



STATEMENT ON THE SHAMEFUL, ANTI-REPUBLICAN AND ANTI-DEMOCRATIC STRATEGY TO SILENCE THE CRM BY THE CPDM AND THE REGIME IN CAMEROON

The Cameroon Renaissance Movement (CRM) , very seriously, informs the national and international public opinion of the scandalous way the party is dealt with, once again and once too many, by the CPDM regime, shamelessly supported by the administration.

Obviously the CRM has been keeping the regime awake since its creation, and even more since its historic stolen victory during the presidential election of 7 October 2018.

Our party has planned a ceremony of installation of the newly elected executives of the CRM basic organs in the West Region, on 13 August 2022, at the Grand Stand of Bafoussam after their election during which the CPDM regime tried its crude manoeuvres aimed at destabilizing the party.

To this end, in accordance with the law, CRM declared, in the form and times, a public demonstration in the services of the DO of the subdivision of Bafoussam 1, Mrs THUENDEM Gisèle, épouse KAMDEM, against discharge. Several days later, the DO reached out to the CRM asking us to produce an authorization for the use Grand Stand signed by the Mayor of the city of Bafoussam.

We got in touch with the said Mayor, Mr TAFAM Roger who, like Pontius Pilate and with political cynicism his party is used to, answered that he can allow us to use the Grand Stand only if the competent DO had issued a written confirmation of the declaration of the public manifestation. The procedure turned into a game of table tennis.

In the face of this arbitrary and provocative attitude, the CRM decided to postpone its public demonstration to the 20th August 2022, hoping that the concerned officers will take into account our concerns and abide by the law.

In this vein, The CRM once again reached out to the DO of Bafoussam 1 with another declaration of a public demonstration at the Grand Stand or at the so-called "municipal" stadium scheduled for the 20th August 2022.

With the same administrative cynicism and the same will to provoke our militants and sympathizers, the DO on the one hand, and the Mayor of the city on the other hand, refused to abide by the law governing the organisation of public meetings and demonstrations in the Republic of Cameroon. As for the "municipal" stadium, the person responsible for its management informed us that only the Minister of Sports could allow its use for non-sporting activities.

The DO of Bafoussam 1 dropped the mask in a new decision without any legal basis, which expresses her bitterness and that of local CPDM officials at not having been able to implode the CRM during elections in its basic organs in the West Region. Indeed, ignoring the definitive exclusion, in accordance with the statutes and the By-Laws of the party and the public resignation from the party of the infiltrated agents of the CPDM and of the regime as well as their multiple and resounding legal defeats, the DO referred to the "observed differences", according to her, within our party and asked, once again, the CRM regional leaders to get in touch with the Mayor of the city knowing in advance what would his reply. More cynically, even before receiving the response from the Mayor of the city, which we can see that she already knew, even before it was notified to our party, she again asked us to produce an authorisation letter from the Mayor for the use of the Grand Stand. 2

The DO this time relied on a curious press release from the Governor of the West Region, Mr FONKA AWA Augustine who, informed of our plan to hold the public demonstration in Bafoussam, remembered the existence of COVID-19 and unexpectedly banned all gatherings of more than 50 people. Taking advantage of this press release, the DO ordered us to hold our public manifestation of 20 August at the party regional head office, respecting the wearing of masks, distancing and the use of hydro-alcoholic gel, while the regional leader of our party in the West Region had already explained that the small size of the regional party head office when asking for the Grand Stand.

Let us remind the public that the same DO of Bafoussam 1 signed a "special authorisation", within 24 hours, to the group of infiltrators who, failed during the internal elections of our party in the West, to organize a public meeting, with her support and that of the Mayor of Bafoussam, with the avowed and clear aim of splitting the CRM. Despite their failure, those agents and other sponsors do not stop.

While being clearly aware of the illegal, anti-republican and anti-democratic game of the various administrative authorities of the West Region, ordered by the CPDM, of which they are all de

facto members, our party, attached to legality, republican and democratic values, again contacted the Mayor of Bafoussam with a request for authorization to use the Grand Stand. But the CPDM DO and the CPDM Mayor responded tersely by referring to their previous correspondence, thus assuming their refusal to apply the law governing public meetings in our country to the CRM.

These personalities, who should be at the service of the State, of all Cameroonians and of the general interest, these zealous militants of the CPDM who were certainly at the forefront of the rally that their party held in July 2019 to indecently announce that "The West Region has rejected KAMTO", don't want to give the opportunity to the party of this KAMTO to show its vitality in this Region.

More generally, the issue of these out-dated manoeuvres which results in the harassment of the CRM and its members and sympathisers in a country where, however, officials trumpet that we are in a democracy and that the rule of law is a reality, is the regime's fear of seeing on the ground, across the ten regions of the country, the exceptional popularity of the "Small Party" and its leader, whose political death has been proclaimed all day long.

Thus, the CPDM crudely uses the territorial administration to try to escape its political ruin. The "Small Party», with the determination of its militants and sympathisers and of the People of Change to put an end, in peace and through the ballot box, to decades of fierce dictatorship, has ineluctably sealed its fate.

To such unpleasant people who, out of careerism, hide behind their administrative functions to try to muzzle the CRM, the breath of Hope, we want to remind them that they will answer for their actions before the Courts and before History.

The CRM calls as witness the Cameroonian people and the international community in the face of the permanent provocations of the CPDM and the regime that Cameroonians deal with. The hawks and war mongers of the regime, supporters of chaos after their forty years of reign with disastrous results, perhaps see it as a lifeline.

All these administrative vexations and police violence inflicted on the CRM since its creation in all regions and all cities of the country, far from discouraging our militants and sympathisers, galvanize them more than ever and strengthen their determination in the Resistance. In addition to revealing the panic of the ruling party, they clearly indicate to Cameroonians that the opposition to the CPDM regime is the CRM, and that CRM is the change.

CRM recalls that more than a hundred of its members have been in prison for two years, illegally sentenced to terms of up to seven years in prison by partisan military courts, that its young militant, Rodrigues NDAGUEHO KOUFET, was killed as a result of culpable medical negligence during his arbitrary detention at New Bell prison in Douala.

It reaffirms its attachment to the preservation of peace and national harmony.

CRM, which is a legalized party, invites the Government to assume its responsibilities by instructing the local leaders of the CPDM and the concerned administrative authorities to apply the law on the organisation of public meetings and manifestations, by merely assisting our party, as they do with the CPDM and its many friendly parties, for the success of the installation ceremony of its leaders in the West Region scheduled for 20 August 2022.

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