

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.

Validation of  
Commissions  
of Inquiry.

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.

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

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

*Amended by*

*Decree 10 of 1996*

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.*