

**A.F.R.C.D. 22**  
**ARMED FORCES REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (INDEMNITY)ACT,**  
**1979**

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**AN ACT to provide indemnity for acts in connection with the Government and for related matters.**

**1. Indemnity for acts in connection with the Government**

A Court shall not entertain an action or take a decision or make an order or grant a remedy or relief in a proceeding instituted against

- (a) the Republic, or
- (b) the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council, or
- (c) a person acting under the authority of the Council on or after the commencement of this Act, or
- (d) a member of the Armed Forces or the Police Force,<sup>2(2)</sup> or
- (e) a person acting under the authority of the Commander-in-Chief or the Inspector-General of Police or in the course of military or police duties of that person on or after the commencement of this Act, or
- (f) a person or persons acting in concert or individually to assist or bring about the change in government which took place on the 4th day of June, 1979,

in respect of an act or omission in connection with or consequent on

- (g) the overthrow of the government in power before the establishment of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council, or
- (h) the continued suspension of the 1969 Constitution,
- (i) the establishment of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council, or
- (j) an arrest, injury, a detention or disposal of the property of Members of the Supreme Military Council, the National Redemption Council and Commissioners in power before the

establishment of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council.

**2. Indemnity for acts done under Decrees**

A Court shall not entertain an action in any civil proceedings against the Republic, the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council, a member of the Armed Forces or of the Police Force, or any other person, in respect of an act or omission done or purported to be done in good faith in pursuance of a Decree of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council or any other enactment.

**3. Ex gratia awards**

Despite anything in this Act, the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council may in the cases that it may think appropriate make provision for the grant of ex gratia awards to persons in respect of damage to property or injury to life caused by an act or omission in connection with the overthrow of the Government of the Supreme Military Council.

**4. Commencement**

This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 4th day of June, 1979.

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## Endnotes

### **1 (Popup - Footnote)**

1. This Act was issued as the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (Indemnity) Decree, 1979 made on the 4th day of June, 1979 and notified in the *Gazette* on 14th September, 1979. *See also* the Indemnity sections of the Transitional Provisions of the 1992 Constitution.

### **2 (Popup - Footnote)**

2. Now the Police Service under article 190 of the 1992 Constitution.