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DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BAKASSI REGION

The Government of Southern Cameroons (GoSC) condemns the deadly attack by forces of La Republique du Cameroun (LRC) on Southern Cameroons citizens in the Bakassi Peninsula resulting in the deaths and wounding of dozens and internal displacement of thousands under the guise of a “police action.”

The GoSC continues to assess the unfolding human tragedy in this Local Government area of the Southern Cameroons. Dozens of our citizens have been killed while thousands have been internally displaced as tens of thousands more live under the threat of state sponsored terrorism. The GoSC is also aware of widespread looting, rape, arrest and destruction of property of the civilian population in a campaign of ethnic terror against Anglophone residents by the French trained Camerounian “red hat” gendarmes.

The actions of the Camerounian occupation forces have had consequences beyond the borders of Southern Cameroons and have created a humanitarian crisis in neighbouring Nigeria as displaced citizens flee for their lives.

The GoSC warns the occupying regime and reminds the international community that military occupation generates obligations towards the occupied territory and its people under the Geneva and Hague Conventions. La Republique du Cameroun must respect the rights and freedoms of those people its unlawful policies have imposed untold hardship upon.

The GoSC plans to develop the full economic potential of the Bakassi Peninsula and has been working on a wide range of projects with the Canadian companies Kilimanjaro Capital Ltd and Forest Gate Energy on the exploration and management of resources within this region for the benefit of the people. These companies have pledged logistical assistance for our refugee relief efforts.

It is through development and empowerment and not violence, ethnic cleansing and killings that governments and citizens establish reciprocal obligations towards one another. This is an approach that ensures the peace and stability necessary for capacity building and development.



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The GoSC will raise the ongoing situation in Bakassi and the actions of the occupying regime with international and regional bodies including the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Court of Justice, various UN organizations and the African Commission for Human and Peoples Rights. An immediate referral will be generated to the International Criminal Court seeking the indictment of Paul Biya for crimes against humanity.

The Government urges its citizens to continue to resist the occupation of Southern Cameroons, to defend their homes and families by all means possible, hinder the enemy and to reject any policy whose sole aim is to entrench the occupation.

The solidarity of the Southern Cameroonian peoples against the LRC aggressor is unshakeable and unitary. The GoSC calls for swift justice and retribution to be enacted upon the Butchers of Bakassi.

Long Live a Free Southern Cameroons!

Done in Washington DC, USA this 4th day of April 2013.



President GoSC

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