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Ceasefire/ Presidential Plan for the Reconstruction and Development (PPRD)

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“There are no Anglophone in the bushes” – Paul Tasong

By Mimi Mefo Info | MMI

The head of the commission for the reconstruction of the North West and South West regions says **there are no persons hiding in the bush in the Anglophone regions**. According to Paul Tasong, everyone living in the restive regions are still in their homes including Ambazonian fighters.

Talking on Equinox Television’s pidgin news debate this Saturday, he said he is very much aware of the reality on the ground, having hailed from the English-speaking part of Cameroon.

Among other issues he also addressed military brutality stating that the Ngarbuh massacre was an isolated incident. He categorically said soldiers do not harm civilians but are in the regions to protect them.

The Chairman of Reconstruction Plan for the North West and South West added that: “whether there are gunshots or not, reconstruction must go on”.

He insisted that nothing will stand in the way of the reconstruction plan of the North West and the South West, no matter how rocky the atmosphere will be. The reconstruction plan set up by president Paul Biya of Cameroon has received criticisms from political observers who describe it as one of government’s white elephant projects.

Many persons as well as organisations both nationally and internationally have criticised the government for seeking to reconstruct a region which is in an active conflict situation.

Speaking on the Pidgin TV News on Equinox Television, the chairman for the reconstruction plan was very defiant of the threats posed by the crisis to the successful execution of the presidential reconstruction plan.

“**People think we cannot build in the midst of war**” he stated, “**What they want is an inclusive dialogue. But it doesn’t mean we cannot be dialoguing at the same time while reconstructing** because the suffering incurred by the people of North West and South West has been unbearable. So whether there are gunshots or no gunshots, we are going to embark on our reconstruction plan. But the ideal thing will be for us to begin work in peace”.

Minister Paul Tassong revealed during the interview that three stakeholders are going to be considered in the reconstruction plan of the Head of states. **The government will be the chief beneficiary** of the reconstruction plan. Government institutions such as schools, government hospitals and others will be reconstructed amongst others. **Other beneficiaries of the reconstruction will be some non-state institutions such as churches and then finally other individual beneficiaries.** **Paul Tassong is even more unconcerned about the present situation in the North West and South West Region as he feels the president’s plan will be a possible solution.**

“The ultimate objective of the reconstruction plan according to the head of state is for peace to be attainable as soon as possible” he claimed.

“One of the biggest challenges of the reconstruction plan rather is for us strategize how to accompany the local chiefs and Fons to go back to their areas to help us in the reconstruction” the chairman said, clearly pointing out the more complicated issue was not the frequent gun battles according to him.

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After UN call, Government in ceasefire negotiation with separatist fighters

By Mimi Mefo Takambou | MMI

Jailed leaders of the Ambazonia separatist movement, including Sisiku AyukTabe have held talks with government officials in Cameroon amid ceasefire calls in the bloody conflict in the country’s English-speaking regions.

Sisiku AyukTabe who is currently serving a life sentence has taken on twitter to announce that he and his “cabinet” met with authorities of the Yaounde regime on Thursday to “initiate a ceasefire following the UN’s call”.

“The details are being discussed and we will update Ambazonians once significant progress is made” Sisiku added.

Mimi Mefo Info asked yo know who the separatists leaders had a ceasefire pre-talks with and we were simply told: “We have been advised not to let this out”.

But the quest for an independent Ambazonian state in Anglophone Cameroon remains the main goal, says Sisiku AyukTabe.

“Be reassured that we remain committed to the restoration of the independence of homeland,” he said.

On Thursday, news that the separatist leaders with Mancho Bibixy, Pen Terence among others were take out of jail to an known destination hit social media.

The meeting is coming **over two months after the United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres launched a ceasefire call** in conflict-hit countries as the deadly Coronavirus pandemic spreads across the globe.

