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Legislation of Interpol member states on sexual offences against children

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Abu Dhabi

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There is a Federal Penal Code (FPC, Law No. 3 of 1987) in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), as well as penal codes in four of the seven emirates: Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Ras al-Haima, and Ajman. The FPC leaves intact the Sharia (Islam Law) provisions on crimes. The public prosecutor's office will continue to have the discretion to charge a defendant with either a Sharia crime before a Sharia court, or a statutory crime under the FPC before a Federal court or under an emirate statute before a local court.

I. Ages for legal purposes

II. Rape

Article 354 of the Federal Penal Code states: "Whoever commits rape on a female... shall be punished by death."

III. Other forms of child sex abuse

Sexual exploitation of children is considered a crime in UAE. All sexual relations outside of a traditional, heterosexual marriage are a crime in UAE and punishments range from jail time, fines, deportation, and the death penalty.

IV. Child prostitution

V. Child pornography

Pornography is for forbidden in the UAE.

VI. Internet

The UAE telecommunications establishment has its special unit to block pornography sites.