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The Minister of Communication hereby informs the national and international public that since February 29, 2020, the instigators of the acts of horror and abomination perpetrated by secessionist armed bands in the North-West and South-West Regions have, as usual, been spreading false propaganda through online media, accusing the Cameroonian Defence and Security Forces of killing fifteen people, including five women and four children, at the “Yoruba” neighbourhood in the locality of “Small Babanki”, Tubah Subdivision, Mezam Division, in the North-West Region.

The Government strongly denies these totally ungrounded allegations that are far from the factual truth. As a matter of fact, on the morning of Tuesday, February 25, 2020, some heavily armed individuals attacked the construction site of the 5th Combined Military Region Command Post at the Mendankwe area of Bamenda.

These hordes of outlaws, ambushing the site, opened fire on the Toyota Hilux Double Cabin Pick Up vehicle carrying the workers and an elite unit of our Armed Forces, responsible for protecting the construction site.

The balance sheet of this other attack against the National Defence and Security Forces is as follows:

- 02 dead, namely, Private ^{2nd} Class, MANGA FOLEFACK Arnauld Gautier, and a civil technician from the shipyard, Mr NTCHINDA Nickson;**
- 03 casualties recorded in the ranks of our Defence and Security Forces;**
- 05 Civilian taken hostage by secessionists, including the Head of the Worksite;**
- 01 military Pick Up vehicle burned;**
- 01 M 21 S assault rifle taken away, with 03 filled magazine boxes;**
- 01 bulletproof vest and 01 heavy helmet taken away.**

The Government of Cameroon points out in this regard, that a search operation conducted jointly by several components of the 5th Combined Military Region, was indeed carried out during the night of February 28 to 29, 2020, in the “Yoruba” neighbourhood of “Small Babanki”.

The said operation made it possible to discover a fortified entrenchment of the secessionist armed bands, located within the compound of the NKAR Public School, not far from the Mendankwe Traditional Chief’s palace.

A clash ensued between elements of the Cameroonian Armed Forces and a substantial number of armed secessionists.

At the end of this crossfire, 10 secessionist terrorists, including 3 women were neutralized.

The leader of the separatist gang, RICHARD NFORMUMBANG NDANGO, alias “GENERAL FIRE MAN”, was among the terrorists neutralized during this operation.

Following the search operation carried out on the site, some warfare material was seized, including:

- 01 AK47-type assault rifle;**
- 05 tanks of improvised explosive devices, already primed with motorcycle batteries and ready for use;**
- 01 offensive grenade;**
- 03 12-gauge hunting weapons;**
- 01 strip of 7.62-calibre ammunition;**
- 02 magazine boxes of the murdered soldier's M21 assault rifle;**
- Several batches of ammunition of various calibers;**
- Hundreds of amulets;**
- 01 stock of cocaine;**
- 01 heavy helmet and a bulletproof vest belonging to Private 2nd Class, MANGA FOLEFACK Arnauld Gautier, murdered by secessionist terrorists.**
- 02 Vehicles;**

In addition one hostage was released, in the person of Mr MUNGU Joseph, born around 1968 in Mendankwe.

The Government of Cameroon unreservedly condemns these acts of terror by dehumanized individuals who, on a daily basis, sow fear and desolation in the North-West and South-West regions.

To the families of the victims, the Government presents the sincere condolences of the PRESIDENT of the REPUBLIC, His Excellency Paul BIYA, along with the comfort of the entire nation.

Faced with these repeated attacks by hordes of barbaric secessionists, the Government reaffirms to the National Defence and Security Forces, the renewed support of the Cameroonian people as well as the very high confidence of the Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

Yaoundé, on 02 March 2020

The Minister of Communication

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