In a **Global Campaign for Peace and Justice in Cameroon last week**, over 15 Nobel peace prize laureates and ex-presidents advised the government of Cameroon and separatists to end all forms of violence in the two troubled regions – so that health and humanitarian workers could concentrate on saving lives and stamping out Covid-19 out of the continent as a whole.

With nearly 13.000 coronavirus cases in Cameroon and 313 deaths, the global call for peace and justice signatories urged all the parties in the armed conflict to mute their weapons and allow Anglophone citizens to get access to the much-needed healthcare.

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Cameroon sits out of widespread adherence to UN ceasefire deal

By Mimi Mefo Takambou | MMI

Some 170 signatories have signed a UN memo to uphold a ceasefire in a bid to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Made up of UN member States, observers and others, they have supported the call to silence the guns – to permit medical and humanitarian workers do their job.

Cameroon that has been plagued by a war for four years unfortunately will not see fighting ending so soon. The government that has been trading blames with separatist fighters failed to sign the memo despite earlier goodwill shown by non-state armed groups earlier.

In addition to turning down calls for a ceasefire, government does not seem to have plans to end the chaos in the English-speaking regions anytime soon.

“National Dialogue took place in 2019 and we have taken action after the dialogue. We cannot stop war with those who murder, rape, decapitate, orchestrate terror and even bury people alive,” the Higher Education Minister, Jacques Fame Ndongo who doubles as CPDM Communication Director said on Radio France International, RFI today.

Weeks back, the Cameroon government and separatist fighters ignored a call from some Nobel Prize laureates and former Heads of State for a ceasefire.

Noting that the conflict had been neglected, Dr. Simon Adams, Executive Director of The Global Centre, one of the signatories said: “While people in West Africa and in Cameroon are very aware of the suffering and hardship that has been endured for such a long time. It’s to the discredit of the United Nations Security Council that it has not formally addressed the conflict there and it has not been covered widely in the media”.

“We signed the declaration because we want to see more international attention brought to what is one of the most devastating conflicts affecting Western Africa at the moment,” he added.

Over three thousand have lost their lives from the close to four year long war that seems to have no end in sight.

Cameroon remains the country with the most COVID-19 cases in the CEMAC region.

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Clergy, traditional authorities commit Kumba to God

By Mimi Mefo Info | MMI

Religious, traditional rulers, Christian and Muslim faithful have called on God to take control over Kumba Town and the entire Meme Division in the South West Region Cameroon .

In an ecumenical service Saturday June 27th 2020 bringing together Christians from different denominations, they prayed for eternal peace.

Speaking at the service, his royal highness Nfon Victor Mukete, Paramount traditional ruler emeritus of the Bafaw community said “This land belongs to God. Let all those who live here preach and practice peace for the prosperity of all.”

Nfon Victor Mukete used the opportunity to once again bless his son Ekoko Mukete, the new paramount ruler of the Bafaws he named recently.

To his HRH Nfon Victor Mukete “My decision of choosing my successor while am still alive is to prevent trouble and hatred when I travel beyond. He knows the palace well. Christ Jesus should will be his guide.”

Holding under the theme “Peace, Peace and Peace”, different preachers took turns to preach about how evil has befallen the town of Kumba since 2016 when the anglophone crisis started.

The men of God rededicated the land to God to take control.

Kumba, it should be noted, has been one of the hot spots of the anglophone crisis with regular attacks carried out by separatist fighters.

Preachers of the ecumenical service have stated that after rededicating the land of Kumba to God today, perpetrators of disorder and insecurity will face the wrath of God.

Political commentators say the move has a political undertone. That is, to appease the land ahead of an eminent visit of leaders of the presidential reconstruction plan of the anglophone regions to the South West region in the days ahead.

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Outrage as separatists order kidnap, killing of Women’s Task Force members

By Atia Tilarious Azohnwi

Human rights and civil society groupings have condemned leaders of the Ambazonia separatist movement after they ordered armed separatist fighters on the ground, to attack members of the South West North West Women’s Task Force, SNWOT.

