

THE PRISONS (CONTROL) DECREE 1966



Decree No. 9

[17th January 1966]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows—

1.—(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of—

(a) the Native Authority Law of Northern Nigeria and the Local Government Law of Western Nigeria with respect to prisons, and

(b) any instrument made under those Laws,

the Federal Director of Prisons shall have operational control over all prisons established or maintained under those Laws by a native authority or a local government council, and accordingly the provisions of the Prisons Act 1960 shall apply to all such prisons.

Operational
control of
prisons in
the Regions.
N.N. Cap. 77.
W.N. Cap.
68.

1960 No. 41.

(2) In this section, "operational control" means overall charge and superintendence and includes power to issue general or specific directions.

2. The provisions of the Laws referred to in section 1 above shall, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Prisons Act 1960, continue to apply to all such prisons as are mentioned in that section.

Continued
application
of Laws of
Northern
and Western
Nigeria.

3.—(1) This Decree may be cited as the Prisons (Control) 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.

MADE at Lagos this 24th day of February 1966.

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