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Is Cameroun's new genocide technique to slowly kill Southern Cameroonian detainees?

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The death of yet another Southern Cameroonian prisoner of conscience, Tangem Thomas, under LRC's detention proves a point. LRC has found an easy way out of its dilemma. After massive arrest of innocent Southern Cameroonians in an attempt to bully the nation and force it to continue to accept Francophone colonization since 2016 failed, LRC is afraid to lose face and release them. But having no capacity to continue to take prisoners, having no money to continue to fight the war, and seeing that directly killing young civilians in the Southern Cameroons only strengthens their resolve to fight back, they have subtly resorted to the Nazi extermination chamber technique. And the world watches, unwilling to summon scores of available humanitarian tools to help end the 21st Century genocide.

Be it in Buea, Bamenda, Ndop, Yaounde or Douala, the ordeal of Southern Cameroonian prisoners of conscience remains the same. A case in point is the recent death of Thomas Tangem.



Then and now. The late Tangem Thomas before his arrest and chained to his deathbed. A metaphor for the Southern Cameroons before we joined La République du Cameroun and our lives now, sixty years into the recumbent union.

The Southern Cameroonian from Donga and Mantung area, was abducted by LRC troops in Nkambe and ferried to Cameroun's capital, Yaounde, where he died handcuffed to a hospital bed three years into his detention without trial. According to hospital sources, the chaining of the critically ill detainee was done by prison guards upon instructions from the prison superintendent. Needless to say, in hospitals where Southern Cameroonians are regarded as "enemies in the house" the medical staff needed no further instructions to execute the unpronounced death sentence. They simply neglected and slowly killed-off detainee Tangem Thomas.

This perhaps explains why, despite widespread condemnation, the Camerounian authorities have not yet made any official statement on Thomas' case.

Meanwhile, our efforts to get the Kondengui prison administrator to explain why Mr Tangem was chained in his hospital bed while in a critical condition, remained futile. Less than three months ago, detained journalist Samuel Wazizi died under similar circumstances in the same Yaounde. Like Tangem, he was arrested in Buea and ferried to Yaounde and had been held under inhumane conditions, without trial, until his death was discovered by journalists last June 2020.

Editorial Note

A Yoruba proverb says: He who drums for a fool thereby proves his own foolishness. This proverb sums the situation of the colonially appointed mayor of Kumbo, and all the Yaounde-based "Anglophone elites" catering to Francophonie tastes in the Southern Cameroons. The divorce between the SCs and LRC is a done deal, the evidence is everywhere, even in the treatment of "terrorist" prisoners like Late Tangem Thomas. Please read on.

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Biya appointee "Kumbo mayor", smiling in self-congratulation as Biya crushes innocent Kumbo citizens with his help.

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Another comparison. Two journalists held for similar charges. To the left is Ahmed Abba, a Francophone RFI Correspondent held on suspicion of sympathy with Boko Haram. This picture was taken on his date of release. To the right is Thomas Awah Junior, a Southern Cameroonian arrested alongside Mancho Bibixy and Tsi Conrad for criticizing the Biya regime. Notice the emaciated state of the latter who was denied treatment until pressure was piled on the Biya regime. Wazizi, did not have the same luck as he died in detention. Southern Cameroonians are denied treatment and killed while Francophones leave in smiles.

Yaounde sources say, the unavowed LRC policy towards Southern Cameroonian detainees has been to prevent access to medical care and Thomas Tangem was only taken to hospital in a make belief action, to stave off the backlash sparked by Wazizi dying without seeing a doctor. It should be recalled that recently, Shufai Blaise, one of the Nera 10 abductees held in a Yaounde prison was denied medical care. Only a public awareness campaign over social media and threats by other prisoners could convince LRC prison officials to allow Shufai to go for treatment.

Even more testimonials abound. Ndimendah Abdul, a former inmate of the Bamenda Central Prison said he suffered similar ill-treatment, and opined that although prison conditions are generally bad in LRC, they were especially worse for those arrested in the struggle to liberate the Southern Cameroons. "I was among the twelve persons (elderly notables and a few youths) arrested in Bangolan, near Ndop. I and eleven others have seen hell in the Bamenda prison. We were given infected and at best insufficient food. Neither our families nor lawyers were allowed to talk to us!" Mr Ndimendah added. The 65 year former inmate narrated that he was freed of the terrorism charges miraculously, maybe because of his old age, but regretted the fact that others are still detained. He testified that every week, dead bodies were taken out of the prison and buried by inmates without the knowledge of family members.

It is such gross human rights violations that sparked riots last June 23, 2019 in two prisons: Yaounde and Buea, where the Southern Cameroonian prisoners protested against the inhumane and degrading conditions of detainment, which invariably include torture and denial of medical treatment. In its

characteristic lawless fashion, the LRC regime's response to the protests by detainees was to worsen their ill-treatment. It should be noted that most of these detainees are civilians arrested either for either protesting LRC excesses or upon suspicion of their sympathy with the Southern Cameroons liberation movements. Many have been held for close to four years without trial.

