



Ruling Council of the Empire of Adammia

Act 56

Police Act 2019

In accordance with the Supreme Directive of the Empire of Adammia, on the authority of the Ruling Council and His Imperial Majesty the Emperor, this following Act of Council is hereby enacted, with the purpose of reforming the procedures of criminal law enforcement such that the Adammic Police Force is better regulated.

Section 1

- a) This Act amends Imperial Decree XXI and Section 5 of the Court Procedures Act 2018.
- b) All criminal charges shall be made by the Attorney General on behalf of the Imperial Government and ultimately the Monarch.
- c) The Attorney General shall work with the Adammic Police Force and shall represent the APF in all of its dealings with the courts.
- d) The Adammic Police Force shall have the responsibility of monitoring and investigating where they believe crimes may have taken place.
- e) The Adammic Police Force shall have the power to arrest individuals without a warrant only where they reasonably believe that any of the following circumstances apply:
 - i. The individual is putting themselves or others at risk of physical harm;
 - ii. The individual is at risk of causing damage to property;
 - iii. By arresting the individual they may prevent a crime they are about to commit;
 - iv. The individual has committed a crime and is likely to abscond such that they may not be found.
- f) The Adammic Police Force may otherwise arrest individuals by applying for and being granted an arrest warrant by a criminal court; the court shall decide whether or not to issue an arrest warrant based on the likelihood that the individual has committed a crime and the likelihood that an arrest is necessary in order for the individual to appear before the court.
- g) The Adammic Police Force may hold an arrested person for no longer than two hours, unless the Attorney General files charges against them in a criminal court.
- h) Macronational privilege, per the Supreme Directive, is the only excuse by which an individual may release themselves from arrest.
- i) In order for an arrest to be lawful, the Adammic Police Force should, as soon as possible after the arrest is made, inform the person being arrested that they are under arrest and on what grounds. It is a civil offence for the APF to make an unlawful arrest.
- j) It is unlawful and a criminal offence for an officer of the APF to physically or verbally abuse an arrested person. The APF should allow an arrested person as much freedom as is practicable without allowing them to escape.

Section 2

- a) In deciding whether or not to charge a suspect with a crime, the Attorney General should take into account the wishes of any Legal Persons who were injured by the crime, as well as the amount of evidence that the crime was committed.
- b) Amending Section 8 of the Court Procedures Act 2018, once criminal charges have been filed against a person, they shall be summoned to appear before the relevant court. If they do not appear before the court on the date set by the judge, the court may issue an arrest warrant ordering the APF to arrest the person and bring them before the court; the person may also have committed the crime of Contempt of Court under these circumstances.
- c) When the person charged with a crime first appears before the court, the charge shall be read to them in full; they shall then be required to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty. Silence shall be interpreted as a plea of not guilty.
- d) If a guilty plea is entered, the court shall move directly to subsection g) of Section 8 of the aforementioned Act. If a not guilty plea is entered, the court shall proceed as normal.

Section 3

- a) The Adammic Police Force shall have the power to seize documents and things as evidence relating to criminal offences and bring them before the relevant court.
- b) The Adammic Police Force may apply for and be granted a search warrant by a criminal court, which shall allow officers of the APF to enter private property in order to search for evidence pertinent to a criminal offence; a search warrant may be pre-empted only by macronational privilege.

Tabled by His Imperial Majesty Emperor Adam I