



## **Arrangement of Crime Prevention in Countering Terrorism**

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**Annotation:** *This article is devoted to the arrangement of crime prevention in countering terrorism, the country's actual measures to prevent this type of crime, as well as the works and researches in this field are comprehensively analyzed and some proposals and recommendations are developed.*

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The peace and tranquility in the social life of humanity is a priceless blessing. The apprehension of all the dreams, intentions and goals of the subjects of social life depends principally on this blessing. Historical facts show that there are catastrophes that threaten human life, as though there have been nominal forces such as good and evil, virtuous and malicious since time immemorial. One of these catastrophes is terrorism, which is showing its terrible presence even more widely by the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

It should be mentioned that combating terrorism and terrorism-related offenses has gained pressing importance in all times. The occurrence of terrorism, which has manifested itself in different ways in historical periods, contrasts by the way in which it is carried out, by whom and by what means.

In particular, today, ideological attacks that have a negative impact on society are becoming a global problem by virtue of the impetus for the expansion of opportunities for ideological influence owing to the rapid development of modern socio-political and economic relations, the rapid development of communication and information technologies.

If nuclear weapons posed a great menace to humanity in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, today the information attacks organized for various purposes pose great threats to the lives of people, states, regions and the future fate of humanity in general, as a matter of fact, there are many concerns and problems are occurring and they need to be addressed in an effort to ensure peace and stability throughout the world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Correspondingly, the reality is that the new methods and tools of such struggles for the human heart and mind are increasing, especially in attempts to use the religious factor respectively. Consequently, the acts of robbery, invasion, terrorism and sabotage under the banner of religion, which harm the society in every way, create the basis for the formation of inter-ethnic and inter-religious enmity, nationalism and religious separatism among the youth.

As stated by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh.M. Mirziyoyev in his report on February 9, 2017, at the meeting dedicated to the activities of internal affairs bodies, existing problems and shortcomings in the system and future tasks: "One of the severe problems in the field of criminal investigation is combating terrorism and religious extremism. Who is liable for the fact that the number of people who join the religious extremist current is not being completely eradicated by drastically reducing the number of people joining the religious extremist current? The doom and gloom is that 11% of these individuals are women, and 9% are young people between the ages of 18 and 30".

Shockingly, 75 were arrested out of 2,988 wanted followers of religious extremism, last year”<sup>1</sup>. This requires the internal affairs bodies to implement new approaches to the organization of work in this direction, to immediately organize work aimed at increasing its efficiency and to implement complex measures aimed at preventing its serious consequences.

The Resolution - 5005 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated on April 10, 2017 “On measures to fundamentally increase the efficiency of internal affairs bodies, to strengthen their responsibility in ensuring public order, the reliable protection of citizens’ rights, freedoms and legal interests” specified new tasks for the internal affairs bodies. These tasks contain further prevention and elimination of international terrorism, religious extremism, illegal migration, human trafficking in a timely manner. To begin with, internal affairs bodies are responsible for prevention of emerging the increasing spread of ideas alien to us among young people. It was highlighted in the resolution that the level of equipping with modern tools and equipment remains unsatisfactory in the system of internal affairs bodies. Insufficient attention is paid to the protection of the growing generation from destructive ideas, the prevention of young people’s involvement in criminal activities, primarily terrorism and religious extremism, and the educational role of internal affairs bodies is not felt, as well as the widespread introduction of the latest information and communication technologies into the system have been remained as the main shortcomings of the system<sup>2</sup>.

In fact, nowadays, religious extremism and terrorism are essentially closely-related to phenomena such as human trafficking, migration processes, illegal circulation of narcotics, because the perpetrator of terrorism needs to be selected and prepared for commitment. In this circumstance, a person is subjected to certain training by facing mental-psychological, physical, freedom of conscience and other types of stress, affecting his worldview.

Extremist views enriched with separatism, radical, fundamental ideas, which constitute the psychological basis of terrorism, are formed, and specific combat training is carried out in this process. At the same time, this category of persons also includes victims of human trafficking or persons facing certain difficulties as a result of migration.

It is noticeable that modern information and communication technologies are “SUFFICIENTLY” being used to attract our citizens to various religious extremist movements. Subsequently, on various websites and social networks in the “Internet” network, the methods of getting to know people living in different countries of the world and communicating with them, solving various social problems, as well as organizing questions and answers of various religious content are used. One has become a participant or a direct executor of this type of offenses and crimes as a result of going abroad for a long period of time for various reasons. Therefore, it is needless to state that the staff of internal affairs bodies is obliged to increase their knowledge in the field of modern communication technologies, to be equipped with new innovative technologies in the fight against this type of crimes and violations, and to improve the legal basis for conducting rapid search activities in telecommunication networks.

