

**DIRECT SUMMONS**  
**(CITATION DIRECTE)**

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*[Signature]*  
Magistrate

In the year Two Thousand and Seventeen  
And on the

*twelfth day of April at 9:15 am*

**MINDFUL OF SECTION 290 AS READ WITH SECTIONS 60, 61, 71(1) AND 385 (1) (2) OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AND SECTION 15(1) (3) OF THE LAW ON JUDICIAL ORGANIZATION IN CAMEROON.**

*CB/BA/0899 / Gbrum CB/PA/17*

And at the request of the Consortium of Parents, whose children are in the various Mission Academic Institutions, acting through Colonel TAMAMBANG and Lt Colonel Terence SAMA represented by Barrister ACHU Julius NGU TABE, son of ACHU Paul NGU and of Lydia BEI ACHU, born on 12/08/1964, resident at Douala and who has elected residence for the purpose of this act and for service of process at the undersigned Bailiff's residence.

I, the undersigned his Dignity Chief FONSAGONG Maître TCHINDA Pierre, Grand Officer of Cameroon Order of Value, Sherriff-Bailiff before the North West Court of Appeal and other Courts of Bamenda P.O Box: 20166 Tel: 699 966 131:

**DO HEREBY GIVE DIRECT SUMMONS TO:**

1/Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Archbishop of BAMENDA Diocese, resident in BAMENDA, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ at his office/residence in BAMENDA where it is delivered to:

*himself who received a copy of this set and*

2/Bishop Michael BIBI, Auxiliary BISHOP of BAMENDA Diocese, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
C/O Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Archbishop of BAMENDA, resident in BAMENDA at his office/residence where it is delivered to:

3/Bishop George NKUO, Bishop of KUMBO Diocese and President of BAPEC, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
C/O Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Archbishop of BAMENDA, resident in BAMENDA at his office/residence where it is delivered to:

4/ Father Michael KINTANG, Principal of SACRED HEART COLLEGE MANKON, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
C/O Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Archbishop of BAMENDA at his office/residence in Bamenda where it is delivered to:

5/ Father Williams NEBA, Principal of Saint BEDES COLLEGE ASHONG-KOM son of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
C/O Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Archbishop of BAMENDA at his office/residence in Bamenda where it is delivered to:

6/ Sister Mary NKENDJIE, Principal of our LADY OF LOURDES MANKON, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
C/O Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Archbishop of BAMENDA at his office/residence in Bamenda where it is delivered to:

7/The Roman Catholic Church, owner of the various Roman Catholic Academic Institutions in the North West Region and vicariously liable for the acts of his employees, C/O Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Archbishop of BAMENDA at his office/residence in BAMENDA where it was delivered to:

*Himself who received a copy of this act and*



To appear on the 21 AVR 2017 2017 at the hour of 9:00 O'clock in the forenoon or soon thereafter as the business of the court shall permit, precisely before the Court of First Instance Bamenda in connection to criminal prosecution.

### THE BASIS OF APPEARANCE

**COUNT ONE:** That you Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Bishop Michael BIBI and Bishop George NKUO, failed to ask parents to send their children back to school or to cause the deposit of school fee paid into an escrow account despite the notice served on you on 01/03/2017 to this effect, meaning you condoned to the acts of those who illegally requested for boycott of school attendance thereby causing some confusion and persistently refraining from performing the duties teaching students thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under **section 151** of the penal code.

