

## SUMMARY

**Subject of the thesis:** “Terrorism in the electronic sphere”

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**Relevance of the research issue:** Terrorism as an integral part of the modern world, though having a negative connotation, is an objective phenomenon of society at this stage of its development. However, the characteristics that terrorism has as a factor in the modern world are totally different from those that were inherited to it a few dozen years ago.

For thousands years of human civilization, terrorists methods have been used by various states, religious groups, political organizations, criminal communities.

However, terrorism has reached a global level of development relatively recently. Terrorism acquired features of a global problem in the period from the end of the 19th century to the beginning of the 20th century, having turned into one of the most intimidating tools of world intimidation, gradually, transformed into a lever of world pressure.

The main distinguishing feature of modern terrorism is the use of technological achievements and scientific progress as tools of propaganda, recruitment and control of that part of the population of various countries of the world who have already succumbed to recruitment.

This allows modern terrorist groups to expand and strengthen their zones of influence without crossing state borders. This makes the terrorist threat a global and one of the most pressing problems of our time and, accordingly, it must be solved by joint combinatory actions of the states of the world, and not by a separate national security policy.

The availability of the Internet, which also provides anonymity, allows using it not only as a means of communication, but also for the accomplishment of propaganda companies and the recruitment of new recruits. It is worth mentioning that due to these huge financial flows cannot be seen, contributing to the development of this threat.

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At that moment, measures to confront the threat are being taken by the governments of all states, but are not effective, because, despite the enormous resources spent on its elimination, the actions on this issue are not coordinated, and therefore cannot favorably influence the development of the situation.

International legal acts existing at the moment cannot be effective, for several reasons. The first and the main is inaccuracy in the definition of terrorism and its modern characteristics, according to which this or that action from the point of view of international law can be definitely, as a terrorist one.

The second reason for the inability of modern states to counteract the cyber threat from terrorists is the outdated legal framework. With the emergence of the cyber threat as such, several legal documents were developed in world politics, but none of them affected terrorism as a basis.

Most of them concerned cybercrimes of a different nature, inherent in organized crime whose motivation is mainly material gain, while terrorism always had ideological factors in its nature, using material benefices only as a source of financing.

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The second reason why national states are not able to counteract the cyber threat from terrorists at this stage is the outdated legislative base. With the emergence of a security threat in the cyber environment, several international legal acts have been developed, but most of them have affected cyber-crimes committed either by individuals or organized crime, motivated mainly by material gain, while terrorism has always had in its essence ideological factors , Using material investments only as a source of financing.

If the world community at the legislative level approves the criteria on which terrorism and cyber-terrorism, as its integral part at the present stage, can be determined, only then other documents on cooperation and even national acts will become sufficiently effective and can have quite wide usage.