

# Introducing criminal liability for public dissemination of deliberately misleading information under the guise of credible reports on the use of Russia's Armed Forces

The President signed Federal Law  
On Amendment to the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation and Articles 31 and 151  
of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation.

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The Federal Law imposes criminal liability for public dissemination of deliberately misleading information under the guise of credible reports on the use of the Russian Federation Armed Forces for the purposes of defending the interests of the Russian Federation and its citizens and maintaining international peace and security.

The Federal Law imposes criminal liability for public actions aimed at discrediting the use of the Russian Federation Armed Forces for the purposes of defending the interests of the Russian Federation and its citizens, and maintaining international peace and security, including for public appeals to prevent the use of the Russian Federation Armed Forces for the above purposes made by an individual convicted of an administrative offence for similar actions within one year.

Under the Federal Law, criminal liability also extends to appeals to a foreign state, government association or union, or to a government (intergovernmental) institution of a foreign state, government association or union, to impose restrictions that introduce or extend political or economic sanctions against the Russian Federation, citizens of the Russian Federation or Russian legal entities, made by a citizen of the Russian Federation convicted of an administrative offence for similar actions within one year.

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