

SIGNED this 9th day of April, 1973.

SIAKA STEVENS,
President.

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Sierra Leone

The Public Order (Amendment) Act, 1973

Short title.

[9th April, 1973.] Commence-
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1. The Public Order Act, 1965 is hereby amended by—
 - (a) the re-numbering of the present sections 45 and 46 as sections 48 and 49 respectively; and
 - (b) the insertion of the following new sections 45, 46 and 47—

Amendment
of Act No. 46
of 1965.

President may
declare state
of emergency.

“45. Whenever it appears to the President that any action has been or is being taken or is threatened by any person or body of persons which is calculated to endanger public safety or public order, he may, acting in accordance with the advice of the Vice-President and Prime Minister, by proclamation, declare a state of emergency in any area for a period not exceeding three months, and may by the same proclamation or by an Order made in pursuance thereof, authorise the taking of such measures or the imposition of such restrictions as he may deem fit and necessary for the purpose of dealing with such action or the threat thereof.

Provided that the period provided in the proclamation may be extended by another proclamation for a further period not exceeding three months.

In this section, the word “area” includes a province, a district and a chieftdom.

Prohibi-
tion of
legal action.

46. No action or other legal proceeding whatsoever shall be instituted in any Court of law for or on account of or in respect of any act, matter or thing done during the period of the emergency by any person acting under the authority of the President if done in good faith and done or purported to be done in execution of his duty or authority or in the public interest.

Provided that the provisions of this section shall not affect the institution or prosecution of proceedings by or on behalf of the State or any Government Department or any proceedings instituted by way of Petition of Right.

Certificate of
Attorney-
General.

47. For the purposes of section 46, a certificate by the Attorney-General that anything was done by or under the authority of the President and was done by the person in execution of his authority or duty, shall be sufficient evidence of the matter so certified; and anything done by or under the authority of the President shall be deemed to have been done in good faith unless the contrary is proved”.

Passed in Parliament this *14th* day of *March*, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three.

J. W. E. DAVIES,
Clerk of Parliament.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

J. W. E. DAVIES,
Clerk of Parliament.