

SPECIFIC SECTION

SECTION I

Offense against National Security and Social Orderliness

Article 51. Treason to the Nation

A Lao citizen in contact and cooperating with aliens or foreign organizations for the purpose of undermining the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, grand political causes, defense and security, economy, culture and society of the Lao People's Democratic Republic shall be punished by ten to twenty years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 10,000,000 to Kip 500,000,000, with the possibility that his/her assets may be confiscated and be placed under house arrest or life imprisonment or capital punishment.

Any preparation and attempts to commit such offense shall also be punished.

A Lao citizen assigned by aliens or foreign organizations to commit an offense but voluntarily reporting the facts to the authorities in advance before committing such offense is committed shall not be punished.

Article 52. Rebellion

Any person participating to activities causing commotion in view of destabilizing or weakening the administration shall be punished by imprisonment from ten to twenty years and fined from Kip 10,000,000 to Kip 50,000,000, with the possibility that their assets may be confiscated, and placed under house arrest, or life imprisonment or capital punishment. Any preparation and attempt to commit such offense shall be also punished.

Article 53. Spy

Aliens, foreign residents or persons without nationality gathering intelligence or documents on state or official confidential nature for the purpose of damaging or undermining the Lao People's Democratic Republic shall be punished by imprisonment for eight to twenty years and fined from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 300,000,000. Such persons may furthermore have their assets confiscated, placed under house arrest or life imprisonment or subject to capital punishment.

Persons gathering intelligence or state or official documents of a confidential nature for the purpose of relaying to Lao rebels aiming at undermining the Lao People's Democratic Republic shall be punished by imprisonment from five to ten years and fined from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 200,000,000. Furthermore, their assets may be confiscated and such persons placed under house arrest.

Lao citizens gathering intelligence or state or official documents of a confidential nature for the purpose of relaying to aliens or foreign organizations as information to damage or undermine the Lao People's Democratic Republic shall be considered as committing a treason against the nation and shall be punished as provided under Article 51 of this Law.

Attempts to commit such offense shall also, be punished.

Article 54. Territorial Violation Affecting National Security

Armed persons violating the territory ,of the 'Lao People's Democratic Republic and thereby affecting the national security shall' be punished by imprisonment for five to fifteen years and shall be fined from Kip 3,000,000 to Kip 150,000,000.

Any attempt to, commit such offense shall be also punished.

Article 55. Attempt to Life

Any person: physically harming leaders of the Lao, People's Democratic Republic with the purpose of undermining or weakening the state authority shall be punished by imprisonment from ten to twenty years and shall be fined from Kip 10,000,000 to Kip 150,000,000.

Where such physical harm results in death, such offense shall be punished by life imprisonment or execution.

Any person causing physical harm to representatives of the State authority, civil servants, persons performing the activities of state or social organizations with the aim of weakening the state authority shall be punished by five to ten years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip -40,000,000.

Where such physical harm results in loss of life, the punishment shall include from ten to twenty years of imprisonment and a fine from Kip 10,000,000 to Kip 100,000,000 or life imprisonment or execution.

Any person physically harming a foreign representative with the aim of dividing and undermining international relations or causing acts of war shall be punished by eight to twenty years of imprisonment and fined from Kip 7,000,000 to Kip 100,000,000.

Where such physical harm results in loss of life, the punishment shall be increased to ten to twenty years of imprisonment and a fine between Kip 10,000,000 to Kip 150,000,000 or life imprisonment or execution.

In addition to the above punishments, penalties may include the confiscation of assets and house arrest.

Any preparation and attempts to commit such offense shall also be punished.

Article 56. Destruction

Persons destroying, undermining, burning plants and factories, offices, agencies, roads, communication and transport vehicles, telecommunication equipment and other important economic base with the intention to weaken the state and the national economy, releasing toxic chemicals or viruses among communities or animals shall be punished by eight to twenty years of imprisonment and fined from Kip 5,000;000 to Kip 100,000,000. Furthermore, their assets may be confiscated; their residence restricted, and such persons may be sentenced to life imprisonment or execution.

Any preparation and attempts to commit such offense shall also be punished.

Article 57. Destruction of State or Social Undertakings

Any person responsible for the destruction of industrial, trade, transport, agricultural, financial, economic base and activities of state and social organizations through acts or failure to act or internal division by using his/her position to weaken the State and undermine, the national economy shall be punished by five to twenty years of imprisonment

and a fine of Kip 3,000,000 to Kip 100,000,000. Furthermore, his/her assets may be confiscated, they may be placed under house arrest, sentenced to life imprisonment or execution.

Any preparation and attempts to commit such crime shall also be punished.

Article 58. Forgery of Bank Notes and Use of Forged Bank Notes

Any person using printing equipment or other means to forge bank notes, foreign currencies or importing forged bank notes for circulation in the Lao People's Democratic Republic shall be punished by five to fifteen years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 10,000,000 to Kip 150,000,000.

Offenders forging bank notes or importing forged bank notes through an organization or in substantial quantity shall be punished by ten to twenty years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 20,000,000 to Kip 300,000,000.

