



COALITION OF CIVIL SOCIETY-HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS FOR PEACE IN THE ANGLOPHONE REGIONS AND OTHER AFFECTED REGIONS

STATEMENT N°11/2024

TORTURE AND UNLAWFUL KILLING IN NGOKETUNJIA DIVISION:

DEFENSE FORCES EXECUTE UNARMED CIVILIAN IN NORTH WEST REGION, CAMEEROON

The **Coalition of Civil Society-Human Rights organizations for Peace in the Anglophone Regions, and other affected Regions** (The Coalition), wishes to bring to:

THE ATTENTION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

1. That according to family sources and eyewitnesses, **MOHFESAME Smella alias Wandoro**, a Government Secondary School Teacher and business man was brutally assassinated on Monday the 11th of November 2024 by members of Cameroon Defense Forces in Baba 1 Village (Babessi sub-division, Ngoketunjia Division in the North West region of Cameroon).
2. That before he was killed, he and other civilians were subjected to severe acts of **Torture and other Inhuman treatments** for several hours. Mohfesame Smella was later **taken away by the military** and his **lifeless body** found shortly along the roadside around Government High School (GHS) Vemgang, Baba 1 with traces of bullet wounds on his body.
3. Sources added that the Defense forces had stormed the compound of the deceased and that of some villagers at about 1 am on Monday the 11th of November 2024, took them out of their respective houses and started torturing them. Three (3) mobile phones, reasonable sum of money in cash (unknown amount) and whiskey belonging to the deceased were taken away. Among the mobile phones taken was that of his MTN Mobile Money transactions, with a reasonable sum of money therein (unknown amount). It should be noted that the deceased was operating a shop, bar and MTN Mobile Money transfer and withdrawal services.
4. That the members of Defense forces wore a Military uniform on him, kept a gun on his body, took pictures of it and shared on social media, accusing him of being an armed Separatist.
5. That at the time of writing this report, there has not been any official reaction from a local administrative authority on the incident. But on the telegram page of "MKPD", a pro Government Activist dated 11th November 2024, the Europe base Activist made a publication to that effect, accusing the victim of being an armed Separatist *and tax collector*. Similar thing was done on Facebook page of Dr. Kontriman Jr (Naseri Clovis) another pro Government Activist with picture, though later deleted.

THAT IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE COALITION;

1. Condemns in STRONGEST TERMS, the SUMMARY EXECUTION of MOHFESAME SMELLA, looting and torturing of unarmed civilians in the Baba 1.
2. Call for an IMMEDIATE, INDEPENDENT and IMPARTIAL investigation by the competent authority to arrest and prosecute perpetrators for their crimes.
3. Urges the Belligerent forces to respect the PRINCIPLES of INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) equally known as the LAWS OF WAR during combats to minimize harms on civilians, non-Combatants and civilian dwellings.
- 4) Strongly recommends that the Government should scrupulously comply with her International commitments for the effective protection of fundamental human rights, thus violated on daily basis with IMPUNITY.
- 5) Request the International Community and other friendly Nations of Cameroon to persuade the Government to SEEK a **PACIFIC MEANS** of resolving the ongoing **Armed conflict in the Anglophone Regions Cameroon** which continues to cause severe **human and material damages** to the population of these regions.

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