

N.P.R.C. Decree
No. 6



Sierra Leone

1996

The Indemnity and Transition Decree, 1996

Short title.

Being a Decree to grant indemnity to members of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Sierra Leone, the National Provisional Ruling Council and appointees of the National Provisional Ruling Council, to revoke the Proclamation establishing the National Provisional Ruling Council and for connected purposes.

[] Date of commencement.

PURSUANT to paragraph 3 of the Proclamation entitled "The Administration of Sierra Leone (National Provisional Ruling Council)

Proclamation, 1992", the National Provisional Ruling Council makes and issues the following Decree:—

Commence-
ment.

Decree No. 17
of 1995.

Acts in respect
of change of
Government.

Acts done
during
Government
of N.P.R.C.

1. This Decree shall come into operation on the date the person first elected President after the coming into operation of the Presidential Elections Decree, 1995 assumes office under section 18 of that Decree.

2. No action or other legal proceeding, whether civil or criminal, shall be instituted in any court or tribunal for or on account of, or in respect of any act, matter or thing done by any person or persons acting in concert or individually to assist or bring about the change in Government which took place on 29th April, 1992 and, accordingly, it is not lawful for any court or tribunal to take any decision or make or entertain any order or grant any remedy or relief in any such action or other legal proceeding.

3. No action or other legal proceeding, whether civil or criminal, shall be instituted in any court or tribunal for or on account of, or in respect of any act, matter or thing done, whether within Sierra Leone or without, during the period extending from 29th April, 1992 to the commencement of this Decree by—

(a) any member of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Sierra Leone; or

(b) the National Provisional Ruling Council established by the Proclamation entitled "The Administration of Sierra Leone (National

Provisional Ruling Council) Proclamation, 1992”
or any member thereof; or

(c) any body or person acting directly or indirectly
under the authority of—

(i) the National Provisional Ruling Council;
or

(ii) any member of the Armed Forces of the
Republic of Sierra Leone,

and if any action or legal proceeding has been instituted
whether before or after the date of this Decree, it shall be
a nullity and be discharged accordingly.

4. Any Commission of Inquiry set up by the National
Provisional Ruling Council shall be deemed to have been
valid and no legal action or other legal proceeding,
whether civil or criminal, shall be instituted in any court
or tribunal—

(a) for or on account or in respect of the setting up of any
such Commission; or

(b) for or on account or in respect of any act, matter or thing
done by or in respect of any such Commission or the
findings of any such Commission unless shown to be
grossly unreasonable and unwarranted in all the
circumstances.

5. Upon the coming into operation of this Decree, the
Proclamation entitled “The Administration of Sierra
Leone (National Provisional Ruling Council)

Validation of
Commissions
of Inquiry.

Revocation of
P.N. No. 20 of
1992.

Proclamation, 1995", shall cease to have effect, except for matters, acts or other things already concluded, dealt with, done or had thereunder.

MADE and ISSUED this *14th* day of *March*, 1996.

BRIGADIER JULIUS MAADA BIO
Chairman,
National Provisional Ruling Council.