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PROCLAMATION

THE ADMINISTRATION OF SIERRA LEONE (NATIONAL PROVISIONAL RULING COUNCIL) PROCLAMATION, 1992 Short title.

PROCLAMATION FOR THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE BY THE NATIONAL PROVISIONAL RULING COUNCIL; THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL; AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

WHEREAS in the last twelve years the State of Sierra Leone has undergone a virtual collapse of all sectors of the administration of Government including the Judicial system, a breakdown of law and order and a prolonged economic decline, all singularly caused by the corruption, indiscipline, mismanagement, tribalism, nepotism and injustice of the All Peoples Congress Party ("APC") Government:

AND WHEREAS the APC regime has caused untold suffering to the people of Sierra Leone by unnecessarily prolonging the rebel war through mismanagement of resources provided for the prosecution of the same:

AND WHEREAS the APC regime, with its sole intention to remain in power, manipulated the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 and other laws of the Republic, thereby delaying the introduction of a multi-party democratic system of Government against the wishes of the people of Sierra Leone:

AND WHEREAS in view of the foregoing, whilst the Armed Forces of Sierra Leone recognise and accept their duty for the defence and protection of the territorial integrity of the State of Sierra Leone and the maintenance of law and order are therefore left with no alternative but to make immediate and necessary provision for the speedy conclusion of the rebel war, maintenance of law and order, eradication of corruption, mismanagement, indiscipline, tribalism, nepotism and poverty so as to create a sound basis for the speedy introduction of a multi-party system with its concomitant of good governance, accountability and respect for the rule of law and fundamental human rights and the freedoms of the individual:

(4) Any decree made and issued by the National Provisional Ruling Council shall be signed by the Chairman or, in the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman of the Council.

(5) Subject to any decree made and issued by the National Provisional Ruling Council, all enactments in force in Sierra Leone immediately before the 29th day of April, 1992, shall continue in force:

Provided that any provisions of the enactments in force in Sierra Leone immediately before the 29th day of April, 1992, which are inconsistent or in conflict with any provision of this Proclamation or any decree made thereunder shall be deemed to have been suspended as from the 29th day of April, 1992.

4. Subject to any decree that may be made and issued by the National Provisional Ruling Council, the Public Service of Sierra Leone as it existed immediately before the 29th day of April, 1992 shall continue in existence as it existed before that date and any person holding or acting in any office in the Public Service immediately before the said date shall continue in office subject to any laws in force after that date. Public Service to continue.

5. Subject to any decree that may be made and issued by the National Provisional Ruling Council, any reference to President, Vice-President, Minister or Cabinet in the Constitution of Sierra Leone which came into operation on the 1st day of October, 1991, or in any enactment continued in existence by virtue of this Proclamation shall, on and after the 29th day of April, 1992, be construed as a reference to the National Provisional Ruling Council or to such person as the Council may by Order appoint. Adaptation of references to President, Minister, etc. Act No. 6 of 1991.

6. (1) The National Provisional Ruling Council may make any order against any person directing that he be detained, where it considers it necessary in the interest of public safety or public order so to do. Detention of persons.

(2) The provisions of the immediately preceding paragraph shall be deemed to have come into operation as from the 29th day of April, 1992.

(3) An order directing that any person be detained made pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall not be questioned in any court whatsoever.

Power to
amend Pro-
clamation,
etc.

7. The National Provisional Ruling Council shall have full power and authority to amend, revoke or suspend this Proclamation or any provision thereof.

MADE at Freetown this 4th day of May, 1992.

CAPTAIN VALENTINE E. M. STRASSER,
*For and on behalf of the Armed Forces of
Sierra Leone.*