Furthermore, as directions in the field of ensuring Security, interethnic harmony and religious tolerance of the fifth priority area in the Strategy of Actions on the five priority areas of the development of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2017-2021 are:

- to protect the constitutional system, sovereignty, territorial integrity of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- to ensure information security and improve the information protection system, timely and appropriate resistance to threats in the information field;

2.1 <sup>1</sup> Sh. Mirziyoyev. We will resolutely continue our path of national development and increase it to a new level. Volume 1. Uzbekistan. 2018. P.318.

2.1 <sup>2</sup> Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan PR-5005 dated on April 10, 2017, “On measures to fundamentally increase the efficiency of the internal affairs bodies, to strengthen their responsibility in ensuring public order, reliable protection of citizens’ rights, freedoms and legal interests”. Collection of law documents of the Republic of Uzbekistan. April 17, 2017. No. 15. Official publication. T.: 2017. pp.26-29.

➤ to strengthen civil, inter-ethnic and inter-confessional peace and harmony<sup>3</sup>.

It should be noted that the goal will be achieved if all priority directions defined in the Strategy of Actions are carried out in an inseparable, interrelated and harmonious manner respectively. Particularly, it is aimed at the practical work that is being carried out gradually in solving socio-economic problems in society today, as a solution to the effectiveness of combating terrorism and religious extremism and early prevention of related offenses.

In this regard, according to the decision PD-3182 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated on August 8, 2017 “On priority measures to ensure rapid socio-economic development of regions”, it is aimed to be implemented in accordance with the principle of “neighbourhood - district (city) - region – republic” in the organization of the work of sectors for the comprehensive socio-economic development of the regions, districts (cities), and areas of our country”. Furthermore, identification of urgent problems at the lowest levels - in the makhallas (neighborhood, people’s community) on the basis of door-to-door visits and meetings with residents is regarded as a basic task for authorities. In order to carry out all these tasks the authorities must take specific measures to eliminate shortcomings directly on the spot, develop “road maps” based on a thorough analysis and summarization of the problems, and gradually implement the measures specified as quintessential duties.

At the same time, in accordance with the decision of the Senate Council of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated on November 18, 2017, KQ-261-III “On measures to further improve parliamentary and public control over activities of internal affairs bodies in the field of crime prevention”, the regional working groups have been formed in order to effectively organize the activities of the Republican Commission for the early prevention of crime and fight against criminality in the regions of our country. The main tasks of Republican Commission and its regional branches are to create targeted measures and develop analysis of troubled families that may cause crime, persons prone to committing crimes or offenses and their family members by regional sector leaders. Moreover, this institution is tasked with:

To study the practical work done in the area of neighborhoods and their efficiency;

To evaluate the effectiveness of the affairs carried out on the prevention of crime among women, minors, the unemployed, those who are on preventive account, and under administrative control;

To analyze the reasons and conditions of their crime in terms of crime reduction.

On the basis of proposals aimed at early prevention of crime and the implementation of the practice of combating crime and taking into consideration the analysis of the studies conducted by the established Working groups:

Executive measures are being taken in terms of the implementation of proposals that serve to reduce the number of persons subject to preventive consideration and increase the effectiveness of preventive measures by inspectors, as well as related to other areas and directions. The revision of the laws “On the administrative control of the internal affairs bodies over persons released from Penitentiary Establishments”, and “On the prevention of crimes” are primarily examples in this regard. These measures have a positive effect on taking into account the individuals who have joined religious extremist movements and terrorist organizations and on the implementation of rapid preventive work with them, as well as on the effective organization of work in this direction by applying new approaches to this process, in turn.

It is significantly important to penetrate into every family in the neighborhood, especially troubled families, and first, address their socio-economic problems, to identify and eliminate the factors that cause an unhealthy environment in the family, to strengthen general, individual, special and victimological preventive work with minor children in the family in this process.

2.1 <sup>3</sup> Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan PR-4947 dated on February 7, 2017, “On the strategy of Actions for the further development of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Collection of law documents of the Republic of Uzbekistan. February 13, 2017. No. 6 (766). Official publication. T.: 2017. P.39.

