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*(Former British Southern Cameroons)*

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### ***Presidential Address***

## **2023 INDEPENDENCE DAY ADDRESS TO THE NATION**

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Fellow Ambazonians,

After seven years of our Liberation Struggle we can see how we have progressed towards our GOALS (the God-Ordained Ambazonian Liberation Struggle!)

We the Ambazonians pledge our loyalty.

We pay our appreciations and respect to the heroes of Ambazonia over the last six decades as well as to acknowledge the efforts of the ARF+, who have, since 2/Sept/23, been engaged victoriously in The Daring Move. “Wona café dey up! Awooo.”

For all our fallen heroes, we dedicate a minute of silence.

Throughout the six decades of Southern Cameroons, Ambazonia, it was always the case that at any juncture there was only a quality few who only wanted La République du Cameroun to implement reforms to improve the lot of Southern Cameroonians, which, it turns out were already recognised and recommended by the African Commission way back in 2003.

When we started it was just a quality few who only wanted improvements at each stage. In the late nineteen fifties despite different methods and ideologies, our forefathers, dismayed at the lack of true representation, left the The British UN Trusteeship of Nigeria. They achieved self-governance with a proper multi-party system.

When independence came, unjust though the process was, there was a vibrant discussion in civility among the different parties of our nation. Our then leaders did the responsible and accepted the vote as a method to decide and threw in our nation's lot with the Federation of East and West Cameroon, subject to established pre-conditions.

Almost immediately some quality few could see the flaws, as the pre-conditions were roundly flouted, and stood up to be counted. They endured harsh political imprisonment and other inhumane treatments at the hands of the East Cameroun authorities but their aim, to ensure our identity survived, was achieved.

In addition to our quality few, Ambazonia has always had The Most High God as our Watchman. East Cameroun declined to seal our nation into the Cameroun Federation, thereby leaving us at liberty to reconsider at our convenience in the future. Of course, this depended on the assimilation failing and here again how could we explain how badly the assimilation went than that The Most High God, our Watchman, was at work? East Cameroon's scheme was to assimilate but rather than make Southern Cameroonians (West Cameroonians) feel at home and among "brothers", they set up a counter-productive system of discrimination and exclusion whose only possible aim would be to alienate and distance Southern Cameroonians from "their purported brothers" of East Cameroon. The effect was far from assimilating West Cameroon as the progressive discrimination, exclusion, tribalism, corruption ... and you name it, conveyed the clear message that West Cameroonians (Former Southern Cameroonians) had no place in the "Federal or United" Republic of Cameroon.

As if that was not enough, in 1984 East Cameroun decided to break cover and secede from the fudged "federation", a treaty void federation! Well, that was the implication of re-naming the then United Republic of Cameroun to La République du Cameroun as it effectively reverted La République du Cameroun to its borders at independence in 1960 as per the statutes of the African Union charter on human and peoples' rights. Even this was a reaction to the actions of a quality few Southern Cameroonians who bravely sought redress at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR). What are the odds? A handful of quality people managed to get the Commission to rule that Southern Cameroonians, later Ambazonians, were a people with the right to external self-determination. Though those few only wanted reforms to ensure equality of opportunity, justice and recognition, it is remarkable how well they fared. The Commission recommended reforms to improve the lot of Southern Cameroonians (and East Cameroonians) but the East Cameroun government decided they needed to enforce "unity"!



They all along miscalculated that the quality few Southern Cameroonians, despite prevailing against La République du Cameroun in an international court, could be ignored and that paper "unity" was better than the "unity reforms" the Commission had recommended!

How few is one? The next of the few in the sequence was the one and only Gorji Dinka, KC, who for his part underwent biblical torture to establish for the record that 1984 was in fact a secession by La République du Cameroun and, therefore, that not only were Ambazonians "a people" but that they had a country of their own with sovereignty just for the claiming. High Court Bamenda ruling HCB 28/92 lives for ever on record to establish that the destiny of Ambazonians is with Ambazonians and not in the purview of La République du Cameroun. So "Grand National Dialogue" and "special status" and any other costume balls in La République du Cameroun are their things with no legal or other binding power over Ambazonia. As HCB 28/92 says "La République du Cameroun is illegally and forcibly occupying Ambazonia". The "GOALS", The God-ordained Ambazonian Liberation Struggle, is righteous. Any comments from La République du Cameroun are noise! If they wish to withdraw in an orderly fashion and be good neighbours in future that is the negotiation.

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That brings us to the ludicrous "arguments" ongoing among Ambazonian entities. First of all how any entity which calls itself Ambazonian could be entertaining discussions about Federation with La République du Cameroun is a text-book paradox. La République du Cameroun started the current spate of killings and intimidation partly to dissuade all from using the word "federation" so it would take some contortions for an Ambazonian entity to square that even if their intention is to be seen as "inclusive".

The reality is that it does not matter how inclusive we, the Ambazonians, are when it comes to those ideas of federation and any links to La République du Cameroun! It does not make sense for any party to be Ambazonian and have "federalist" members or, worse, entertain "unionists" who happen to have been born in Ambazonia! Where does it go? Has La République du Cameroun offered anyone federation or is it really so obvious that certain naive are "preparing to negotiate federation" with the people who are willing to kill school children and pregnant women to stop the mere use of the word "federation"?

