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**THE CONSTITUTION (SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION)
(AMENDMENT) DECREE 1967**



Decree No. 16

[30th May 1967]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows:—

1. Section 8 (2) of the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966 (as restored by the Constitution (Repeal and Restoration) Decree 1967) is amended,—

(a) by inserting as paragraph (g) the following new paragraph—

“(g) Lieutenant-Colonel Hassan Usuman Katsina;” and

(b) by re-lettering the existing paragraphs (g) and (h) in section 8 (2) aforesaid as paragraphs (h) and (i) respectively.

2. This Decree may be cited as the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) (Amendment) Decree 1967 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. U. Katsina to be a member of the Supreme Military Council.

1966 No. 1.
1967 No. 13.

Citation and application.

MADE at Lagos this 30th day of May 1967.

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

**NEWSPAPERS (PROHIBITION OF CIRCULATION)
DECREE 1967**



Decree No. 17

[30th May 1967]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows:—

1.—(1) Where the Head of the Federal Military Government is satisfied that the unrestricted circulation in Nigeria of a newspaper is or may be detrimental to the interest of the Federation or of any state thereof, he may by order published in the Gazette prohibit the circulation in the Federation or in any state thereof as the case may require, of any newspaper; and unless any other period is prescribed in the order, the prohibition shall continue for a period of twelve months unless sooner revoked or extended, as the case may require.

Power to
prohibit
circulation
of news-
papers.

(2) The failure to comply with the requirement of any order made under subsection (1) above shall be an offence punishable on conviction,—

(a) in the case of an individual, by a fine of not less than fifty pounds or more than one hundred pounds, or by imprisonment for a term of not less than six months or more than twelve months in the case of a first offence and for a second or any subsequent offence the penalty shall be double that prescribed for a first offence; and

(b) in the case of any other person, by a fine of not less than five hundred pounds or more than one thousand pounds for a first offence and by the maximum prescribed in this paragraph, for a second or any subsequent offence.

(3) This Decree shall have effect notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment or law.

(4) In this section,—

“circulation” includes the sale, offering for sale or distributing of, or possessing with a view to selling, offering or distributing, a newspaper;

“newspaper” means any paper containing public news, intelligence, or occurrences, or any remarks or observations therein printed anywhere in Nigeria for sale and published in Nigeria, or printed elsewhere and circulating in Nigeria periodically, or in parts, or in numbers at intervals not exceeding twenty-six days between the publication of any two such papers, parts or numbers, and includes any paper printed in order to be dispersed and made public weekly, or more often, or at intervals not exceeding twenty-six days, containing only or principally advertisements.

Citation and
application.

2. This Decree may be cited as the Newspapers (Prohibition of Circulation) Decree 1967 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

MADE at Lagos this 30th day of May 1967.

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