

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE HON MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY
AFFAIRS

Proposed amnesty on the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's visit in November next.

It is proposed that, as in the case of the Amnesty granted on the occasion of Independence, the amnesty to be granted on the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's visit in November next be related, on a general basis, to categories of prisoners classified according to terms of imprisonment awarded.

The following scale is recommended:-

- I. Sentences restrictive of personal liberty -
- (a) not exceeding two years - a remission of three months for every year or one-fourth remission;
 - (b) exceeding two years but not exceeding six years - a remission of two and a half months for every year or five-twenty fourths remission; and
 - (c) exceeding six years but excluding life sentence - a remission of two months for every year or one-sixth remission.
- II. The amnesty will not apply to or affect any fines or pecuniary penalties, and any prisoner who is guilty of misconduct and thereby loses his ordinary one-third remission will also forfeit any remission due to him under the amnesty.

The above scale is the same scale which was adopted on the occasion of the Independence Amnesty, but it is proposed that prisoners, who, having benefited of the said Amnesty, have been released from prison on the date of the Amnesty or thereafter but are serving a sentence of imprisonment because they have been again convicted of a crime after release from prison, should only benefit one-half of the remission mentioned under I, above, since they have given proof within a very short period that they did not deserve the first Amnesty.

Hon. Ministers are asked to approve the granting of amnesty on the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's visit in November next on the above basis.

9th September, 1967.