Any preparation and attempts to commit such offence shall also be punished

A person knowingly making use of forged bank notes shall be punished by three months to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 200,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

A person knowingly having forged bank notes in his/her possession but failing to notify the authorities shall be punished by three months to two years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 100,000 to Kip 500,000.

Article 59. Propaganda against the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Persons conducting propaganda activities against and slandering the Lao People's Democratic Republic; distorting the 'guidelines of the Party and policies of the Government, circulating false rumors causing disorders by word, ' in writing, 'through,' prints ;tiewspapets; ~ motion pictures, videos, photos, documents or ofhei-tvise with ~Oitents detiimetttal to the Lao People's Democratic Republic for the piiiopose of weakening 'the State authority shall be punished by one to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip500,000 to Kip 10,000,000 .

Article 60. Division of Solidarity

Any person dividing or causing resentment, ,between , ethnic groups and social stratum whit the intention to unc ermine national solidarity shall be punished by one to five years of imprisonni&it And shall be fined from Kip ::00,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

Article 61. Civil Commotion

Any person enrolled in an armed organiaatioorf attacking and destroying ,plants and factories, offices, social otganizatioii~ oft' taking civil servants and civilians' as prisoners or ci "v~is • nor jd~g th4lit"6r ff ohhing state, collective, individual property with the intention to undermine the foundations of social order shall be punished by five to twenty years of imprisonment and fined from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 100,000,000. Such person may furthermore be sentenced to- restricted residence or life imprisonment or execution and his/her property may be confiscated.

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Article 62 Destruction or Attack of Detention and Reformatory Centers

Any person using force to destroy or attack detention and reformatory centers with the intention to rob, seize ' or liberate accused persons and prisoners in detention and reformatory centers, or making use of violence to rob accused persons or prisoners during their displacement shall be punished by five to twenty years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 100,000,000. Such person may furthermore be placed under restricted residence, or sentenced to life imprisonment or execution.

Any person causing disorders, undermining the internal order of detention and reformatory centers or enticing accused persons and prisoners to evade shall be punished by one to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 500,000 to Kip 10,000,000. , '

Any preparation and attempt to commit the offense shall also be punished.

Article 63. Joining the Enemy, Sheltering Persons acting against the Revolution

Any person evading to join the enemy in fighting the Revolution shall be punished by three years to ten years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 500,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

A person concealing, hiding, sheltering or assisting a person acting against the Revolution shall be punished by one to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 200,000 to Kip 50,000,000.

Article 64. Offense against Friendly Countries

Any person committing an offense against a friendly country through the offenses mentioned under Article 51 to Article 63 of this **Criminal Law** shall be punished by similar penalties applicable to offenses against the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Article 65. Disclosure of State or Administrative Secrecy

Any person responsible for the safekeeping, preservation and use of documents pertaining to state secrecy and disclosing such secrecy or allowing the disclosure of such secrecy or losing such documents shall be punished by three to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 500,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

In the case of administrative secrecy, the offense shall be punished by one to three years of imprisonment and a fine between Kip 100,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Article 66. Gatherings aiming at Causing Social Disorders

Any person organizing or participating to the gathering of groups of persons to conduct demonstrations, protest marches and others with the intention of causing social disorders, which have caused damage to the society shall be punished by one to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 200,000 to Kip 50,000,000.

Any preparation of the offense shall also be punished.

Article 67. Destruction and Removal of Border Marls

Any person intentionally destroying or damaging border marks, or removing border marks inconsistently with the law, shall be punished by six months to three years of imprisonment and fined from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 20,000,000.

Article 68. Destruction and Defamation of the National Emblem or National Flag

Any person destroying and defaming the national emblem or national flag, thereby affecting the honor and prestige of the Lao People's Democratic Republic shall be punished by three months to two years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 200,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Article 69. Mobilization of Unlawful Migration or Immigration

Any person publicizing and misleading people into fleeing abroad, migrating or immigrating in contravention with the law shall be punished by six months to three years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

In severe cases or repeated offenses, the punishment shall cover six months to five years of imprisonment and a fine ranging ~ between Kip 2,000,000 to Kip 20,000,000.

Article 70. Unlawful Production, Possession and Use of Warfare Weapons or Ordnance

Any person producing, possessing, keeping or using warfare weapons or ordnance in contravention with the law shall be punished by six months to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 500,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

Article 71. Unlawful Trade of Warfare Weapons or Ordnance

Any person purchasing and selling warfare weapons or ordnance in contravention with the law shall be punished by six months to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 20,000,000.,

Where an offender performs the purchase and sale of warfare weapons or ordnance as regular profession, through an organized group or in the case of the purchase and sale in substantial quantity, shall be punished by five to ten years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 50,000,000.

Article 72 Theft, Embezzlement, Robbery of Warfare Weapons or Ordnance

Any person stealing, embezzling or robbing warfare weapons or ordnance shall be punished by two to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 2,000,000 to Kip 25,000,000.

Where such theft, embezzlement or robbery of war weapons or ordnance are performed as a regular profession, through an organized group, or involves a substantial quantity of war weapons or ordnance, the offender shall be punished by five to ten years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 50,000,000.

