



Complaint No. 0056 /19/NCHRF/RO/RS /nan

**AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT ON THE HARASSMENT OF LUMA ELVIS BROWN
BY ANONYMOUS PERSONS
CONDUCTED ON 23/10/2019 AT NKWASE, MILE 3 NKWEN**

INTRODUCTION

Sequel to a copy of a complaint received by the North West Regional Branch Office of the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms from the complainant, Luma Elvis Brown on the 16/10/2019 being one of a series of such complaints received by the office, the North West Regional Branch Office of the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms (NCHRF) on the 23/10/2019 embarked on an investigative mission on the most recent complaint to get the realities on the ground.

MISSION TEAM

The mission team consisted of the Regional Secretary, Mr. Chenwi Chrysantus Shu and the Rapporteur, Mr. Agbor Nkeng Etengeneng.

The duo proceeded to meet the complainant, LUMA Elvis Brown, Mr. Ntong Lawrence, the quarter head, his assistant Mr. Billa Augustine and Mr. Sama Rene the security guard to get their Declarations on the subject matter of the complaint.

FINDINGS

Meeting with Mr. LUMA Elvis BROWN he declared thus:

1. He is a Barrister by profession and a human rights advocate by occupation and is presently the Director of Cabinet of the National Organisation of Human Rights in the North West Regional Office.
2. He is the legal adviser of organic farming for the protection of Gorrilla's (OFFGO) based in Tudig village of Momo Division.
3. His predicaments started when Mr. Cappelle Jan Joris a Belgian and founder of OFFGO was expelled on the 13/5/2016 from Cameroon.
4. That sometime around the 15/12/2017, he received persistent calls from an anonymous caller threatening that if he did not stop handling Jan Cappelle's matter, he would be

lynched and he filed a criminal complaint at the Legal Department Bamenda and the file was kept in view granted that the accused was unknown.

5. That he was contacted on phone by one Mr. Achobang Christopher sometime on the 12/04/2018 threatening that if he did not desist from handling Jan Cappelle's case, he will deal with him and resort to traveling to Belgium as well to teach Cappelle a lesson.
6. He filed a criminal complaint against Mr. Achobang Christopher at the Mbengwi Central Police station on the 13/04/2018.
7. That the accused was summoned to appear before the Commissioner and owing to the fact that the roads were cut off stemmed from the crisis, his complaint is suspended pending when normalcy returns in the North West.
8. That on the 16/10/2019, unknown persons invaded his residence at Mile 3, Nkwase quarter Nkwen in the night at about 1:30a.m. They shot in the air while ordering him to open his door. They hit the iron door severally and he was only saved by neighbours who got up and were hitting utensil.
9. That their security guard by name Sama Rene was tied up and was lying on their court yard.
10. That he has gone through financial hardship and trauma triggered by his advocacy for Mr. Cappelle.

Meeting with Mr. Sama Rene the security guard, he declared that:

11. The gunmen came at about 1:15a.m and took him aback.
12. He was tied and dragged at the court yard.
13. They hit Mr. Luma's door severally and shot in the air asking Mr. Luma to open the door.
14. When neighbours started hitting objects they escaped.
15. I was untied after the gunmen disappeared.

Meeting Mr. Billa Augustine, the assistant quarter head, he revealed thus:

16. He got a gunshot in the night of 16/10/2019 coming from Mr. Luma's compound.
17. That he heard noise coming from the banging of his iron door and he resorted to blowing his whistle and other objects to scare the people who effectively escaped.

Stopover at Mr. Ntong's residence, the senior quarter head of Kwasi quarter

18. The mission team proceeded to the senior quarter head who was not available. His number was gotten from his assistant and on contacting him he declared thus:
19. His assistant informed him on the harassment of Mr. Luma Elvis Brown by unknown gunmen during the night of 16/10/2019.

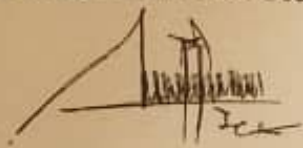
OBSERVATIONS

1. The rights to moral integrity, security and property (financial) of the complainant have been violated.
2. The complainant's criminal complaint lodged against Mr. Achobang Christopher is still pending investigations by the Mbengwi Central Police Station.
3. The complainant's predicaments are stemmed from the fact that he had been defending the interest of the Belgian, Cappelle Jan Joris who was expelled from Cameroon.

RECOMMENDATIONS / SUGGESTIONS

1. The National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms (NCHRF) decries the violations of the rights of the complainant as he is just exercising his profession as a Barrister and a human rights advocate and as such, should be protected.
2. Mr. Luma Elvis Brown should be compensated as his appearance as counsel in the matter of Mr. Cappelle Jan Joris has occasioned on him a lot of financial hardship.
3. Mr. Luma Elvis Brown is admonished to relocate from Nkwase Mile 3 Nkwen to a safer location and observe whether there will be a change of circumstances./-

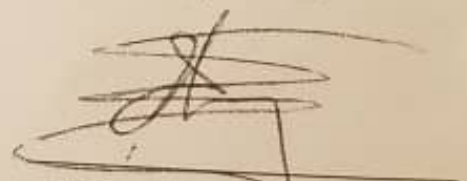
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