



President Buhari Signs the Nigeria Police Force (Establishment) Bill 2020 into Law

The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari, has assented into law, the Nigeria Police Force (Establishment) Act 2020. This was disclosed on Thursday, September 17, 2020, in a statement titled 'President Buhari Assents to Police Bill, 2020' by the Special Adviser to the President on Media and Publicity, Femi Adesina. The President had earlier communicated the assent to the Bill through a memo dated September 16, 2020, to the National Assembly through the Clerk of the legislature.

According to the statement issued, "The Act establishes an appropriate funding framework for the Police in line with what is obtainable in other Federal Government key institutions, enhances professionalism in the Force through increased training opportunities and creates enduring cooperation and partnership between the Police Force and communities in maintaining peace and combating crimes nationwide."

The new Act repeals the Police Act Cap. P19. Laws of the Federation, 2004, and further provides for a more organised and effective Police Force that is driven by accountability and transparency in management and operations of resources.