

Buea Catholic University Charts Way Forward

By Brian A. Fomukong

The Regulatory and Advisory body of the Catholic University Institute of Buea (CUIB) met on Wednesday January 23 at the Bishop's House in Small Soppo Buea, to chart the path forward for the entrepreneurial university amidst the deepening Anglophone crisis which is slowing down the educational platform, placing education and educators almost in jeopardy.

The CUIB which will be clocking 10 years by the year 2020 is building a new image for itself and a new CUIB for the future which the President cum Pro-Chancellor the Rev. Dr. George Jingwa Nkeze has christened the 'Cradle of Innovation, Growth Mindset and Wealth Creation'.

Fr. Nkeze while making a presentation to council members indicated that the crisis is an opportunity for CUIB to grow through innovation which he describes as the key pathway for CUIB in a constantly changing educative landscape especially with the ongoing crisis. The building of the new CUIB will be based on the SOFI organizational delivery model which indicates the 'spheres of influence' and entails strategizing to ensure continuity and keeping hope alive especially in light of the ongoing crisis.

The new SoFi model the CUIB president explains, is already leading to an outreach education which has seen the opening of an elementary primary school and a secondary section which is starting with form 1. The model will help facilitate an educational system which will be flexible and to sustain the CUIB no matter the state of events in the country.

To effectively build a new CUIB for the future, a change in mentality from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset, which is more flexible and open to change was an obligation, the clergy noted.

The council meeting which was chaired by the Founder and Chancellor of CUIB, His Lordship Bishop Immanuel Bushu, witnessed the implementation of the decision of the eleventh council meeting, amongst which was the inclusion of key ministries in the council, who will offer valuable counsel as well as foster the entrepreneurial vision of the CUIB.

Bishop Bushu appreciated the smooth functioning of the meeting while appreciating the parents and students who have put their trust in them, for a quality education.

The representative of the Vice



Council Members Pose With Bishop

Chancellor of the University of Buea which mentor's CUIB, Dr. Ayu'nwi Gwabe Niba explained that CUIB and UB shares a lot in common and UB is looking forward to be part of the new vision of CUIB and ready to accompany her through the vision.

Organizations Seeking To Assist IDPs Must Obtain Permission

-MINAT Boss, Paul Atanga Nji

By Elias Ntungwe Ngalame

The Minister of Territorial Administration Paul Atanga Nji has conditioned humanitarian organizations seeking to assist Anglophone Internally Displaced persons, IDPs to hence seek permission from government before carrying out the activities.

Speaking at a press briefing on Tuesday January 22, 2019 the minister said no organization should hence go to the field for such operation without due authorization from the government.

"On no account can you go to the field and start doing your activities without the formal approval of the government because if things are not properly organized there, it is the risk of those giving or receiving assistance falling into the hands of the terrorists," Atanga Nji said.

Mr. Paul Atanga Nji said the government has assisted more than 60,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the two troubled English-speaking regions of



Northwest and Southwest.

"As of today, there are 60,345 Cameroonians who have already received humanitarian assistance in the two regions. There are also 1,200 families that have returned home," Atanga Nji told reporters in Yaounde while meeting with seven other ministers to assess the humanitarian situation in the restive

regions.

He said, rehabilitation centers have already been set up to accommodate armed separatists who will drop their weapons.

"When you lay down your weapons, you will be taken to the centers, where you are provided health, psychological and training facilities," Atanga Nji said.

Armed separatists have been clashing with government forces in the two English-speaking regions since November 2017. Separatists want to secede from Francophone-majority Cameroon and create a new nation called "Ambazonia".

The United Nations estimates that over 430,000 people have been displaced internally by the

conflict.

During his end-of-year speech to the nation, Cameroon President Paul Biya said he was ready to continue dialogue with "people of goodwill" in the troubled regions but warned that armed separatists unwilling to drop their arms will be "neutralized".

Pressure Mounts On Gov't Against Expulsion Of Belgian

By Ignatius Nji

International pressure from rights groups is mounting on Cameroon government against a forceful expulsion of a Belgian national, Mr. Jan Joris Cappelle, who was in Cameroon as a Consultant on Agriculture for a local farmer community in Tudig in Mbengwi Subdivision. Some government officials in the Northwest and at the central administration, have been indicted for orchestrating the act of forceful repatriation of this Belgian Agric Consultant.

