

THE GUARDIAN NEWSPAPERS AND AFRICAN GUARDIAN WEEKLY MAGAZINE (PROSCRIPTION AND PROHIBITION FROM CIRCULATION) DECREE 1994



Decree No. 8

(14th August, 1994) Commencement.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979 as amended or any other enactment or law, the Newspapers and Weekly Magazine listed in the Scheduled to this Decree, published by Guardian Newspapers Limited and Guardian Magazines Limited both with corporate Headquarters at Rutam House, Isolo Express Way, Oshodi, Lagos are hereby proscribed from being published and prohibited from circulation in Nigeria or any part thereof. Proscription and Prohibition of Guardian Newspapers

2. The premises where the Newspapers and the Magazine referred to in section 1 of this Decree are printed and published shall be sealed up by the Inspector-General of Police or any officer of the Nigeria Police Force authorised in that behalf during the duration of this Decree. Sealing up of premises

3. Any person who on the direction of the appropriate authority had at any time before the commencement of this Decree, dealt with or acted in compliance with this Decree or thereafter deals with any copy of the Newspapers or Weekly Magazine proscribed or prohibited from circulation pursuant to this Decree, shall stand indemnified in respect thereof, and no suit or any other proceedings whatsoever shall lie at the instance of any person aggrieved in respect of any act, matter or thing done or purported to be done in respect of such direction or compliance, and whether any such suit or other proceedings has been or is instituted in any court, it shall abate and be of no effect whatsoever. Indemnity.

4. This Decree shall be in force for a period of six months from the commencement thereof unless further extended by the appropriate authority by an order published in the Gazette. Duration of the Decree.

5. In this Decree, appropriate authority means the Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Interpretation.

6. This Decree may be cited as the Guardian Newspapers and African Guardian Weekly Magazine (Proscription and Prohibition from Circulation). Citation.

**SCHEDULE**

- (i) The Guardian;
- (ii) The Guardian on Sunday;
- (iii) The African Guardian Weekly Magazine;
- (iv) The Guardian Express;
- (v) The Financial Guardian;
- (vi) The Lagos Life;
- (vii) Any other Newspaper or Magazine in any form under whatever name, printed and published by the Guardian Newspapers Limited and Guardian Magazines Limited or by any of their subsidiaries.

MADE at Abuja this 14th day of August, 1994.

GENERAL SANI ABACHA,  
*Head of State,*  
*Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,*  
*Federal Republic of Nigeria.*