

THE USE OF FORCE AND TERRORISM

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Abstract: The author explores the main features of international public law – the use of force and the right to self-defence in the light of terrorist acts. The main point is that terrorism itself is not the international public law notion. A huge number of treaties and norms regulating terrorism in terms of international public law regulate cooperation among states in suppression and sanctions of terrorist acts. If an armed attack occurs creating a terrorist attack, a state can apply its right to self-defence only if these acts can be attributed to a state, either as acts of states de jure or de facto organs.

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