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# **FAKE NEWS ON THE ALLEGED EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTIONS ATTRIBUTED TO CAMEROONIAN DEFENCE FORCES**

## **DECLARATION**

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## **Distinguished Journalists, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

For some time now, a fake news story in the form of a video document has been going round on the Internet and social media, attributing to the Cameroonian Defense Forces, heinous acts of extrajudicial executions perpetrated on civilians.

Obviously, this is another instance of gross misinformation whereby the alleged facts have nothing to do with the work of the Defense and Security Forces within the framework of the missions entrusted to them.

In this vein of overt conspiracy, the video that is currently going round is nothing but an unfortunate attempt to distort actual facts and intoxicate the public. Its sincerity can be easily questioned, with regard to the factual elements contained in this horrible trick play, with voices coarsely affixed to visual sequences.

Let me share with you some incongruous elements about this video, which were analyzed by experts during the preliminary authentication procedures:

1. The military staff involved in this operation visibly have the same phenotype, though the Cameroonian Army is a National Army that brings together all the sociological components of the Nation. Moreover, as it is customary in the intervention protocols of our Army, operations are carried out without any consideration of ethnic or sociological background;
2. The clothing element being fundamental in the identification of an army in relation with the geographical environment, a close examination of this video shows that the men involved wear colourful uniforms meant for

operations in the forest, while the landscape and terrain clearly indicate that they are in the Sahelo-Saharan zone. It is crystal clear that to date, the combat uniforms used by the Cameroonian Army in such circumstances are of the Sahelian type. In addition, and still with regard to clothing as an identifier of the Armed Forces, the individual equipment of the Cameroonian soldiers engaged in that area are standard combat suits, namely, heavy helmets, bullet-proof vests and rangers boots. This is obviously not the case of the people in the video;

3. The weapons displayed by the alleged soldiers presented in the video are not those used by the Cameroonian Army in this area of operation;
4. One of the men, calling himself "Master Corporal CHO CHO Sissignon", does not wear any sign indicating his rank. On the other hand, the design of the parachutist crest presented is not in conformity with the one used by the Cameroonian Army.

As you can see, there is no doubt about the deceptive nature of this sham.

Nevertheless, and despite the irrefutable nature of the evidence that I have just presented you, the **Head of State** has ordered the opening of an investigation as per usual practice.

I seize this opportunity to remind all of you of the professionalism of the Cameroonian Defense and Security Forces, who receive a solid military and law enforcement training, and who are permanently imbued with the imperative of compliance with the laws and regulations of the Republic, human rights and international conventions to which Cameroon is a party.

It goes without saying that the Cameroonian Defense and Security Forces involved in counterterrorism operations on the national territory, are today being targeted by those who, after being defeated in the field of operations, and without any support from the populations and increasingly isolated on the international scene, are attempting by means of such maneuvers to discredit them, undermine their morale and cause their demobilization.

Faced with such a plan, the Government of the Republic vehemently denounces this collusive approach of the enemies of the Nation, renews its full confidence in the National Army and the Security Forces and assures them of the unfailing support of the entire Nation.

The **Head of State** hails the support of the international community for the struggle of the Cameroonian people against the terrorist threat and for the stability of the Nation.

The **President of the Republic** expresses his appreciation for the action of the Multinational Joint Task Force and all the frontline countries involved in the fight against Boko Haram, as well as for the excellent cooperation between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Cameroon, for the sake of security and stability in our two countries.

**The Head of State, His Excellency Paul BIYA, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces**, reiterates his determination to defeat terrorism wherever it occurs, especially in the national territory, in strict compliance with the laws and regulations of the Republic and in line with the international instruments to which Cameroon has freely consented.

Thank you for your kind attention.