Article 73. Damage to War Weapons or Ordnance belonging to the State or Collectives

Any person damaging warfare weapons or ordnance belonging to the State or collectives out of negligence shall be punishable by three months to three years of

imprisonment or by reformatory measures without privation of liberty, and shall be fined from Kip 100,000 to Kip 1,500,000.

Article 74. Unlawful Production and Possession of Radio Communication Equipment

Any person producing, possessing or installing radio communication equipment in contravention with the law shall be punished by six months to three years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 300,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Article 75. Performance of Medical Profession without License

Any person treating patients without an official license for the purpose of generating gains shall be fined from Kip 100,000 to Kip 500,000.

Where the offender has caused a patient's invalidity or death, such offender shall be punished by three months to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 500,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Article 76. Forbidden Gambling

Any person indulging in forbidden gambling shall be fined from Kip 200,000 to Kip 200,000.

Any person consenting to the use of his/her house as gambling premises or acting as the chief gambler or in the case of repeated offense, shall be punished by three months to two years of imprisonment or by reformatory measures without privation of liberty and shall be fined from Kip 500,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

Article 77. Delinquency

Any person breaching the rules and discipline in social livelihood and making use of violence, threats, gross words or other attitudes inconsistently with social orderliness shall be punished by public criticism and fined from Kip 50,000 to Kip 500,000.

Repeated offense shall be punished by three months to one year of imprisonment or reformatory measures without privation of liberty and shall be fined from Kip 100,000 to 1,000,000.

Article 778. Violation of Traffic Security

Any person intentionally damaging roads, obstructing roads, modifying or damaging traffic signs, signals, kilometer marks, using violence or threat against vehicle drivers, thereby causing a traffic accident shall be punished by six months to two years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 100,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

Where such offense results in severe injuries or physical disability, it shall be punished by two to five years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 200,000 to Kip 2,000,000.

Where such offense results in the loss of life, the punishment shall be six to ten years of imprisonment and the fine from Kip 300,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

In the case of an offense committed out of negligence, fines from Kip 50,000 to Kip 300,000 shall be imposed.

An offence arising out of negligence, but resulting in severe injuries, injuries to several persons or physical disability, shall be punished by six month to three years of imprisonment and a fine from Kip 100,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

An offense arising out of carelessness, but resulting in loss of life, shall be punished by two to five years of imprisonment and a fine from Kip 200,000 to . Kip 2,000,000.

An offense arising out of carelessness, but resulting in the loss of several lives, shall be punished by five to eight years of imprisonment and a fine from Kip 500,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Article 79. Violations of Traffic Regulations Resulting in Accidents

Any violation of the traffic regulations resulting in an accident and causing injuries to other persons shall be fined Kip 50,000 to Kip 300,000.

An offense resulting in severe injuries, injuries to several persons or physical disability, shall be punished by six months to three years of imprisonment and a fine from Kip 100,000 to Kip 500,000.

An offense resulting in loss of life shall be punished by two to five years of imprisonment and a fine from Kip 150,000 to Kip 700,000.

An offense resulting in the loss of several lives shall be punished by five to ten years of imprisonment and a fine from Kip 200,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

Article 80. Flight from the Scene of the Accident

Any person causing an accident and running away shall be punished by six months to two years of imprisonment and a fine of Kip 200,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

Any attempt to commit such offense shall also be punished.

SECTION 11
Offense against the Life, Health and Honor of a Person

Article 81. Murder

A person intentionally causing the death of another person shall be punished by ten to fifteen years of imprisonment and a fine of Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Where an offender commits murders as a regular profession, commits a planned murder, commits a barbarous murder, murders civil servants performing their duties, several persons, a pregnant woman, murdering a person to conceal another offense, shall be punished by ten to twenty years of imprisonment and a fine of 2,000,000 to Kip 10,000,000. Furthermore, such person may be placed under restricted residence or sentenced to life imprisonment or execution.

Where an offender has intentionally caused the death of another person due to severe moral impacts entailing an unconscious compulsion in response to the victim's unlawful act shall be punished by three to five years and fines from Kip 500, 000 to Kip 2, 000, 000.

Any preparation or attempt to commit the offense shall also be punished.

Article 82 Death Caused out of Carelessness

A person causing another person's death out of carelessness and negligence shall be punished by two to five years and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

Such an offense resulting in the death of several persons shall be punished by five to ten years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 2,000,000.

Article 83_ Battery

A person intentionally causing physical injuries to another person shall be punished by three months to one year of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 500,000.

Battery by a group of persons or such an offense resulting in severe physical injuries shall be punished by one to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

Such an offense resulting in invalidity or loss of life shall be punished by five to ten years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 700,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Attempts to commit the offense shall also be punished.

Article 84. Physical Injuries Caused out of Carelessness

A person causing physical injuries to another person out of carelessness or negligence shall be fined from Kip 50,000 to Kip 300,000.

Such an offense resulting in severe injuries, injuries to several persons or physical disability, shall be punished by six month to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 500,000.

