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Decree Law no (36) / 2017

Amending article (3) of Decree Law No. (4) of 2001 With Respect to the Prevention and Prohibition of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing

We Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, King of Bahrain,

After consideration of the constitution, more specifically Article (38),

And the Decree Law no 4/2001 with respect to the prevention and prohibition of money laundering and terrorist financing and its amendments,

And the Code of criminal procedures promulgated by Decree no (46) of 2002 and its amendments,

And following the proposal of the Prime Minister,

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers,

We decreed by Law the following:

Article (1)

The text of paragraph (1-3) of Article (3) of Decree Law (4) of 2001 on the prohibition and suppression of money laundering and terrorist financing, shall be replaced with the following text:

Article (3) paragraph (1-3):

" Anyone collecting, contributing or allocating property, funds or the proceeds thereof for an association, group, organization, body or gang that engages in terrorist activity, whether its headquarters is located inside or outside the country, or to any member of such a group, or anyone carrying out any operation on its behalf or providing it with support or funding by any means, with the knowledge that it engages in terrorist activity, shall be sentenced to life imprisonment or imprisonment for a period of not less than 10 years, and a fine of not less than 100,000 dinars and not exceeding 500,000 dinars.

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The same penalty shall apply to anyone collecting, contributing or allocating property, funds or the proceeds thereof for an individual or a group of individuals inside or outside the country, that engages in terrorist activity, or carrying out any operation on the behalf of any of them, or providing any of them with support or funding by any means, with the knowledge that they engage in terrorist activity.

The same penalty shall apply to anyone who obtains, directly or indirectly by any means, property or funds of any kind from any such individuals or parties for safekeeping or for using to the interest of any of them.

The same penalty shall apply to an attempt to commit any of the crimes referred to in the preceding paragraphs as to a crime actually committed.

Article (2)

The Prime Minister and the Ministers, each within their respective fields of jurisdiction, shall implement the provisions of this law, and shall be effective on the day following its publication in the Official Gazette.

King of Bahrain Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa

Prime Minister Khalifa bin Salman al Khalifa

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