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*CRIMINAL CONFRONTATION OF CONTEMPT OF RELIGIONS IN UAE LAW
(UNDER FEDERAL LEGAL DECREE NO. 2 OF 2015 ON COMBATING DISCRIMINATION
AND HATRED)*

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Abstract

The offense of contempt and contempt of religions is one of the most serious crimes committed by various media, which is against the sanctity of the heavenly religions, where it affects the religion and belief of individuals. This prompted the UAE legislator to intervene quickly and give the necessary criminal protection to the Islamic religion and to all religions and beliefs, and to guarantee the freedom of individuals to practice their rituals. Means and ways of expression. Thus, this law is a pre-emptive and preventive measure against the efforts surrounding the State and the Arab world, and attempts and plans to foment strife and divisions among peoples, and to incite hatred and contempt of others, as the adoption of this law gave the UAE a legislative precedent on all countries of the world, in the face of crimes of discrimination and hatred. The UAE is one of the countries where the leadership and people are characterized by tolerance and coexistence and to reject all forms of discrimination and sedition that aim to differentiate and destabilize citizens and residents alike. A culture of tolerance and rejection of hatred are inherent in the Emirati people. The research dealt mainly with the regulation decided by the legislator for this type of crime. In view of the multiplicity and diversity of topics addressed in this law of contempt of religions, discrimination and hate speech, we preferred to limit research to the crime of contempt of religions, indicating the legal structure and the criminal section prescribed for them. Before we dealt with this, it was necessary to address the definition of religions, contempt of religions and freedom of opinion and expression. We concluded the research with a conclusion that included the most important findings and recommendations.

Keywords: Religions, freedom of opinion and expression, contempt of religions, Decree-Law No. 2 of 2015 on combating discrimination and hatred.