Article 85. Unlawful Abortion

A person performing an abortion for another person shall be punished by two to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 5,000,000. Where the offender performs abortion as a regular profession or where an unlawful abortion results in the degradation of the mother's health or death, the punishment shall be five to ten years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

A woman performing the abortion by herself or unlawfully recruiting another person to perform such operation shall be punished by three months to one year of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 500,000.

Attempts to commit the offense shall also be punished.

Article 86. Failure to Provide Assistance to Persons in Danger

A person discovering another person in a life or health threatening situation but failing to provide assistance although such assistance could have been provided, or to request other persons' assistance, shall be punished by three months to one year of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 500,000.

A person whose duty is to provide assistance, but failing to perform his/her duty in providing assistance to persons in life or health threatening situation, shall be punished by one to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

Article 87. Defamation and Libel

A person severely damaging the honor of another person through written, verbal or other means shall be punished by three months to one year of imprisonment or by reformatory measures without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 50,000 to Kip 300,000.

A person falsely libeling another person through written, verbal or other means resulting in severe damage to the other person's honor shall be punished by three months to one year of imprisonment or by reformatory measures without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 50,000 to Kip 300,000.

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Article 38. Insults

A person using gross words, writings or acts against another person to cause severe damage to the second person's honor shall be punished by three months to one year of imprisonment or by reformatory measures without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 50,000 to Kip 300,000.

Article 89. Defamation of Corpse or Honor of a Deceased

A person using gross attitudes or words towards a corpse, honor, burial ground or stupa of a deceased person thereby affecting the public morale shall be punished by three months to one year of imprisonment or by reformatory measures without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 50,000 to Kip 300,000.

SECTIONHI

Offense against Civil Rights and Freedom

Article 90. Duress

A person exercising duress against another person through the use of violence or weapon or threat to compel such person to act or not to act according to his/her will but in contravention with the compelled person's will and to the detriment of such compelled person shall be punished by three months to three years of imprisonment and fined from Kip 100,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

Where the exercise of duress involves hijacking cars, ships or aircraft, the offense shall be punished by three to ten years of imprisonment and entail a fine from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Article 91. Unlawful Arrest and Detention

A person unlawfully arresting or detaining another person shall be punished by six months to two years of imprisonment and fined from Kip 500,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

In the case the offense has caused the degradation of the arrested or detained person's health, the offender shall be punished by two to five years of imprisonment and fined from Kip 700,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

In the case the offense results in the physical disability or death of the arrested or detained person, the punishment shall be five to fifteen years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 7,000,000.

Article 92 Trade and Abduction of Human Beings

The trade and abduction of human beings for ransom, sale or other purposes shall be punished by five to fifteen years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 50,000,000.

Article 93. Violation of Individual Freedom

The breach of individual freedom in lawful speech, writing, gathering, meetings and others is punishable by three months to one year of imprisonment or by reformatory measures without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 300,000.

Article 94 Trespass of Residence

The unlawful trespass of residence through the use of violence, threat, use of forged documents, under the disguise of officials or otherwise is punishable by six months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 1, 000, 000. '1

Article 95. Violation of Personal Confidential Matter

The disclosure of another persons confidential matter which has come to the offender's knowledge during the performance of his profession or duties and resulting in damage to the other person is punishable by three to six months of imprisonment and a fine from Kip 50,000 to Kip 500,000.

The opening of letters, telegrams or other documents or listening to telephone conversation between other persons resulting in damage to other persons is punishable by three to six months of imprisonment and a fine from Kip 50,000 to Kip 500,000.

Article 96. Obstruction to the Right to Vote and Election

The obstruction to the civil right to vote or election to the National Assembly through the use of violence, bribery or misleading shall. be punished by three months bo one year of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

Article 97. Forgery or Destruction of Election Documents

The forgery or destruction of election documents, the forging or destruction of ballots or results of election to the National Assembly is punishable by one to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 2, 000, 000.

SECEONIV
Offense against State and Collective Ownership

Article 98. Robbery of State or Collective Assets

A violent attack or use of direct threat against other persons' lives or health to take over assets belonging to the State or collectives is punishable by five to ten years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

Where such acts of robbery are performed as regular profession, as part of an organized group, cause severe injuries or loss of life, or in the case of substantial casualty, the offender shall be punished by ten to twenty years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 20,000,000. Furthermore, the sentence may provide for the confiscation of assets restricted residence or life imprisonment or execution

Preparation or attempts to commit such offense shall also be punished.

Article 99. Theft and Forceful Take over of State or Collective Assets

The misappropriation of state or collective assets by theft shall be punished by six months to three years imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

The appropriation of state or collective assets by mugging shall be punished by one to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 7,000,000.

Where the theft is performed through forced entry, damaging fences, doors, cases, boards and others, the punishment shall be from one to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 7,000,000.

Where such theft and mugging are performed as regular profession, by an organized group or in the case of substantial casualty, the punishment shall be three to seven years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

Attempts to commit such offense shall also be punished.

Article 100. Swindle of State or Collective Assets

Any swindle by any means to cause the person in charge of state or collective assets to hand them over shall be punished by six months to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 7,000,000.

Where swindle is performed as a regular profession, by an organized group or in the case of substantial casualty, it shall be punishable by three to seven years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 15,000,000.

Attempts to commit such offense shall also be punished.

