

OF A VISITING FORCE

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, FEDERATION OF MALAYA.

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO.4 OF 1962.

The Chief Justice directs the attention of all Magistrates to the provisions of the Visiting Forces Act (No.23 of 1960) and in particular to section 11 of that Act which provides that if a Magistrate or Coroner having jurisdiction to hold an inquest touching a death is satisfied that the deceased person at the time of his death had a "relevant association with a visiting force" then, unless the Minister of Defence otherwise directs, the Magistrate or Coroner shall not hold the inquest or, if the inquest has been begun but not completed, shall adjourn the inquest.

2. For the purposes of this section a death inquiry should be regarded as an inquest.

3. By section 5 a person having a "relevant association with a visiting force" includes a member of that force or a member of a civil component of that force or a person (other than a Federal citizen or person ordinarily resident in the Federation) who is a dependant of a member of that visiting force or of a civilian component of that force.

4. Generally speaking the provision can be taken to apply to all members of the Commonwealth Forces (other than the local forces) stationed in the Federation and their dependants.

5. In any case of doubt a Magistrate should seek the advice of the nearest Judge.

(RAJA AZLAN SHAH)
Registrar.

The Central Registry,
Supreme Court,
Federation of Malaya,
Kuala Lumpur.
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