



ANGLOPHONE CRISIS: FIVE SOLDIERS KILLED IN THE LOCALITY OF BAMALI, NORTH
WEST REGION, KIDNAPPING OF SIX DEPARTMENTAL DELEGATES IN EKONDO TITI SOUTH
WEST REGION OF CAMEROON

Press Release

Bamenda - Douala, June 24, 2021: The Human Rights Defenders Network in Central Africa (REDHAC) was shocked to learn of the assassination of five soldiers in the locality of Bamali and strongly condemns the heinous acts perpetrated by alleged separatists and rebels.

The United States, through a communication from U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, has taken measures to restrict visas against "all parties involved in the war in the North-West and South-West regions of Cameroon. Despite this restriction, rebels and soldiers continue to commit massacres in the Northwest and Southwest regions.

The facts:

On June 19, 2021, according to corroborating sources, the rebels in an ambush attacked the army checkpoint in Bamali North West region, and four gendarmes were killed.

He stressed that the Cameroonian soldiers were deceived by the attire of the separatist rebels, who were dressed as their own.

On June 18, 2021, two soldiers and a departmental delegate named Mabilia Johnson Mudika of the Ministry of Economy were killed in the South West region by separatists.

As a reminder,

On June 15, 2021, six departmental delegates for urban planning, water and energy, economy and planning, small and medium-sized enterprises and land affairs were kidnapped in Ekondo Titi, in the Southwest region by two separatist groups.

According to sources, the six departmental delegates were separated into two groups demanding a ransom of 22 million CFA francs for one and 28 million CFA francs for the other.

From all of the above,

The Human Rights Defenders Network in Central Africa (REDHAC):

- Very saddened, firmly condemns these heinous crimes perpetrated by armed men and sends its sincere condolences to all the families so severely affected;
- Denounces the kidnappings and assassinations, the physical and moral torture sessions as well as the inhuman and degrading treatment inflicted on the soldiers;
- Protests against the assassinations of soldiers, civilians, departmental delegates, teachers and other human rights defenders;



Recommends that everything possible be done to find the other four departmental delegates.

The Human Rights Defenders Network in Central Africa (REDHAC) reminds us:

- that no claim, no matter how legitimate, can justify the horrors, exactions and human rights violations committed in the regions in conflict.

Consequently, REDHAC calls on all parties to the conflict to

The scrupulous respect of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which in its articles 3 and 5 stipulates: article 3: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person", article 5: "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

To all stakeholders, REDHAC:

- Calls for an end to the mass killings, arbitrary arrests and detentions, abductions of human rights defenders, journalists, exactions and serious crimes as well as massive human rights violations.

To the United Nations, the African Union, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (UN, AU, ACHPR) REDHAC recommends:

- To ensure that this resolution is effective and that an international, impartial, independent fact-finding mission composed of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), the African Union (AU), civil society organizations (CSOs) countries friendly to Cameroon, the Cameroon Human Rights Commission (CHRC), and other credible actors, be accepted by the Cameroonian government in order to identify all stakeholders and establish the responsibilities of all parties in order to achieve a lasting peace.

Finally, REDHAC

- Urgently reiterates the recommendation for an inclusive national dialogue, once again warning the perpetrators of these heinous crimes in the NOSO regions;
- The TRUTH-JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION, remains the ideal solution, peaceful and sustainable would be an opportunity for national reconciliation guaranteeing sustainable development, human security for all in Cameroon;
- Encourages the government of Cameroon to appropriate this proposal for the well being of the people and national cohesion.

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