Article 101. Embezzlement of State or Collective Assets

The abuse of confidence to embezzle, appropriate or replace state or collective assets assigned to one's keeping, transport, construction, maintenance or otherwise shall be punishable by six months to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 7,000,000.

Where embezzlement is performed as regular profession, by an organized group or in the case of substantial damage, the offense shall be punishable by three to seven years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 15,000,000.

Attempts to commit such offense shall also be punished.

Article 102 Intentional Destruction or Damage to State or Collective Assets

The intentional destruction or damage of state or collective assets by any means or form shall be punishable by one to three years of imprisonment and, a fine from Kip 200,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

In the case of substantial damage, threats to the life and health of the public, the offense shall be punishable by three to ten years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Attempts to commit such offense shall also be punished.

Article 103. Destruction of Artifact or Architecture of Artistic Value

The destruction of artifact or architecture of artistic value, whether under collective or personal ownership, or the export of such objects without approval shall be punishable by one to five years of imprisonment or a fine as provided under the regulations governing the preservation of artifact

The destruction and damage to Buddha statues, sacred sites and object- or theft of altar relics or destruction or sale of Buddha statues or other sacred objects is punishable by two to seven years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

Article 104. Damage to State or Collective Property out of Carelessness

The substantial or non-substantial damage caused to State or collective property out of carelessness but affecting the society or the economic infrastructure is punished by three months to three years of imprisonment or by reformatory measures without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 1,500,000.

Article 105. Lack of Responsibility in Managing State or Collective Property

Substantial damage caused to state or collective property due to the failure to abide by the management regulations by a person whose direct

duty is to manage such state or collective property is punished by six months to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 2,000,000.

Article 106. Unlawful Possession of State or Collective Property

The intentional possession of state or collective property which has been acquired, gathered, exploited or handed over by another person without notifying the authorities is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 300,000.

Where the offense involves state or collective property of high value or in substantial quantity, the punishment is two to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Article 107. Concealment and Unlawful Trade of State or Collective Property

The acceptance, purchase, preservation, concealment or sale of property with the knowledge that such state or collective property was acquired from robbery, theft, mugging, swindling, embezzlement or otherwise is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Where such offense is performed as regular profession, through an organized group, or in the case of substantial damage, it shall be punished by one to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

Article 108. Abuse of State or Collective Property

The use of state or collective property for personal benefit and thereby entailing substantial damage to the state or collective is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

SECTION V

Offense against Personal Property

Article 109. Robbery of Personal Assets

The use of violence in attacking or direct threat to the life or health of a person to appropriate his property is punishable by four to eight years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 800,000 to Kip 8,000,000.

Where such offense is performed as regular profession, as part of an organized group, causes severe injuries or loss of life or in the case of substantial damage, it shall be punished by eight to fifteen years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 3,000,000 to Kip 15,000,000.

Prepared and attempts to commit such offense shall also be punished.

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Article 110. Theft and Mugging of Citizens

The theft of personal property is punishable by three months to two years of **imprisonment or by reformatory measures without privation of liberty** and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Niugging to appropriate another person's property is punishable by six months to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 150,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Where theft is performed through forced intrusion, damaged fences, doors, cases, boards and others, the punishment shall be six months to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Where theft or mugging is performed as regular profession, by an organized group or in the case of substantial damage, the punishment is three to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 8,000,000._

Attempts to commit such offense are also punishable

Article 111. Swindling of Citizens

The use of treachery to mislead through any mean a person to hand over his property is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Where swindling is performed as regular profession, by an organized group or in the case of substantial damage, the punishment is two to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

Attempts to commit such offense are also punishable

Article 112 Embezzlement of Citizens' Assets

The abuse of confidence to embezzle, reduce or replace an assigned property for keeping or for any other propose is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Where embezzlement is performed as regular profession, as part of an organized group or in case of substantial loss, the punishment is two to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

Attempts to commit such offense are also punishable.

Article 113. Intentional Destruction of or Damage to Citizens' Property

The intentional destruction of or damage to a person's property by any mean or form is punishable by six months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

In the case of substantial damage, hazards to the life and property of the population, it is punishable by two to seven years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Attempts to commit such offense are also punishable.

Article 114. Unlawful Possession of Property

The intentional possession of other person's property, which has been found, collected, exploited or which the other person has handed over by mistake, without notifying the authorities is punishable by three months to one year of imprisonment and fines from Kip 50,000 to Kip 200,000.

In case the said property is of high value or in substantial quantity, it is punishable by one to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Article 115. **Concealment and Unlawful** Trade of Citizens' Property

The acceptance, purchase, keeping, concealment or sale of property with the knowledge that such property belongs to another person and has been robbed, stolen, mugged, swindled, embezzled or otherwise is punishable by three months to one year of imprisonment and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Where the offense is performed as regular profession, as part of an organized group or in the case of substantial damage, it is punishable by one to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Article 116. Loss of Assets to Fire Caused out of Carelessness

Fire damaging houses, warehouses, shops or crops of other persons thereby causing substantial damage out of carelessness or negligence is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment or by reformatory measures without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

SECTION VI

Breach of Marital and Family Relationships and of
Customs

- Article 117. Adultery

A married person keeping sexual relationship with a third person is punishable by three months to one year of imprisonment or by reformatory measures without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Adulterers are punishable of the same charges.

