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## **TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE FOR UKRAINE: CRIMINOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTATION**

The article explores a range of problematic issues in the field of criminological research that have a high probability to arise in the process of Transitional justice mechanisms' implementing in Ukraine. The main directions of Transitional justice are considered as a complex of judicial and non-judicial mechanisms for criminal prosecution of perpetrators of war crimes; compensation for victims of armed conflict; the establishment of truth and the restoration of historical truth as well as institutional reforms as a guarantee of the non-recurrence of armed conflict.

It is stated that the national criminological science has not yet identified for itself the full range of tasks that the academic community may face in the process of developing and implementing a national model of transitional justice.

Special attention is focused on criminological support in the case, if restorative justice and non-punitive methods, most possible, will be applied to the participants of the illegal armed groups and authorities of so-called DNR/LNR, based on mechanisms of effective repentance, forgiveness, public analysis of the behavior those persons, who is subject to amnesty or lustration.

The most anticipated tasks are the issues of assessing the level of crime in the area of armed conflict, as well as the determination of the extent of the criminal harm

caused to the victims of the armed conflict. These issues are the subject for special concern, because the police staff shortage and the investigators' overloading lead to 80 % of criminal offenses not registered by police in the frontier areas. The crime situation is complicated by a 13.9-fold increase in crime among military personnel, resulting in 2665 convicted military personnel in 2018.

Emphasis is placed on the need to respond to new criminological phenomena - gender-based violence related to Joint Forces Operation; crimes committed by persons with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder); a sharp increase in the number of cases of domestic violence and suicide in the families of combatants; glut of illegal arms and ammunition market. Examples of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, East Timor in overcoming these negative phenomena are given.

**Keywords:** transitional justice, restorative justice, armed conflict, victims of conflict.

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