



SUPPLEMENT No. 2
TO
THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS GAZETTE
No. 471 of 1st June, 1977.
LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 9 OF 1977.

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE COURTS ORDINANCE, 1960.

R. D. AUSTEN-SMITH

30th May, 1977.

ADMINISTRATOR

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Courts (Amendment) Ordinance, 1977 and shall be read as one with the Courts Ordinance, 1960 as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Ordinance”).

Short title.

Ordinances
3 of 1960,
7 of 1961,
19 of 1962,
5 of 1963 and
3 of 1965.

2. The principal Ordinance is hereby amended by repealing Section 5 thereof and substituting therefor the following new Section:—

Section 5 of the
principal
Ordinance
repealed and
replaced.

“5.—(1) The Judge’s Court shall consist of one or more Judges, the disposition and distribution of the duties of whom shall be regulated by the Senior Judge.

Constitution of
Judge’s Court.

(2) The number of Judges sitting in the Judge’s Court shall normally be one, who shall have power to exercise the full jurisdiction of the Court; provided that the Senior Judge may direct that any specified case shall be tried by three Judges, when the decision of the Court shall be by majority.

(3) A direction under the provisions of this Section shall not preclude a Judge acting alone who may or may not be subsequently a member of the Court of trial:—

- (a) in criminal proceedings, from taking pleas, ordering remands in custody or on bail or subject to any directions of the Senior Judge granting legal aid and allocating and appointing Defence Counsel ; or
- (b) in civil proceedings, from exercising such interlocutory or preliminary functions as the Senior Judge may direct or may appear to the Judge to be essential in an emergency if it is not practicable to obtain the directions of the Senior Judge.
- (4) Where three Judges are sitting under the provisions of subsection (2), the Senior Judge shall give directions regarding the constitution of the Court and shall appoint a presiding Judge.
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30th May, 1977.
(128/5/1)

P. G. ADAMS
Chief Officer.
