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THE PROCEDURE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF OFFENSE PREVENTION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

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Abstract: This article briefly describes the prevention of offenses carried out by law enforcement agencies, as well as the significance and role of these actions.

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Introduction

An offense is a serious social phenomenon that causes problems in any society. To prevent them, it is essential for law enforcement agencies to take timely and effective preventive measures. Offense prevention is a comprehensive system of activities implemented to prevent crimes, increase respect for laws within society, and ensure social order. This article discusses the role of law enforcement agencies in preventing offenses, the current situation, and proposed solutions.

The Need for Proactive Measures

Today, as time rapidly progresses, all sectors are developing dynamically. Consequently, various forms of crimes and offenses are also emerging. Therefore, our law enforcement agencies are utilizing various approaches and methods to prevent different types of crimes. For law enforcement officers combating offenses, preventing a criminal act is much more effective than detecting a crime after it has been committed. Why? Because taking measures to prevent the act is more beneficial in protecting state interests than dealing with the harm caused to humanity and society by a committed crime.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that the words of our respected President Shavkat Mirziyoyev prove this point: he emphasized to our compatriots that protecting rights and preventing offenses is our priority; every person, family, and neighborhood deserves a peaceful and safe life; and rather than fighting an offense after it has occurred, it should be prevented in advance through preventive measures. In this direction, along with state bodies, neighborhoods, educational institutions, and all members of society must actively participate.

Our goals are to:

- Identify individuals prone to committing crimes and ensure their social support.
- Involve our youth in a legal culture.
- Strengthen security in both online and offline spaces.

It should be noted that every neighborhood must act as a line of defense against crime. Modern technologies, information campaigns, and close cooperation with the public are primary factors in preventing offenses. Furthermore, the health of our youth, families, and the social environment is of paramount importance in our work. We will strengthen the rule of law, protect the rights and freedoms of every citizen, and foster a zero-tolerance attitude toward offenses. This is a crucial step toward building a stable and prosperous society for the new generation. Together, we will eradicate the roots of offenses and provide a secure future for everyone! [1]. This demonstrates that preventing offenses and conducting preventive measures is the duty of each of us as law enforcement officers.

Statistical Overview and Regional Disparities

Before discussing offense prevention, we must look at the statistics of committed offenses. Without knowing the type and number of offenses committed in a specific area, fighting against them and implementing organizational measures may not be effective. Looking at the data, we can see that over the last five years, crimes committed by minors have increased 4.4 times. This means that preventive talks with youth in the regions need to be organized much more effectively. The majority of these young people committed crimes such as extortion, hooliganism, intentional infliction of severe bodily harm, rape, and attempted murder. This is, in turn, a deplorable situation.

When distributing this indicator by region, the highest numbers of crimes committed by minors were recorded in Fergana, Tashkent city, Namangan, and the Tashkent region, while the lowest rates were found in the Jizzakh, Navoi, and Khorezm regions.

Reforms and Legal Framework

"Observing this situation, the Head of our State implemented a series of reforms aimed at preventing crime and carrying out preventive work against offenses," emphasized the head of the Internal Affairs Department. As a result of such reforms, it was reported that crime in our capital, Tashkent, decreased by 50%. In accordance with these reforms, Law No. 371 on the prevention of offenses was adopted, and the purpose of this law was established to regulate relations in the field of offense prevention.

Implementation of Legal Prevention

Even though legislative acts regarding offense prevention have been adopted, it is natural to question how else to proceed in implementing these actions. While normative legal acts exist, their practical application directly depends on executive bodies and law enforcement agencies.

Legal prevention primarily manifests itself when law enforcement agencies serving in the regions conduct promotional and awareness campaigns alongside the youth and the general public. In fact, explaining to the population what an offense is and how it affects a person's life after it is committed is the fundamental duty of territorial bodies. Furthermore, employees of state bodies operating locally must elevate the legal awareness and legal culture of citizens. To achieve this, specific practical events and visits should be organized. Through these actions, we effectively implement offense prevention. At the same time, citizens must be educated in the spirit of compliance with the law. It can also be added that if law enforcement agencies ensure the full operation of the legislative mechanism, we will achieve our intended goal.

Conclusion

In conclusion, it can be said that every citizen should, first and foremost, prevent offenses within themselves, and subsequently, practical work should be carried out by law enforcement agencies. After all, a society that follows laws and respects norms enjoys a peaceful, tranquil life, and the society and state are freed from various threats.

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