

# KLW BRIEFING

## Updates for the Coalition for Dialogue and Negotiation

### [One Killed, Others Wounded as Cameroon Holds First Regional Elections](#)

By Josiane Kouagheu | December 04, 2020

Scattered violence marred Cameroon's first ever election to appoint regional councils on Sunday, with one voter killed by separatist insurgents in the English-speaking Northwest region. Separatist fighters had vowed to disrupt the vote and arrest anyone who took part in the Northwest and Southwest, the only regions where English is spoken instead of the official French language. They killed one regional official who voted outside the town of Bamenda in the Northwest, said one separatist leader, Cho Ayaba. Elsewhere, gunmen opened fire and wounded a priest and a seminarian driving to Mass in the village of Akum in the Northwest region, said Tatah Mbuy, a spokesman for the Catholic church in Cameroon. Ayaba denied involvement in that attack. The minister of territorial administration, Paul Atanga Nji, told journalists that the vote took place with "calm, serenity and transparency."

### [Dr. Christopher Fomunyoh Tears Biya Regime to Shreds!](#)

Interview with Dr. Fomunyoh by the Guardian Post | December 04, 2020

It is extremely sad to see what has happened to Cameroon in the past four years, especially to our people of the North West and South West regions or the people of the former Souther Cameroons. It doesn't matter what I think about the government's measures so far; it doesn't even matter what the government says about its measures. If the conflict persists despite the measures taken thus far, it means that the measures have been insufficient or inadequate. Therefore the government must redouble its efforts, and act more creatively to bring an end to this senseless fratricidal conflict. Most Anglophones have lost faith and trust in promises from Yaounde and by people noted for never keeping their bond. The greatest difficulty we face as a country is that since 1961, Anglophones have lived through two systems of government and can tell which of the two is better, whereas those in power have never lived that experience and so have no frame of reference; worse still, they lack the humility to listen and learn. Many of them have a perverse view of leadership which they see as lording over citizens instead of humbly serving them. Today, world leaders and experts continue to state that the political grievances that are the root causes of this conflict cannot be resolved militarily, yet that message seems not to be understood by the powers that be in Yaounde. In 2016, such a Cameroonian-only conclave [for mediation and negotiations] would have been meaningful, but four years later, after so much blood has been spilled and so much damage and destruction done, these leaders should understand that a third party mediation or facilitation is necessary and inescapable. Lest we forget, many African countries faced similar conflicts in the past, and used external facilitation or mediation to bring all parties together and find a negotiated solution. Why then can't the government take steps to save lives? Leaders who love peace and justice for their people will go to any lengths to find both. Ours have still to demonstrate the zeal required for the urgency and enormity of

## **Ambazonia Fighter Suspected of Kidnapping Cardinal Tumi, Don of Nso, 'Neutralized'**

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A separatist fighter suspected of killing of kidnapping the Fon of Nso and the Archbishop Emeritus of Douala, Christian Cardinal Tumi, has been neutralized. The separatist fighter, Julius Benengweh aka "Babessi Must Obey Me" was killed by soldiers in the early hours of Sunday, December 6 during his intimate moment with his partner. His body, with the head completely scattered was later displayed at a roundabout in Mumbeh, a neighborhood in Babessi as the population watched on in disbelief. The separatist fighter has been accused in the past of carrying out several atrocious acts in the locality notably the kidnapping of Cardinal Tumi on November 5 before releasing him the next day while the Fon of Nso was held captive for five days before given an ultimatum not to partake at the regional elections.

the task at hand, and I'm afraid history will judge them very poorly. In the case of the Anglophone conflict, Biya's negative role is compounded by the fact that he knew about the grievances even while serving as Prime Minister and before becoming president. He then aggravated the situation through decisions of his own that include changing the country's name in 1984 to revert to a an appellation that was used in 1960 when Southern Cameroons was not part of La Republique du Cameroun, and a national flag with only one star, and then stayed silent as many of his ministers and other surrogates inflamed the situation with excessive victimization of Anglophones when the crisis broke in 2016. I am extremely disappointed in his performance in office-and I say this as someone who celebrated his coming to power in 1982, in the streets of Douala at the time, and listened with admiration as he took the oath of office before the National Assembly in Yaounde responding in English "I do so swear.

## **Results of Regional Election Expected Latest Wednesday**

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Results of the country's pioneer Regional election that took place Sunday December 6 are expected to be made public as from Tuesday December 8 in some regions and tomorrow Wednesday in others. According to reports, local polling commissions in some regions are still harmonizing information forwarded by local voting commissions for the proclamation of results as from this Tuesday December 8 in compliance with section 265 (1) of the Electoral Code. Though official figures are yet to be proclaimed, results trends show that as for political parties, the Party for National Reconciliation of Cabral Libii has lost all its Regional seats in its stronghold, Nyong and Kelle Division in the Centre region in favor of the CPDM. Other trends indicate that the CDU emerges victorious in the Noun Division, meanwhile the CPDM is about to control at least eight regions.

## **Government Decides to Ease Measures taken to Foil Kamto's September 22 'insurgency' but Legal Proceedings to Continue**

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The Government has announced that following the successful holding of the Regional election, it will ease measures taken to foil the protest organized by the Cameroon Renaissance Movement party, CRM on September 22 across the nation to demand for the departure of President Paul Biya. The

announcement is contained in a release signed by the Minister of Communication Tuesday December 8. According to the release, the decision comes after the party remained mute during the country's first ever regional election Sunday December 6. One of the reasons advanced by the CRM for protesting last September 22 was to say no to the holding of the Regional election and any other election if the electoral code is not amended. It adds that though crackdown measures will be softened, legal proceedings taken against the organizers and protesters will continue. While mentioning that several persons arrested in connection with the protest have been released, the release reads that others will be released as legal proceedings unfold and depending on the level of their involvement and threat posed to the society. As for the leader, Prof Maurice Kamto under house arrest since September 22, his situation according to the Government will be closely examined by competent judicial and administrative authorities and developments communicated in due course.