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Criminal Confrontation for Spreading Rumors in UAE Legislation: a comparative study

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Abstract

Many comparative legislations have dealt with the crime of spreading rumors within their criminal legislation because of the damage this crime causes to the stability and security of society on the one hand and the harm to the economy and prestige of the state on the other hand. The UAE legislation is one of these Penal legislations that pays attention to the legal regulation of this crime by punishing its perpetrator through the crimes and penalties law, the military penal code and the law on combating rumors and cybercrimes. The study aims to achieve several objectives, the most important of which is to clarify the success of the UAE legislation in establishing the integrated legal framework for this crime by comparing it with the Egyptian legislation, in terms of indicating the elements of the crime and the penalties prescribed for it.

The problem of the study arises in identifying the elements of this crime in all Penal texts; public and private, clearly and unambiguously because of the mention of some criminal behaviors that arouse similarity, such as the legislator decides to criminalize "spreading rumors" and criminalizing "republishing rumors", and in identifying some criminal consequences that need accuracy in the description, as well as in clarifying the possibility of committing this crime accidentally or not.

The study adopts a comparative analysis approach, which deals with the Legislative Texts regulating the crime of spreading rumors in terms of its elements and penalties, evaluating and analyzing these texts, by comparing their applications in the UAE and Egyptian legislation.

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