

речи, ее упрощение или сокращение. Кроме того, они делают язык плавным и приятным по звучанию.

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## **The causes of the widespreading of terrorism in the XXI century**

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The world community has recently acquired a new number 1 enemy. It's strong and dangerous, cruel and artful. And the name for it is international terrorism. Now it is possible to call terrorism «the plague of the XXI century»; after all, it doesn't concede to this illness in its destructive force. Statistically, every other day there's an act of terrorism taking place, as a result of which innocent people perish; the number of acts of terrorism increases day by day. Cruelty grows. The number of casualties grows. Each subsequent act of terrorism is always more terrible than the previous one [1].

Today there are more than 200 officially recognized definitions of terrorism. Terrorism is one of the options of political struggle, aimed at the achievement of political goals. Acts of terrorism began to be prepared more carefully, with various terrorist groups closely cooperating among themselves, as a result of which 90 % of terrorist acts reach the goals.

Regarding the definition of the concept of «terrorism», there are two points of view:

1) It is suggested that terrorists are to be considered ordinary criminals and their actions regarded as criminal offense. The argument is that terrorists commit murders, kidnap, skyjack planes etc, i.e. do actions that are considered to be crimes by internal and international law.

2) It is suggested that terrorism is viewed as military operations, as a manifestation of war.

It is obvious that terrorism is somewhat similar to criminal offense and has a certain similarity to military operations but possesses some peculiar features. Terrorism can be subdivided into international and internal, state and non-state, social, ideological and ethical.

According to the analysis of literature and the information available on the Internet sites the following reasons for the emergence of terrorism can be identified: [2]

*Political reasoning.* Terrorism arises because of political instability. Statistically, the number of acts of terrorism sharply increases right in the periods of political instability

*Social and economic reasoning.* Low standard of living can be treated as the major reason for terrorism. It is easier for one to commit a terrorism act if it gives the person a chance to earn money, particularly if the amount is big. Each person set on committing a terrorism act knows that in case of their death, their family will be taken care of.

*Economic reasoning.* Today terrorism is a business capable of bringing the organizers some considerable income. Traffic in arms, drugs and hostages allows to earn huge profits.

*Religious reasoning.* Nowadays there are religious trends that advocate violence. The most widespread of them is Wahhabism (a radical current of Islam). However, in the majority of cases, terrorists just shield their true intentions by religious slogans.

*Spiritual reasoning.* The crisis of modern society and distortion of legal and universal values are major spiritual reasons for the emergence of terrorism.

The most notorious acts of terrorism of the last decade are as follow:

- 1) Terrorist attack in the USA;
- 2) «the Nord-Ost seige», October 23-26, 2002;
- 3) Disco explosion on the island of Bali, October 12, 2002;
- 4) Hospital seizure in Budyonnovsk, on January 9, 1996;

The tide of bloody terrorism swept the world over at the end of the XX, and the beginning of the XXI century. The terrorism is always the weapon of the weak.

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