The orders were dished out on Tuesday in reaction to a SNWOT communiqué made public on Monday. In the dispatch, Sally Mboumien, General Coordinator, South West North West Women’s Taskforce (SNWOT) said the civil disobedience strategy of imposing lockdowns and ghost towns only drowns an already very feeble people into the rivers of more pain and misery.

The women said they are passionate about restoring sustainable peace and encouraging initiatives and actions that are geared towards alleviating the plight of feeble communities.

“We expect everyone to be empathetic, with IDPs, the vulnerable group (PLWD), aged, women, girls, and children, who are now living in abject poverty and deplorable conditions due to the on-going socio-political crisis plaguing the North West and South West regions. This deplorable situation has been aggravated with the presence of the COVID-19 pandemic,” SNWOT’s General Coordinator wrote.

“We, therefore, decry the constant use of lockdowns as a strategy for civil disobedience within the on-going crisis. This strategy only drowns our already very feeble people into the rivers of more pain and misery.”

Mboumien posited that if the priority remains the well-being of humanity, then this civil disobedience strategy of calling for lockdowns should be revisited, for the people of the North West and South West Regions of Cameroon need to enjoy their fundamental human rights to an adequate and decent standard of living.

In a shocking outing, the women were described as “blacklegs and traitors to the revolution”. It was also revealed, humanitarian workers, the women have been the ones giving out information to the military about the positions of the camps run by the non-state armed groups.

As Paul Tasong, National Coordinator of the Presidential Plan for the Reconstruction and Development of the North West and South West Regions began a 12-day fact-finding and awareness mission to the restive area, the same separatist leader took to social media on Sunday to call for a three-day lockdown. In his call, he observed that the lockdowns were weighing down on the population, the same opinion expressed by the women in their communiqué.

He took 2018 and 2019 pictures and videos of the women and alleged that they were images from a protest staged on June 22, 2020. “They came out yesterday protesting against the lockdown. They are saying that it is unnecessary,” he said.

“They came out yesterday protesting against the lockdown. They are saying that it is unnecessary” said one of the separatist leaders who added that, “These are enemies of this struggle. They are enablers. They are the people who are selling our restoration forces. They are very dangerous.”

Without mincing words, he ordered members of the non-state armed groups to attack the women – kidnap and/or even ensure they do not live.

“They should not live near you. They are selling us for contracts. They should not be seen talking peace. Let us locate them one by one and go after them let them begin to explain. We must stop those women,” he said.

The separatist leader failed to tell his audience that these are the same women who confronted Prime Minister Joseph Dion Ngute in Bamenda with the grievances of the people. He also failed to say that SNWOT has been calling the government to account for several incidents including the killing of the baby in Muyuka and the killing of women and children in Ngarbuh.

Agbor Balla reacts

Speaking on the line to Buea, Human Rights Lawyer Nkongho Felix Agbor alias Agbor Balla, President of the Center for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa, CHRDA, said it is intolerable for civilians and aid workers to be attacked by members of the non-state armed groups.

He described the separatist’s utterances as an attempt to incite hatred and violence.

“It is insensitive and a blatant incitement of hate and violence against civilians. If anything happens to any member of the South West North West Women’s Task Force, it would be punishable by existing laws,” Agbor Balla said.

“These are women who are in the field struggling to provide humanitarian assistance and basic help to those badly affected by the crisis. Any attack on civilians and/or humanitarian workers is

intolerable. I condemn it in very strong terms. At the end of the day, who are these people fighting for?”

SNWOT General Coordinator sets records straight

Contacted on Wednesday evening, Sally Mboumien, General Coordinator, South West North West Women’s Taskforce (SNWOT), said she was taken aback by the comments made by the separatist leader. She said it was unfair for him to use old pictures and videos to run an untrue narrative.

