

## TAFAWA BALEWA SQUARE MANAGEMENT DECREE 1973



## Decree No. 10

[23rd August 1972]

Commence-  
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows:—

1.—(1) As from the prescribed date the Board of Management formed under the Tafawa Balewa Square Management Act, 1961 (as amended by the Tafawa Balewa Square Management (Amendment) Edict 1969 of Lagos State) shall cease to exist, and—

Transfer of  
functions of  
the former  
Tafawa  
Balewa  
Square  
Manage-  
ment Board  
to a new  
Federal  
Board.

1961 No. 65.

1969 No. 10  
Schedule.

(a) the authority over, management and control of, the land, buildings, monuments and structures situate in Lagos and formerly known as "the Racecourse", the boundaries and the land whereof are delineated on the plan referred to in the Lagos Racecourse (Alteration of Boundaries) Order, shall revert to the Federal Military Government.

(b) the funds of the Board of Management to the extent that they comprise moneys voted by the Federal Military Government, unless the Federal Commissioner for Finance by writing otherwise directs, shall thereupon be paid to the Accountant-General of the Federation, and shall form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation.

(2) Accordingly, there shall be, for the purposes of this Decree, a Board of Management to be called the "Tafawa Balewa Square Management Board" (hereinafter in this Decree referred to as "the Board"), which shall control the land known as "Tafawa Balewa Square" as described in the Schedule to this Decree on behalf of the Federal Military Government, and which shall replan and reconstruct the area and maintain it for the purpose of holding national and other important celebrations.

2.—(1) The Board shall be comprised of the following members, that is to say—

Constitution  
of the Board.

(a) the Secretary for Works, Federal Ministry of Works and Housing who shall be the Chairman;

(b) the Director, Building and Housing Division, Federal Ministry of Works and Housing;

(c) a representative of the Lagos State Government;

(d) a representative of the Lagos City Council;

(e) a representative of the National Sports Commission;

(f) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Labour;

(g) a representative of the Armed Forces of the Federation;

(h) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs; and

(i) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Finance.

(2) Each of the members of the Board, other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) above, shall be appointed, by the authority or departmental body specified therein.

Power to  
regulate  
procedure at  
meetings.

3.—(1) The Board may regulate its own procedure at any meeting.

(2) In the absence of the Chairman at any meeting of the Board, the members present may elect one of their number to be the Chairman of that meeting.

(3) The quorum of any meeting of the Board shall be five members.

Funds.

4.—(1) The funds of the Board shall comprise—

(a) moneys from time to time voted by the Federal Military Government for the management, maintenance, repair or improvement of the square ; and

(b) sums received from donations, subscriptions, or amounts received for damages, or otherwise howsoever.

(2) The funds of the Board shall be administered by the Board in such manner as the Commissioner may from time to time prescribe.

Appoint-  
ment, etc. of  
servants.

5.—(1) The Board may, with the consent of the Commissioner—

(a) appoint a Secretary and approve the employment of such other servants as are necessary for the due and proper execution of the functions of the Board under this Decree ; or

(b) exercise disciplinary control over any servant employed by the Board.

(2) Any person employed by the Board shall be paid such remuneration as the Board may, with the approval of the Federal Commissioner for Finance, authorise.

Power of  
making  
bye-laws.

6.—(1) The Board may, with the consent of the Commissioner, make bye-laws for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say—

(a) for the management, control and regulation of the square and for regulating the arrangements for the holding of national and other celebrations ;

(b) for the appointment and removal of its servants and for regulating their duties, conduct and remuneration ;

(c) for the removal by any police constable or person authorised by the Board of any person infringing the bye-laws ;

(d) for the promotion of different forms of recreation ;

(e) for the preservation of growing trees or plants ;

(f) for preventing injury and damages to the land or to any buildings, monuments, fences or seats thereon ; and

(g) generally for carrying into effect the purposes of this Decree.

(2) A court before which any person is convicted of committing a breach of any bye-laws may, in addition to any penalty which may be imposed, order the person convicted to pay to the Board the actual or estimated cost of repairing any damage or injury done.

7. Proceedings in respect of any breach of a bye-law or damage under this Decree shall be taken in the name of the Attorney-General of the Federation.

Proceedings for breach, etc. of bye-laws.

8.—(1) The following enactments are hereby repealed, that is—

Repeals, etc.

(a) the Tafawa Balewa Square Management Act, 1961 (which was by operation of law rendered redundant);

No. 65 of 1961.

(b) the Tafawa Balewa Square Management (Amendment) Edict 1969 of Lagos State.

Lagos State Edict No. 10 of 1969.

(2) Any proceedings instituted before the commencement of this Decree under any enactment or provision repealed by subsection (1) above may continue and be completed as if this Decree had not been made.