Article 118. Failure to Perform Obligations towards Offspring, Parents or Spouse

The failure to care for offspring under legal age, parents in poverty, disabled or sick spouse in accordance with a court decision is punishable by public criticism and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Article 119. Rape

The use of violence, armed threat, drugs, ether or otherwise to force into helplessness and rape a woman not being his spouse is punishable by three to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Where the victim of a rape is a woman between fifteen to eighteen years of age under the offender's dependence or treatment, the offense shall be punished by five to ten years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 2,000,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

In the case of multiple rape, rape of girls under fifteen years of age, battery during rape or a rape resulting in the victim's permanent disability or death, the offense is punished by seven to fifteen years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 15,000,000.

Where the rapist murders the victim, the punishment is fifteen to twenty years and fines from Kip 10,000,000 to Kip 20,000,000 or life imprisonment or execution.

Attempts to commit such offense are also punishable.

Article 120. Child Rape

Sexual relationship with a girl or boy under fifteen years of age is punishable by one to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 2,000,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Article 121. Sexual Act Committed by Monks

A monk or novice committing a sexual act with a female or male person is punishable by six months to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 00,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

A female or male person willingly committing a sexual act with a monk or novice shall be punishable on the same charges.

Article 122 Prostitution

A person engaging in prostitution is punishable by three months to one year of imprisonment or by reformatory measures without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 50,000 to Kip 500,000.

Assistance or facilitation of prostitution is punishable by three months to one year of imprisonment or reformation without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

Article 123. Procuring

The generation of income through procuring prostitution in whatever form is punishable by six months to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

Where procuring is performed as regular profession or involves the prostitution of female persons under legal age or forcing a female person under the offender's guardianship into prostitution, the offense is punishable by three to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 10,000,000 to Kip 50,000,000.

Article 124. Incest

Incest with a biological, parent, a parent by adoption, grandparent, aunt or uncle, offspring, adopted child, child-in-law, grandchild or sibling is punishable by six months to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 2,000,000.

The partner in incest is punishable by three months to one year of imprisonment and fines from Kip 50,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

Article 125. Pornography

Any act of sexual intercourse or disclosure of sexual organs in public or in public places is punishable by three months or one year of imprisonment or reformation without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 50,000 to Kip 200,000.

Article 126. Outrage to Decency

Except for the offenses described under Article 119 of this law, any shameful sexual act against other Person's will is punishable by six months to three years of imprisonment or reformation without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 500,000.

Article 127. Dissemination of Pornographic Objects and Objects Contrary to the Fine National Customs

The widespread or in-depth production or distribution or dissemination of pornographic items or magazines, pictures, video cassettes and materials contrary to the fine national customs is punishable by three months to one year of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

SECTION VII Economic Infractions

Article 128. Destruction of Forests

Tree felling, slashing inconsistently with the forestry regulations, forest fire or destruction through any other means is punishable by three months to one year of imprisonment and fines as provided by the forestry regulations.

In case of substantial damage, it is punishable by one to five years of imprisonment and fines as provided by the forestry regulations.

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Article 129. Destruction of Crops

The destruction of crops belonging to the state, collectives, social organizations or citizens is punishable by fines from Kip 50,000 to Kip 5000,000.

In case of substantial loss, it is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

Article 130. Illegal Hunting

Hunting inconsistently with hunting regulations, such as by hunting protected species, hunting during restricted season or prohibited places or hunting with prohibited tools and others is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines as provided under hunting regulations.

Article 131. Illegal Fishing

Fishing inconsistently with fishing regulations, such as with the use of explosives, poisons, chemicals or other prohibited instruments, is punishable by three months to one year of imprisonment and fines provided by fishing regulations.

Article 132 Unlawful Exploitation of Natural Resources

The exploitation of natural resources, such as metals, minerals, rocks of value and forestry produces inconsistently with the laws shall be fined from Kip 100,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

In the case of substantial loss, such offense shall be punished by two to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Article 133. Production and Sale of Health Hazardous Consumer Goods and Medicines

The production or sale of degraded and health hazardous drinks, meat, fish, fruits, vegetables or other consumer goods or medicines shall be fined from Kip 100,000 to 1,000,000.

Where intentional, such offense is punishable by three months to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 1,500,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Article 134. Sale of Prohibited Goods

The sale of prohibited goods is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines provided by the customs regulations.

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Article 135. Production, Trade, Consumption or Possession of Narcotics

The production, trade, sale or possession, import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of narcotics, such as heroin, precursors, amphetamines, opium or marijuana is punishable as follows:

1. The production, trade, distribution or possession, import to, export from, transport or transit of less than one hundred grams of heroin through the Lao People's Democratic Republic is punishable by ten to fifteen years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 50,000,000 to Kip 100,000,000, and assets may be confiscated.

