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INTERIM COMMON SERVICES AGENCY DECREE 1968  
(1968 No. 12)

Interim Common Services Agency Decree 1968  
(Extension of Operation) Order 1972

*Commencement : 31st March 1972.*

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 9 (1) of the Interim Common Services Agency Decree 1968 and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, General Yakubu Gowon, Head of the Federal Military Government, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, hereby make the following Order:—

1. The operation of the Interim Common Services Agency Decree 1968 is hereby extended for a period of one year from 1st April 1972.

Extension  
of operation  
of  
1968  
No. 12.

2. This Order may be cited as the Interim Common Services Agency Decree 1968 (Extension of Operation) Order 1972 and shall apply throughout the Federation and shall be deemed to have come into force on 31st March 1972.

Citation  
and extent.

MADE at Lagos this 11th day of April 1972.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the Order but is intended  
to explain its purpose)*

The Order extends the period of operation of the Interim Common Services Agency Decree 1968 for one year.

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## THE NATIONAL HONOURS ACT 1964

(1964 No. 5)

## The Honours (Prison Services) Warrant 1972

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## THE NATIONAL HONOURS ACT 1964

(1964 No. 5)

## The Honours (Prison Services) Warrant 1972

*Commencement : 14th April 1972*

In exercise of the powers conferred by the National Honours Act 1964 and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, General Yakubu Gowon, Head of the Federal Military Government, hereby make the following warrant :—

Establish-  
ment, etc. of  
medals for  
prison  
service.

1.—(1) There are hereby established for the prison service the following medals, namely—

- (a) the Nigeria Prison Service Cross ;
- (b) the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal ; and
- (c) the Meritorious Service Medal.

(2) The number of Meritorious Service Medals awarded in any one year shall not exceed six (exclusive of medals issued as replacements under article 9 of this warrant) save that if the Head of the Federal Military Government is of the opinion that special circumstances justify an exceptional award he may exceed that number.

2.—(1) The Nigeria Prison Service Cross may be awarded to any member of the prison service for a most conspicuous act of gallantry in the course of duty.

Eligibility for award of medals.

(2) The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal may be awarded to any member of the prison service who has completed eighteen years continuous service (exclusive of any period of service in the armed forces) with an exemplary record, that is to say, his conduct sheet shows that—

(i) he has not suffered any punishment during the period of twelve years immediately preceding the date of his recommendation for the award ; or

(ii) he has not suffered any punishment during the period of six years immediately preceding the date of his recommendation for the award and he has not suffered more than six punishments, of which none is a major punishment, during the whole period of his service.

(3) The Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to any prison officer for long and devoted service characterised by exceptional ability and exemplary record.

3.—(1) If a person to whom the Nigeria Prison Service Cross has been awarded under article 2 (1) above subsequently performs another act which, if he had not been awarded that medal, would have rendered him eligible for it, he may be awarded a bar to be affixed to the ribbon attached to the medal, and an additional bar may be awarded for every additional performance of such acts.

Award of bar or clasp for additional services.

(2) Where a holder of a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal completes a total of twenty-five years' service (including his service before the award of the medal) with such exemplary record as is mentioned in article 2 (2) of this warrant, he may be awarded a clasp to be affixed to the ribbon attached to the medal, and he may be awarded another clasp at the completion of a further period of five years service thereafter with exemplary record.

4. The Head of the Federal Military Government shall not award a service medal, or a bar or clasp thereto to any person unless the Director of Prisons submits a recommendation for the award in respect of that person to the Federal Executive Council and the Federal Executive Council recommends that person to the Head of the Federal Military Government for the award.

Recommendation for award of medals and clasps.

5.—(1) The Head of the Federal Military Government shall by notice in the Federal Gazette signify his intention of awarding a person a service medal, a bar or clasp thereto.

Mode of awarding medals, etc.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) below a person shall be awarded a service medal or a bar or clasp thereto when he is presented with the medal, or bar or clasp by the Head of the Federal Military Government in person at an investiture held for the purpose.

(3) If in the case of any person it appears to the Head of the Federal Military Government expedient to dispense with the requirements of paragraph (2) above, he may direct that that person shall be awarded the medal or bar or clasp in such manner as may be specified in the direction.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to the Federal Military Government or of such other officer as the Head of the Federal Military Government may determine, to establish and maintain a register in respect of each medal and to enter in the register particulars of the persons awarded the medal or any bar or clasp thereto.

## 6.—(1) The Nigeria Prison Service Cross—

(a) shall consist of a Maltese Cross of silver metal with the outer edges joined by coiled ring, having, on the obverse, in the centre, a shield similar to that forming part of the arms of the Federal Republic, the shield being surrounded by a laurel wreath and the uppermost arm of the cross having on it a representation of an eagle, and on the reverse, the words "FOR GALLANTRY" in the centre and "THE NIGERIA PRISON SERVICE" at the upper arm of the cross; and

(b) shall have attached to it a ribbon  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide divided laterally into five equal divisions of which the first shall be yellow, the second and fourth blue, the third, green with a red stripe  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch wide running along its centre, and the fifth yellow.

## (2) The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal—

(a) shall consist of a circular disc of silver-plated metal having, on the obverse, the arms of the Federal Republic surrounded by the words "Federal Republic of Nigeria" and on the reverse a representation of a phoenix rising from a flame and looking towards the sun, the representation being surrounded by the words "NIGERIA PRISON SERVICE: FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT"; and

(b) shall have attached to it a ribbon,  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inches wide, divided laterally into three equal divisions of which the first and third shall be khaki and the second rifle green, with a silver stripe  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch wide running down its centre.

## (3) The Meritorious Service Medal—

(a) shall consist of a circular disc of gold-plated metal having on the obverse the arms of the Federal Republic surrounded by the words "NIGERIA PRISON SERVICE: FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE"; and

(b) shall have attached to it a ribbon  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inches wide divided laterally into three equal divisions of which the first shall be khaki, the second gold and the third rifle green.

Miniatures  
and ribbons.

7. The holder of any service medal may, when not wearing the medal itself, wear on the left breast of his outer garment—

(a) a miniature reproduction of the medal (and of any bar or clasp thereto which has been awarded to him) of such size and pattern as may be approved by the Head of the Federal Military Government, or

(b) a piece of ribbon of the same width and design as the ribbon attached to the medal bearing, in the case of a person who has been awarded one or more bars or clasps to the medal, the corresponding reproductions of the clasp of such size and pattern as may be approved by the Head of the Federal Military Government.

Deprivation  
and  
restoration.

8.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3) below, where the holder of a service medal or bar or clasp thereto is convicted of a criminal offence or is dismissed or removed from the prison service for misconduct, the Head of the Federal Military Government may on the recommendation of the Director of Prisons—

(a) by notice in the Federal Gazette deprive that person of that medal, or the medal and bar thereto where any bar has been awarded, or the medal and clasp thereto where any clasp has been awarded;

(b) by the like notice restore any such medal, bar or clasp thereto to the person who has been deprived thereof in pursuance of this article ;

and on the publication of the notice under this paragraph in respect of any person, the officer charged with the duty of maintaining the register established in pursuance of this warrant in respect of any medal, bar or clasp to which the notice relates shall forthwith strike out or re-insert the particulars of that person in that register as the case may require.

(2) On the publication of a notice under paragraph (1) (a) above in respect of any person, that person shall forthwith deliver up every medal, bar or clasp to which the notice relates together with its ribbon to, or in accordance with the direction of, the Secretary to the Federal Military Government.

(3) No holder of a service medal who has been convicted of a criminal offence shall be deprived of his service medal, bar or any clasp thereto unless—

(a) the time for bringing an appeal against the conviction has expired without such an appeal having been brought ; or

(b) such an appeal having been brought has been abandoned or has been finally determined by the upholding of the conviction.

9. Where the Director of Prisons is satisfied after an inquiry that a service medal or bar or clasp thereto awarded in pursuance of this warrant has been lost or destroyed, he may submit a report of such inquiry through the Commissioner, who may recommend to the Head of the Federal Military Government that a replacement be issued to the holder of the lost medal or bar or clasp thereto and on such recommendation the Head of the Federal Military Government may authorise the issue of a replacement accordingly ; but except where the report of the inquiry shows that the loss or destruction of the medal or bar or clasp thereto occurred while the holder was on duty or was due to circumstances beyond his control, a replacement shall not be issued until the cost thereof has been paid by the holder.

Replace-  
ment of lost  
medal.

10.—(1) In this warrant—

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner for Internal Affairs;

“holder” in relation to a service medal or bar or clasp means a person who has been awarded that medal or bar or clasp and has not been deprived thereof or who having been deprived of it has had it restored to him;

“major punishment” has the meaning assigned thereto in the Standing Orders made under section 16 of the Prisons Decree 1972 ;

“prison officer” means any officer of whatever rank appointed to carry out duties in relation to prisons constituted under the Prisons Decree 1972 ;

“prison service” means the Nigeria Prison Service ;

“service medal” means any medal established by article 1 (1) of this warrant.

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pretation.

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(2) In the case of a ribbon which in pursuance of this warrant is divided laterally into a number of divisions, reference in this warrant—

(a) to the first of those divisions is a reference to the division which, when the ribbon is viewed from the front, lies to the left of all the other divisions ;

(b) to the second of those divisions is a reference to the division adjacent to the first division, and so on from left to right.

Citation.

11. This warrant may be cited as the Honours (Prison Services) Warrant 1972.

MADE at Lagos this 14th day of April 1972.

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

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the above Warrant but is intended to explain its effect)*

This Warrant establishes three types of medals for persons in the Nigeria Prison Service, namely—

- (a) the Nigeria Prison Service Cross ;
- (b) the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal ; and
- (c) the Meritorious Service Medal.

The award of the medals is open to any member of the Prison Service. The Director of Prisons will recommend for the award of any medal to the Federal Executive Council who in turn recommends to the Head of State who makes the award.

A lost medal may be replaced under certain circumstances but the recipient would pay for the cost thereof unless the medal was lost when the holder was on duty or the loss was due to circumstances beyond his control.