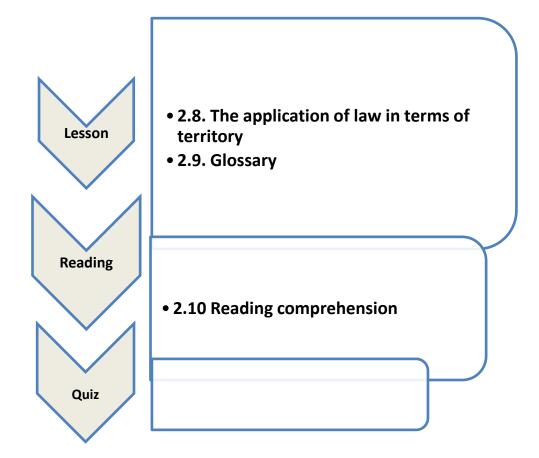
LESSON N°8



2.8 The application of law in terms of territory

There are principles that govern the application of law in terms of territory, these principles are:

- > Principle of territoriality of laws مبدأ إقليمية القوانين
- > Principle of the personality of laws مبدأ شخصية القوانين
- > Principle of real competence مبدأ التطبيق العيني للقانون

2.8.1 Principle of territoriality of laws

The principle of the territoriality of laws is linked to the notion of "**sovereignty**", which means that the State is sovereign to make its laws and apply them in its national territory.

To confirm this sovereignty outside of its territory, the State uses another principle complementary to the principle of the territoriality of laws: the principle of the personality of laws. What do we mean by this principle?

مبدأ شخصية القوانين Principle of the personality of laws

To extend its sovereignty abroad, the State applies the principle of the "personality of the laws," that is, the national law of a State is also applied, in certain cases, to its citizens who are abroad.



من أجل امتداد سيادة الدولة الى الخارج ، تطبق الدولة مبدأ شخصية القوانين، أي أن القانون الوطني للدولة يطبق أيضًا، في بعض الحالات، على الأشخاص (مواطنيها) الموجودين في الخارج أي خارجا الإقليم الوطني للدولة.

We use this principle in criminal law: the law will be applyied according to the very nature of the crime, that is, to all crimes that harm the superior interests of the State, including those committed abroad.

This principle does not take into account the nationality of the perpetrators of the crimes but rather concerns categories of crimes affecting the higher interests of the State, such as crimes committed against the State's security or that harm the national economy, like counterfeiting currency. It is the law of the State that suffers harm that applies.

هذا المبدأ لا يأخذ بعين الاعتبار جنسية الاشخاص مرتكبي الجريمة ولكن نوع الجريمة، فهناك جرائم بعينها سمحت بوجود هذا المبدأ و هي جرائم تخل بأمن الدولة، أو جرائم تضر بالاقتصاد الوطني مثل التزوير في النقود ، أي ان قانون الدولة المتضررة هو من يطبق.



2.9 Glossary

Terms used in lesson 8

المصطلح بالإنجليزية	المصطلح بالعربية
Application of law in terms of territory	تطبيق القانون من حيث المكان
Principle of territoriality of laws	مبدأ إقليمية القوانين
Principle of the personality of laws	مبدأ شخصية القوانين
Principle of real competence	مبدأ التطبيق العيني للقانون
Sovereignty	سيادة
National territory	إقليم وطني
National law	قانون وطني
Citizens	مواطنين
Criminal law	قانون جنائي
Superior interests, Higher interests	المصالح العليا لدولة
Nationality	جنسية
Crimes	جرائم
Perpetrators of crimes	مرتكبي الجرائم
Security of the State, State's security	أمن الدولة
National economy	إقتصاد وطني
Counterfeiting currency	تزوير العملة

2.10 Reading comprehension

"In terms of the offense committed in Turkey by foreigners, Turkish laws are enforced as stated in Article 8 of the TPC¹. This is a consequence of the territoriality principle as well as the fact that criminal laws are the result of national sovereignty.

If the act committed in Turkey does not constitute a crime according to Turkish law, even if it constitutes a crime according to the laws of another country, Turkish laws cannot be enforced on these foreign tourists due to the nature of the act committed.

However, if the acts committed by foreign tourists in Turkey constitute a crime according to Turkish law and if they do not constitute a crime according to the laws of the country in which they are citizens, the crime is considered to have been committed in Turkey and Turkish law are enforced to such crimes.²"

QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the legal basis for the enforcement of Turkish laws against foreigners?.
- 2. The principle of territoriality is linked to another principle, which one?
- 3. Does the Turkish law apply if the offense is considered a crime according to the laws of another country?
- 4. Which is the correct term we use to qualify the infringement of law in criminal law?
- 5. To extend its sovereignty abroad, the State applies another principle which one?

Answers		

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¹ Turkish Penal Code (TPC),

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