

THE SUPPRESSION OF ROBBERY DECREE 1967



Decree No. 2

[30th January 1967]

Commencement.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

Amendment of sections 402 and 403 of the Criminal Code. Cap. 42.

1. In the Criminal Code, in its application to the Federal territory—
(a) in section 402 (which deals with punishments for robbery), for the words "imprisonment for fourteen years"; and
(b) in section 403 (which deals with punishments for attempted robbery), for the words "imprisonment for seven years",
there shall be substituted the words "imprisonment for life, with or without whipping".

Additional powers to arrest, etc.

2.—(1) Any person—
(a) found by an armed patrol committing any offence under section 402 or 403 of the Criminal Code ; or
(b) reasonably suspected by an armed patrol of committing or having committed any such offence,
may be arrested, and shall be liable to be detained for such period, in such place and by such persons as the Head of the Federal Military Government may direct.

(2) For the purpose of arresting or preventing the escape of any person liable to be arrested under subsection (1) above, an armed patrol may use such force as may be reasonably necessary and may, if need be, use fire-arms.

(3) The foregoing provisions of this section shall have effect—
(a) without prejudice to any other power conferred by any law on members of the Nigeria Police Force or members of the armed forces ; and
(b) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law.

Citation, extent, etc.

3.—(1) This Decree may be cited as the Suppression of Robbery Decree 1967 and shall apply to the Federal territory only.

(2) In this Decree, "armed patrol" means any patrol comprising both members of the Nigeria Police Force and members of the armed forces which may be charged by the Head of the Federal Military Government with the duty of patrolling in Lagos.

DATED at Lagos this 30th day of January 1967.

*LIEUTENANT-COLONEL Y. GOWON,
Head of the Federal Military Government,
Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria*