

**BILL No. 9 of 2002**

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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

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Clerk of the National Assembly.



**GUYANA**

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**CRIMINAL LAW (OFFENCES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2002**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**SECTION**

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of new section 309A in the Principal Act.

**A BILL**  
**Intituled**

AN ACT to amend the Criminal Law (Offences) Act.

A.D. 2002

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana.

Short title.  
Cap. 8:01

1. This Act, which amends the Criminal Law (Offences) Act, may be cited as the Criminal Law (Offences) (Amendment) Act 2002.

Insertion of  
new section  
309A in the  
Principal  
Act

2. The Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after section 309 of the following section as section 309A -

"Punishment  
for and  
measures for  
dealing with  
acts of  
terrorism

309A. (1) Whoever -

(a) with intent to threaten the security or sovereignty of Guyana or to strike terror in the people or any section of the people does any act or thing by using bombs, dynamite or other explosive substances or inflammable substances or firearms or other lethal weapons or poisons or noxious gases or other chemicals or by any other substances (whether biological or otherwise) of a hazardous nature or by any other means whatsoever, in such a manner as to cause, or likely to cause, death of, or injuries to any person or persons or loss of, or damage to, or destruction of, property or disruption of any supplies or services essential to the life of the community or causes damage or destruction of any property or equipment used or intended to be used for the defence of Guyana or in connection with any other purposes of the Government of Guyana or any of its agencies, or detains any person and threatens to kill or injure such person in order to compel the Government or any other person to do or abstain from doing any act commits a terrorist act;

(b) Whoever commits a terrorist act commits an offence and shall -

- (i) if such act has resulted in the death of any person, be punishable with a fine of one million five hundred thousand dollars together with death;
- (ii) in any other case, be punishable with a fine of five hundred thousand dollars and imprisonment for fifteen years."

(2) Whoever conspires or attempts to commit, or advocates, aids and abets, advises or incites or knowingly facilitates the commission of, a terrorist act or any act preparatory to a terrorist act, commits an offence and shall be punishable for the offence as if he had been guilty as a principal offender."

#### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill seeks to create the specific offence of the commission of a terrorist act. The Bill is necessary in view of the mounting violence in which the country is engulfed. It is hoped that this measure would serve as a deterrent to those who are inclined to commit acts of violence including destruction of property.

*Ronald Gajraj,*  
Minister of Home Affairs.