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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FORMER NORTHERN NIGERIA

AS MODIFIED BY THE CONSTITUTION (SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION) DECREE 1966  
AND THE STATES (CREATION AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) DECREE 1967



By His Excellency Major-General YAKUBU GOWON, Head of the Federal Military Government, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

MAJOR-GENERAL Y. GOWON,  
*Head of the Federal Military Government,  
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces*

WHEREAS by section 4 (1) of the Sharia Court of Appeal Law of the former Northern Nigeria as modified by the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967 and as amended by section 3 of the Sharia Court of Appeal Law (Amendment) Edict 1970 of Kano State it is provided that the Sharia Court of Appeal of the State shall consist of a Grand Kadi and not less than two other Judges learned in the Sharia :

AND WHEREAS by section 54 (1) of the Constitution of the former Northern Nigeria as modified by the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966 and the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967, it is provided that the Grand Kadi and other Judges of the Sharia Court shall be appointed by the Supreme Military Council, acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee :

NOW THEREFORE, THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee, do hereby appoint ABUBAKAR WALI a Judge of the Sharia Court of Appeal of Kano State with effect from 15th June 1970.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at Lagos, this 14th day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy.

Government Notice No. 1135

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FORMER NORTHERN NIGERIA

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MAJOR-GENERAL Y. GOWON,  
*Head of the Federal Military Government,  
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WHEREAS by section 50 (2) of the Constitution of the former Northern Nigeria as modified by the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966, the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967 and the Constitution (Northern States) (Amendment) Decree 1969 it is provided that the Judges of the High Court of each of the States created out of former Northern Nigeria shall be the Chief Justice and such number of other Judges (not being less than two) as may be prescribed by law :

AND WHEREAS by section 51 (6) of the said Constitution of the former Northern Nigeria modified as aforesaid it is provided that if the office of any Judge of the High Court other than the Chief Justice is vacant or if the person holding the office is acting as Chief Justice or is for any reason unable to perform the functions of his office, the Supreme Military Council, acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee, may appoint a person with such qualifications as may be prescribed by law to act in the office of a Judge of the High Court :

NOW THEREFORE, THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee, do hereby appoint MR JUSTICE JEFFERY RICHARD JONES to act as a Senior Puisne Judge of the High Court of North-Eastern State and of the High Court of Benue-Plateau State with effect from 19th June 1970.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at Lagos, this 14th day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy.

Government Notice No. 1136

## THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FORMER NORTHERN NIGERIA

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MAJOR-GENERAL, Y. GOWON,  
*Head of the Federal Military Government,  
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces*

WHEREAS by section 50 (2) of the Constitution of the former Northern Nigeria as modified by the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966, the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967 and the Constitution (Northern States) (Amendment) Decree 1969 it is provided that the Judges of the High Court of each of the States created out of former Northern Nigeria shall be the Chief Justice and such number of other Judges (not being less than two) as may be prescribed by law ;

AND WHEREAS by section 51 (1) of the said Constitution of the former Northern Nigeria modified as aforesaid it is provided that the Judges of the High Court of each of the States created out of former Northern Nigeria shall be appointed by the Supreme Military Council, acting after consultation with the Judicial Advisory Committee.

NOW THEREFORE, THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee, do hereby appoint MR JUSTICE MICHAEL FRANK HOLDEN as Senior Puisne Judge of the High Court of North-Western State and of the High Court of Kano State with effect from 1st April 1970.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at Lagos this 14th day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy.

Government Notice No. 1137

## THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATION

AS MODIFIED BY THE CONSTITUTION (SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION) DECREE 1966  
AND THE STATES (CREATION AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) DECREE 1967



By His Excellency Major-General YAKUBU GOWON, Head of the Federal Military Government, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

MAJOR-GENERAL Y. GOWON,  
*Head of the Federal Military Government,  
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces*

WHEREAS by section 122 (2) of the Constitution of the Federation as modified by the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966 and the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967 it is provided that the Judges of the High Court of Lagos State shall consist of the Chief Justice of Lagos State and such number of Judges (not being less than five) as may be prescribed by law :

AND WHEREAS by section 123 (3) of the Constitution of the Federation as modified by the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966 and the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967 it is provided that if the office of Chief Justice of the State is vacant or if the person holding the office is for any reason unable to perform the functions of his office, those functions shall be performed by such one of the other Judges of the High Court of the State as may be designated in that behalf by the Supreme Military Council, acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee :

NOW THEREFORE, THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee, do hereby appoint MR JUSTICE SIGISMUND OLANREWAJU LAMBO to act as Chief Justice of the High Court of Lagos State with effect from 1st June 1970.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at Lagos, this 16th day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy.

