

Chapter 5 Part IV
The Centre for Islamic Legal Studies'
Harmonised Sharia Criminal Procedure Code Annotated

What follows for the next hundred pages or so is the “Harmonised Sharia Criminal Procedure Code” produced by the Centre for Islamic Legal Studies (CILS) of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, annotated to show variations between it and the Criminal Procedure Code of 1960 on the one hand, and the enacted – except in the case of Borno State – Sharia Criminal Procedure Codes of seven of the Sharia States, on the other hand.

1. List of codes included in the annotations, in approximate order of their signing into law. Unfortunately even the gazetted copies of many of these laws do not give the dates of their signing into law or of their coming into operation.

CPC: Criminal Procedure Code Law, Northern Region of Nigeria No. 11 of 1960, coming into operation on 30 September 1960, as amended to 1963; as found in Chapter 30, *Laws of Northern Nigeria* 1963.

Zamfara: Sharia Criminal Procedure Code Law 2000, Law No. 18 of 2000, signed into law on 27 January 2000, coming into operation on 27 January 2000, Zamfara State Gazette Vol. 4 No. 1, 27th January 2001.

Sokoto: Sharia Criminal Procedure Code Law 2000, signed into law on 25th January 2001, coming into operation on 31st January 2001, gazetted as a separate volume given no number or date.

Jigawa: Sharia Criminal Procedure Code Law 2001, Law No. 7 of 2001, signed into law on ????, coming into operation on ????, Jigawa State Gazette Vol. 1 No. 7, 21st November 2001.

Gombe: Sharia Criminal Procedure Code Law 2001, signed into law on 23rd November 2001, coming into operation on ????, working with photocopy of signed original, no gazette information available.

Bauchi: Sharia Criminal Procedure Code, signed into law on 15th February 2002, coming into operation on ????, working with photocopy of signed original, still not gazetted as of July 2006.

Kaduna: Sharia Criminal Procedure Code Law 2002, Law No. 5 of 2002, signed into law on 21st June 2002, coming into operation on 21st June 2002, Kaduna State Gazette No. 17 Vol. 36, 4th July 2002 pp. A109-A289, a separate bound volume (with Sharia Penal Code).

Kebbi: Sharia Criminal Procedure Code Law 2002, Law No. 5 of 2002, signed into law on ????, coming into operation on ????, Kebbi State Gazette Vol. 1 No. 1, 8th August 2003, a separate bound volume.⁸⁶

⁸⁶ The year of enactment of this law is unclear: sometimes the gazetted version says 2001, sometimes it says 2002. The title page says “Law No. 5 The Sharia Criminal Procedure Code Law, 2002”, which we have assumed to be accurate.

