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## **COMMUNIQUÉ ON**

### **CAMEROON'S ENDLESS SECURITY TRAGEDY**

On Wednesday, 6 January 2021, the convoy of the Senior Divisional Officer of the Momo Division, returning from the installation of the Andek Sub-Divisional Officer, was attacked. Official assessment: 4 elements of the defence and security forces were killed as well as the Divisional Delegate of Communication of the Momo Division.

On Friday, 8 January 2021, a Boko Haram attack in Mozogo village in the Far North Region killed 14 people.

On Saturday, 9 January 2021, an attack in Matazem, in the North-West Region, killed 5 people, including 2 gendarmes, 1 policeman and 2 civilians.

On Sunday, 10 January 2021, massacre in Mautu near Muyuka, in the South-West Region. In the latter case, corroborating sources report 10 deaths, including women and children.

To all the families wounded by these various massacres, I extend my sincere and deeply saddened condolences.

Our country, Cameroon, is going through one of the darkest periods in its history. If the massacres perpetrated in the Far North Region of the country are the work of barbarians, blinded by obscurantist beliefs that exploit and manipulate the distress of the people plagued by poverty, the continuing killings in the North-West and South-West Regions are the result of our indifference and our inability to respond to collective indignation, the arrogance and contempt of the authorities in power, the despair and the murderous excesses of armed groups of all kinds.

How many more deaths do we need before we realise the extent of the disaster in which we are letting this country, which is so dear to us, sink? What can be the gain from all these human sacrifices?

Do we think for a moment what our compatriots are enduring as refugees in their own country after losing everything? Do we need to sacrifice our soldiers who, instead of defending the homeland against external perils, are reduced to fighting against their own fellow citizens, brothers and sisters of the same motherland? How are we going to heal these wounds that we are constantly opening?

I call on those who govern Cameroon today, if they still have any humanity left, to put an end to this shameful and ruinous war through a political solution which is the only way to resolve this open crisis.

The CRM demands that free and independent investigations be carried out to establish responsibility for all these crimes and that those responsible be punished according to the law. That the Cameroonian people stop being spectators of their own destiny. No one can love Cameroon more than we Cameroonians and no one will come to save Cameroon in our place.

Yaoundé, 13 January 2021

The National President

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