



In the immediate aftermath of the Kumba school massacre in Cameroon's Southwest region, Insecurity Insight has been monitoring local reactions and discussions on social media to better understand how the event may impact international aid programmes operating in conflict areas.

Preliminary monitoring suggests that initial recriminations among pro-independence locals towards Cameroon's central government have not spilled into accusations or hostility towards aid operations and workers.

We also note that a written statement by the interim president of the self-declared Federal Republic of Ambazonia in which he calls for a UN-led fact finding mission has been widely shared on social media platforms.

"We are calling on the UN to order an independent fact finding mission to the Southern Cameroons to bring out the whole truth surrounding all the massacres and disappearances ongoing in Ambazonia since 2017."

The preliminary findings tentatively suggest the possibility of a positive evolution of local opinion towards the UN. Insecurity Insight has **previously** reported how international aid programmes, in particular the UN's Development Programme, have been accused by separatist elements of collaborating with the government against independence efforts. These accusations had, we note with regret, coincided with a series of attacks on aid workers, including the **kidnapping and killing** of an MSF community liaison officer in July.

ANALYST COMMENT

Despite these reassuring preliminary impressions, Insecurity Insight nevertheless recommends international aid organisations to continue exercising extreme caution, in particular in the current charged state of affairs.

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THE PRESIDENT ADDRESSES THE NATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE MEME MASSACRE -25/10/20

EXCERPT

"...These horrifying atrocities should shed light on the weight of the moral responsibility on every Ambazonian shoulder to join hands now and let us face our enemy as one man. This is the true face of our enemy - the monster slaughtering our people like this daily - the primary enemy of all Ambazonians. Anyone who thinks insulting Dr. Sako or any other leader in this struggle is the strategy we need to fight our enemy is insane; that person is not better than the idiots who murdered these our innocent children..."

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