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## **COMMUNIQUE**

### **ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CAMEROON IN THE POST-ELECTION PERIOD**

The Cameroon Bar Association, notes with deep and preoccupying concern the deteriorating security situation on the national political scene, and expresses its indignation at the flagrant human rights violations currently taking place across Cameroon in the aftermath of the October 12th, 2025 presidential elections.

The Bar strongly condemns the acts of destruction, notably the burning of the Court of First Instance in Dschang, an incident whose consequences are irreparable, particularly the loss of judicial archives essentially administration of justice, custody of personal status and criminal report information.

The Bar further condemns the ongoing arrests carried out in violation of established legal procedures bearing a targeted undertone, and reiterates that the right to protest for a right is a universal and inalienable right. No individual can be deprived of the right to peacefully express dissent against injustice or in defense of their rights.

The Bar is particularly appalled by the following incidents:

- The tragic killing of Ms. Zouhaira, a teacher at Poumpouré Public School in the city of Garoua, North Region, on Tuesday, 21 October 2025, allegedly by a member of the security forces.
- The abduction and subsequent murder of Honourable Abe Michael, Member of Parliament for the RDPC party in the North-West Region, on Wednesday, 22 October 2025, by secessionist kidnapers.
- The arbitrary arrests of Mr. Anicet Ekane, Mr. Djeukam, and several FSNC party militants.
- The arrest of activist Fabrice Guera in Douala, Littoral Region.
- The multiple acts of violence, harassment, and arbitrary arrests perpetrated by security forces against members of the population, including minors working in the informal sector, many of whom were at their workplaces and had no direct connection with the demonstrations.
- The refusal of entry into the city of Garoua of Professor Jean Calvin Abba Oyono, in circumstances that raise serious concerns about the restriction of freedom of movement and political expression.

While condemning all forms of violence and lawlessness, the Bar calls on the Government of Cameroon, all political stakeholders, to take note that the prevailing peace in the country is so fragile and requires nourishment by everyone by exercising maximum restraint and responsibility in addressing the already volatile and deeply concerning situation, by watching what is said and the actions taken out or ordered.

The Cameroon Bar hereby reminds every Cameroonian that the Preamble to the Constitution guarantees the fundamental and inalienable rights of citizens, notably, **the right to life and to physical and moral integrity; the right to liberty and security, the freedom of movement, the freedoms of communication, expression, and press, the freedom of assembly and association, the freedom of trade union membership; and the right to peaceful protest for a right.**

These unfortunate incidents also constitute violations of international human rights instruments ratified by Cameroon, notably the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), whose Articles 6, 9, 12, 18, and 19 respectively guarantee: **the right to life; the right to liberty and security of person; the right to freedom of movement and to freely choose one’s residence; the freedom to manifest one’s religion or belief, individually or in community with others, both publicly and privately; and the freedom to hold and express opinions without interference.**

The Cameroon Bar Association, hereby enjoins its Human Rights Commission to monitor and ensure that the rights of all Cameroonians unlawfully arrested are protected. The Bar calls for the immediate release of all persons detained during this post-election period in violation of the due process of the law and fundamental freedoms.

At this critical juncture, as tensions mount, as security forces are deployed, all eyes are turned toward the Constitutional Council, which bears the solemn and historic responsibility of ensuring calm and peace, by dispensing justice in proclaiming results that reflect the genuine will of the Cameroonian people as expressed through the ballot box.



*Done in Yaoundé, this October 25, 2025*

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