

Translated from Russian

Information from the Republic of Azerbaijan on measures to eliminate international terrorism, submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/211 of 20 December 2018

- Participation in terrorist activities is criminalized under articles 214 (terrorism), 279 (organization of and participation in illegal armed groups) and 283-1 (organization of groups to participate in armed conflicts outside Azerbaijan) of the Criminal Code.
- In December 2015, amendments to the Citizenship Act of the Republic of Azerbaijan were approved, providing for deprivation of citizenship for involvement in terrorist or extremist activities.
- The law enforcement agencies of the Republic of Azerbaijan carry out comprehensive investigations to prevent, detect and suppress crimes related to terrorist or extremist activities. In 2018, 11 citizens of Azerbaijan were arrested for involvement in illegal armed groups outside the country, and a total of more than 100 persons have been arrested at different times. Also in 2018, actions taken to counter the activities of terrorist organizations in Azerbaijan included the neutralization of 20 terrorists, and the seizure of 7 firearms, 3 improvised explosive devices and various components used in the manufacture of explosives.
- There is a high degree of information-sharing with foreign partners regarding terrorists in hot spots and the smugglers operating along trafficking routes, to improve the effectiveness of measures taken to prevent the use of the national territory for the transit of terrorists and weapons to third countries.
- There is particular emphasis on countering propaganda for terrorism and extremism, preventing the radicalization of society, explaining the dangerous consequences of religious fanaticism, aggressive separatism and other violent forms of extremism, strengthening public relations, cooperating with the media and non-governmental organizations, and establishing a credible dialogue between law enforcement agencies and citizens.
- Preventive activities are carried out among those who attend mosques and religious schools. The State Committee for Work with Religious Organizations and the Caucasus Muslim Board play an active role in those efforts.
- Azerbaijan is a party to multilateral international legal instruments in the field of counter-terrorism. However, the continued illegal occupation by Armenia of some 20 per cent of the territory of Azerbaijan, including the Nagorno-Karabakh region and seven surrounding districts, has impeded the implementation of those instruments in the occupied territories,

including provisions relating to wanted criminals.

- In general, owing to the absence of international legal and financial monitoring systems and generally accepted reporting requirements, the “grey zones”, including the occupied territories, provide favourable conditions for terrorist and other criminal activities, including money-laundering under the guise of economic and humanitarian projects.
 - Azerbaijan is strengthening with international organizations to combat money-laundering and the financing of terrorism.
 - At the national level, the authorities have continued measures to effectively prevent the financing of terrorist activities by simplifying the procedure for freezing suspicious bank accounts, tightening control over non-banking money transfer systems, and increasing the requirements for banks to carry out security checks of customers and refuse to establish correspondent relationships with questionable financial institutions.
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