

**THE DEFENCE SERVICES (SUPREME COMMAND)  
ORDINANCE, 1979**

ORDINANCE NO. XXIII OF 1979

[31<sup>st</sup> March, 1979]

**An Ordinance to provide for regulation of the exercise of the Supreme command of the defence services vested in the President.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for regulation of the exercise of the supreme command of the defence services vested in the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamations of the 20th August, 1975, and 8th November, 1975, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

1. This Ordinance may be called the Defence Services (Supreme Command) Ordinance, 1979. Short title

2. (1) The President shall be the Supreme Commander of the Defence Services and shall exercise the supreme command of the defence services vested in him under Article 61 of the Constitution through the Chiefs of Staff of the defence services. Exercise of supreme command by the President

(2) The Chiefs of Staff of the defence services shall exercise their command over the forces under them subject to the general direction and control of the President.

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