It is now common knowledge that La République du Cameroun has ventured into a "dialogue" of sorts twice and each time Ambazonian parties have demonstrated a unity of

purpose which leaves no doubt and need not be proved through any conferences. The unity Ambazonia needs is the drive to expel La République du Cameroun from our land and that will be achieved through appropriate action at the appropriate location. The appropriate location is not several thousand miles away and appropriate action is certainly not navel gazing discussions about hypothetical negotiations with a foe who has disowned at least two potential negotiation opportunities. Are Ambazonians proposing to make concessions to show that "federalists" and "unionists" form part of our "unity of purpose" and expecting to get "any negotiation"?

La République du Cameroun has a very weak-to-zero negotiating position at this juncture where more and more Ambazonians should and are getting to know about HCB 28/92 ruling, especially when La République du Cameroun is doing their utmost to repel and alienate even the naive "federalists".

Conferences will come at an appropriate time when, like our forefathers, we will work in our diverse independentist entities to ensure our nation functions justly for all our citizens. For now our unity of purpose is cemented on the total and unconditional independence for Ambazonia and that relies on the obvious, Daring Moves to expel La République du Cameroun from our land.

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To the international community:

The apparent misguided perception of disunity of Ambazonian entities, quoted by the international community as a weakness, is a strength which has ensured that the Ambazonian Liberation Struggle has survived all La République du Cameroun attempts to undermine it. The diverse methods of Ambazonian entities have not affected their unity of purpose when it comes to the essential – the total and unconditional independence of Ambazonia. We would challenge the international community's callous calm when faced with, for example, the killings of two nursery school children in two different locations over a fortnight in the absence of any Ambazonian Restoration Forces and the several killings of harmless and helpless civilians, such as pregnant women and children in villages, notably in Ngarbuh on Valentine's Day 2020. This lack of concern was all the more disturbing considering the reports and experiences of international human rights groups such as Human Rights Watch and MSF at the hands of La République du Cameroun.

While it is "obvious" that "unity" would help our cause, it is not fair to promote or propagate the idea that we are not united. This has helped La République du Cameroun to continue to try to out-wait the Ambazonians and engage certain fringes of the fifth column to orchestrate prevarication and self-blame, which all undermine the focus and increases the magnitude and volume of the genocidal crimes they perpetrate on our people, who have continued to demonstrate their unity by abstaining from La République du Cameroun



control for the past seven years, on at least a weekly basis with the Monday ‘Ghost Town’ which is crippling the enemy’s economy.

We should refuse to fall prey to the illogical rhetoric of “Ambazonians need to be united for the International Community to intervene to stop the killings or suffering of our people”

We need to ask ourselves whether our so-called lack of unity justifies the impunity with which La République du Cameroun is able to commit those genocidal acts on our citizens. Is that the idea the international community wants to sell? That they will not tackle La République du Cameroun for the killings of nursery school children by their agents firing live rounds into school-run traffic because until Ambazonians are “united”? Our answers to all these questions would be “No!” and we, the Ambazonians are left with but the one option which is to go it alone and let the international community live with their consciences as we endure every abdication of the high-sounding Responsibility to Protect.

1) There is no international treaty or consensus prescribing unity as a prerequisite for the competent institutions of the International community to intervene for global peace and security.

2) Ambazonians are already united in the purpose/outcome/objective of attaining a total and unconditional Freedom, Independence and Sovereignty of our Homeland - Ambazonia. We the Ambazonians do not accept that the International Community that is condoning genocide with impunity to hide from their responsibility when they attempt to misinterpret or misconstrue differences in approach and strategy of fighting the enemy of the different Ambazonia Independentist Entities as signs of disunity. We see our differences and diversity as a strength because those differences in approach and strategy allow us to survive all manner of schemes and ruses by the enemy to thwart our Liberation Struggle. Those differences provide us with a 360-degree perspective in the Liberation Struggle.

No number of conference resolutions announcing paper unity will ever be a passport for the international community to intervene because the same so called international community, constituted by sovereign nations that are signatories to the UN sanctioned Responsibility to Protect (R2P) is silently awaiting with impunity, for 7 years now, the attainment of a MHS (Mutually Harmful Stalemate), which is the status that will pressure both parties to commit to any negotiation process. That means La République du Cameroun is deemed to not be motivated to engage in meaningful negotiations as they are not enduring sufficient suffering.

A sustainable firepower escalation on the ground is therefore paramount to determine a paradigm shift in their thinking as its the sole tool that will quickly take us to an MHS, hence get La République du Cameroun to commit to a negotiation process soonest.

To Ambazonians: If we need to “prove” anything to the international community it is that we deserve our country and sovereignty back. That is not by caving in to illogical concessions even before any contact with La République du Cameroun! It is by funding, fighting and freeing our land from the occupying militias of La République du Cameroun. As the international community displays silent complicity for the killings of school children on the streets of our towns and pregnant women in our villages the message is that we have to dare to go it alone to dislodge La République du Cameroun and ALL her allies and agents from our land. I hereby call on all Ambazonians to show their Complementary Commitment to our Ambazonian Liberation Struggle by supporting their counties’ and the rest of our nation’s ARF+ in The Daring Move.

Happy Independence Day,  
To our Heroes bearing the land with their blood to dare the enemy La République du Cameroun out of Ambazonia,

Happy Independence Day,  
To the quality few patriots enduring in sacrifices to safeguard resources for a free, independent, and sovereign homeland,

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To you all citizens of the ancestral lineage and terrestrial origin of Southern Cameroons Ambazonia.

The Most High God and our Ancestors continue to keep Watch for Ambazonia.

Daring ARF+, devoted patriots, resilient victims of the genocidal war, my dear Ambazonian brothers and sisters, Happy Independence Day 2023.



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