Hear Mboumien: “...as one of the leaders who have an opinion in this conflict, we respect him but I am just taken back after, the live show he had yesterday, on what he said about SNWOT and the women. I wonder why he had to tell a lie that we were in the streets protesting, took pictures of lamentation campaigns in 2018 calling for an inclusive and sincere dialogue as well as an uplift of the ban on schooling in the NW/SW regions and the call for women to contribute their voices in ending the conflict campaign that we did in 2019 and is talking that we were in the streets a few days back to protest lockdowns. I don’t think that is fair; if we want to have change within our communities, we must work with truth so that we can have a better community.

“Secondly, I wonder why he should insult and question the women’s integrity and womanhood as well as assume about us the women because we are a people that have given to them as parties in conflict and the entire whole what we stand for and we have not changed. SNWOT is out to see how women can significantly contribute in ending the conflict that is going on in the North West and South West Regions and to make sure that women are included in decision-making processes. And we have not changed from that goal; we are not a partisan group, but a group that talks about the situation and the wellbeing of women, most especially in conflict times as we advocate for a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

“I equally wonder why he will call for women to be attacked and violated when we merely stated our opinions on lockdowns following our interactions in the field. It is particularly alarming because I listened to him acknowledging that lockdowns are not good for the people while he was making this same call for lockdowns on the 21st of June 2020.

“This is no fight amongst us. It is a fight of opinions of political leaders. Our role has been to call for a peaceful resolution of the conflict and will be till we get a peaceful and sustainable community. I will also repeat the fact that SNWOT is calling on all warring factions to silence the guns preferably through an agreed ceasefire and work together through a negotiated settlement for sustainable peace and development to return to the regions. This will enable the people to have their lives back.”

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South West, North West Women’s Task Force strikes separatists over call for lockdown

By Mimi Mefo Takambou | MMI

The South West and North West Women’s Task Force, SNWOT has questioned the decision by separatists to call for a three-day total lockdown of the two regions.

In an outing on Monday June 22 2020, SNWOT called on separatists to consider the plight of the people of the North West and the South West each time a lockdown is being imposed on the population.

They called for actions concerning the wellbeing of the Anglophone populations to be made on the basis of empathy for the people.

SNWOT maintains that the lockdown strategy so often used by the separatists to settle scores with government has only served in drowning the people in pain and misery.

Having to deal with the continuous marginalisation from the francophone, together with the unending demands of the separatists as well as the military, the Anglophone population in both regions are left in an absolutely frustrated state.

The South West and North West Women's Task Force as a nonpartisan group, say they applaud any actions from wherever it comes from, that seeks to reconstruct, rehabilitate and build social cohesion within the restive regions.

"We understand actions that will contribute in improving the living conditions of the affected population, especially those in the bushes or host communities, as well as refugees," they wrote in their statement.

SNWOT in a plea to parties involved in the armed struggle in the two regions has urged them to include the wellbeing and development of the ailing population in their plans of action and make it a priority, especially with the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic that has affected the whole nation.

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Presidential Plan for the Reconstruction and Development (PPRD)

The National Coordinator of the Presidential Plan for the Reconstruction and Development (PPRD) of the war ravaged anglophone North West and South West Regions of Cameroon Paul Tasong has asked the population of the North West Region to embrace the reconstruction and development agenda of the Head of State as a pathway to peace.

Speaking at the MINEPAT Hall in Bamenda Monday June 22, Paul Tasong said reconstruction is a pathway to peace, which will be done gradually from the secured areas to the most volatile areas. To the anglophone elite and minister, the People of the NW & SW regions should not live on assistance forever. **He thinks reconstruction can well be effective without a ceasefire.**

While the sensitisation caravan of the presidential plan for the reconstruction and development of the North West and South West regions kick started their campaign in Bamenda on June 22, 2020, separatists announced three-day lock down had a better side of the city. In Several neighbourhoods like Nchobo, T-junction and back Travellers, streets were deserted with businesses grounded.

