and health of innocent people or even threats of doing criminal acts in order to achieve criminal purposes. In modern conditions of existence of weapon conflict on the territory of Ukraine and conducting of Antiterrorist operation on the territory of Luhansk and Donetsk regions the qualification of criminal manifestations has gained a special urgency that are exist in these regions. Especially difficult to qualificate crimes of terroristic aims and delimit it from manifestations of separatism and other crimes which are against the basics of the National Security of Ukraine.

Today as for restoration of law and order, it is very important in our country timely termination of the acts of terrorism and application the legislation about criminal responsibility that corresponds to their public danger [2]. To my mind, the questions of terrorism qualification, their delmit from neighbouring crimes and problems of using extradition for these actions is very urgent for Ukraine. So it is clear now that there is a necessity in further research not only national norms of criminal law and process, but also standarts of international treaties which envisage responsibility for international crimes and crimes of international character, research of modern development trends of international legal norms in question about counteractions to terrorism and their influence on Ukrainian legislation on criminal liability.

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