

Defamation and violence against ministers, members of legislative chambers, holders of public authority or public power:

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Defamation means that the perpetrator defames someone by accusing him or her of certain facts. This can be done through actions, words, gestures or threats. An important element is that the perpetrator must intend to be disrespectful to a person. Defamation can only be done against ministers, members of legislative chambers, holders of public authority or public power. Insulting private persons is not defamation but can constitute another offence.

Violence is inflicting blows on the protected persons. These protected persons are the ministers, members of legislative chambers, bearers of public authority or public power. For this crime to be committed, it is necessary that blows have been inflicted. Malicious intent is not required.

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