It is noticeable that experts in various fields to study the causes of an unhealthy environment in the family have conducted a number of researches respectively. The scientific research devoted to this challenge has been the subject of various researches, mainly within the mentality of each nation, family values, traditions and rituals that are the priority in that society. Nevertheless, the formation of children raised in the family depends on the nature of stable and healthy social relations between family members. This leads younger generation to shape perceptions of positive or negative relationships, conflicts and their consequences among family members, at the same time.

Considering the issue, it should be mentioned that the relationship between social conditions and criminal behavior is complex<sup>4</sup>. Such behavior can lead to the commission of a crime, more clearly, an unhealthy environment in the family will definitely have a negative impact on the upbringing of their minor children in some cases. Correspondingly, the social danger of the crime is manifested not only in the material or moral damage caused to a specific person or another object, but also in the negative consequences that affect the social life of the community.

It is important that the authorities, citizens` self-governing bodies, community activists, public organizations and other state and non-state organizations focus on the solution in mutual cooperation in the following specific areas, including:

To carry out urgent and preventive work with troubled families, especially those who are under the influence of religious extremist currents;

to study the atmosphere of such families in a timely manner;

to solve their socio-economic problems;

to meaningfully organize the free time of their minor children;

to direct minor children to the profession owing to obtaining necessary skills.

In addition, it is necessary to notice changes in their behavior, psychology, performance and conduct, and to pay special attention to their relationship with other people.

As noted by the words of Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan: "If any child in your neighborhood has fallen into a harmful religious movement, try to turn him back from the wrong path. First, it is necessary to have conversation with them and convince them of healthy confidence that this is not the way of their ancestors, turn away from this way, the truth is here, and follow the path of peace and goodness, and no one has been left behind. It is necessary to convince with knowledge, intelligence and enlightenment, exemplary works. It is crucial to convince with real, impressive examples taken from history, from our life today. You will certainly make progress through such propaganda and publicity.

We should consider a child who has lost his way as our own child, without immediately making him an enemy. Let this child know that we feel sorry for him with all our hearts. Therefore, their heart opens and they step on the right path eventually...

If a child goes astray, it is not only a family problem, but also a pressing challenge for the whole society as a catastrophe. First, the child`s parents, brothers, siblings and relatives will suffer. We must provide assistance when they need at such a time. Thus, we, unfortunately, avoid them by pretending care-taking actions. We don`t invite them to the wedding and/or ceremony, because he is the brother or son of so-and-so, we inflame their hatred and make innocent people bitter enemies.

What will be the result? The problem is increasing instead of decreasing. It also penetrates into the lives of other families. At present, it`s time to elucidate this issue vertically"<sup>5</sup>.

The living conditions, socio-economic problems of specially considered citizens (citizens under the control), the reasons for radicalization of this category of persons and their involvement in this path

2.1 <sup>4</sup> Abdurasulova Q.R. Prevention is the basis of educational measures. Child and time. No. 14. - T., 2008.p.24.

2.1 <sup>5</sup> Sh. Mirziyoyev. We will resolutely continue our path of national development and increase it to a new level. Volume 1. Uzbekistan. 2018. Pp.476-477.

are thoroughly analyzed, and some of them are excluded from the preventive account in this regard. This is considered a unique approach to combating religious extremism and terrorism, and has a positive effect on preventing the radicalization of this category of persons, increasing their sense of commitment to the Motherland, and their comprehensive involvement in the life of society.

It is notable that it is difficult to turn the ardent terrorists and extremists from their chosen path, believing strongly in their ideas and beliefs. The experiences in this field show that in most cases this is impossible at all. He does not turn back from his path, that is, “their brain, all their cells are poisoned, and their hands are covered in blood. There is no point in talking to them and calling them to have conscience and honor”<sup>6</sup>.

The internal affairs bodies should strengthen their cooperation with the relevant state and non-state bodies in organizing their activities in this direction and solving the tasks before them, use the available forces and tools wisely, use the possibilities of modern information and communication technologies in this regard. In addition to, professional training and competence of internal affairs bodies should be in demanded order in such conditions.

To conclude aforementioned facts, it can be said that it is essential to carry out the prevention of crimes in parallel with the reforms being implemented in our republic in combating terrorism. The operational-preventive measures in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies, neighborhood activists, and public organizations in terms of introduction new approaches in working with troubled families under control and members of religious extremist movements are the utmost for the internal affairs bodies.

All in all, individual approach to each persons under preventive account, and proper organization of practical work to identify and eliminate their problems in various fields owing to ensure the effectiveness of such activities and their targeted organization play central role respectively. It also requires the constant control of criminal activities and preventive measures with dogmatic persons who addicted to their destructive ideas and thoughts in this direction, by using operational methods in accordance with the law.

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