

SUBJECT MATTER: GIDADO, MBANDFUNG UNDER GRUESOME AND BARBARIC ATTACK: SEPARATISTS ONCE MORE KILL 15 IN CAMEROON'S NORTHWEST REGION

WE WISH TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS FOLLOWS:

1. That according to eyewitnesses and reliable sources, at least 15 unarmed Mbororo Fulani were brutally killed, and about a dozen injured, with dwellings destroyed in a gruesome and barbaric attack perpetrated by armed men alleged to be separatists in Gidado, a locality in Mbandfung, Ndu Subdivision, Northwest Region. The attack occurred in the early hours of January 14, when armed men invaded homes and started shooting randomly at unarmed civilians, killing them and setting their homes ablaze.
2. That among the victims were 07 children between the ages of 02 and 11 years, 04 persons between the ages of 17 and 39 years old and 4 elderly persons between the ages of 48 and 70 years. Some of the victims died instantly, others later died at the hospital and the number keep increasing as 1 other death was allegedly recorded last night again at the hospital making it a total of 15 death. Meanwhile, some injured victims are still receiving medical treatments at different hospitals in the division. The incident equally led to the forceful displacement of many inhabitants of the locality citing security concerns.

The victims included:

1. Alhadji Juli, 60 years old
2. Adama Alhadji, 70 years old (female)
3. Hajara Alhadji, 48 years old (female)
4. Adama Suli, 50 years old (female)
5. Bibba Alhadji Tadi, 39 years old (female)
6. Jamilatou Amadou Tadi, 21 years old (female)
7. Asmau Amadou Tadi, 9 years old (female)
8. Nana Khadija Amadou Tadi, 6 years old (female)
9. Raihana Tadi, 2 years old (female)
10. Aboubacar Amadou Tadi, 17 years old
11. Ladifatou Tura, 29 years old (female)
12. Mohamadou Aminou Dairou, 2 years old
13. Basirou Jubairou, 10 years old
14. Mohamadou Gaddafi Ali, 11 years old

3. That the Governor of the Northwest region Adolphe Lele Lafrique confirmed the barbaric attack saying it was carried out by terrorist group through an earlier interview he granted to the Cameroon Radio Television (CRTV) Bamenda and equally

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people were killed, 10 injured, six houses set ablaze, cows killed and other properties looted. The Governor assured the local population that everything would be done to ensure peace returns to the area and guarantee their security, while calling on population to collaborate with the administration and security forces to track down the perpetrators.

4. That the Ndu Council's Lord Mayor, Abdou Kanfon in another press release dated January 14, 2026, equally condemned the attack, describing it as "another ugly chapter in the vicious circle of violence" and calling for the perpetrators to be brought to justice.

5. That no group has officially claimed responsibility for the attack yet, but such attacks and massacres of unarmed civilians have been systematic from both Separatist armed groups, Defense and security forces and Fulani armed militias, particularly in some parts of Ndonga Mantung division, since the beginning of the ongoing armed conflict in Anglophone regions. The famous "Ngarbuh Massacre" is one example, and the recent incident of December 12, 2025, where three unarmed Mbororo Fulani who were going to play a football match in Wowo Village, Ndu Subdivision, were brutally killed by armed separatists. In retaliation, the same night, well armed Fulani invaded Wowo Village, killing five unarmed civilians and destroying dwellings. The ongoing armed conflict in Anglophone regions has exacerbated the original farmer-grazier conflict that existed in these localities long before the Anglophone crisis.

6. That this gruesome and barbaric attack is in gross violations of International Human Rights and Humanitarian laws, as unarmed civilians and their dwellings are not supposed to be targeted during armed conflict, regardless of the circumstances.

In view of the above facts, CONSCIENCE AFRICAINE condemns in STRONGEST TERMS the gruesome and barbaric attack, while recommending as follows:

Government:

- Ensure Accountability: Immediately investigate the Gidado attack and prosecute those responsible.
- Protect Civilians: Deploy security forces to protect vulnerable communities and ensure humanitarian access.
- Address Grievances: Engage in an inclusive and sincere dialogue with concerned stakeholders to properly address the legitimate grievances, root causes of the conflict and work towards a peaceful resolution.
- Promote Inclusive Governance: Ensure representation and participation of Anglophone communities in government and decision making processes.

Armed Separatists:

- Cease Violence: Immediately stop attacks on civilians and respect International Human Rights and International Humanitarian laws.
- End the systematic kidnapping of unarmed civilians for ransom.
- Engage in Dialogue: Participate in peaceful negotiations with the government to find a resolution to the conflict.

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International Community:

- Support Peace Efforts: Encourage and support an inclusive and sincere dialogue between the government and stakeholders to properly address this conflict which seems to be a forgotten conflict by the international community.
- Provide Humanitarian Aid: Assist affected communities with food, shelter, and medical care.
- Condemn the act and Promote Accountability: Support investigations into human rights abuses and advocate for justice and accountability.

Done in Douala, this January 15, 2026

Signed

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