In a Global Campaign for Peace and Justice in Cameroon, the laureates and ex-presidents advised the government to end all forms of violence in the two troubled regions and concentrate on fighting the Coronavirus and stamping it out of the continent as a whole. Some of the dignitaries include

Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Denis Mukwege, former South African President Hon FW de Klerk, and former president of Chile Hon. Ricardo Lagos amongst others.

They call on the government of Cameroon and the Anglophone militia to call for a humanitarian ceasefire, echoing the UN's global ceasefire call, made by the secretary-general, Antonio Guterres. The Global Campaign for Peace and Justice in Cameroon has equally challenged international bodies to use their tools and their strengths to make sure that peace returns to Cameroon..

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Reconstruction In War: Paul Tasong & Njong Donatus On Another “Money-Wasting” Mission To North West, South West

By Mimi Mefo Takambou | MMI

Paul Tasong and Donatus Njong respectively National Coordinator and Deputy National Coordinator of the Presidential Plan for the Reconstruction and Development of the North West and South West Regions, PPRD-NW/SW are in Bamenda.

According to a press release, the duo is on a sensitization and awareness mission in the region, a mission that will end on July 3 after a visit to the South West Region.

“Under the High instructions of the Prime Minister, Head of Government, Chief Dr Joseph DION NGUTE, The National Coordinator of the Presidential Plan for the Reconstruction and Development of the North West and South West Regions (PPRD-NW/SW) hereby announces that he is embarking on an Awareness and Sensitization Campaign from Monday, June 22nd to Friday, July 3rd, 2020.

“The Campaign, which is aimed at reaching out to the beneficiary populations and other actors in the field will among others: Highlight all the reconstruction activities envisaged; Outline the processes and mechanisms for the implementation of the Plan; Define the methods of organization and support for the various beneficiaries of the Plan, and Ensure ownership of the Plan by the said beneficiaries.”

Analysts wonder why Tasong and Njong had to undertake a mission to the North West and South West Regions, given that several of such visits had been made in the past.

They recall that Peter Mafany Musonge had led members of the National Commission on the Promotion of Bilingualism and Multiculturalism to both regions. Their visit was preceded by several other trips of other cabinet members including former Prime Minister Yang Philemon.

Upon assuming office as Prime Minister Head of Government, Joseph Dion Ngute went to the North West and South West Regions for a similar fact-finding mission.

At the Major National Dialogue, stakeholders presented the needs of the region to Government.

Many are now asking to know what government has been doing with all the information collected from the restive regions. What is it new that Njong and Tasong seek to get from the North West and South West Regions? Aware that it is impossible to reconstruct while soldiers are still burning, looting, and killing in the area, Tasong and Njong may well be looking for ways to exhaust the

budget. If not, then what new information will they get? Or will they visit Kwa-kwa, Alabukam, Ngarbuh, Pinyin, and many other places destroyed by soldiers? The answer is indeed blowing in the wind.

Mimi Mefo Info recalls that Tasong and Njong were installed Wednesday, April 15, 2020 by Prime Minister, Head of Government, Chief. Dr. Dion Ngute Joseph after he had appointed them on April 3, 2020.

In his installation speech, PM Dion Ngute instructed Tasong and Njong to elaborate on the action plan and annual work outline as the reconstruction, rehabilitation, and development of the North West and South West Regions takes center stage.

The Presidential Plan for the Reconstruction and Development of the North West and South West Regions, PPRD-NW/SW, was inspired by the President of the Republic, Paul Biya when he “Instructed the creation of a working group at the Prime Minister’s Office which was effectively done on August 1st 2019, with the responsibility of elaborating the working document for the reconstruction of these regions,” said Dion Ngute.

“In order to execute the important task, the working group carried out a wide range of consultations with the populations of the North West and South West regions. The populations expressed their aspirations of seeing their regions reconstructed and for life to return to normalcy.”

On the reconstruction and development spheres, Chief Dr. Dion Ngute noted that: “Three major areas required close attention; the reestablishment of social cohesion, the reconstruction of destroyed infrastructure and the revamping of the local economy.”

