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**SUBJECT MATTER: KIDNAPPING OF A PRIEST AND 02 OTHER PERSONS IN
NGOKETUNJIA DIVISION, NORTH-WEST REGION OF CAMEROON BY ALLEGED
SEPARATISTS**

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

That according to reliable sources, Father John Bosco Bihkong of the Diocese of Nkongsamba, Mounjo Division, Littoral Region, has been kidnapped by suspected separatists.

That the clergyman had traveled to his native village of Mabim, Babessi Sub-Division, to celebrate his first Mass. He was abducted on Saturday, June 27, 2026, alongside two of his brothers, who are also members of the Congregation of the Franciscan Brothers of Emmanuel.

That this has been corroborated by a press release signed by Mgr Joseph Tchinda Dauntio, Vicar General of the Diocese of Nkongsamba. The release states that Bishop Dieudonné Atangana is calling on all the faithful and people of goodwill to intensify prayers for their release.

That at the time of publishing this report, no group has claimed responsibility for the attack. The continued targeting of religious leaders in the North West and South West regions is unacceptable.

That it is regrettable religious authorities have been systematically targeted in these conflict regions. Religious and moral authorities must never be targeted during armed conflict, as such acts constitute gross violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law. Serving God and humanity is not a crime.

We therefore, condemns such attack in strongest terms, demanding their immediate and unconditional release. We also reiterate the need for conflicting parties to protect these moral authorities, who bring hope to vulnerable communities, play a crucial role in peacebuilding, and provide access to education and other basic services even in inaccessible areas of the community where such services are absent.

Done in Douala, this July 01, 2026

Signed



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