# FORFEITURE OF ASSETS (DIRECTOR OF THE SPECIAL STRUCTURES COMPANY LIMITED) DECREE 1977



## Decree No. 28

[7th April 1977]

Commence-

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows:—

1. The properties set out in the Schedule to this Decree, being properties acquired wholly or partly by one Aminu Tijani, a Director of the Special Structures Company Limited, from the proceeds of a loan negotiated on behalf of that Company by the said Director and guaranteed by the Government of the former North-Central State and which said loan has been fully settled by the Government of the Kaduna State, are hereby forfeited to the Government of the Kaduna State and shall vest in that Government free of all encumbrances without any further assurance apart from this Decree.

Forfeiture of certain properties to Kaduna State Government.

2. Any person who holds any of the properties referred to in section 1 of this Decree shall within 30 days from the making of this Decree yield up possession of such property to the Military Governor of Kaduna State or any person acting on his behalf.

Yielding up possession of forfeited properties.

3. The Deeds Registrar or any other person in charge of registration of land, instruments, deeds or rights affecting land shall, upon presentation to him by the Attorney-General of the Kaduna State or any person acting on his behalf of a copy of this Decree, expunge from the relevant register the name of any person in whose name any interest is registered in respect of any property affected by this Decree, and substitute therefor the Government of the Kaduna State.

Registrations of properties affected.

4. Any person who in intended compliance with this Decree deals with any of the properties affected by this Decree or who rectifies any register or other records relating to any such property shall stand indemnified in respect thereof and no suit or other proceedings shall lie at the instance of any person aggrieved for anything done in respect of such compliance or rectification.

Indemnity.

5. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of section 2 or 3 of this Decree shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for one year without the option of a fine.

Penalty.

Exclusion of rights. 1963 No. 20.

6. The question whether any provision of Chapter III of the Constitution of the Federation has been, is being or would be contravened by anything done or proposed to be done in pursuance of this Decree shall not be inquired into in any court of law and, accordingly, sections 31, 32 and 117 (2) (b) of the Constitution shall not apply in relation to any such question.

Citation.

7. This Decree may be cited as the Forfeiture of Assets (Director of the Special Structures Company Limited) Decree 1977.

#### SCHEDULE

Section 1

### PROPERTIES REFERRED TO IN SECTION 1

Description of Property

Certificate of Occupancy

 Completed one storey building at No.16 Kalapanzi Avenue, Kaduna

2. Uncompleted one storey building at No. 16 Kalapanzi Avenue, Kaduna.

No. NC. 13479

MADE at Lagos this 7th day of April 1977.

Lt.-General O. Obasanjo, 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 provides for the forfeiture of certain properties of a Director of the Special Structures Company Limited which properties were acquired by him from proceeds of a loan granted to the Company and already settled by the Government of Kaduna State. Any person who fails to yield up possession of the properties shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for one year without the option of a fine.