**COUNT TWO:** That you Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Bishop Michael BIBI and Bishop George NKUO, on 09/02/2017 and in concertation with others signed a joint communiqué to the effect that the non resumption of schools is as a result of an unsolved political problem, thereby condoning to the resistance organized by some individuals to this effect thus committing an offence contrary to and punishable under **section 157(1) (a)** of the penal code;

**COUNT THREE:** That you Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Bishop Michael BIBI and Bishop George NKUO, have for some months now caused the nonpayment of the salaries of teachers in your Mission Schools and in consequence, depriving the state of the necessary tax deductions and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under **section 183(2)** of the penal code;

**COUNT FOUR:** That you **Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Bishop Michael BIBI and Bishop George NKUO** and **Father Michael KINTANG, Father Williams NEBA** and **Sister Mary NKENDJIE** have for some months now after collecting monies from parents as school fees refused to teach, feed and accommodate students in schools as agreed and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under **section 318(1) (b)** of the penal code;

**COUNT FIVE:** That you **Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Bishop Michael BIBI and Bishop George NKUO** as well as **Father Michael KINTANG, Father Williams NEBA** and **Sister Mary NKENDJIE** have for some months now after collecting monies from parents as school fees refused to either teach their children or refund same pursuant to the notice of 01/03/2017 served on you and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under **section 318(1) (c)** of the penal code;

**COUNT SIX:** That you **Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Bishop Michael BIBI and Bishop George NKUO** signed a communiqué which propagates false information liable to injure public authorities and national unity in a communiqué signed on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 thus committed an offence contrary to and punishable under **section 113 of the penal code;**

**COUNT SEVEN:** That **Bishop Cornelus FONTEM ESUA, Bishop Michael BIBI and Bishop George NKUO** in the said communiqué of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017, you expressed your satisfaction on what you claimed to be grievances or apprehensions as being evident thus, attempting to justify such grievances and apprehensions which is being carried out against the security of the state which is an offence contrary to and punishable under **section 267 of the penal code;**

**CONSEQUENTLY:**

The civil claimant (s) claims the sum of **150.000.000.000F CFA** against the accused person being special and general damages;

**WHEREFORE THE COMPLAINANT (S) PRAY (S) THE COURT FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- To convict and sentence the accused person (s) accordingly;
- Request the legal department to support this application;
- Order the accused person (s) to pay compensation to the civil claimant;

**IN WITNESS WHERE OF,**

**I was there and serving as above, handed a copy of this act for which the fees charged stand at**

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S/D	3.000
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03 AVR 2017.

**DIRECT SUMMONS  
CITATION DIRECTE**

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MINDFUL OF SECTIONS 60, 61, 71(1) AND 385 (1) (2) OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AND SECTION 15(1) (3) OF THE LAW ON JUDICIAL ORGANIZATION IN CAMEROON

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IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN  
AND ON THE

At the request of the Consortium of Parents, whose children are in the various Mission Academic Institutions, acting through Dr. John LYONGA EFANDE, IKOME Williams LIGANGE and ALIANTO NGALA represented by Barrister ACHU Julius NGU TABE, son of ACHU Paul NGU and of Lydia BEI ACHU, born on 12/08/1964, resident at Douala and who has elected residence for the purpose of this act and for service of process at the undersigned Bailiff's residence.

I, Maître **JINGWA JOVITA BETANGA**, Lord Sheriff/Bailiff and Chattered Auctioneer, chambers situated at MOLYKO BUEA, PO BOX: 422, TEL: 677 693 091  
And the undersigned:

**DO HEREBY GIVE DIRECT SUMMONS TO:**

1/ Bishop Immanuel BUSHU, BISHOP of BUEA Diocese, resident at BUEA, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ at his office/residence in BUEA where it is delivered to:

2/ Bishop Andrew FUANYA NKEA, Bishop of MAMFE Diocese, resident at MAMFE, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ C/O Bishop Immanuel BUSHU at his office/residence in BUEA where it is delivered to:

3/ Bishop AGOPITUS NFON, Bishop of KUMBA Diocese, resident at KUMBA, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ C/O Bishop Immanuel BUSHU at his office/residence in BUEA where it is delivered to:

4/ Father Alexander Sob Nougui, Catholic Education Secretary, Buca, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ C/O Bishop Immanuel BUSHU at his office/residence in BUEA where it is delivered to:

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5/ The Roman Catholic Church, owner of the various Roman Catholic Academic Institutions in the South West Region, C/O Bishop Immanuel BUSHU at his office/residence in BUEA where it was delivered to;

To appear on the \_\_\_\_\_ 2017 at the hour of 9:00 O'clock in the forenoon or soon thereafter as the business of the court shall permit, precisely before the Court of First Instance Buca (Court \_\_\_\_\_) in connection to criminal prosecution.

