

SUMMARY

Subject Matter of the Graduation Thesis: IMPROVING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF COUNTER-TERRORISM (by the Example of the City of Makhachkala).

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Topicality of the Research: Terrorism is one of the most dangerous phenomena of our time that are becoming increasingly diverse and assuming alarming proportions. Terrorist attacks often bring massive human casualties, entail the destruction of material and spiritual values. In such circumstances, the need to combat terrorism systematically is becoming increasingly important. In accordance with Article 15 of the Federal Law «On the general principles of the organization of the local self-government in the Russian Federation», the municipalities are required to participate in counter-terrorism activities. One of the main components of countering terrorism is becoming the local governments' efficient activities in this area.

The Objective of the Research: is to examine the local governments' activities in the area of counter-terrorism and work out relevant recommendations for improving them.

Tasks of the Research:

- to examine the nature of terrorism and the nationwide system of counteraction against it;

- to examine the executive authorities of the regional level as the subjects of the state anti-terrorism system;
- to analyze the powers of local governments in the area of counter-terrorism;
- to characterize the situation in the area of prevention and liquidation of the consequences of acts of terrorism in the city of Makhachkala;
- to carry out the analysis of the Administration's activities in the city of Makhachkala in the area of counter-terrorism;
- to propose some guidance on improving the local governments' activities in the city of Makhachkala in the area of counter-terrorism.

The Theoretical and Practical Significance of the Graduation Thesis. The research work studies some theoretical and practical issues the solution to which will help improve the efficiency of the state policy implementation in the area of counter-terrorism. In addition, the findings and practical recommendations obtained through the research work can be applied both in the work of Makhachkala's local governments and in the work of local governments in other municipalities involved in counter terrorism activities at the local level.

Findings of the Research. There are some structural units of the city Administration that are actively involved in the implementation of activities aimed at countering the ideology of terrorism in the city of Makhachkala. In order to discuss the topical issues of the ideology of terrorism and share experiences, public preventive measures to suppress terrorism are organized: forums, «round tables», conferences, processions. There are several municipal programmes in the city aimed at ensuring antiterrorist security.

However, despite the great attention given to countering the ideology of terrorism, significant experience gained by the city Administration on the implementation of activities in this area and the results achieved, the measures in this field require further improvement.

Recommendations. When carrying out the activities to counter the ideology of terrorism, it is necessary to provide such formats for events as the thematic contests for the Media; the development of anti-terrorism materials; sociological research to study public opinion in the area of counter-terrorism. In addition, in the work of the Administration of the city of Makhachkala when carrying out the activities in the area of counter-terrorism, special attention should be given to the strategic planning of the information support to this kind of activities.