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## As Cameroun's oppression continues, over 200 Southern Cameroonian "bilingual teachers" without salaries or civil service registration numbers

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More than three years since the colonial government of Cameroun launched a special recruitment of 1000 bilingual teachers to address grievances against the presence of French speaking teachers within the English sub-system of education in the sciences and technical subjects, some Southern Cameroonians who fell for the scam have gone without registration as state functionaries and cannot therefore receive any wages. Several among the over 200 Southern Cameroonian teachers involved in the scheme spoke to our staff, complaining that despite being assigned and taking orders from their Francophone masters in various schools in the Southern Cameroons, they have not been paid any salaries or received their civil service registration numbers.

One of the teachers, Christopher Che (not his real name) who was recruited and posted to GHS Bojongo, in the coastal city of

Victoria, which the colonisers renamed Limbe, testified that they have been abandoned by the Camerounese government despite the risk they took to teach under the dangerous war situation across the Southern Cameroons.

"We have been going to the Ministry of Public Service and Administrative Reforms. We have written several petitions and issued requests to meet the minister, but nothing has changed. They sent us to the Sub Director in charge of Recruitment, Room 114, and the only response we got from there was that 'authentications' were not yet available. I shouldn't have engaged myself in this mess" Mr. Che regretted.

Another teacher, Kelvin Fokwa (not his real



Global failure to act on the Biya regime's educational colonization and later, outright murder of Southern Cameroonians condemns these children to a bleak future without the right kind of education.

### Editorial

The neglected stories. The often under-reported or overlooked but significant events and facts. The remote causes and lasting effects. We dig them and bring them to you. Mindful that a war is not only a matter of body count. This is not to disparage the supreme sacrifices our matyrs have paid as we still struggle to cry our pain. We are arguing that there are a thousand forms of suffering that accompany the wanton carnage and are a form of carnage in themselves.

SCCOP News helps you do the broader analysis, identify the trends and gather intelligence because we are aware that in a free society like the Southern Cameroons, every single citizen is a leader in their own right and every leader deserves, nay, requires intelligence and not propaganda to inform their public management choices. We need intelligence to manage the revolution, not propaganda.

Therefore, this week, we bring you more reports about LRC's oppression even of those who desperately serve them in the hope to be spared the treatment reserved for unrepentant Southern Cameroonians. We also add reports on the foolish bans of machetes and building rods by LRC, which we greet as the admission by LRC that power is not in size but wisdom. Lastly, we revisit one of the constants of the resistance against colonization. Monday ghost towns. This can be traced back to 2016, and has become one of the key institutions of the Southern Cameroons liberation movement and the sacrifices of our people must be acknowledged.

name), who was also recruited and sent to a school in Bamenda, related a similar experience: "they told us last year (2019) that 'authentications' had come. They promised to solve our problems within three months. But from April to August, nothing came out of it" he lamented.

Taking a dig at the slow and disdainful way in which LRC treats anything that is likely to benefit Southern Cameroonians, Mr Fokwa declared: "In February 2020, the newly appointed Director of Recruitment started the process all over. He told us to wait again for two months. The two months waiting period has expired, but there has been no progress in the status of our documents. Our documents are still in the same position. When we went there again around June/July we told that nobody could enter the ministry again because of Covid-19".

He further explained that "Everyone knows that the situation is extremely hard especially for teachers in the North West and South West regions due to the ongoing crisis. Why should the government treat us this way?" Mr Fokwa lamented. Note that the terms South West and North West Region are a colonial name used by the Yaounde regime to refer to the Southern Cameroons.

Other teachers we talked to (Ngamfon Tita, Njohbam and Akwanga) narrated the same ordeal and wondered why they are being discriminated against at a time Southern Cameroonians are fighting to break away from La Republique du Cameroun.



A group of women stage a protest against the war in Southern Cameroons. Although their sponsors remain unknown, their message certainly reflects the state of mind of many. However, it takes more than such protests to end the war.

