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The People's Defence Forces Bill, 1981

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, The Peoples Assembly, with the assent of the President of the Republic, hereby makes the following Act:-

Title and Commencement

1. This Act may be cited as, "The People's Defence Forces Act, 1981" and shall come into force at the date of signature.

Repeal and Saving

2. The National Guard Act, 1973 shall be repealed, provided that all the actions which have been taken, rights which have arisen and have been acquired and obligations which have resulted from the application of such Act, shall remain valid and effective.

Interpretation

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:-
  - "People's Defence Forces" mean the forces established under section 4 of this Act.
  - "Minister" means the Minister of Defence and The ( Commander in Chief ) Kaid-el-Amm of the People's Armed Forces.
  - "Secretariat of Disciplined Forces" means the Secretariat of Disciplined Forces at the Sudanese Socialist Union.
  - "Council" means the Council established under section 5 of this Act.
  - "Commander" means the Commander of the People's Defence Forces.

Establishment of the People's Defence Forces

4. There shall be established semi-military forces to be known as the "People's Defence Forces" the headquarters of which shall be in Khartoum, and shall be sub-ordinate to the Minister. The Minister may, transfer the head-quarters of such forces to any other place in the Sudan if necessity so requires.

The Council

5. There shall be established a Council to be known as the, People's Defence Council having the function of tendering consultation to the Minister in all matters relating to the Peoples Defence Forces, such as military training, national or political enlightenment or any other activities performed by the People's Defence Forces. The Regulations shall specify the constitution and duties of the Council.

Command

6. (1) The Minister shall appoint a commander for the People's Defence Forces from among the officers serving in the People's Armed Forces; provided that such commander shall at least be of the rank of Colonel.
- (2) The Minister may appoint any number of officers of the People's Armed Forces to work under the command of the Commander, whether at the headquarters of the People's Defence Forces or as commanders or officers in the People's Defence Forces units in the Provinces.

- (3) The Minister may in consultation with Secretariat of Disciplined Forces and the Competent authorities, appoint a number of persons from outside the People's Armed Forces to serve at the People's Defence Forces headquarters under the Supervision of the Commander or under the Supervision of the Commander of the People's Defence Forces units.

Duties of the Commander

7. The Commander shall have the following duties:-
- (a) to make with the approval of the Minister, a guide for annual training.
  - (b) to make with the approval of the Minister, standing orders for the People's Defence Forces.
  - (c) to make orders and instructions as may be necessary from time to time for improving the performance of the People's Defence Forces, maintaining discipline and securing good performance of such forces.

Constitution of the People's Defence Forces

8. The People's Defence Forces shall consist of Sudanese citizens who satisfy the conditions of acceptance provided for in section 12 of this Act and who have successfully completed the prescribed training and joined such forces voluntarily.

Objects of the People's Defence Forces

9. The People's Defence Forces shall endeavour to raise the standard of awareness among the Sudanese citizens, and

dissiminate the military spirit, traditions and rules among the youth so that they may be able to help the People's Armed Forces and the other disciplined Forces whenever they are required so to do.

Functions of the People's Defence Forces

10. The People's Defence Forces shall perform the following functions:-
- (a) to assist the People's Armed Forces and the other disciplined Forces whenever they are required so to do.
  - (b) to share in the works of defence of the country in co-operation with such institutions and organizations as may be established for this purpose.
  - (c) to participate in the execution of development projects in such fields as may be specified by the competent authorities.
  - (d) to perform any other functions as may be assigned thereto by the competent authorities.

Training

11. The training of the People's Defence Forces shall be in accordance with such annual training guide as may be made by the Commander. The training guide shall, specifically, include:-

- (a) military training programmes.
- (b) political enlightenment programmes.
- (c) national instruction programmes.
- (d) training on civil defence works programmes.

Conditions of Acceptance

12. The following conditions shall be satisfied for acceptance in the People's Defence Forces:-

- (a) The volunteer shall be a Sudanese by birth.
- (b) His age shall not be less than 18 years.
- (c) He shall be medically fit.
- (d) He shall be of good conduct and behaviour.
- (e) He shall abide by the constitution, be bound by the objectives of the May Revolution, and an active member in its popular and social organizations.

Uniform

13. The Regulations made under this Act shall specify the uniform of the People's Defence Forces.

Call of the People's Defence Forces

14. The Minister may, by an order, call the People's Defence Forces in any of the following cases:-

- (a) for training purposes.
- (b) on the break-out or the expectation of war, and in the instances of crises and disasters.
- (c) for participation in the execution of development projects.
- (d) for participation in national and patriotic celebrations.

Budget

15. (1) The People's Defence Forces shall have a budget which is separate from the budget of the Ministry of Defence.

The disposal of such budget shall be in accordance with the directives made by the Minister.

- (2) The Council shall prepare and submit the budget to the Minister for presentation thereof before the council of Ministers.
- (3) The Financial Affairs branch in the People's Armed Forces shall be responsible for keeping and auditing of accounts and performing all other financial and technical aspects.

Uniform and Accoutre-ments

16. The uniform and accoutrements necessary for training, shall be provided free of charge to the members of the People's Defence Forces.

Encluments

17. The Members of the People's Defence Forces shall be entitled to the following:-
- (a) A monthly remuneration during the period of call, to be specified by the Regulations.
  - (b) adequate rations or travelling allowance during their stay in the training camps.
  - (c) reservation of their posts and all their rights relating to pays, increments and promotions in the public or private sector during the period of call.
  - (d) reservation for students' right to continue their education and their seats in classes; and such right shall be organized by such rules as may be specified by the Regulations.

- (e) free transport and treatment during the period of call and training.
- (f) They shall be given priority in case of competition with individuals who have not joined the People's Defence Forces if they rank equal in all other requirements provided that the members of the disciplined forces, the persons who hold constitutional posts, and any other classes who are governed by other laws shall be excepted from such provision.

Compensation upon Injury

18. The Regulations shall specify the rates of compensation due to members of the People's Defence Forces in cases of death, illness or injury during the periods of call and training, and by reason thereof.

Term of Service

19. The term of service in the People's Defence Forces shall be prescribed by the Regulations and Standing Orders.

Oath of Allegiance

20. The Members of the People's Defence Forces shall, after having passed successfully the period of the prescribed training; take the oath of allegiance in such form and manner as may be specified by the Regulations and Standing Orders.

Power to make Regulations

21. The Minister may make the necessary regulations for the

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implementation of the provisions of this Act, the administration of the People's Defence Forces, the organization of all matters relating to discipline and order, and arrangements of seniority and promotion to ensure the good performance of such Forces.

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