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“Cameroun gov’t sponsored groups responsible for upsurge of brutal killings” public opinion says

By Stephen Ngam

Brutal killings of the most hair-raising kind have re-surged across the Southern Cameroons in the past weeks. The most recent is the slaughtering of Comfort Afiri in Muyuka. Prior to Comfort’s death, one Treasure in the Bamenda area, was killed in very similar circumstances. The killers take the pains to record chilling graphic details of the killings, to identify themselves as Ambazonian fighters, to justify the killings as due to treason and to contract an LRC sponsored social media outlet, MKPD, to release the videos with maximum shocking effect to the whole wide world. The killings happen as if on cue, and like during previous years, they often come quite close to a UN gathering in New York, as if to counter the upcoming 22 September commemoration of massive slaughter of Southern Cameroonians on that date in 2017.

Although the government of Cameroun, through its Minister of Communication, Emmanuel Rene Sadi, in a statement on Thursday 13 August

2020, blamed the Southern Cameroons self-defence groups for the extrajudicial killings, just like they have done before, nothing proves that the Southern Cameroonians are responsible. If there is any proof of such accusations, it is certainly not the fact that the killers self-identify on camera as Southern Cameroonian defence forces; it is a common secret that sabotage killings are staged to smear opponent camps during war, where the first casualty is the truth.

Anthony Bangha, a human rights defender, talking to SCCOP’s reporters from his Fundong residence said the fight for the liberation of the Southern Cameroons has been infiltrated by Cameroun government



Without the slightest evidence, the BBC and other sensationalist media and NGOs attribute the killing of these two women to Southern Cameroonian defence actors. Some are eager to believe, ignoring the overwhelming antecedents of the Cameroun military in such killings or the fact that MKPD has been caught staging the live burial of a woman.

Editorial Comment

Once again, the Southern Cameroons Congress of the people dug deep into the hinterlands of the country, not to report isolated incidents but to analyse trends and portray the phenomena that characterize the lived experience of LRC colonization of our people.

We did not merely report the universally condemnable murder of civilians on camera, but push the analysis to its cutting edge, asking why someone will produce such horrifying videos, if not intended to shock the world and smear Southern Cameroons self-defence actors.

In addition to this story, SCCOP’s reporters discovered another alarming colonization trend. This is the surreptitious creation of “new traditional chiefdoms” all over the Southern Cameroons. An abomination against our Africanness, justified by nothing other than its political expediency for the colonial regime in its electioneering.

Read on, if you like it, tell others. If you do not, tell us to improve. See you next week.

sponsored groups serving as agents provocateurs and Trojan horses. “What do the Ambazonia fighters gain by filming and publishing scenes of barbaric acts of this nature? Somebody who is in his normal senses can’t do that by incriminating himself. I think somebody somewhere is impersonating the freedom fighters”, he argued. Some persons we talked to in “ground zero” argued that the Yaounde regime soldiers and some elite of Ambazonia in La Republique’s government have been noted in the past for brutal killings, burning of homes and sexual abuse among other crimes and painting the Ambazonia forces black. A majority of Southern Cameroonians cited instances where the Cameroun forces have carried out irreparable damages while trying to wipe the evidence and putting the blames on freedom fighters. Some cited the case of the Ngarbuh Massacre of 14th February, 2020 where the gov-

ernment of Cameroun denied responsibility and blamed Southern Cameroonian defence forces, only back tracking after an independent inquiry by Amnesty International proved the Cameroun Army intentionally executed the civilians. A 42 year old man, who refused to be mentioned for fear of being persecuted, accused Paul Atanga Nji, Cameroun’s Minister of Territorial Administration of sponsoring groups across the North West region with the aim of tarnishing the image of the fighters. The groups, he said, are made of murder row convicts who are released after they accept the bargain to kill on behalf of the Cameroun government. He also mentioned how the colonial governor of the South West, Bernard Okalia Bilai and the late mayor

of Buea use to run such groups to prove to their master, Paul Biya that they are working hard. “We have seen instances where soldiers of La Republique raid villages carrying out mass arrests, torturing people, breaking their legs and burning their homes leaving them helpless. It is true that Ambazonian fighters also kill those they



PLO Lummumba is one of those who issued a statement calling for action in the Southern Cameroons on pan-African grounds, after watching the gruesome murders of civilians on video.

qualify “black legs” but they do that secretly not in public as they videos show on social media”, the man said.