Meanwhile, last minute infor-

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mation we received from a source at the LRC Ministry of Public Service revealed that the said structure intends to process the files of some 10.000 contract workers over the next 100 days and they believe the documents of these teachers shall be processed as well. It is a wait and see situation because battered as it is by the war, LRC may have to make a miracle before it finds funds to foot these extra expenses.



A scene from the early days of mass protests against educational colonization by LRC in 2016.

These punitive non-payment of salaries meted against teachers from the Southern Cameroons is another clear indication that Yaounde launched the special recruitment to deceive the international community and mask its marginalization and discrimination that has been ongoing over the past 60 years

## Southern Cameroonians react to the Cameroun government's decision restricting the sale of cutlasses and reinforcing rods

The rather comical decision by Camerounese minister of territorial administration, Atanga Paul Nji, to restrict the sale of machetes, knives and building iron rods has drawn widespread ridicule and condemnation throughout the Southern Cameroons.

While the population say it is an indirect way to completely ground the economy of the Southern Cameroons as over 90% of the population depends on subsistence agriculture using a cutlass as a tool, freedom fighters on the ground rubbish the decision saying they could still produce rudimentary tools to serve the same purpose Atanga Nji is accusing them of using the tools for.

Among those who condemned the decision is Yai Yunji, founder of Unity brothers; a civil society organisation. "How do you expect someone who has lost everything including his personal documents, who now lives in the bush and can barely afford food, to be able to meet the stipulated conditions in order to purchase a cutlass to use on their farm?", he asked.

In fact, one of the conditions stipulated by Atanga Nji, for the purchase of a cutlass or an iron rod, is the obtainment of



Creative use of rebars by Southern Camerounians defence groups has shamed LRC's anti-aircraft guns. Power indeed is not in size.



Rather than protect a population which their soldiers slaughter on camera like Sam Soya shown here, it is clear LRC's machete restriction is to make the weapon available only to these genocidal troops

prior authorisation from the colonial divisional officers from LRC who are administering the Southern Cameroons. Yai Yunji further reasons that there are remote areas where the transport fare to get to the urban areas to see these administrative officers ranges from 3000frs to 6000frs and more, depending on the period, it he does not see the feasibility of this for peasants who want to just to buy a cutlass worth 2000 or 2500frs.

Others argued that the restriction of the sale of cutlasses, knives and iron rod is not linked to the sophisticated weapons held by the freedom fighters. An expert in defence issues (names withheld), found the measure risible. "From a state whose army was forced to deploy anti-aircraft guns with a 3-km range in the Southern Cameroons, this move seems derisory. One wonders the potency of machetes, even if one were to understand the ban on iron rods which are a very key element in IEDs", the expert says, adding that it is a cheap publicity stunt by the LRC ex-convict minister who wants to be seen by his boss and their French overlords as effectively acting to kill Southern Cameroonians, even as their options are dwindling to nought. As if to echo this expert, some Southern Cameroons self-defence actors we interviewed in Bum, Kom and in the Ndop, say they

already have a large supply of these rods strewn across building sites all over the country while rudimentary machetes can be made, thus dismissing the minister's actions as not worthy of their comment.

Thus, the action is likely to mostly affect the civilian population in its farming activities. Ayah Paul Abine, former National President of the Popular Action Party-who was imprisoned abusively by La Republique for supporting the freedom struggle, said this decision by Atanga Nji is adding more salt to injury.

However, some Southern Cameroons patriots say they have what it takes to fix rudimentary tools to help the population to go about their farming activities unperturbed.

Even among Francophones, Atanga Nji's decisions are often seen as stupid and unwise. To many, instead of looking for ways of addressing the root causes of this crisis, Atanga Nji and his Cameroun regime keep on pushing the population to the wall and further radicalises them.