To highlight the importance and weight of the plan, Chief Dr. Dion Ngute recalled that, “On December 5, 2019, a number of diplomatic representations attended the meeting in Yaoundé during which the reconstruction plan was [presented]. The diplomats on behalf of their various countries agreed to support the financing of this plan which was later forwarded to the President of the Republic for his high approval. In a document approved by the Head of State, the Cameroon Government and its multilateral and bilateral partners agreed to mobilize the sum of over 89 billion.”

To the National Coordinator and Deputy National Coordinator, Chief Dr. Dion Ngute reminded them that the task ahead is daunting and demands diligence, hard work, and commitment.

“Among the tasks that await the newly appointed personalities are; the rehabilitation of about 350 schools, 115 health centers, 40 bridges, 400 power points, 500 KM of Low tension power points, 600KM of rural roads, 45 markets, 12000 houses, 25000hectares of farmland, livestock lost by grazers, the reestablishment of close to 3000 personal documents lost.”

The PM acknowledged that the PPRD-NW/SW National Coordinator Minister Paul Tasong contributed significantly to the development of the 10 years reconstruction plan for the North West and South West regions which was presented at the Major National Dialogue and validated after inputs from participants.

He described the two coordinators as emblematic and having a mastery of the two regions.

In order to match words with actions, PM Chief Dr. Dion Ngute, instructed that, “The National Coordinator and his Deputy, as a matter of urgency should set up a coordination team, prepare the first annual work plan and submit it to the steering committee for its approval.”

The PM then called on the stakeholders involved in the reconstruction exercise to collaborate for the interest of the PPRD-NW/SW.

“I want to call on the ministerial departments’ concern with reconstruction, to give them their full collaboration for this program considering the particular importance the Head of State attaches to it,” Chief Dr. Dion Ngute said.

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Reconstruction of North West will start in secured areas – Paul Tasong

By Mimi Mefo Takambou | MMI

The National Coordinator of the presidential plan for the reconstruction and development of the North West and South West regions of Cameroon has said **works to reconstruct areas destroyed in the course of the Anglophone crisis will begin where there is “...a reasonable level of security...”**.

Paul Tasong was speaking on Monday in Bamenda.

According to the Minister Delegate at the Ministry of Economy, government’s reconstruction plan is to permanently put an end to pains inflicted on individuals and companies that have suffered the effects of military/Amba confrontations.

To the National Coordinator of the reconstruction plan, representatives of the seven divisions would in the course of his stay in Bamenda explain to him priority areas where reconstruction work should start.

In response, Paul Achobong, Bamenda City Mayor called for a perfect reconstruction of the Bamenda/Bafoussam road, construction of a befitting football stadium in Bamenda and government’s financial compensation of teachers of the private sector who have been rendered jobless since the beginning of the Anglophone crisis in 2016.

Ngwagogho Lawrence, Mayor of the Bafut Council told the press that: “I will like the reconstruction work to start in schools in my municipality. Pupils and students have been denied their fundamental rights of education for so long and it’s detrimental to their future “.

Paul Tasong’s sensitization tour in the North West region comes at a time separatist fighters have called for a lock down to paralyse the move.

To some people in the North West, no real reconstruction plan can take place when fighting is still on. To them, government should start by resolving the crisis.

It should be noted that the government of Cameroon in partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have allocated close to FCFA 90 billion to reconstruct the Anglophone regions.

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2/7/2020

It is Cameroonians who will elect Biya's successor – Prof Jacques Fame Ndongo

By Mimi Mefo Info | MMI

For some time now in the Cameroon's political set up, there have been continuous conspiracy theories circulating in the mainstream media as well as social media that the regime is preparing a possible successor to the President of Cameroon, H.E Paul Biya for a stealthy transfer of power.

This theory was first brought to limelight by former presidential candidate and president of the MRC party, Professor Maurice Kamto.

