

Information on the status and implementation by the Republic of Belarus of existing international treaties on the subject on international terrorism, including information on cases caused by international terrorism and their prosecution

The Republic of Belarus is a party to the main universal treaties on cooperation in combating international terrorism.

At the regional level, cooperation in countering international terrorism is carried out within the framework of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the Collective Security Treaty Organization, as well as bilateral international treaties.

As part of the implementation of the Head of State's instruction to organize work on joining the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Republic of Belarus has acceded to international treaties, including those on countering terrorism.

The Republic of Belarus is also a member of the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism.

In 2023, in the course of cooperation with the Anti-Terrorism Centre of CIS member States, measures were taken to detain in the Republic of Belarus and extradite to his country of citizenship – the Republic of Tajikistan – a citizen who was on the inter-State wanted list for committing extremist crimes.

The investigative authorities of the Republic of Belarus dealt with international terrorist cases in the period from 2020 to 2024.

During the course of their investigations, it was established that the accused persons had planned: the violent seizure of State power in the Republic of Belarus, involving the murder of the President of the Republic of Belarus and members of his family, law enforcement and judicial officials; the illegal imprisonment of top officials; the seizure of administrative buildings of State bodies; the large-scale destruction of property (explosion and arson); arson attacks on economic infrastructure; and the commission of an act of terrorism against a public figure.

It should be noted that in these criminal cases the investigative authorities of the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, adopted by General Assembly resolution 52/164 of 15 December 1997, and the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, adopted by General Assembly resolution 54/109 of 9 December 1999, sent requests for legal assistance to the United States of America, the Republic of Poland, the Federal Republic of Germany, Ukraine and the Republic of Lithuania, which were ignored by the justice institutions of those States.

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (f) of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), all States shall afford one another the greatest measure of assistance in connection with criminal investigations or criminal

proceedings relating to the financing or support of terrorist acts, including assistance in obtaining evidence in their possession necessary for the proceedings.

International treaties contain specific provisions calling upon States to cooperate as fully as possible in the prevention, investigation and prosecution of terrorism-related offences. However, a number of States do not assist in the investigation of international terrorism offences.
