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STATEMENT BY THE CRM FOLLOWING THE ATTACK AND MASSACRE OF STUDENTS AND A TEACHER AT THE BILINGUAL HIGH SCHOOL OF EKONDO TITI

1 We have learned with great sorrow that on November 24, 2021, the bilingual high school of EKONDO TITI witnessed a barbaric attack at a time when the staff and students were in the middle of their school activities.

The provisional toll of this act of great cruelty is four people killed, namely students Emmanuel ORUME, IKEN Jocelyne, KUM Emmanuel aged 12, 16 and 17 respectively, as well as the named Celestina SONG, a French teacher.

According to testimonies collected at the scene, this attack was carried out by unidentified armed persons who used firearms and explosives to attack innocent lives, as was the case on October 24, 2020, when an armed group attacked the MOTHER FRANCISCA INTERNATIONAL BILINGUAL ACADEMY MOFRIBA school complex in KUMBA and killed six students and injured several others, or on November 10, 2021, when a dozen students at the University of Buea were injured following an explosive attack. This attack follows the recent shooting of a five-year-old schoolgirl in Buea on October 14, 2021, and of a seven-year-old schoolgirl in Bamenda on November 12.

In addition, the number of teachers killed or kidnapped in the South-West and North-West regions since the outbreak of the war between the Cameroonian defense forces and armed English-speaking secessionist groups is uncountable.

I write this statement on behalf of the CRM with a heart full of bitterness. I have asked myself whether it is worthwhile, and more importantly, how much more I should write. Should we get used to these repeated tragedies and the banality of evil?

In my own name and that of the CRM as well as all People of Change, I ask the families of the victims and the great family of National Education to receive our most saddened condolences.

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This bloodbath that continues can be stopped immediately if the power in place which is the main responsible for it decided to make the acts of greatness that the sense of state and the elementary considerations of humanity command.

Therefore, the CRM :

- Denounces and strongly condemns all forms of violence against civilians and even more so against children and teachers, who have been taken hostage in the armed conflict that is slowly but dangerously undermining the foundations of the Cameroonian nation.
- Recalls that in times of war, deliberate attacks against civilians constitute a war crime.
- Recalls that war has never been the solution to a political crisis and that as long as this war continues, civilians and other vulnerable and innocent people will continue to pay a heavy price in the Anglophone Regions of Cameroon.
- Calls once again on the leaders of Cameroon and the armed Anglophone secessionist groups to observe a cease-fire, followed by the release of detainees arrested in this fratricidal conflict and the opening of an inclusive dialogue with representatives of the stakeholders.

I solemnly appeal to the Prime Minister, Chief Joseph DION NGUTE, who has given signs of his desire to find a serious solution to this conflict, to the Anglophone members of government, to the Members of Parliament, Senators, the Chairman of the Bilingualism and Multiculturalism Commission and its Anglophone members, the Coordinator of the DDR mission, the regional councillors from the two English-speaking regions, whatever their political affiliation, to create an electroshock by collectively resigning from their positions in order to save lives and initiate a true inclusive and sincere dialogue. In this way, they will impose themselves as true leaders for the populations of which they are the elites and whose representatives they claim to be. The martyred populations, the Cameroonian Nation and history will be grateful to them.

Done in Yaounde on November 25, 2021

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