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A COMMUNIQUE ON THE KUMBA INCIDENCE OF SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2020

The Presbyterian Church in Cameroon condemns in the strongest terms the barbaric killing of a number of innocent Children and deep wounds inflicted on many other children by unknown gunmen at the Mother Francisca International Academy Fiango Quarters in Kumba, South West region of Cameroon.

We believe that this is not unconnected with the ongoing socio-political upheavals in the North West and South West regions. As God's Church; we extend God's comfort and compassion in His Son Jesus Christ to the families directly concerned, the education community and to the population of Kumba as a whole. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. May the gentle souls of the dead rest in peace. **We shall accompany the traumatized people of the North West and South West regions with the pastoral care of Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd whose love is fundamental to our daily existence and spiritual communion with our heavenly Father by the enabling grace of the Holy Spirit.**

May those behind these gruesome killings of God's children be imprisoned by the judge of the human conscience even before they are found - out, prosecuted and sentenced. As a Church with a divine and prophetic mandate to preach, teach, heal and liberate; we reiterated our previous pronouncements: **all life is sacred and God-given; consequently it must be preserved by all. The spilling of human blood is a curse on the earth. The right to education is universal and fundamental to human development - it must not be obstructed. War and violence are false securities, in the long term, they cause more problems than they intended to solve. This War must stop.**

A further comprehensive and more inclusive dialogue should be reconsidered. The freedom of some innocent people in the prison cells around the nation may pacify brooding anger and the spirit of vengeance. A fast-forward reconstruction of the affected regions and the economic empowerment of a desperate population could win the trust of the population on some laudable efforts of the Government of our country.

Let all lovers of human life flood our streets and decry this barbaric act. May all the stakeholders listen to their consciences and be compelled to bring this war to an end. God's children are suffering, the Body of Christ is afflicted and the name of God is disregarded. God forgive our sins as a people and help Cameroon.

Yours for the Sake of the Faith,

