

Southern Cameroons People's Conference (SCPC)

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RE: Communiqué on Mamfe Massacres.

The Southern Cameroons People's Conference (SCPC) is deeply saddened and disturbed by the recent massacres in Mamfe, Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia. This comes as a great shock to our people.

On the night of Sunday November 5th breaking Monday November 6th, 2023, over 20 women, girls, children, toddlers, and adult men were attacked, raped, massacred and burned in the locality of Egbekaw village in Mamfe, in the Southern zone of the Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia. Their homes and corpses were set on fire obliterating any scientific evidence of the vicious actions.

We extend our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives in this senseless act of violence. We also express our sympathy to those who were injured and to everyone affected by this tragedy.

We stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of Mamfe and all those affected by violence in Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

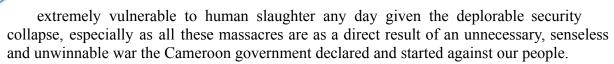
This incident follows a string of events in the past with a similar signature and pattern, such as:

- 1. Pinyin Massacre on 25th of May 2018 with over 30 people killed
- 2. Ngarbu Valentine Day massacres on February 14th 2020 killing 27 civilians, including 13 children
- 3. Ntumbo massacres killing 13 civilians including 10 children in 2020, in the Northwest Region;
- 4. Kumba School Massacres on October 24th 2020 killing 7 people
- 5. Mamfe hospital fires on June 8th 2022 depriving hundreds of urgently needed medical care
- 6. Nacho Bamenda Massacres on July 16th 2023 killing 10 persons

These massacres have gone uninvestigated with evidence pointing many a time to the forces of the Government of The Republic of Cameroon (*such as the BIRs*) like the Ngarbu Massacres. Unfortunately, (*as has been the case in the past*), this government has been quick to come to a conclusion without thorough investigations. Its Minister of Communications - Mr. Rene Emmanuel Sadi cannot be levying accusations on the Manyu Unity Warriors (that have publicly condemned the act and denied involvement) or any non-state armed groups for that matter without an investigation carried out by a third party which is not a party to the conflict. Any community across the Southern Cameroons/Ambazonian homeland remains

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The Cameroonian authorities have repeatedly denied and concealed their involvement in the killings of dozens of civilians, especially women and children, in the Northern Zone (North-West Region) and Southern Zone (South-West Region) since 2015.

The body of evidence and the patterns of their operations are undeniable. We know they did it, and the whole world knows they carried out this bloody massacre.

It is in this light that we therefore;

- 1. Call for urgent action and urge the Human Rights Council and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to constitute a team of experts to conduct a thorough investigation that will identify and punish the perpetrators of these gruesome crimes and treat them pursuant to all available avenues of international law and practice.
- 2. Call on the government of Canada and other governments that invest in peace to use all their available leverage to ensure that such human rights abuses do not continue as this undermines the investments that they and their allies have made towards justice and peace in the Southern Cameroons.
- 3. Call on the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to put all necessary pressure on the government of the Republic of Cameroon to heed to the call of the International Community, and join a United Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia team that is ready, willing and able to engage in a dialogue mediated by an objective neutral third party, to address the root causes of the war and find lasting solutions;

May the memories of those lost in this tragedy serve as a reminder of the urgent need for both parties to come to the table and seek lasting solutions to the war in Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia.

The Communications Committee of the SCPC

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