



STATEMENT ON THE REFUSAL OF A BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN FOR CAMEROONIAN SOLDIERS WOUNDED AT THE FRONT

The Cameroon Renaissance Movement (CRM) wishes to inform the Cameroonian people that, in order to show its unflinching solidarity with the Defence Forces of our country in the courageous struggle they have been waging for more than seven years in the Far North Region against the BOKO HARAM extremist sect, the CRM Regional Federation of the said Region has requested the military authorities of the Far North Region on 19 August 2021, to authorise the organisation of a blood donation operation for the elements of our Defence Forces wounded as a result of the attacks of this sect or during the fighting against it in this part of Cameroon.

This patriotic and apolitical initiative, which has not been publicised in any way, has not been followed up despite the many steps taken by the party's leaders in the Far North. However, in 2013, 2014 and 2015, the CRM organised, under the same conditions of discretion, similar blood donation campaigns at the Yaoundé Central Hospital for the war-wounded, and in 2016 a special blood donation campaign following the Eséka railway disaster, which saved the lives of several of our compatriots.

This situation is reminiscent of the government's refusal, in 2020, of a donation of masks, Covid-19 tests and materials for health personnel, offered to the Ministry of Health within the framework of the Survie Cameroon Survival Initiative (SCSI), a non-partisan humanitarian initiative, simply because it was launched by Professor Maurice KAMTO.

Thus, the government prefers to let soldiers wounded on the frontline of the defence of the territorial integrity of our country and the security of our people die because of a political resentment against the CRM President. Such blindness and state hatred against an individual is scandalous and unprecedented in our history.

The CRM recalls that the Cameroon Defence Forces do not belong to any political persuasion and should therefore not be subject to any form of political exploitation.

The CRM calls on the high military authorities of Cameroon to urgently address this unprecedented situation in order to avoid creating a dangerous precedent in the area of blood donation to people in need, and to authorise the launch of this blood donation operation whose sole purpose is to save the lives of our compatriots who have sacrificed themselves for Cameroon.

Done at Yaoundé, 1st September 2021

The CRM National President

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