

**THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS AS A SPECIAL EVIDENCE COLLECTING PROCEDURE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF TERRORIST ACTS**

**SUMMARY:** Terrorism is a multidimensional social phenomenon threatening the vital values of modern society. The political dimension of terrorism makes it difficult to reach a consensus on the generally accepted definition of terrorism. Being a threat to society, terrorism is regarded as a highly serious criminal act within the group of political criminal acts, and it is recognized as such in most legislations worldwide. In order to make the detection and evidentiary proceedings pertaining to criminal acts of terrorism adequate and efficient, application of special evidence collecting procedures is essential. The most prominent among them is interception of communications. On the other hand, interception of communications interferes with the right to privacy. It is therefore necessary to properly regulate the procedure for the implementation of interception of communications for criminal offenses of terrorism. This paper gives the theoretical definition of the term terrorism, criminal acts of terrorism, and the importance of interception of communications in combatting terrorism.

**KEY WORDS:** terrorism, criminal offenses, interception of communications, special evidence collecting procedures.