



SYSTEMATIC KILLINGS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN SOUTHERN CAMEROONS

SCA Germany e.V. has been following with heavy heart the systematic killing of innocent civilians in Southern Cameroons by Cameroonian security forces who are supposed to be protecting them since the escalation of the conflict in 2016. An end to this is not in sight anytime soon and the International Community has not taken any practical steps to stop these killings.

We condemn in strongest terms the precedented attacks on innocent civilians and request the International Community to take visible measures to stop these killings and hold perpetrators accountable.

On Sunday 22nd August 2021 Cameroonian security forces again, randomly shot at civilian targets and this time, a church (Presbyterian Church Ntanfoang in Bali Nyongha), where Christians were fellowshiping being affected. This led to the killing of a member of the congregation (Ms Grace Titalabit) and the serious wounding of the Rev. Pastor (Voma Simon Montoh).

In another incidence, Cameroonian security forces again pursued, shot and killed two 15 years old sisters (Precious Ugochi Okudah and Chinasa Okudah) as they sought refuge in a shop in Ekombe village, near Kumba on August 24th, 2021.

We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and wish the Rev. Pastor a speedy recovery.

It is worth noting that similar attacks on civilians and civilian targets have taken place in the past such as the Ngarbuh Massacre, the killing of pupils in classrooms in Kumba, just to name a few.

SCA Germany e.V further reminds the international community that the Crisis in Southern Cameroons, described by the Norwegian Refugee Council Secretary General, Jan Egeland, as the most neglected humanitarian crisis of the world, would lead to a total destabilization of the whole Gulf of Guinea, if not addressed to the satisfaction of all the parties concerned. We are afraid that any solution that does not address the root causes of the problem would only worsen the situation.

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