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2. Obscenity

Article 493

- 1- Whoever forces or threatens a person into receiving or committing an act of obscenity will be punished by hard labour for not less than 12 years.
- 2- The minimum punishment will be 18 years if the victim is below the age of 15.

Article 494

Whoever tricks a person or takes advantage of that person's physical or psychological defect in order to commit an act of obscenity or get that person to commit the same will be punished with up to a maximum of 15 years in prison

Article 495⁽¹⁾

- 1- Whoever commits an act of obscenity with a minor below the age of 15 or forces the latter to do the same will be punished by 9 years hard labour.
- 2- The punishment will not be less than 12 years if the boy is below the age of 12.

Article 496

If any of the persons mentioned in article 492 commits an act of obscenity with a minor whose age is between 15 and 18 or forces the latter to commit the same will be punished by hard labour for a period not exceeding 15 years.

⁽¹⁾ According to the amendment of Legislative Decree No. 85 dated 28/9/1953 (in Article 25).

(From Chapter III on Contraceptives and Abortion Methods)

2- Abortion

Article 525

All calls made using any of the methods mentioned in paragraphs 2 & 3 of Article 208 with the aim of spreading, promoting or facilitating the use of abortion methods are punishable by 2 months to 2 years' imprisonment as well as a fine of 100 to 250 Syrian pounds.

Article 526

The same punishment applies to anyone who sells, offers for sale or buys with the aim of selling any special equipment for causing abortion or facilitating its use in any way.

Article 527

Any woman who causes abortion to herself, regardless of the method used by her or by others with her consent, will be punished by 6 months to 3 years in jail.

Article 528

1. Any person who, by any method, attempts to or causes a woman to have abortion with her consent will be punished by 1 to 3 years in jail.
2. Should the abortion or the method used cause the death of the woman, the perpetrator will be punished by prison with hard labour from 4-7 years.
3. The penalty becomes from 5 to 10 years in prison if the death was caused by methods that are more dangerous than the ones which the woman had originally consented to.

Article 529

1. Whoever causes a woman to have abortion intentionally without her consent will be punished by 5 years in prison, at least, with hard labour.
2. The penalty shall not be less than 10 years if the abortion or the methods used cause the death of the woman.

Article 530

Articles 528 & 529 shall apply even if the woman whom the abortion methods were applied to was not pregnant.

Article 531

- 1- The woman who commits abortion by herself in order to protect her honour can benefit from an extenuating excuse, and so could anyone who commits any of the crimes mentioned in Articles 528 & 529 for the purpose of protecting the honour of a daughter or relative up to the 2nd degree.

Chapter III on reasons causing the toughening of the sentence

- 1- Reasons causing the toughening of the sentence in general

Article 247

If the law does not specify (a penalty for a reason that causes the toughening of a sentence), then the reason in question will cause the penalty to be toughened as follows:

Life imprisonment with hard labour will be replaced with capital punishment. Furthermore, each temporary punishment will be increased from one third to one half and the fine will be doubled.

Comprehensive Provisions

Article 532

1. If any of the crimes mentioned in this chapter are committed by a doctor, surgeon, midwife, pharmacist or any of their workers, be they perpetrators, instigators or involved, the penalty will be made tougher in accordance to Article 247.
 2. The same applies if the criminal used to sell abortion drugs and other products used for abortion.
 3. In addition, the criminal will be banned from practicing his career or job, even if the practicing of both did not require the approval of the authorities or the possession of a certificate.
 4. The closure of his shop may also be ordered.
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PART VIII

Capital Offences and Misdemeanors Against People

Chapter One

Capital Offences and Misdemeanors Against Man's Life and Safety

1- Murder

Article 533

Anyone who kills a man on purpose will be punished by 15-20 years hard labour.

Article 534

The penalty of life imprisonment with hard labour shall apply to whomever commits murder on purpose for:

- 1- A dirty reason.
- 2- To prepare for, facilitate, or execute a crime / to facilitate the escape of the instigators, perpetrators, or the people involved in that crime / or to obstruct their punishment.

- 3- To gain a benefit that results from the crime.
- 4- If the victim was an employee killed during – or in the course of - practicing his job.
- 5- If the victim was a minor under 15.

II. Extortion and Intimidation

Article 635

1. Imprisonment with hard labour from 3 months to 2 years and a fine of 100 – 500 SP shall apply to anyone who, with the aim of acquiring illegal benefit either for himself for another person, obtains through extortion and the use of threat or force a signature or any writing that includes a pledge or absolution, or if he forces a person against his will to do/not to do something in order to harm that person or another person's wealth.
2. The hard labour penalty will be imposed if the perpetrator had been holding a weapon to threaten the victim.

