



AMBAZONIA COALITION TEAM (ACT)



'Our People, Our Homeland'

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The Ambazonia Coalition Team (ACT), the biggest grouping of movements representing all Southern Cameroonians and signed onto the United Nations-backed “negotiations without preconditions” under the auspices of the Government of Switzerland, welcomes and rallies the call by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres for a global ceasefire in order to prioritize the fight against the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

Civilian volunteers in ACT-affiliated self-defence units prioritize the health of Ambazonians. They will open life-saving corridors for healthcare and humanitarian workers as well as set up a shelter-in-place campaign modeled after our successful lockdown operations. ACT will hold the Biya regime accountable for all COVID-19-related deaths in Ambazonia, given the regime’s role in under-developing or destroying health facilities across the Occupied Southern Cameroons.

ACT (also known as Team Ambazonia) urges the UN to call for the immediate release of Ambazonian prisoners of conscience, prisoners of war, and other innocent Ambazonians abducted, deported to and held in overcrowded jails and dungeons in Cameroun.

ACT reminds the UN that it can put an end to the senseless bloodletting in Ambazonia by simply ordering the Biya regime to withdraw its troops and by deploying UN Peacekeepers to enforce such an order. We thank the UN, in advance, for upholding the rights spelled out in the Charter for the proudly independent and unjustly recolonized people of Ambazonia.

The appeal for a global ceasefire should not end with the stemming of the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage the UN to stay engaged in fostering peace and security in the Cameroons. This can be done by notably compelling the Biya regime to end the unwinnable war it has waged against Ambazonia. The UN needs to compel the Biya regime to join Team Ambazonia on the table of the Swiss-led negotiations. And the UN needs to commit to address the root cause of The Ambazonia Problem: a botched decolonization process and failure to uphold the independence of the former UN British Trusteeship Territory of Southern Cameroons as sanctioned by UN General Assembly Resolution 1608(XV) of 21st April 1961.

Since declaring war on 30th November 2017, the Biya regime has slaughtered 13,000 Ambazonians. It has driven over 200,000 others into exile or refugee camps. Over 650,000 others are internally displaced, living in bushes, forests or just out in the open. Some 2.6 million people have been impacted with one million children out of school for three years. Over 400 villages have been looted and razed to the ground in a scorched earth campaign that has, among others, involved the use of rape, torture and famine as instruments of war.

Ambazonians long for the day when the UN will truly uphold the “Never Again Pledge” and evoke “Responsibility to Protect”. With Ambazonians massacred daily by the Biya regime, it would be committing suicide if the victims renounce their inalienable right to self-defence.

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