

*Article 138*

- (1) No person shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in execution of the sentence of a court in respect of an offense under the law of Guyana of which he has been convicted.
- (2) Without prejudice to any liability for a contravention of any other law with respect to the use of force in such cases as are hereinafter mentioned, a person shall not be regarded as having been deprived of his life in contravention of this article if he dies as the result of the use of force to such extent as is reasonably justifiable in the circumstances of the case —
  - a. For the defence of any person from violence or for the defence of property;
  - b. In order to effect a lawful arrest or to prevent the escape of a person lawfully detained;
  - c. For the purpose of suppressing a riot, insurrection or mutiny; or
  - d. In order to prevent the commission by that person of a criminal offense, or if he dies as the result of a lawful act of war.