### THE BASIS OF APPEARANCE

**COUNT ONE:** That you Bishop Immanuel BUSHU, Bishop Andrew FUANYA NKEA and Bishop AGOPITUS NFON, that you failed to ask parents to send their children back to school or to cause the deposit of school fee paid into an escrow account despite the notice served on you on 01/03/2017 to this effect within, meaning you condoned to the acts of those who illegally requested for boycott of school attendance thereby causing some confusion and persistently refraining from performing the duties teaching students thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under sections 74 and 151 of the penal code.

**COUNT TWO:** That you Bishop Immanuel BUSHU, Bishop Andrew FUANYA NKEA and Bishop AGOPITUS NFON, on 09/02/2017 and in concertation with others signed a joint communiqué to the effect that the non resumption of schools is as a result of an unsolved political problem, thereby condoning to the resistance organized by some individuals to this effect thus committing an offence contrary to and punishable under sections 74 and 157(1) (a) of the penal code;

**COUNT THREE:** That you Bishop Immanuel BUSHU, Bishop Andrew FUANYA NKEA, Bishop AGOPITUS NFON and Father Alexander Sob NOUGUI have for some months now caused the nonpayment of the salaries of teachers in your Mission Schools and in consequence, depriving the state of the necessary tax deductions and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under sections 74, 97 and 183(2) of the penal code;

**COUNT FOUR:** That you Bishop Immanuel BUSHU, Bishop Andrew FUANYA NKEA, Bishop AGOPITUS NFON and Father Alexander Sob NOUGUI have for some months now after collecting monies from parents as school fees refused to teach, feed and accommodate students in schools within your Diocese as agreed and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under sections 74, 97 and 318(1) (b) of the penal code;

**COUNT FIVE:** That you Bishop Immanuel BUSHU, Bishop Andrew FUANYA NKEA, Bishop AGOPITUS NFON and Father Alexander Sob NOUGUI have for some months now after collecting monies from parents as school fees refused to either teach their children or refund same pursuant to the notice of 01/03/2017 served on you and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under sections 74, 97 and 318(1) (c) of the penal code;

**COUNT SIX:** That you Bishop Immanuel BUSHU, Bishop Andrew FUANYA NKEA and Bishop AGOPITUS NFON signed a communiqué which propagates false information liable to injure public authorities and national unity in a communiqué signed on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 thus committed an offence contrary to and punishable under sections 97 and 113 of the penal code;

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CONSEQUENTLY

The civil claimant (s) claims the sum of 150.000.000.000F CFA against the accused person being special and general damages;

WHEREFORE THE COMPLAINANT (S) PRAY (S) THE COURT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- To convict and sentence the accused person (s) accordingly;
- Request the legal department to support this application;
- Order the accused person (s) to pay compensation to the civil claimant;

IN WITNESS WHERE OF,

I SET MY HAND AND SEAL ON THIS ACT FOR WHICH THE FEE TAXED IS AS FOLLOWS:

Reg	4.000F CFA
SD	2.000F CFA
OD	1.000F CFA
COPIES	1.400F CFA
MISC	10.888F CFA
VAT	462F CFA
TAX	250F CFA
TOTAL	20.000F CFA



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03 APR 2017

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**DIRECT SUMMONS  
(CITATION DIRECTE)**

MINISTRE DES JUSTICES ET DU MINISTRE DU PROCUREUR GENERAL EN COLLABORATION AVEC LES SECTIONS 60, 61, 71(1) ET 385 (1) (2) DE LA LOI SUR LA PROCEDURE PENALE ET LA SECTION 15(1) (3) DE LA LOI SUR LE JUDICIAIRE D'UNE ORGANISATION AU CAMEROUN.

