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Décidément Sissiku Jilius Ayuk Tabe, président par intérim de la république imaginaire d'Ambozonie ne va pas abdiquer, « l'homme fort » du Southern Cameroons semble multiplier des contre-offensives visant à « nuire » le pouvoir de Yaoundé.

Alors qu'il sommait il y a quelques temps seulement les parlementaires anglophones à quitter l'hémicycle, l'informaticien de formation va cette fois aller plus loin. Il vient à cet effet de saisir la CPI pour crimes commis par les forces de la république du Cameroun sur les populations des Southern Cameroun. 11 personnalités camerounaise sont visées.



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The Prosecutor
International Criminal Court
The Hague, the Netherlands

Your Lordship,

SUBJECT: Application for Investigation against Identified Government Officials of La République Du Cameroun for Genocide and Crimes against Humanity committed on the People of Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia)

This Application is made in accordance with Article 15(1) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, which mandates the Prosecutor to initiate investigations *proprio motu* on the basis of information on crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court.

The undersigned, whose address appears above, have the honour to request you to undertake any appropriate method of investigation in connection with the ongoing genocide and crimes against humanity committed on the people of Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia (North West and South West Regions of Cameroon as people are made to believe) in violation of Articles 6 and 7 of the Rome Statute, consequent upon Government's intransigence in carrying out such investigation as requested by the UN Secretary General following the killings and atrocities of the 1st October 2017.

The following personalities/government officials are in their individual capacities, directly responsible for the killings, torture and maiming, rape, abduction and forcible transfer of abductees and disappearances since October 2016:

- 1) Mr Paul Biya, President of La République du Cameroun
- 2) Mr Rene Sadi, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation
- 3) Mr Laurent Eso, Minister of Justice
- 4) Mr Jacques Fame Ndongo, Minister of Higher Education
- 5) Mr Issa Tchiroma Bakary, Minister of Information and Government Spokesman
- 6) Mr Joseph Beti Assomo, Minister Delegate at the Presidency in charge of Defence
- 7) Mr Martin Belinga Eboutou, Director of Civil Cabinet at the Presidency
- 8) Mr Rene Claude Meka, Head of the Army
- 9) Mr Jean-Baptist Bokam, Head of National Gendarmerie
- 10) Mr Adophe Lele L'Afrique, Governor of the North West Province
- 11) Mr Bernard Okalia Bilai, Governor of the South West province



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The background to the current crisis that has met with excessive armed repression, which if immediate and urgent action is not taken may escalate the on-going genocide and crimes against humanity, stems from deprivation of the right to self-determination, which has in turn led to the violation of a range of other universally recognised human rights, particularly the right to life and security of the human person. The facts are brief.

Following legitimate anti-government protests and civil disobedience initiated by common law lawyers and teachers' trade unions since October 2016, the government's excessively lethal response has left hundreds of the people of Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia dead, and others seriously wounded while the entire Southern Cameroons/Ambazonian population remains subjected to repression with recorded instances of cruel and inhumane treatment, rape, abductions, extra-judicial killings and disappearances.

In the last couple of weeks since the 22nd of September 2017, following peaceful demonstrations culminating in the commemoration of the Southern Cameroons/Amzabonia independence on the 1st of October 2017, the above named persons orchestrated the shooting of civilian demonstrators (with peace plants in their hands) in the streets of the major cities and towns within the Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia for legitimately asserting the right to self-determination, to exist as a separate state. Over 50 people, including children are confirmed dead while some are hospitalised for sustaining gun shots and hundreds of others remain missing.

May we be permitted to draw the attention to the following provisions of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court that have been continuously and systematically violated in the course of the 56 years since 1961, which has contributed in precipitating the present popular revolt by the people of Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia.

Article 6: Genocide

- a) Killing members of the people of the Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia;
- b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm (torture, maiming and incarceration in lifeless bunkers) to the people of the Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia;
- c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part (cultural genocide perpetrated through the imposition of the French language in schools and courts);
- d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group (vaccination of school girls in the 1990s);

Article 7: Crimes against Humanity

- a) Murder (on-going killings since December 2016 when 8 young protesters were shot to death on the streets of Bamenda to the recent killings on 1 October 2017);
- b) Extermination (the government's policy of assimilation into the dominant francophone systems is intended to exterminate the minority Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia population);
- c) Enslavement (56 years of treatment as second-class citizens with an extensive record of discriminatory practices against the people of Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia);
- d) Deportation or forcible transfer of population (abductions and arbitrary transfer of the abductees to prisons and detention facilities in Yaoundé and other cities in La République du Cameroun);



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- e) Imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty in violation of fundamental rules of international law (many of the Southern Cameroons/Ambazonian leaders and activists are still currently detained arbitrarily in bunkers and concentration camps in Yaoundé);
- f) Torture (many recorded instances of torture and degrading treatment, including against women and children of Southern Cameroons/Ambazonian decent);
- g) Rape (rape on students of the University of Buca among many other instances are on record);
- h) Persecution (hate speech propagated with impunity by people of La Republic du Cameroun on public media and arbitrary arrest and detention of the people of the Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia for no apparent offence except for the fact that they are from that part of the country);
- i) Enforced disappearance of persons (many families have since October 2016 reported the disappearance of their family members whose whereabouts remain unknown to this date);
- j) The crime of apartheid (apartheid style discriminatory treatment perpetrated by the government against the people of the Southern Cameroons Ambazonia. For example, internet access was shutdown in the whole of the Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia territory for 93 days from 17 January to 20 April 2017 while the rest of the French-speaking part of the country enjoyed unperturbed access to internet. Currently also, internet is suspended in the whole of the Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia since 1 October 2017 while the rest of the country remains connected to internet);
- k) Other inhumane acts of a similar character intentionally causing great suffering, or serious injury to body or to mental or physical health.

Attached to this application are video footages, newspaper clippings, photos, audio recordings and press statements issued by human rights organisations relating to atrocities committed on the people of the Southern Cameroons/Ambazonia.

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