

## PUBLIC RELEASE ON THE MANFÉ MASSACRE

For almost seven years now Cameroonians have been perishing in the North-West and South-West of our country, sacrificed on the altar of the selfish ambitions of some and the pride of others. Not a day goes by without hearing cries of desolation coming from the regions concerned where horror follows horror, despite the official line which speaks of a return to normalcy.

Only yesterday it was the town of Mamfe which was the scene of human cruelty with men, women and children snatched from life in their sleep by lawless men. This is an opportunity for me to express, on my own behalf and on behalf of the CRM, our heartfelt condolences to the families so violently affected.

Elsewhere, following such horror we would have expected a scene of collective indignation and a general demonstration of solidarity and solace towards the families so hard hit.

Instead, we saw those who govern us celebrating the 41-year reign of Mr. Paul BIYA, in total indifference to this tragedy.

We have the impression that everything is being done to eradicate among Cameroonians the feeling of belonging to the same Nation that any people united and linked by a common destiny feel. How many more deaths will it take in the English-speaking regions of our country for us to pause in order to ward off this spell, if there is one, as recommended to us by our ancestral cultures?

From the beginning, we have never stopped saying that the resolution of the Anglophone crisis cannot be done by force but around a discussion table conducted in a frank and sincere manner. Could this new massacre serve as a catalyst to finally and resolutely search for a definitive solution to this conflict?

Once again, we demand an investigation so that those responsible for this heinous crime are unmasked and punished according to the law.

The CRM is prepared, as it has stated since the start of the crisis, to fully contribute to find a

lasting solution to this national tragedy.

Done in Yaoundé on 06 November 2023

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