## Government Notice No. 1138

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FORMER NORTHERN NIGERIA**

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MAJOR-GENERAL Y. GOWON,  
*Head of the Federal Military Government,  
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces*

WHEREAS by section 4 (1) of the Sharia Court of Appeal Law of the former Northern Nigeria as modified by the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967 and as amended in respect of Kwara State by section 3 of the Sharia Court of Appeal Law (Amendment) Edict 1970 of that State and in respect of North-Central State by section 3 of the Sharia Court of Appeal Law (Amendment) Edict 1970 of that State it is provided that the Sharia Court of Appeal shall consist of a Grand Kadi and not less than two other Judges learned in the Sharia :

AND WHEREAS by section 54 (3) of the Constitution of the former Northern Nigeria as modified by the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966 and the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967, it is provided that if the office of any Judge of the Sharia Court of Appeal other than the Grand Kadi is vacant or if the person holding the office is for any reason unable to perform the functions of his office, the Supreme Military Council acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee, may appoint a person with such qualifications as may be prescribed by law to act in the office of a Judge of the Sharia Court of Appeal :

NOW THEREFORE, THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee, do hereby appoint MU'AZU ALIYU to act as a Judge of the Sharia Court of Appeal of Kwara State and of the Sharia Court of Appeal North-Central State from 17th June 1970 to 19th July 1970.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at Lagos, this 16th day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy.

## Government Notice No. 1139

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FORMER WESTERN NIGERIA**

AS MODIFIED BY THE CONSTITUTION (SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION) DECREE 1966 AND THE  
STATES (CREATION AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) DECREE 1967



By His Excellency Major-General YAKUBU GOWON, Head of the Federal Military Government, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

MAJOR GENERAL Y. GOWON,  
*Head of the Federal Military Government,  
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces*

WHEREAS by section 52 (2) of the Constitution of Western Nigeria as modified by the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966 and the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967 it is provided that the Judges of the Court of Appeal of the State shall be the President of the Court of Appeal and such number of Justices of Appeal (not being less than three) as may be prescribed by law :

AND WHEREAS by section 52 (6) of the Constitution of Western Nigeria modified as aforesaid and as amended by the Constitution of the Western State (Amendment) Decree 1970 it is provided that if the office of the President of the Court of Appeal is vacant or if the person holding the office is for any reason unable to perform the functions of the office, then, until a person has been appointed to and has assumed the functions of that office or until the person holding the office has resumed those functions, as the case may be, those functions shall be performed by such person, being the Chief Justice of the High Court of the State or one of the Justices of Appeal, designated in that behalf by the Supreme Military Council, acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee :

NOW THEREFORE, THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee, do hereby appoint MR JUSTICE OLUJIDE SOMOLU to act as the President of the Court of Appeal of Western State with effect from 1st July 1970.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at Lagos, this 16th day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy.

Government Notice No. 1140

## THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FORMER WESTERN NIGERIA

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Federal Military Government, Commander-in-Chief of the  
Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

MAJOR-GENERAL Y. GOWON,  
*Head of the Federal Military Government,  
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces*

WHEREAS by section 48 (2) of the Constitution of Western Nigeria as modified by the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966 and the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967 it is provided that the Judges of the High Court of Western State shall be the Chief Justice of Western State and such number of other Judges (not being less than six) as may be prescribed by law :

AND WHEREAS by section 49 (3) of the Constitution of Western State as modified by the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966 and the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967 and as amended by the Constitution of the Western State (Amendment) Decree 1970 it is provided that if the office of Chief Justice of the State is vacant or if the person holding the office is unable to perform the functions of his office, then, until a person has been appointed to and has assumed the functions of that office or until the person holding the office has assumed those functions, as the case may be, those functions shall be performed by such one of the Justices of the Court of Appeal of the State or of the other Judges of the High Court of the State as may from time to time be designated in that behalf by the Supreme Military Council, acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee :

NOW THEREFORE, THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, acting after consultation with the Advisory Judicial Committee, do hereby appoint MOSES OLATUNJI OYEMADE to act as Chief Justice of the High Court of Western State with effect from 1st July 1970.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at Lagos, this 16th day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy.

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