The production, trade, distribution or possession, import to, export from, transport or transit of heroin through the Lao People's Democratic Republic as regular profession 'or as part of an organized group, or in a quantity ranging between one hundred grams to three hundred grams is punishable by fifteen to twenty years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000,000 to Kip 500,000,000. Furthermore, assets may be confiscated.

The production, trade, distribution or possession, import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of three hundred grams to five hundred grams of heroin is punishable by life imprisonment and fines from Kip 500,000,000 to Kip 1,000,000,000. Furthermore, assets may be confiscated.

The production, trade, distribution or possession, import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of more than five hundred grams of heroin is punishable by execution

The consumption, purchase or possession of two hundred grams or less of heroin for consumption is punishable by one to five years of imprisonment or reformation without privation of liberty.

2 The production, processing or possession, trade, distribution, import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of less than one hundred grams of amphetamines or other psychotropic substances is punishable by five to ten years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 10,000,000 to Kip 100,000,000. Furthermore, assets may be confiscated.

The production, processing, possession, trade, distributions import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of amphetamines or other psychotropic substances as regular profession or as part of an organized group or in a quantity of one hundred to five hundred grams of amphetamines or other psychotropic substances is punishable by ten to twenty years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000,000 to Kip 500,000,000. Furthermore, assets may be confiscated.

The production, processing, possession, trade, distribution, import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of five hundred to three thousand grams of amphetamines or other psychotropic substances is punishable by life imprisonment and fines from Kip 500,000,000 to Kip 1,000,000,000. Furthermore, assets may be confiscated.

The production, processing, possession, trade, distribution, import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of more than three thousand grams of amphetamines or other psychotropic substances is punishable by execution.

The consumption, purchase or possession of less than three hundred grams of amphetamines or other illegal psychotropic substances for consumption is punishable by six months to three years of imprisonment or reformation without privation of liberty.

3. The production, processing or possession, trade, distribution, import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of less than five hundred grams of precursors for the production of narcotics shall be punished by five to ten years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip' 5,000,000 to Kip 20,000,000. Furthermore, assets may be confiscated.

The production, processing, possession, trade, distribution, import, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic from five hundred grams to one thousand grams precursors for the production of narcotics as regular profession or in an organized group or for the production of narcotics shall be punished by ten to twenty years of imprisonment and shall be fined from Kip 20,000,000 to Kip 50,000,000. Furthermore, assets may be confiscated.

The production, processing, possession, trade, distribution, import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of more than one thousand to ten thousand grams of precursors shall be punished by life imprisonment and fines from Kip 50,000,000 to Kip 100,000,000. Furthermore, assets may be confiscated.

The production, processing, possession trade, distribution, import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of more than ten thousand grams shall be punished by execution.

4. The production or possession, import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of less than one kilogram of opium shall be punished from two to seven years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 10,000,000. Assets may be confiscated.

. The production or possession, import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of opium as regular profession or in an organized group or involving one to three kilograms of opium shall

be punished by ten to fifteen years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 15,000,000 to Kip 20,000,000. Assets may be confiscated.

The production or possession, import to, export from, transport or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of opium for trade as regular profession, or in an organized group or involving from three to five kilograms of opium shall be punished by fifteen to twenty years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 30,000,000 to Kip 10,000,000. Assets may be confiscated.

The production or possession, import to, export from, transport or transit through Lao People's Democratic Republic of opium a regular profession or in an organized group or involving more than five kilograms of opium shall be punished by life imprisonment and fines from Kip 50,000,000 to Kip 100,000,000. Assets may be confiscated.

Opium consumption services shall be punished by three to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 20,000,000.

The plantation of marijuana from three kilograms to ten kilograms of raw marijuana for trade purposes shall be punished by imprisonment and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 2,000,000.

Planting of more than ten kilograms of raw marijuana for trade purposes shall be punished by one to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 20,000,000.

The production or possession, import to, export from, transit or transit through the Lao People's Democratic Republic of one to ten kilograms of dry marijuana shall be punished by three to seven years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 5,000,000 to Kip 20,000,000.

The production or possession, import to, export from, transport or transit through Lao People's Democratic Republic of dry marijuana as regular profession or in an organized group or involving over ten kilograms of dry marijuana shall be punished by five to ten years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 20,000,000 to Kip 50,000,000.

Services provided for the consumption of marijuana shall be punished by three to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Addiction to marijuana smoking shall be punished by reformatory measures without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 2,000,000. Article 136. Opportunistic Raise of Prices

The opportunistic raise of prices of goods or selling goods at excessive prices during periods of drought, flood or difficult situations in a locality is punishable by six months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Attempts to commit such offense are also punishable.

Article 137. Hoarding of Goods

The hoarding, concealment of goods in enterprises, companies, and shops or elsewhere for the purpose of creating instability in the economy and likelihood likelihood of the population is punishable by one to four years of imprisonment and fines as provided by tax regulations.

Article 138. Unlawful Sale of **State** or Collective Property

The unlawful sale of goods under the responsibility of a person whose duty is to sell goods in state or collective outlet shops out of greed is punishable by six months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to lip 10,000,000.

Attempts to commit such offense are also punishable.

