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STATEMENT ON THE NIGHT-TIME ABDUCTION OF ME FABIEN KENGNE BY SEMIL ELEMENTS IN EXECUTION OF CPDM THREATS MADE ON 28 MAY 2023 IN THE PROGRAMME "DROIT DE RÉPONSE" ON ÉQUINOXE TELEVISION.

The Cameroon Renaissance Movement (CRM) is shocked and outraged by the act of state terrorism to which its representative on EQUINOXE SOIR, Me Fabien KENGNE, was subjected on Monday 29 May 2023, at the end of this prime-time programme.

Indeed, in its constant desire to terrorise all those who have an opinion different from its own, the current regime, through the Military Security (SEMIL), whose remit no one really knows, given its noisy involvement in all public and private affairs, and particularly in political affairs. Fabien KENGNE was abducted in front of the ÉQUINOXE television headquarters in an unprecedentedly violent and unwarranted manner. This is an act of state terrorism, since the message behind such an act is the desire to sow fear in the hearts and minds of all those in the public debate who hold opinions that dissent from those of the ruling power.

This act of terrorism is even more outrageous in that it was announced on a prime-time programme a few days earlier, on Sunday 28 May 2023, on Équinoxe Television by Mr Serge Henri KELBE, representative of the ruling CPDM party. The video of this threatening announcement has now gone viral on social networks.

Me Fabien KENGNE was shamefully released in the middle of the night only thanks to the large-scale mobilisation triggered immediately by the general alert launched on social networks. In October 2020, the National Coordinator in charge of the development of our party, Mr Pascal ZAMBOUE, had been kidnapped, handcuffed, and hooded, without reason or warrant, in broad daylight in the city of Douala by the evil elements of the Operations Directorate (OD) of the Directorate General of External Research (DGRE). In view of the sad fate reserved much later for MARTINEZ ZOGO by these same members of the DGRE, there is reason to believe today that Pascal ZAMBOUE's life was saved in this kidnapping only thanks to the alerts promptly issued on social networks by eyewitnesses to his abduction.

The CRM condemns in the strongest terms this barbaric act and the trivialisation of the use of state terror in political life.

The CRM calls on the Minister Delegate at the Presidency of the Republic in charge of Defence to shed full light on this other detestable act which discredits SEMIL, the body under his direct authority, because it tends to reinforce the image of SEMIL as an outlaw service in the service of a political party.

The CRM also sees this terrorist act as intimidation of the courageous lawyers of the "Collectif Me Sylvain Souop" who are defending the PEACEFUL MARCHERS who were arbitrarily arrested and illegally detained, in accordance with the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention's (WGAD) Reasoned Opinion No. 63/2022 of 4 November 2022.

The CRM calls on the Cameroonian people, civil society organisations, and more particularly the Cameroon Bar Association, not to be indifferent to this terrorist act, which in every respect resembles a warning from a black cabinet with an evil plan for our country, as are the recent heinous murders of MARTINEZ ZOGO and the priest OLA BEBE.

The CRM calls on the CAMEROONIAN people to remain vigilant because a bad wind is blowing over our country.

Our compassion, our solidarity and our total support to Me KENGNE.

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Done in Yaoundé, on 30 May 2023

The National President

Maurice KAMTO