

L.N. 56 of 1966.

INSTRUMENT CONSTITUTING
THE NORTHERN GROUP OF PROVINCES (DISTURBANCES)
TRIBUNAL OF INQUIRY

Under the powers conferred upon me by section 1 of the Tribunals of Inquiry Decree 1966 and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf I, MAJOR-GENERAL JOHNSON THOMAS UMUNAKWE AGUIYI-IRONSI, Head of the National Military Government, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, hereby constitute and appoint a tribunal (to be called "the Northern Group of Provinces (Disturbances) Tribunal of Inquiry") with the terms of reference hereinafter appearing :

AND for this purpose I appoint—

Sir Lionel Brett, Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria

Mr Justice Oyemade

Mr Justice Irikefe

Dr Eni Njoku

Dr R. A. B. Dikko

to be members of the tribunal with full power and authority to hold public hearing, save where the chairman is of opinion that it is necessary in the public interest or otherwise howsoever to exclude persons from the hearing or any part of a hearing :

AND I direct that Sir Lionel Brett aforesaid shall be the chairman and I appoint Mr S. I. A. Akenzua to be the secretary to the tribunal :

AND I further direct that any three members of the tribunal, of whom one shall be the chairman, shall constitute a quorum, and that the tribunal shall hold its first meeting in Kaduna on Tuesday the 2nd day of August 1966 and the tribunal shall thereafter hold the said inquiry at such place or places and upon such dates as the Chairman may determine.

Terms of Reference

2. The tribunal shall, with all convenient speed :—

(i) inquire into the causes of the recent disturbances which broke out on or about the 29th May 1966 in the Northern Group of Provinces ;

(ii) determine the areas affected by these disturbances and the sections, classes or groups of persons directly involved therein ;

(iii) ascertain the extent of loss of life, and personal injuries, as a result of these disturbances ;

(iv) frame a scheme for payment of compensation for loss of and damage to property ;

(v) determine whether any section or class or group of persons shall be held liable to pay any part of the compensation in view of their conduct during, and involvement in, the disturbances ;

(vi) have regard to the causes of the disturbances, and suggest measures designed to promote peace and harmony among the various sections of the communities involved :

AND I hereby require the tribunal to submit its report to me in Lagos within six months after the date hereof or within such extended period as I may hereafter allow in writing.

GIVEN and issued under my hand at Lagos this 24th day of June 1966.

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

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