

## A criminological overview on Albanian criminal law and aspects of corruption during World War II

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### Abstract

Main subject of this manuscript will be the historical development of the Albanian legislation, judicial and legal system in the period of 1939-1945, period which in Albania continues to present a vital part of the cultural and political landscape of the twenty-first century. Some of the issues addressed in this paper are:

Historical developments that dictate and guide the development of criminal norms, legal and judicial system in the period of 1939-1945, National Anti-Fascist Liberation Council as the primary body that made laws during this period, Special Military Court, prison system, etc.

Legal and judicial system during the period of 1939-1945 was created and acted under the influence of aggressive invaders' policies and in accordance with the interests of the Anti-Fascist National Liberation War. The latter protected the people's struggle against foreign invaders, but at the same time reflected the extremist policy of the Communist Party in the aspect of defining political crimes, often succeeded by harsh and unfair sentences. However, other criminal rates of a political character contributed to the important fight against criminality. Prison system was characterized by corruption in terms of the way they operated. After putting in place the regime of the National Liberation Forces, military courts were the only functional courts for several months. Practically, the authorities felt that all litigation had some military importance, so they were under the jurisdiction of military courts.

For a reliable and complete view on the development of Albanian Criminal Law, as well as the judicial and legal system in the period of 1939 -1945, the work in this paper was carried out based on different historical documents as well as materials.

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