9. In this Decree, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation.

“the Board” means the Tafawa Balewa Square Board of Management established by this Decree.

“the Commissioner” means the Federal Commissioner for Works and Housing;

“the prescribed date” means 24th August 1972;

“the Square” means the Tafawa Balewa Square.

10.—(1) This Decree may be cited as the Tafawa Balewa Square Management Decree 1973.

Citation and commencement.

(2) This Decree shall be deemed to have come into operation on 23rd August 1972.

## SCHEDULE

### Section 1

All those two parcels of land known as Tafawa Balewa Square in the City of Lagos containing respectively areas of approximately 35.19 acres and approximately 4.49 acres, the boundaries of which are described below.

Parcel 1.—Starting from a Concrete Pillar marked PBL 1994, the co-ordinates of which are 24,386.87 feet south and 10,603.15 feet East of a Concrete pillar marked L.C.S. 165 P. The origin of the Lagos Cadastral Surveys. The boundaries run in straight lines the bearings and lengths of which are as follows:—

From	Bearings	Lengths	To
PBL 1994	100° 45'	285.1 feet	PBL 3252
PBL 3252	102° 27'	631.0 feet	PBL 3251
PBL 3251	115° 51'	145.0 feet	PBL 3250
PBL 3250	132° 17'	443.8 feet	PBL 3249
PBL 3249	148° 17'	114.6 feet	PBL 3277
PBL 3277	180° 09'	88.6 feet	PBL 3276
PBL 3276	202° 04'	157.6 feet	PBL 3275
PBL 3275	218° 59'	163.8 feet	PBL 3274
PBL 3274	224° 01'	169.6 feet	PBL 3265
PBL 3265	233° 24'	66.3 feet	PBL 3273
PBL 3273	255° 07'	138.1 feet	Point 'B'

<i>From</i>	<i>Bearings</i>	<i>Lengths</i>	<i>To</i>
Point 'B'	134° 23'	17.0 feet	PBLS 952
PBLS 952	224° 22'	225.1 feet	Point 'A'
Point 'A'	236° 17'	38.0 feet	PBLS 953
PBLS 953	261° 14'	85.8 feet	PBLS 954
PBLS 954	279° 00'	34.5 feet	PBLS 955
PBLS 955	311° 36'	20.2 feet	PBL 3271
PBL 3271	314° 13'	306.5 feet	PBL 3270
PBL 3270	321° 35'	265.7 feet	PBL 3269
PBL 3269	319° 42'	252.7 feet	PBL 3268
PBL 3268	313° 07'	152.8 feet	PBL 3267
PBL 3267	301° 59'	39.2 feet	PBL 2000
PBLS 2000	318° 58'	370.1 feet	PBLS 1999
PBLS 1999	6° 09'	125.0 feet	PBLS 1998
PBLS 1998	11° 34'	160.0 feet	PBLS 1997
PBLS 1997	33° 34'	100.0 feet	PBLS 1996
PBLS 1996	52° 08'	104.7 feet	PBLS 1995
PBLS 1995	72° 37'	105.0 feet	PBLS 1994

(the starting point.)

All property beacons are concrete pillars, all bearings and lengths are approximate and all bearings are referred to True North.

Parcel 2.—Starting from a concrete pillar marked PBLS 2002 the co-ordinates of which are 25,922-67 feet south and marked L.C.S. 165 P the origin of the Lagos Cadastral Surveys.

The boundaries run in straight lines the bearings and lengths of which are as follows :—

<i>From</i>	<i>Bearings</i>	<i>Lengths</i>	<i>To</i>
PBLS 2002	44° 44'	482.2 feet	PBLS 2001
PBLS 2001	138° 53'	184.0 feet	PBLS 2010
PBLS 2010	110° 09'	109.9 feet	PBLS 2009
PBLS 2009	207° 01'	407.4 feet	PBLS 2024
PBLS 2024	230° 44'	164.8 feet	PBLS 2008
PBLS 2008	304° 35'	40.7 feet	PBLS 2007
PBLS 2007	305° 50'	80.2 feet	PBLS 2006
PBLS 2006	314° 00'	191.1 feet	PBLS 2005
PBLS 2005	321° 33'	25.1 feet	PBLS 2004
PBLS 2004	350° 17'	49.5 feet	PBLS 2003
PBLS 2003	17° 13'	31.3 feet	PBLS 2002

(the starting point.)

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MADE at Lagos this 22nd day of February 1973.

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 Decree but is intended to explain its purpose)*

By virtue of this Decree, the management and control of the Tafawa Balewa Square revert to and vest in the Federal Military Government. The Decree establishes a new board of management that will be responsible for the reconstruction and development of the square and for maintaining it for the purpose of holding National and other important celebrations.