Cameroon Human Rights Commission



Human Rights for all and by all

2022 - THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CAMEROON IN 10 POINTS

- A total of 2,000,000 people in humanitarian emergencies were affected by the security situation in the North-West and South-West Regions, which is 200,000 lower than in 2021 (source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) statistics), accessed on 12 January 2023).
- A total of 42,597 Cameroonian refugees and asylum seekers in Chad, especially due to inter-communal conflicts in the Far North Region, that is 6,719 more than in 2021 (source: UNHCR statistics on Chad, accessed on 12 January 2023) and 86,000 Cameroonian refugees in Nigeria, that is, 12,130 more than in 2021 when 73,870 refugees were registered, because of the security situation in the North-West and South-West Regions (source: OCHA statistics accessed on 12 January 2023).
- A total of 1,929,914 people under the protection of the UNHCR (including 936,767 IDPs, 518,853 returnees, 474,294 refugees and asylum seekers), that is 2,229 more than in 2021 during which 1,927,685 people under the protection of the UNHCR were recorded (source: UNHCR statistics in Cameroon, accessed on 12 January 2023).
- A total of 123,993 cases of COVID-19 including 1,965 deaths recorded since the start of the pandemic in Cameroon in March 2020, up to 31 December 2022, compared with 108,662 infections including 1,836 deaths during the same period in 2021, which is 15,441 new infections and 113 new deaths in 2022 (source: global pandemic statistics published by the World Health Organization and accessed on 12 January 2023).
- About 170 people were kidnapped by terrorist groups and 6 hostages were released by the Defence and Security Forces in the North-West and South-West Regions (source: International Crisis Group website, Crisisgroup.org, accessed 12 January 2023).
- More than 40,000 people were affected by floods in the Far North Region in 2022 (source: Crtv.cm website, accessed on 12 January 2023).
- A total of 15,085 cases of cholera, including 276 deaths had been recorded since October 2021 in four regions, according to information communicated by the Minister of Public Health at the Cabinet meeting held in December 2022 in Yaoundé (source: Website French.China.Org.Cn, accessed on 12 January 2023).
- A total of 113 cases of monkeypox, including three deaths, were recorded between October and 31 December 2022 (0)in four regions, according to information communicated by the Minister of Public Health during the Cabinet meeting held in December 2022 in Yaoundé (source: Website French.China.Org.Cn accessed on 12 January 2023).
- A total of 43 new laws relating to human rights were adopted in 2022 compared to 35, which is 8 more than in 2021 (source: websites of the Presidency of the Republic and the Prime Minister's Office of Cameroon, accessed on 12 January 2023).
- No journalist was killed in Cameroon in 2022 like the case in 2021 (source: French press freedom organisation Reporters Without Borders (RSF) website, accessed on 12 January 2023).

