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PRESS RELEASE ON ALLEGED CASES OF SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS INVOLVING A CAMEROONIAN CITIZEN

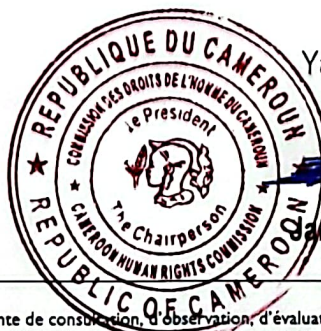
The Cameroon Human Rights Commission (CHRC, hereinafter: “the Commission”) has received reports circulating on social media platforms (particularly *Facebook* and *WhatsApp*), about multiple alleged cases of serious human rights violations purportedly committed by a Cameroonian citizen. In most of these allegations, whistle-blowers *mention violations of the right to life, physical and moral integrity through rape and threats, abduction and unlawful confinement, indecent assault as well as sexual harassment* against approximately a *thousand* individuals.

However, given that the initial complaints are anonymous, they objectively are pamphlets that prevent the Commission from handling the alleged cases of human rights violations as required, namely: by receiving and hearing the complainants, examining the evidence submitted to the case file, hearing the supposed victims and the accused, hearing the witnesses, and then confronting the parties.

The Commission notes that on 24 January 2024, **Fodouop Bopda Herve Noël** filed a complaint with the State Counsel of the Douala-Bonanjo Court of First Instance against **Kareyce Fotso, Nourane Foster**, the “whistle-blowers” and others, for “*defamation by electronic communication, complicity and death threats*”, wishing “*an investigation to be opened against all these individuals*”.

The Commission, which is assessing subsequent testimonies circulating on social media as well as documents tending to exonerate the accused, calls on all relevant authorities to promptly investigate these alleged cases – with the necessary composure and impartiality – and to take the appropriate legal measures based on the findings of the investigations.

For its part, *the Commission, having initiated investigation on his own motion into the matter* since Friday 19 January 2024, is closely monitoring the developments in this regard and advises the alleged victims to reach out to the CHRC through a formal complaint or through the **toll-free number, 1523** to allow for further investigative work.



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