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# ALBANIAN CUSTOMARY LAW IN RELATION WITH BLOOD FEUD, IMPACT OF CANON AND LAW IN ITS PREVENTION.

#### Abstract:

Albanians still occur assassinations and which in the opinion presented as blood feud murders committed by and on behalf of the canon, as murders committed due to the lack of force of law. Are such these murders, and as is acceptable to the people that they were carried out according to of customary law, canon, it is another thing!

The Albanian customary law through the main canons summarized and codified, has clearly defined categories and ways of murder, who can be killed, when they can be killed, which can be killed, how could kill, and for which murder the perpetrator will not be consequences. There are few opportunities that do not have a murder and assessed punishment as murder committed by canon, as permitted murder, that now at this time, hardly any murder committed can be assessed as such. That's because the Albanian customary law, through canons, is established under the moral law of the Albanian society, its conservation, preservation of honor and morality, freedom of movement, gender, age, religion, etc., and not to extinguished precisely these values and quality.

In this study will be the analysis and interpretation of the provisions of the Canon of Leke Dukagjini that is widespread in the territory of northern Albania, the Canon of Skanderbeg who is widespread in the territory of Middle Albania and Canon of Laberia that is widespread in the territory Southern Albania. Interpretation will be made in relation to the blood feud, and pulling a small and comparable parallel with current legislation and standing position following with each other in preventing and combating blood feuds.

Also in this study will be presented several abuses made by various associations and organizations created alleged for combating blood feud, and in fact they are abusing the customary law and canons, and benefit economically at the expense the murdered victims and families involved in the killings.

At the end of this study will become apparent that the attitude that most Albanians murders committed according to canon law, there is no scientific support. The customary law, related to Canon along with more severe criminal penalties for perpetrators on murder would impact the fighting blood feud. So, blood feud is not a result of the implementation of the canon, but is a result of abuse of Canon and failure law.

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