

Country	Source of Law	Text of Law
Mauritania Blasphemy law Score: 68.6	Criminal code (full law before amendment in French, copy of amendment) (Apostasy and Blasphemy Law)	<p>English Translation:</p> <p>Islamic Republic of Mauritania Office of the President of the Republic Reference: <i>mim ain ta' ta' nun jim ra'</i></p> <p>Draft bill to cancel and replace the provisions of Article 306 of Legal Order No. 162-83 issued on July 9, 1983, including the criminal law</p> <p>Article 1: The provisions of Article 306 of Legal Order No. 162-83 issued on July 9, 1983, including the criminal law, are abrogated and replaced by the following provisions:</p> <p>Article 306 (new): Anyone who commits an act that violates modesty or Islamic values or who violates any of the sanctities of God, or who helps to do so, and this act is not a crime of <i>hudud</i> [refers to crimes whose punishment is mandated by God], <i>qisas</i> [refers to a crime of revenge], or <i>diyyah</i> [refers to a crime requiring compensation paid to the victim], shall be punished through <i>tazir</i> [i.e., at the discretion of the judge] by imprisonment of three months to two years and by a fine of 50,000 (fifty thousand) ouguiyas to 600,000 (six hundred thousand) ouguiyas.</p> <p>Any Muslim, male or female, who ridicules or insults God or His messenger (may God bless him and grant him salvation), or His angels, or His books, or one of His prophets, shall be put to death, and he will not be called on to repent. Even if he repents, the death penalty will not be removed.</p> <p>Any Muslim who explicitly apostatizes from Islam, or who says or does something that would require or include that, or who renounces what he knows to be required by the religion, shall be imprisoned for three days, during which time he will be asked to repent. If he does not repent, he will be sentenced to death for blasphemy, and his property will be transferred to the treasury of the Muslims.</p> <p>Any person who professes Islam outwardly but is secretly an infidel is considered a disbeliever and he will be punished by death when he is discovered, without being asked to repent. His repentance will not be accepted unless it is declared before his apostasy has been discovered.</p> <p>Any legally competent Muslim who fails to perform his prayers despite acknowledging that they are required will be ordered to do so and he will be expected to do the last required <i>rak'ah</i> [a series of bending and prostrations in Islamic prayer]. If he persists in failing to perform the prayers, he will be put to death in the end. If he denies that prayer is required, he will be put to death for apostasy. His body will not be prepared or buried in the way Muslims are. His property will be transferred to the treasury of the Muslims. This crime will be proved only by admission.</p>

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