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN  
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CFI B/005/05PP/2017

At the request of the Consortium of Parents, whose children are in the various Mission Academic Institutions, acting through Colonel TAMAMBANG, Lt Colonel Terence SAMA and Lt LOH YAI represented by Barrister ACHU Julius NGU TABE, son of ACHU Paul NGU and of Lydia BEI ACHU, born on 12/08/1964, resident at Douala and who has elected residence for the purpose of this act and for service of process at the undersigned Bailiff's residence.

I, MAITRE JINGWA JOVITA BETANGA, Lord Sheriff/Bailiff and Chartered Auctioneer, chambers situate at MGL YKO BUEA, PO BOX: 422, TEL: 677 693 091  
And the undersigned:

**DO HEREBY GIVE DIRECT SUMMONS TO:**

1/ Rt. Reverend FONKI Samuel FORBA, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, resident at BUEA, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ at his office/residence in BUEA where it is delivered to:

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**Communique From the Archbishop and Auxiliary Bishop of Bamenda  
Concerning the Direct Summons Served to them by the Consortium of Parents  
whose Children Are in the Various Mission Academic Institutions to Appear  
before the Court of First Instance of Bamenda on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017**

To

The Clergy. Consecrated Men and Women and Christ's lay Faithful,  
Archdiocese of Bamenda

Rev. Monsignor. Rev. Fathers. -Rrv. Brothers and Rev, Sisters,  
Dear brothers and sisters,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

It with emotion of the certainty of the presence of the Risen lord, but also of great concern that we write to you this Easter Morning.

First, we want to wish all of you the peace and *joy* of the Risen lord. May our faith in the Risen lord and the firm conviction of his presence in our midst be our consolation and our strength during this difficult period of the socio-political crisis in the Bamenda Ecclesiastical Province, let us continue to trust in him and in the maternal protection of his Blessed Mother, "for never was it known that anyone who fled to her protection, implored her help or sought her intercession was left unaided".

Secondly, we want to share with you a correspondence which we received on Wednesday of Holy Week. 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 because it is a cause of great concern for all of us. It is a 'Direct Summons' which has been served to us by a group of persons described as the 'Consortium of Parents, whose children are in the various Mission Academic institutions'. This so-called "Consortium" is acting through a certain Colonel TAM AM BANG and Lt. Colonel Terence SAMA, both of whom are unknown to us. We, your Bishops, together with the Principals of Sacred Heart College. Mankon, St. Bede's

College. Ashing-Kom. Our lady of Lourdes, College. Mankon. and Bishop George Nkuo of Kumbo Diocese and President of the Samcnda Provincial Episcopal Conference (BAPEC) arc summoned to appear before the Court of First Instance. Bamenda on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017 at 9.00 a.m. to answer charges on seven counts which we hereby summarize:

- 1 We. the Bishops, have failed to ask parents to send their children back to school or to cause the deposit of school fees paid into an escrow account despite the notice served on 01/03/2017.
- 2 We signed a Joint communique on 09/02/2017 In conception with others to the effect that the non-resumption of schools is as a result of an unsolved political problem.
- 3 We have caused the non-payment of the salaries of teachers in Mission schools for some months now, thus depriving the state of the necessary tax deductions.
4. We have, for some months now, after collecting school fees, refused to teach, feed and accommodate students in schools
5. We have refused to either teach their children or refund the school fees pursuant to the notice served on 01/03/2017.
6. We, the Bishops, signed a communique on 09/02/2017 which propagates false information liable to injure public authorities and national unity.
7. We. the Bishops, In the said communique of 09/02/2017 expressed our satisfaction on what we claim to be grievances or apprehensions as being evident, thus attempting to justify such grievances and apprehensions which are carried out against the security of the State.

The Consortium claims the amount of 150.000000000 (one hundred and fifty billion) francs CFA as special and general damages and pray the Court to convict and sentence us accordingly.

