

**THE GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE & JUSTICE IN CAMEROON  
L'ACTION MONDIALE POUR LA PAIX ET LA JUSTICE AU CAMEROUN**

**June 22, 2020**

**Together we:**

- ❖ Applaud UN Secretary-General Guterres's call for a global ceasefire to mitigate COVID-19 in conflict zones, including in Cameroon's Anglophone regions;
- ❖ Echo this ceasefire call, and emphasize that COVID-19 cases cannot be reduced while infrastructure is being attacked, populations are harmed and displaced, and medical and humanitarian aid cannot reach all parts of the North-West and South-West regions; and note that the rate of coronavirus infection in Cameroon is among the highest in Africa;
- ❖ Implore all parties to put the people's immediate health, lives and livelihoods ahead of military objectives;
- ❖ Challenge the warring parties in Cameroon's Anglophone conflict to bravely and publicly declare a humanitarian ceasefire.

**We are joined in this ceasefire challenge by respected leaders from the international community, listed below.**

**CHALLENGE**

**1**

**We challenge the government and military of the Republic of Cameroon to call a ceasefire in the two Anglophone regions.**

The government of the Republic of Cameroon holds a special responsibility to protect its citizens under international law. Citizens cannot be protected from COVID-19 and other catastrophic health threats in an active war zone. There should be a ceasefire to:

- protect human life, health workers, patients, health facilities, and ambulances
- allow unfettered access of humanitarian aid to the North-West and South-West regions

**2**

**We challenge all non-state armed groups (NSAGs) in the two Anglophone regions to call a ceasefire.**

Thank you to APLM-SOCADEF for already declaring and renewing a temporary ceasefire. All other non-state armed groups are challenged to declare a ceasefire as well, to protect citizens from COVID-19 and other catastrophic health threats in an active war zone, and:

- protect human life, health workers, patients, health facilities, and ambulances
- allow unfettered access of humanitarian aid to the North-West and South-West regions

**3**

**We challenge the UN Security Council and UN Secretary-General, the African Union and Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, the Commonwealth, and La Francophonie to:**

- use all instruments of power at their disposal to urge the Republic of Cameroon to call a COVID-19 ceasefire
- ensure that Cameroon's Anglophone conflict is on the agenda of the forthcoming UN Security Council meeting and all UNOCA sessions before the UNSC

**SIGNATORIES**

**Doctor Denis Mukwege**  
Nobel Peace Prize 2018

Panzi Hospital and Foundation, Democratic Republic of the Congo and United States

**Professor Muhammad Yunus**  
Nobel Peace Prize 2006

Founder of the Grameen Bank, People's Republic of Bangladesh

**The Honourable José Ramos-Horta**  
Nobel Peace Prize 1996

Former President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

**The Honourable FW de Klerk**  
Nobel Peace Prize 1993

Former President of the Republic of South Africa

**The Honourable Oscar Arias Sánchez**  
Nobel Peace Prize 1987

Former President of the Republic of Costa Rica

**The Right Honourable Joe Clark**  
Former Prime Minister of Canada

Former Foreign Minister and Minister of Constitutional Affairs of Canada

**The Honourable Ricardo Lagos**  
Former President of Chile

**The Right Honourable Harriet Baldwin, Member of Parliament of the United Kingdom**  
Former United Kingdom Joint Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Development

**The Right Honourable Andrew Mitchell, Member of Parliament of the United Kingdom**  
Former United Kingdom Secretary of State for International Development

**US Ambassador (ret.) R. Niels Marquardt**  
Former United States Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon

**US Ambassador (ret.) John Yates**  
Former United States Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon

**US Ambassador (ret.) Harriet Isom**  
Former United States Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon

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Executive Director of The Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, United States

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Swiss Confederation

Cameroonian names are intentionally withheld