

National Legislation on Piracy

**Criminal Law of the Republic of Latvia
of 17th June, 1998**

Article 116. Murder

For a person who commits intentional illegal homicide (murder) of another person, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than five years and not exceeding fifteen years, with or without police supervision for a term not exceeding three years.

Article 125. Intentional Serious Bodily Injury

(1) For a person who commits intentional infliction of such bodily injury as is dangerous to life or has been the cause of loss of vision, hearing or any other organs or functions of organs, or mental or other trauma to health, if it is associated with a general ongoing loss of ability to work to the extent of not less than one third, or has resulted in the termination of pregnancy, or has been manifested in irreparable facial disfigurement (serious bodily injury),

the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding ten years, with or without police supervision for a term not exceeding three years.

(2) For a person who commits the same acts, if:

- 1) their commission is associated with the victim or his or her relative having performed his or her official or professional duty or having participated in the prevention or interruption of a criminal or other illegal offence, or having given evidence in court or at a pre-trial investigation;
- 2) they have been committed against two or more persons;
- 3) they have been committed in a way dangerous to the life or health of several persons;
- 4) they have been in the nature of torment or torture;
- 5) they have been committed by a group of persons;
- 6) they have been committed by a person who has previously committed a murder or inflicted intentional serious bodily injury, except where committed in a state of extreme mental agitation or in the course of violating the limits of necessary self-defence or provisions regarding arrest of a person; or
- 7) they have been committed by a person who has been confined in a place of detention or in imprisonment,
- 8) committed to a person in a state of helplessness,

the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than three years and not exceeding twelve years, with or without police supervision for a term not exceeding three years;

(3) For a person who commits intentional infliction of serious bodily injury which, as a result of the negligence of the offender, has been the cause of the death of the victim,

the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than three years and not exceeding fifteen years, with or without police supervision for a term not exceeding three years.

(4) For a person who commits intentional infliction of serious bodily injury, if commission thereof is by an organised group, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than ten years and not exceeding fifteen years, confiscation of property, and with police supervision for a term not exceeding three years.

Article 132. Threatening to Commit Murder and to Inflict Serious Bodily Injury

For a person who commits threatening to commit murder or to inflict serious bodily injury, if there have been reasonable grounds to fear that these threats may be carried out,

the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding one year, or custodial arrest, or community service, or a fine not exceeding twenty times the minimum monthly wage.

Article 153. Kidnapping

(1) For a person who commits seizure, using violence or threats, or abduction by fraud or against a person taking advantage of his or her helpless condition (kidnapping),

the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding ten years, with or without confiscation of property.

(2) For a person who commits the same acts, if commission thereof is repeated, and for the kidnapping of a juvenile,

the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than five years and not exceeding twelve years, with or without confiscation of property.

(3) For a person who commits kidnapping, if serious consequences are caused thereby or commission thereof is by an organised group,

the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than five years and not exceeding fifteen years, with confiscation of property, and with or without police supervision for a term not exceeding three years.

Article 154. Seizure of Hostages

(1) For a person who commits seizure or detaining of a person as a hostage, if such is associated with threats of murder, infliction of bodily injury or further detainment of such person for the purposes of compelling a natural or legal person or a group of persons to do some act or refrain from doing such, proposing this as a condition for the release of the hostage,

the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than three years and not exceeding twelve years, with or without confiscation of property.

(2) For a person who commits the same acts, if commission thereof is against a juvenile, or is repeated, or by a group of persons pursuant to prior agreement, or serious consequences are caused thereby,

the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than five years and not exceeding fifteen years, with confiscation of property.

(3) For a person who commits the acts provided for in Paragraph one of this Section, if commission thereof is by an organised group,

the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than ten years and not exceeding fifteen years, confiscation of property, and with police supervision for a term not exceeding three years.

Article 176. Robbery

(1) For a person who commits theft of movable property of another associated with violence or threatened violence (robbery), the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding ten years, with or without confiscation of property, and police supervision for a term not exceeding three years.

(2) For a person who commits robbery, if it has been committed by a group of persons pursuant to prior agreement, or if it has been committed by entering a residential unit or other premises, or if it has been committed from a property storage facility, a system connecting storage facilities, or a means of transport, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than three years and not exceeding twelve years, with or without confiscation of property, and police supervision for a term not exceeding three years.

(3) For a person who commits robbery, if it is committed on a large scale, or committed by a person who has previously committed robbery or extortion or been engaged in gangsterism or committed seizure of air or water transport vehicles, or such has been committed in an organised group, or who commits the robbery of narcotic, psychotropic, powerfully acting, poisonous or radioactive substances, or explosive substances, firearms or ammunition, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than eight years and not exceeding fifteen years, with confiscation of property, and police supervision for a term not exceeding three years.

(4) For a person who commits robbery, if it has been committed using firearms or explosives, or if such is associated with the infliction of serious bodily injury on the victim, or if other serious consequences are caused thereby, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than ten years and not exceeding seventeen years, with confiscation of property, and police supervision for a term not exceeding three years.

Article 88. Terrorism

(1) For a person who commits the use of explosives, use of fire, the use of nuclear chemical, chemical, biological, bacteriological, toxic or other weapons of mass destruction, mass poisoning, spreading of epidemics and epizootic diseases, kidnapping of persons, taking of hostages, hijacking of air, land or sea means of transport or other activities if they committed for the purpose of intimidating inhabitants or with the purpose of inducing the State, its institutions or international organisations to take any action or refrain therefrom, or for purposes of harming the State or the inhabitants thereof or the interests of international organisations (terrorism),

the applicable sentence is life imprisonment or deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than eight and not exceeding twenty years, with confiscation of property.

(2) For a person who commits destruction or damage to physical objects, automated data processing systems, electronic networks, as well as other objects located in the territory or the continental shelf of the State, if such activities are committed for the purpose provided for in Paragraph one of this Section, the applicable sentence is life imprisonment or deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than eight and not exceeding twenty years, with confiscation of property.

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(3) For a person who commits the acts provided for in Paragraph one or two of this Section if commission thereof is by a group of persons pursuant to previous agreement (a terrorist group),

the applicable sentence is life imprisonment or deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than ten and not exceeding twenty years, with confiscation of property.

(4) For a person who commits the establishment or leading of a terrorist group, the applicable sentence is life imprisonment or deprivation of liberty for a term of not less than fifteen and not exceeding twenty years, with confiscation of property.