

Tapang Ivo Tanku's Apology to Ambazonians, Africa

United States of America (December 29, 2018)

Fellow Ambazonians,

Two days ago, on Friday, December 28, 2018, I, **Ivo Tanku Tapang**, read with dismay and utter consternation, a suit against my person from the offices of Barrister Emmanuel Nsahlai in California, USA. The suit accuses me of aiding and abetting in acts of terrorism that led to the deaths of John Doe and Jane Doe's family members on May 20, 2018, and August 2018.

First off, please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. I strongly sympathize with your grief.

I, **Tapang Ivo Tanku**, and the organization I serve, the **ADF**, do not promote or endorse violence against civilians (**Ambazonians nor La Republique du Cameroun citizens**) since the visitation of acts of genocidal violence by colonial forces of La Republique du Cameroun on my fellow Ambazonians whom they describe as their Anglophones. Instead, I have stood resolutely with the oppressed and victims of violence, and with Ambazonians who have been dehumanized by the repressive terrorist regime of dictator Paul Biya who has been in power since 1982, long before I was born.

The Ambazonia Defense Forces (ADF) organization only picked up arms to defend the vulnerable population that had seen its own military use helicopter gunships to fire on innocent civilians, killing many for the sole crime of where they were born and the English language they speak. They are people who marched with nothing but peace plants on September 22,

2017, and turned up in even larger numbers on October 1st, 2017 to proclaim the restoration of their independence.

Rather, the trigger-happy forces of Biya killed several peaceful protesters, most of whom were our women and children.

As John Doe and Jane Doe know, May 20th celebrations are a colonial signpost of La Republique du Cameroun. They deployed their troops yet again across the colonized territories of Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) to make sure that it was strictly enforced in 2018.

Given the history of intimidation, extrajudicial killings, summary executions, random curfews, and orders even by civil administrators to shoot and kill civilians in groups of any number that they subjectively determine to be threatening, there is little doubt how John Doe's loved ones may have been executed by La Republique du Cameroun terrorist forces.

Please, accept my condolences on your loss. Every human life is very precious. It is for this reason that ADF has been defending the local population from intruding forces of LRC. It is a fight that will continue so long as the people of Ambazonia are not free or independent.

Although I, nor the people of Ambazonia have not been served the lawsuit as of today Saturday, December 29, 2018, I strongly maintain that we must protect our civilians and all foreigners in our Homeland. We plead with the affected families whose members died on May 20, 2018, and August 2018, to know to call me on 4083105204 and let me speak peace with them. I do not know the affected families, but I am deeply sorry for their loss and pain. I am willing to support them in any way I could.

I love you all. I seek peace, love, and understanding. I seek for every peaceful way to dialogue and not engage in a war that would still end on the dialogue table. That is why my platforms, and organizations I serve in, have always advocated for dialogue with LRC and the United Nations in a neutral country.

I also plead with my fellow brother, **Barrister Nsahlai Emmanuel**, to open a peaceful channel for peace talks with me where I could extend my sincere condolences as a stateless citizen to the affected families that his law firm is representing. I hope somehow, this message could reach my senior brother Nsahlai Emmanuel. Let us give peace a chance.

Long live my Ambazonia people.

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God Bless Us All.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivo Tapang', with a large, stylized initial 'I'.