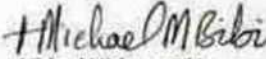
Rev. Monsignor. Rev. Father\*, Brother\* and Sisters, dear people of God, this summons is addressed not only to the Bishops and Principals but to all of us and in particular to the parents and guardians on behalf of whom the Church opens and runs Schools. We shall be there to answer the charges. We want YOU to remain calm and peaceful at this challenging moment. We continue to count on your incessant prayers for a more meaningful dialogue and for a true and lasting solution to our socio-political problems

May the Spirit of the Risen lord, the Spirit of truth and the Advocate, be our light and our strength

Given in Bamenda. 16 April 2017  
Caster Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

  
+Cornelius Fontem Esua  
Archbishop of Bamenda



  
+Michael Miabesue Bibi  
Auxiliary Bishop of Bamenda

## **A Joint Communiqué From The Moderator Of The Presbyterian Church In Cameroon, The Executive President Of The Cameroon Baptist Convention And The Bishop of the Bamenda Provincial Episcopal Conference (BAPEC)**

By Divine Providence, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon, and the Executive President of the Cameroon Baptist Convention visited the Archbishop of Bamenda when the Bamenda Provincial Episcopal Conference was in session. They took advantage of the presence of the Bishops to discuss the current socio-political crises that have paralysed the North West and South West Regions of Cameroon since November 2016. Without any intention of establishing a permanent structure or association, they came up with the following statement:

Some authorities and people have branded Church leaders in this part of the country as protagonist and promoters of the strike that has crippled schools and several areas of business and life in the North West and South West Regions. It is due to such accusations that Church leaders have been receiving anonymous and threatening messages both from those who want the stalemate to persist and those who want an immediate return to the status quo.

Mindful of the fact that all the Churches run schools, thus rendering a great service to the State and to parents, whose children they educate and evangelise, Church leaders unequivocally state that they were neither consulted nor did they give any express consent for the initiation of the strike or its suspension.

The Teachers' Trade Unions, which initiated the sit down strike, have officially suspended the strike, but schools have not resumed. For some people, the schools have not resumed because Church leaders have not asked members of their respective Churches to send their children back to school. It is important to note that even Government schools, over which Church leaders have no authority, have not effectively resumed in this part of the country.

As far as confessional schools are concerned, it is our Divine Mission to teach and the right of the children to be educated. Therefore, we state that we did not at any point in time ask our respective schools to close and that the doors of our schools remain wide open to welcome pupils and students, when parents bring their children.

We think that the non-resumption of schools in the North West and South West regions is a pointer to more profound socio-political issues that need to be identified and addressed sooner than later. It is important to note that the

oppressive, intimidating and unbearable attitude of some civil servants, such as the attitude of the Governor of the South West Region, has further hardened the hearts of the common people. Furthermore, the inhumane treatment, torture, rampant arrests and the complete shutdown of the Internet and consequently of businesses and services that depend on an Internet connection for a smooth functioning have aggravated the situation.

As pastors, preachers of the Good News and mediators of social justice and peace, we earnestly appeal to the Government and the people of Cameroon for a change of heart and to engage in a meaningful and constructive dialogue. We further call on our Christians and people of goodwill to pray fervently for wisdom and understanding to seek true and lasting solutions that will guarantee justice and peace. We pray that all Cameroonians may experience the presence of the Risen Lord, the Prince of Peace, for, “in His days, justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.” (5Ps. 71/72:7)

Given in Bamenda, this Thursday, February 9, 2017.

Rt. Rev. Fonki Samuel Forba

Rev. Ncham Godwil Chiatoh

Moderator,

Executive President, Cameroon Baptist Convention

Presbyterian Church in Cameroon

+George Nkuo

+Cornelius Esua

Bishop of Kumbo,

Archbishop of Bamenda

President of BAPEC

+Immanuel Bushu

+Andrew Fuanya Nkea

Bishop of Buea

Bishop of Mamfe

Vice President of BAPEC

+Agapitus Nfon

+Michael Bibi

Bishop of Kumba

Auxiliary Bishop of Bamenda