Article 139. Falsification of Scales or Weights

The tampering with scales and weights during the sale of goods and barter, or making use of sub-standards scales and weights to gain in goods or money is punishable by six months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Article 140_ Falsification of Bank Cheques, Unlawful Use of Bank Cheques or Other Bonds

The falsification of cheques or bonds for cashing with a bank, for exchange with goods or other use is punishable by six months to three years of imprisonment or fines as provided by banking regulations.

The use of bounced cheques, or in excess of the deposit account's balance or unlawful sale and exchange of cheques is punishable by six months to three years of imprisonment or fines as provided by banking regulations.

Article 141. Violation of State Tax Regulations

The violation of state tax regulations, such as land tax, royalties, customs duties, internal taxes and fees is punishable by three months to three years of imprisonment or fines as provided by the state tax regulations.

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Article 142. Abuse of Power

The abuse of authority, position, duties for personal gains by a civil servant, thereby affecting the interest of the State, society or the right and

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interest of citizens is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

In the case of substantial loss, It is punishable by two to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 50,000,000.

Article 143. Abuse of Authority

The intentional excessive use by a civil servant of the authority provided by law, thereby affecting the interest of the state, society or right and interest of citizens is punishable by three months to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

The abuse of authority is committed with the use of violence, weapons, torture, gross words or acts affecting the honor and pride of the victim is punishable by three to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 2,000,000 to Kip 7,000,000.

Article 144. Abandonment of Duty

The intentional abandonment of duty by a civil servant, thereby affecting state or social activities, is punishable by six months to three years of imprisonment or reformation without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Article 145. Negligence in the Performance of Duty

The failure to perform an assignment or the negligent performance of such assignment, lack of responsibility by a civil servant, affecting the state, society or right and interest of citizens, is punishable by three months to three years of imprisonment or reformation without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

Article 146. Bribery and Corruption

The claim, request, acceptance, acceptance of a bribe by a civil servant to use his position for the bribing party's interest is punishable by one to three years of imprisonment and fines equal to the bribe's amount or value.

The briber or party agreeing to bribe a civil servant is punishable by six months to two years of imprisonment and fines equal to the amount or value of the bribe.

In case of substantial bribe, the bribes party and the bribing party are punishable by three to five years and fined at two folds the bribe's amount or value.

Bribe intermediaries shall be punished by six months to two years of imprisonment and fines equal to the bribes' amount or value.

A person giving bribes under constraint, threat and thereafter notifying

the authorities shall not be considered as an offender on the charge of bribery.

SECTION ONLY
Breach of the Administration and Judiciary
Regulations

Article 147. Obstruction to the Performance of Officers' Duty

The threat or use of violence to obstruct officers in the performance of their public and social duties is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 2,000,000.

In case the use of violence causes injury to officers, it shall be punished by two to five years and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Where the use of violence causes officers' physical disability or loss of life, it shall be punishable by five to twenty years and fines from Kip 1,000,000 to Kip 10,000,000 or five years of imprisonment or execution.

Article 148. Defamation of State Officials

The acts, use of gross words or false allegations towards state officials to damage their reputation and prestige, the population's confidence in such officials, is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

Article 149. Destruction, Concealment of Documents and Seals

The intentional destruction or concealment of official documents, seals, thereby causing the loss or the inability to use such official documents or seals is punishable by three months to one year of imprisonment and fines from Kip 100,000 to Kip 1,000,000.

In the case of important documents entailing substantial damage, it shall be punished by one to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Attempts to commit such offense are also punishable.

Article 150. Forgery of documents or Use of Forged Documents

The forgery of documents, signatures, seals, deletion or addition of wordings to documents is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 2,000,000.

The use of forged documents knowingly is punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 2,000,000.

In the case of substantial loss due to the forgery or use of forged documents, the punishment is from two to five years and fines from Kip 500,000 to Kip 10,000,000.

Article 151. Ordaining without Authorization

The ordainment as monk or novice without approval from the administrative authorities is punishable by three months to one year of imprisonment and fines from Kip 50,000 to Kip 100,000.

A monk performing ordainment without authorization is punishable on the same charges.

Article 152. False Allegations

Intentional reporting of false allegations to the authorities to induce court proceedings or arrest is punishable by one to three years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 3,000,000.

Article 153. False testimony .

A witness, victim, expert, interpreter intentionally giving false testimony, opinion or interpretation to the court or officials against a benefit shall be punishable by one to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 5,000,000

A person agreeing to provide benefit in money or in kind or to serve the benefit of the above mentioned person against his false testimony shall be punishable by one to five years of imprisonment and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Article 154. Concealment of Offense

A witness to an offense but failing to report to the authorities shall be punishable by three months to two years of imprisonment or reformatory measures without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 200,000 to Kip 2,000,000.

Article 155. Concealment of Offender

A person having previously agreed with an offender and providing shelter or assistance to such offender to evade arrest or trial shall be punishable by three months to five years of imprisonment or reformation without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Article 156. Destruction of Evidence

The intentional destruction of traces, concealment of documents or materials constituting the proof of an offense is punishable by six months to three years of imprisonment or reformation without privation of liberty and fines from Kip 300,000 to Kip 5,000,000.

Attempts to commit such offense are also punishable.