Some observers think Cameroun's justice system is undermined by a mechanism of partiality where the chief executive, Paul Biya is also the supreme head of the judiciary. Civil society activists have often said that the justice system is undermined by injustice, due to corruption, influence peddling and impartiality. However, the question on every sane mind is how a civilized world, which bombarded Libya and Cote d'Ivoire on humanitarian intervention grounds, can allow Biya and his cohorts to perpetrate such gross violations of human rights without any action to stop him.

In fact, routine physical and psychological torture, poor feeding and other inhumane treatments are the daily lot of Southern Cameroonians held in Cameroun's jails. Even those not yet held in jail, those living in their homes, can be arrested and killed at any second, depending on the mood LRC's soldiers and their commanders find themselves in. The sustained pattern and inevitable death of victims of these treatments point to only one thing: LRC's physical and moral bankruptcy leads them to a cynic conclusion: slowly kill Southern Cameroonians in their extermination chambers. So far, there is nothing to stop them and yet the news is awash with narratives of the UN, the AU, the EU, etc. holding hearings on peace and security in the world.

Biya's "mayor of Kumbo" makes vain efforts to blow as Biya continues to bite

By Sahka Ntumwong

Biya's appointee mayor of Kumbo, Bui, in the person of Dr Mborong Venasius, has recently undertaken a still-born initiative to cajole the Bui population into French Cameroun colonial servitude. Mborong, a native of Bui, an empty vessel who cannot qualify in any true mayoral race, owes his mayoral title to being appointed CPDM candidate in the recently stage managed municipal elections conducted by the colonial LRC administration in the Southern Cameroons. In total oblivion of this fact, Mborong keeps behaving like a dancing monkey for pecuniary gains, and hopes to win over some Bui citizens to help him convince Biya to part with more money which he can embezzle and claim to have used to buy over Bui people. At the same time, the LRC genocide machinery keeps murdering innocent civilians.

With sweet words, Mborong preached to the people pretending to give them hope without condemning his master and his forces for killing the people he calls his own. "I know that you standing here are in need of peace, this is why you are giving me a listening ear. I am here to tell our brothers to stop this fighting, talk to them, they are being killed like goats or chicken. Is this the way we like to live? For how long will this go on? Let us leave this fighting, those who started it have left it" said the treacherous Mborong Venasius as he met Southern Cameroonians in Mbveh during what he styled a meet the people tour.

If you do not find it strange that someone with the title of Doctor, like Mborong, was busily looking for his political seat as his people were killed, tortured and their houses burnt, then at least you will marvel at how he can afford to ignore this and instead of calling for an end to these exactions, he is calling on those who stood up against such evil to remain



Like their guru Atanga Nji, Biya's henchmen in Kumbo gather their relatives and occupying military officers' children to stage shows like this and convince the Biya regime that their colonial agenda is on course. Here the colonial SDO in Bui is seen with Dr Mborong posing for the LRC propaganda machine. Notice the uncomfortable sitting position of the child in the forefront. This shows that they were merely contracted to pose for pictures and will leave as soon as the photo session is over.

silent now.

One would have thought that Mborong's PhD qualifications would have equipped him with analytical skills to study the situation in Bui and advise his colonial employers to quit the Southern Cameroons, given the unflinching resolve shown by Bui to liberate the country since the 1990s. Instead, he leads them to attack the population like was the case last August 7 when they attacked the Kikaikom and Mbveh neighbourhoods. It begs the question to know who issued him the title of doctor. One wonders if Mborong is one of these occultist doctors who, being hypnotized by Rosicrucian rituals, maintain silence in the face of the evil unleashed on their fellow Bui denizens, and Southern Cameroonians in general, by Grand Master Biya.

It should be noted that the Bui County is one of those counties that have been resolute in the liberation of the Southern Cameroonian people to seek self-rule and destroy the colonial mandate of La Republique du Cameroun. It is home to some of the strongest resistance fighters in the Southern Cameroons. For this rea-

son, it has been an epicenter of LRC genocidal acts.

In one of his public outings, the colonial Mayor of Bui, Mborong, told the few who did themselves violence to suffer hearing his voice that he pleaded with the La Republique minister of public works to allow the roads to be dug by people instead of bulldozers? He claimed this was to provide jobs to the people. The interesting thing here is that he failed to win any converts to join him in his self-seeking enslavement to LRC. It is perhaps out of frustration that he and his masters resorted to use heavy caterpillar machinery accompanied by heavy military escort to attack Kikaikom and Mbveh.

It is needless to add that their mission failed as they were repelled by the few Southern Cameroonian defence forces in the areas. It is hoped that this failure, if it does not convince the LRC mules called soldiers that only doom awaits them in Bui and the Southern Cameroons, should at least convince mayor Mborong that he is only being used by the Gods of Bui as a Trojan horse to mislead the enemies of the Southern Cameroonian people.

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