The Southern Cameroons Congress of the People, on its part, sees the move as an act of desperation. In fact, routed and disgraced on the moral and political front, increasingly isolated on the diplomatic front despite cover-up with the aid of France, and facing an unexpectedly stiff resistance from Southern Cameroons self-defence group, LRC is forced to do what every coward would do. Instead of admitting defeat on the grounds that power is not size, they have found themselves a scapegoat to blame for their defeat. This is why they keep attacking civilians who are struggling to rebuild homes for the few who have not been murdered by LRC's genocidal acts or farmers struggling to scratch the earth for a living. This once again, highlights the urgency for all lovers of peace and justice, from all over the world, to urgently call the colonial regime to stay its genocidal hand in the Southern Cameroons.

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Be it in Kumba, Bamenda, Buea, Fundong, Mamfe, Batibo or any other Southern Cameroonian town, the situation remains the same with markets and other business spots closed on Mondays: ghost town day.

No matter how harsh the measures taken by local administrative and municipal authorities are, they have changed nothing from this achievement of the Southern Cameroons resistance against LRC colonisation. At the cost of heavy fines, sealed shops, personal attacks and blackmail by the colonial authorities, Southern Came-



LRC Buea Mayor Namange. Another stubborn fly willing to follow the LRC corpse into the grave. Notice similar gnashing of teeth to Ekema, right photo, probably in torment at the knowledge of certain calamity in reward for their treason against the Southern Cameroons.

roonians continue this legacy of the non-violent resistance days, as if to inform LRC that the fact that civilians are not carrying guns to fight them does no mean they acquiesce to being colonised by LRC on behalf of France.

In Kumba, Meme Division, South West region, the colonial administrators, Victor Nkelle Ngoh (going by the title of city mayor) and Ntou'ou Ndong (titled Meme senior divisional

officer) have seen this as an opportunity to enrich themselves by imposing unexplained sanctions on those respecting Monday's ghost towns. A top official of Union Bank Cameroon (UBC) revealed to our reporters that their offices have been sealed severally by the city mayor who only reopened them after UBC paid over 200.000FCA to the city council, with no receipt issued.

The banker said they brought out a method last Monday August 17, 2020 to evade this extortion. One of these measures include positioning of a private guard at the entrance of the bank on working hours and the guard given the instruction to tell the council workers that they were working in close doors.

Despite these heavy fines that range from 25.000 to about 50.000 most shop keepers in Kumba say they will never dare open their shops on Mondays until the Southern Cameroons are liberated. "We could open our shops even without the mayor or DO or their soldiers trying to make us do it, but that will mean opposing those fighting for our own liberation," Joseph (a phone repairer in the Fiango neighbourhood whose real names are withheld) told our reporters. Joseph further explained that even for the few Francophones in the town who have no ideological affinity with the Southern Cameroons, it makes good sense to pay the colonial regime's fines than to face the wrath of the people.

The story remains the same in Buea, headquarters of the South West region where the colonial mayor, David Mafany Namange, is following the footsteps of his predecessor, Patrick Ekema. Like Ekema, Namange is seen under heavy military escort on Mondays, threatening to break open traders' shops, sealing the shops of those he hates, and imposing heavy fines on them. Ekema is known to have broken open some shops, but with the French sponsored LRC military behind him, shop owners had no way of



Ekema, no doubt the inspiration for Namange's actions, is now locking shops in the country of the dead.

exacting justice. Similarly, Namange has been reported to use the council police to force open some shops and loot the contents. This event would be evidence that most of the insecurity of persons and properties perpetrated in the Southern Cameroons is the handiwork of LRC and

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its backers.

For over four years now, ghost towns imposed by the freedom fighters on the ground, have been respected to the latter by the population; which is a clear indication that the Southern Cameroons self-defence groups are remain firmly in control of the Southern Cameroons, despite LRC's staged measures to give a different impression to the world.

Meanwhile, the resistance of the people of the Southern Cameroons is hailed and no doubt, Monday will remain a holiday in a free Southern Cameroons, to remind future generations of the history of the resistance and to inspire them to be strong in the face of future challenges.

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