

The Regent of Tudig
Tudig Village
Mbengwi Sub-Division
Momo Division
North West Region, Cameroon

To
Governor
North West Region
Cameroon

15 February 2016

Your Excellency,

I hereby wish to express my serious concern about efforts of administrative and legal harassment by the Divisional Officer of Mbengwi Sub-Division (Aminkeng Charles Formin), and the Second Assistant of the Senior Divisional Officer of Momo Division against me and one of my citizens (with a European nationality).

In a meeting of 21 January 2016, at the office of the Senior Divisional Officer of the Momo Division (Mbengwi), the Divisional Officer Aminkeng informed a Special Investigation Committee in relation to land conflicts in the Mbengwi Sub-Division that he ordered "an investigation by Yaounde" against a European citizen that has his residence in my village. The Divisional Officer states that he has requested this investigation against my citizen because the citizen is helping Fons, grazers and farmers in investigating the role of the Divisional Officer in fueling and profiting from the farmer-grazer conflict in Mbengwi Sub-Division. The Divisional Officer stated furthermore that a foreigner has no right to intervene in this country, and that they have no right to speak openly. The Second Assistant to the Senior Divisional Officer did not reply to these attacks, what I see as a failure to meet his administrative duties to promote and protect the rights of all his subjects.

I want to remind you about the citizen's good record of dialogue and peace in my village in particular and in Cameroon in general. He is a respected international environmental, agricultural and human rights expert, and works with well-respected Cameroonian experts and lawyers. He strongly promotes the fundamental rights that are inscribed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and in the Constitution of the Republic of Cameroon.

I regret that this attack follows many other efforts by the Divisional Officer to stop the investigation. I have been informed by various sources at higher authorities in Mbengwi that the Divisional Officer tried to organize arbitrary arrests of myself and of the citizen (with a European nationality) in question. Various sources within the Administration and judicial authorities report specific tactics by the Divisional Officer to discredit the position of opposing Fons, and of my citizen in question. He has been circulating rumors and stories that go far beyond dignity of the position of his citizens.

I regret the failure by the Divisional Officer to accept the investigation against him. I want to remind you about the report that the Fon of Nyen and my citizen in question have submitted to you on 24 September 2015. I fully support this report, and the investigation that you have requested. The report lists various evidences of abuse of power, intimidation, harassment, corruption, and the use of defamation by the Divisional Officer in relation to the farmer-grazer conflict in Mbengwi Sub-Division.

I therefore ask you to:

- investigate and punish the administrative and legal harassments by the Divisional Officer,

- to remind the Second Assistant of the Senior Divisional Officer and the Divisional Officer to promote and protect the rights of all citizens,
- to continue with the investigation of the farmer-grazer conflict,
- to support all citizens that are promoting dialogue and peace in this Region.

I hereby copy the Representative of the European Commission in Cameroon in order to secure the rights of their citizens in Cameroon.

With respect for your motivation and inspiration to bring peace in the North West Region,

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