

Criminal Income and Judicial Confiscation in Albania

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Abstract

From 1945 to 1991, a communist government led Albania. In the early 1990s, the political system changed and the people could go abroad. As such, Albania faced a new situation, among others from a criminal point of view. Crime began to show new features and forms affected by the changing economic and social conditions. Money laundering began to emerge after the liberalization of the borders and the change of the political system, thereby influencing the forms in which organized crime appeared in other countries. However, in its beginnings, only some forms of cooperation between Albanian criminal groups can be seen with genuine criminal organizations, rather than Italian. Later, organizations of an entirely Albanian origin were established, creating a network that no longer preferred alliances with traditional criminal organizations abroad. Albanian criminal formations have a family-based structure and more or less are regulated by Albanian traditional laws, the *kanun*. Under such conditions, the Albanian criminal reality is described as the new mafia.

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