This theory gained momentum in a very short while and has been the topic for most TV debates and a point for protests in the diaspora.

Professor Jacques Fame Ndongo, who is the Communication Secretary for the Central Committee of the ruling CPDM party and equally a member of the political bureau of party was quizzed about the topic as well as the government's position on the on-going crisis in the two Anglophone regions of Cameroon.

On the military carnage in Ngarbuh, the minister stated that "The president of the republic being legalistic cannot allow ignoble acts to flourish."

" I understand that as he said, the investigations will be comprehensive and uncompromising. And of course, if allegations are verified and validated, then exemplary sanctions should apply to these offenders" the professor claimed.

Quizzed on the death of Buea based journalist, Samuel Wazizi in the hands of the forces of law, Prof Jacques Fame Ndongo nonchalantly said the ministry of Defence had issued out a press release with full details of the happenings behind the death of the dead journalist. He added that it was never the intention of those involved to hide the death of the journalist.

It is imperative to note here that the professor has contradicted what the Ministry of defence said as they insisted the family of Wazizi were informed of his death immediately it happened.

On issues of succession of power from Paul Biya through an agreeable transfer of authority as it has been making rounds over the media, Prof Jacques Fame Ndongo clearly points out "this is completely false, because national sovereignty belongs to the Cameroonian people, sovereign and masters of their own destinies. So when the question of succession is topical for the moment, it is not. It is the Cameroonian people, sovereign, who will democratically elect the successor of the current president of the Republic. Everything else is a pipe dream, a guess and a fantasy. So the allegations relating to political transfer over the counter are phantasmagoria".

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Biya regime in panic after explosions in Yaoundé

By Mimi Mefo Info | MMI

Security forces in Cameroon are on high alert after a number of 'attacks' in the political capital, Yaoundé.

During the evening of Saturday 20 June 2020, two improvised explosive devices were detonated in the Melen and Emanan neighbourhoods of Yaoundé.

The police and security authorities have stepped up their presence in these neighbourhoods, including carrying out vehicle checks.

It turns out that Anglophones are prime targets, with mass arrests being carried out.

Aside ransacking homes of English-speaking Cameroonians, neighbourhoods populated by persons fleeing the war in the North West and South West Regions have been under surveillance by the armed forces.

Most internally displaced persons fled without having time to take along with them their identification documents.

Some lost their identification documents to the military policy of burning homes. Others had their ID Cards seized by the forces while others have expired ID cards.

Mimi Mefo Info understands the hell-like situation people go through to re-establishing their lost or expired National Identity Cards. The same security forces who make the acquisition of identification documents a living hell are the same ones going around making arrests and extorting money from Anglophones under the guise of maintaining security.

It is true that there have been multiple clashes between the Cameroonian security forces and armed groups over the past year in many places in the North West and South West regions.

It is also true that separatists promised to transport the war over to the French-speaking area, with some attacks in Bangourain in the West Region. Soon after that, attacks were announced for Yaoundé and Douala.

With the volatile political situation following the 2018 presidential elections, with Maurice Kamto and his CRM supporters claiming victory, Yaoundé is scared of the unknown.

The British High Commission reveals that political developments and increased tensions related to the North West and South West (Anglophone) regions could lead to isolated incidents of violence in other parts of the country, including Yaoundé. This could affect western interests, as well as places frequented by foreigners.

They have urged their citizens to remain vigilant and keep up to date with developments via the media and local authorities.

But what is government hiding? Could they have detonated the explosives so they can put the country under siege, especially after the country closed all its land, sea and air borders in response to coronavirus?

With talks of a constitutional amendment to help Biya transfer power to his chosen successor, Yaoundé may be scared of the 2008-kind revolts. So ahead of time, they are putting the citizens in check.

Biya, please take your knee off the necks of Anglophones. Let them at least be allowed to breathe.