According to a report of a finding carried out by the National Commission for Human Rights and Freedom, NCHRF, this Belgian was not only illegally expelled from Cameroon but was forced to sign a cooked-up statement written while in detention cell. The report said he was subjected to an illegal arrest in Bamenda, tortured and detained at 10 District Police cell in Yaounde. The Divisional Officer of Mbengwi is reported to have ordered the destruction of Tudig Community Organic farm and a pilot demonstration farm owned by Jan Joris Cappelle. The crops were declared as paddock for cattle.

This condemnation on the abuses of the rights of the Belgian citizen who was still enjoying his legal residence permit, has drawn the attention of several international rights groups among which are Amnesty International and the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders.

Given that the Regent of the Fon of Tudig and two of his subjects connected in the pilot phase of the new farming methods, were also arrested and case pending in court, these Rights Groups had filed a complaint to NCHRF denouncing that, these were acts of intimidation against members of a

defence group on environmental rights in the Northwest of Cameroon.

NCHRF report states the gross violation of the rights of the Belgian Agric Consultant and those of the Regent of Fon of Tudig, Vincent Awazi, Awazi Mathias and Humfred Manjo are in violation of both national and international legal instruments on the protection

Farming for Gorillas Cameroon (OFFG) Association and Human Rights Defender. This Association's formalization process is said to have suffered several delays at the office the DO of Mbengwi for reasons which were later discovered as protecting a hidden interest group against the community project in Tudig.

Another complaint was said to have been lodged at the Mbengwi Gendarmerie territorial brigade by a group of Mbororo indigenes accusing Mr. Jan Joris Cappelle of inciting cultivators to rise against herdsmen in Wum and masterminding a plan to assassinate Mr. Ahmadou Baba Danpullo.

This complaint is said to have prompted an investigation into the matter and the Belgian was given a notice to appear for interrogation which was the last before his forced departure. He was arrested on May 10, 2016 from Bamenda and whisked off to Yaounde and was denied access to his lawyer until May 13 when he was allegedly forced to sign a written report in order to be released from detention. The Belgian mentioned overleaf that he signed the report against his will for he was never interviewed at his arrest and during his detention. Same day he was bundled in to a Brussels Airline flight back to Belgium, the NCHRF reported stated.



Jan Joris Cappelle Belgian Consultant Forcefully Repatriated

of human rights.

Mr. Jan Joris Capelle, was invited to Cameroon by the Fon of Tudig who is based in the USA, on behalf of that Community in Momo Division. NCHRF report states that the Belgian national, born on July 29 1979, landed in Cameroon on June 12, 2015 and was issued a one year residence permit number 1181683605 on July 21, 2015. With the collaboration of the entire community, an organic farm was set up for the community and another pilot experimental farm was setup on a purchased piece of land of about four hectares and owned by the Belgian. He was President of the Organic

According to findings from the administration of Mbengwi, the Gendarmerie had developed dangerous intelligence reports against Mr. Jan Joris Cappelle, accusing the Belgian of having embarked on an intoxication campaign since February 2016 against one Ahmadou Baba Danpullo, a Cameroonian Businessman. The said intelligence report further states that Mr. Jan Joris Cappelle had once been arrested in Sangmelima and another in Mvomeka by the BIR in the South Region, sometime in February 2015 and was repatriated, whereas he only landed in Cameroon on 12 June 2015 as stated on his passport at

In this light, the working Group on Civil and Political Rights has recommended with blessing from the Federation of Rights Organisation that the NCHRF Chairman should forward the report to the President of the Republic, Prime Minister and Head of Government, MINAT, DGSN, DGRE as well as Representative of European Community in Cameroon, Ambassador of Belgium, NGOs and the community at the heart of the facts referred to the commission as well as Jan Joris Cappelle. The objective of such a transmission is to enable the return of Jan Joris Cappelle and thus enable him pursue legal proceeding with view to resolving the misunderstandings surrounding his forced expulsion.