

NATIONAL CENSUS (AMENDMENT) DECREE 1973



Decree No. 42

[21st November 1973]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows:—

1. The National Census Decree 1973 is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment
of 1973
No. 26.

(a) the existing section 15 thereof shall be renumbered as section 15 (1) and immediately thereafter there shall be inserted the following subsections:—

“(2) Any person who during the census—

(a) knowingly refuses to present himself for counting before a person employed for that purpose under this Decree or refuses to get his thumb dubbed with indelible ink after such counting; or

(b) obliterates or removes or attempts to obliterate or remove any indelible ink dubbed on his finger during the enumeration period,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of ₦50.00 or to a term of imprisonment of three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

“(3) Any person who at any time before or during the census—

(a) causes or procures any other person to leave the place at which such other person ordinarily resides for another place with intent that such other person may be counted at the place to which he thereby moves; or

(b) organizes or takes part in organizing or otherwise brings about the movement of any group of persons from such place or places at which such persons ordinarily reside for another place with intent that such persons may be counted at the place to which they thereby move—

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of ₦100.00 or to a term of imprisonment of six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.”

(b) in section 17 immediately after paragraph (b) there shall be inserted a new paragraph (c) as follows :—

“(c) the reference in section 5 (1) thereof to “seven o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the afternoon” were a reference to “six o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the afternoon”; and

the existing paragraphs (c) and (d) of that section shall be renumbered as paragraphs (d) and (e) respectively.

Citation.

2. This Decree may be cited as the National Census (Amendment) Decree 1973.

MADE at Lagos this 21st day of November 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 effect)*

The Decree amends the National Census Decree 1973 to increase by one hour per day the period during which enumeration is to be conducted and to provide penalties for refusal of any person to present himself for enumeration or to have his thumb dubbed with indelible ink after enumeration and for obliterating or removing such indelible ink. Penalties are also provided, among other things, in respect of the movement or organizing the movement of persons from one place to another for counting during the census.