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COVID-19: Hon. Joshua Osih wants travel restriction into Cameroon for European Union countries

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Hon. Joshua Osih has called on President Paul Biya to temporarily ban visitors coming from the Schengen countries (in Europe) from entering Cameroon.

He said the move is an attempt to give a corresponding response to a similar decision taken by the Schengen area.

In a message published Monday June 29, 2020, the parliamentarian from Wouri Centre constituency in the Littoral region of Cameroon said:

“As a Member of Parliament, I call on the President of the Republic to take his responsibilities and enforce or cause to be enforced the sacrosanct diplomatic principle of reciprocity vis-à-vis the countries of Schengen area. The President of the Republic has a duty to take up his responsibilities and impose our sovereignty”.

Member countries of the Shengen area, it should be said, had decided that nationals of certain countries in the world including Cameroon are prohibited from entering their territory.

They say the decision is to prevent new importation of coronavirus. To them, the list of countries will be updated after every 15 days.

Responding to the decision, Hon. Joshua Osih wrote: “We cannot be victims of a virus introduced to us from the Schengen area and pay the price of its consequences”

“Worst still, these countries act as if they have lessons to give when they should have humbly put themselves in synergy with our local actors to better manage the COVID 19 crisis in order to save lives in the Schengen area and in Cameroon. This is unacceptable,” added the opposition lawmaker.

The Schengen area is made up of some countries that have important socio-economic and political relationships with Cameroon like France, Germany, Spain and Switzerland.

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Cameroon to finally recognise Dual Nationality

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Plans are seemingly underway at the National Assembly to change the laws on nationality in the Republic of Cameroon. The issue of holding a dual nationality will henceforth be reviewed and possibly accepted in the country.

The preliminary draft of the code states “Any Cameroonian who has another nationality retains the Cameroonian nationality, unless the latter is renounced”. The question of nationality laws review had previously been constantly brought up in Parliament.

Hon Joshua Osih of the Social Democratic Front, SDF, in 2014 proposed an amendment to the laws which restricted Cameroonians from obtaining a second nationality without losing the Cameroonian nationality.

The proposal was rejected by the CPDM then in violation of the assembly law which stipulated that “when after two ordinary sessions, a bill has not been able to be examined, it is automatically examined during the next regular session”. This was however never respected.

However, the new law proposed provides a solution to the dual nationality problem.

Prohibited by the law of June 11, 1968 in Cameroon, the issue of dual citizenship has often caused tensions and controversies because of its applications by the authorities. Apart from the rewriting of the nationality code in the Republic of Cameroon, the text which was proposed by the government equally contains other innovations. There equally may be amendments to the mutability of matrimonial agreements, equality between children, the framing of engagements that will become legal situations and divorce by mutual consent amongst others.

In accordance with the proposed draft, it is deducted by many that amending the laws on double nationality will be at the best interest of the country as it will see its influential sons and daughters around the world get better involved in the development of the country.

Moreover, deleting the status quo is just another step in aligning with other nations and with the realities of the 21st century.

The status quo has kept Cameroon afar with the bounties of pride that could be brought to the country by Cameroonians whom unfortunately are limited by this law. There are renowned state officials, international footballers and other athletes, artists, writers, opinion leaders and business tycoons with international recognition and would like to place at the disposal of the country their talents and their expertise sometime acquired abroad, but with the full institution of the present law limiting dual nationality in Cameroon, they are put off from being able to serve their country.

Long clamoured for, the recognition of dual nationality in the Republic of Cameroon will go a long way to benefit the country and its citizens and could well be a major gateway for the emergence of the country in the coming years.

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Purchase of vehicles for the newly elected Members of Parliament

Cameroonians have criticised the decision of the government to **disburse the sum of 4,197,000,000 fcfa for the purchase of vehicles for the newly elected Members of Parliament**. The decision is contained in a document from the finance ministry validating the disbursement of the money to the finance controller of the National Assembly, Mme Yolande Achemeyae.