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Most Southern Cameroonians expressed the need for a UN led investigation into the repeated killings so as to identify the culprits and to punish them accordingly. This is the opinion of Agbor Balla of the Center for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa (CHRDA). According to this human rights group leader, violence has been perpetrated by both Cameroun government security forces and armed groups. The CHRDA also thinks that criminal gangs are also terrorizing local inhabitants, wreaking havoc and Southern Cameroonian defence actors are not solely to blame for some atrocities even in areas under their control.



US-Senator Karen Bass, joins other global stakeholders in helplessly issuing statements condemning atrocities whilst ignoring the root causes of all the ills they condemn

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In addition to dodging bullets from marauding state terrorists from LRC, Southern Cameroonians across several localities in the country now have a new colonial ploy to contend with: to defend their millennial chieftaincy traditions against LRC intervention. Several people we talked to have manifested their ire at the colonial regime of La Republique's overzealous administrative authorities for "trying to create disorder within our communities" by creating new chiefdoms and changing the hierarchical classification of others.

A glaring example comes from Baba I, Ngoketunja Division, where the colonial Senior Divisional Officer (SDO) recently created a fondom at Muokang village. This sparked protests among the denizens of Baba who wrote against the SDO to the colonial administration in protest. A Prince of Baba I Village, Melo Iliasu Esq., came out openly to rubbish the decision of the Senior Divisional Officer of Ngoketunja which he challenged for creating two new Fon-

doms in a small village like his.

"The creation of the two villages in Ngoketunja is an attempt by the government of Cameroun to disrupt the peaceful coexistence of the people of



Artwork from Yoruba land depicting a British colonial officer and traditional rulers. Notice the size of the colonial figure representing dominance.

Ngoketunja. The law must take into consideration the society where it is to be applied. This administrative act is so strange to the people of the North West in particular" he declared. Prince Melo Iliasu added that "the one time united Babungo will now be divided into two. This village is one of the smallest villages around the area. The size of this small village shows that nothing positive influenced the creation of the Muokang village just some few meters from the Babungo Fon's palace", the prince said.

A similar case was witnessed in Bum sub Division, Boyo, where the colonial DO, working in complicity with LRC's SDO for Boyo, tried to create new fondoms in Bum. This attempt was failed due to the massive

outrage of the population who protested the action and the newly appointed chiefs backtracked into oblivion. The people of Bum told the colonial authorities in no uncertain terms that chiefdoms have never and will never be created in their community by decrees signed by individuals. They reminded the LRC colonisers that unlike is the case with French Camerounese chiefs created by France, Southern Cameroonians have age old, time tested criteria for the creation, recognition and classification of chiefdoms in their respective tribal communities.

Asked to know what motivated their creation of these new chiefdoms, a source at Cameroun's Ministry of Territorial Administration declared that "government creates chiefdoms where there is need and where it deems necessary and for any fit purpose". Therefore, as typical of any colonial administration, the LRC government arrogates to itself the right to decide how Southern Cameroonians are to be governed. Needless to say, such powers are only to be used to divide communities and appoint surrogates to implement its anti-people policies in our communities.

A contextual analysis shows that the forthcoming regional elections could be the reason behind this chieftaincy creation frenzy. In fact, traditional rulers are promised new significance since, article 101 of LRC's French teleguided electoral code provides for traditional rulers to constitute an electoral college to vote regional representatives and governors in its decentralized constitution.



An LRC colonial administrator surrounded by traditional rulers from the Bamenda area. Notice the similarity between this picture and the one on the right depicting a British colonial era scene. This should be proof that if anything, LRC see themselves as the new colonisers.

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