

## THE CIRCULATION OF NEWSPAPERS DECREE 1966



## Decree No. 2

[17th January 1966]

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ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1.—(1) Any provision made before the coming into force of this Decree by a local government council, a city or town council or any other municipal authority which prohibits or restricts the distribution or general sale of any newspaper in any part of Nigeria shall cease to have effect on the coming into force of this Decree.

Lifting and  
prohibition  
of bans on  
newspapers.

(2) Any person who after the coming into force of this Decree, whether alone or with any other person, and whether as a member of a municipal authority or otherwise, does anything calculated to prevent or restrict the distribution or general sale of any newspaper in any part of Nigeria shall be guilty of an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or both.

(3) In this section—

“newspaper” has the meaning assigned by section 2 of the Newspapers Act except that it includes a newspaper published by or under the authority of the Government ;

Cap. 129.

“provision” includes an order, regulation or bye-law.

2.—(1) This Decree may be cited as the Circulation of Newspapers Decree 1966 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

Citation,  
extent and  
commence-  
ment.

(2) This Decree shall be deemed to have come into force on 17th January 1966.

MAJOR-GENERAL J. T. U. AGUIYI-IRONSI,  
*Head of the Federal Military Government,  
Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces,  
Federal Republic of Nigeria*