

EARLY WARNING EARLY RESPONSE SITUATIONAL REPORT

A focus on the conflict incidents happening in Cameroon
following the Anglophone Conflict and Boko Haram insurgency.

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Situational Report

Latest Incidents

Masuka, 01/08/2021

The separatist group, Mountain Lions, claims responsibility for an attack in which they killed a Gendarme officer identified as Romain Babe in Musaka in Muea. The officer who was killed was part of a unit of six officers that patrolled the Musaka area. The unit was attacked by a group of about 20 Ambazonia separatist fighters who used IEDs and guns. Two other officers were injured and the separatist took weapons like AK47 number 8336, two loaders of 30 ammunition, a pair of rangers, mobile phone, guns, boots, bulletproof vests, and helmets.

Menji, 01/08/2021

The Red Dragons of Lebialem, a separatist group, exploded an IED on a military vehicle at Menji. The number of casualties at the time of this report is unknown. Mark Bareta claims that several military officers got killed and several others who were injured were airlifted to Douala.

Osing, 01/08/2021

Seven (7) military officers in Osing, a village in Mamfe, were killed after an attack by the separatist armed group, Manyu commandos. The separatist fighters later released videos of themselves at military control posts claiming they have effectively chased out government military forces from the area.

Mesaje, 02/08/2021

Suspected Ambazonia fighters in Mesaje burn down buildings and property belonging to a Credit Union and SODEPA—a company involved in the Development and Exploitation of Animal Productions (Société de Développement et d'Exploitation des Productions Animales). Amongst the property destroyed were: a part of the Dumbu Ranch, a Credit Union building, a tractor, and a pickup vehicle—all of which were set ablaze.

Bali, 03/08/2021

A bridge on the Bamenda-Bali road was blown up but no casualties were recorded. So far no group has claimed responsibility for the destruction of the bridge. The destruction however bears all the hallmarks of a separatist attack as they have been very active in Bali. This has been interpreted as an attempt to stop access into the locality from the government military forces.

Kumbo, 04/08/2021

Ambazonian fighters attacked a military convoy, thereby destroying an armoured vehicle, killing two officers, and injuring one. Hours later, in retaliation, military officers shot and killed seven civilians in Firkov-Meluf—a neighborhood in Kumbo. Amongst the civilians killed was a group of carpenters.

Kumbo, 05/08/2021

Bui warriors blow up an armoured car carrying several military officers of the Cameroon military forces in Tadu and inflicted 'life-threatening injuries' on 3 of the military officers.

Tubah, 05/08/2021

Military officers and Separatist fighters are contesting for control over the Tubah Sub Division. Military officers in Tubah have reportedly been arresting many commercial drivers who use the road for not disclosing the location of separatist fighters who have also set up check points on the road. They accused the drivers of collaborating with the separatists and anyone who visited the detainees was reportedly arrested. In retaliation, separatist fighters stopped cars that were coming from and going to Kom and collected their car keys—leaving the people traveling stranded. These contests for control of the regions have played out in several ways in the region. A similar situation happened in Bali following an administrative order by the governor—banning the circulation of motor bikes that led the separatist fighters to ban the circulation of cars. The inhabitants of these regions have now found it difficult to move and transport their goods. They travel long distances on foot or they use wheelbarrows to transport their goods, reports say.

Bamenda, 06/08/2021

A military armoured car was destroyed by an IED, killing 8 military officers. The ADF Bamenda Brigade claimed responsibility for the device that was detonated in the outskirts of Bamenda.

Bamenda, 07/08/2021

Three civilians were shot dead by suspected separatist fighters. On the night of 06/08/2021, residents reportedly heard gunshots that lasted 5 minutes; two (2) men and one (1) woman were found dead shortly. The civilians were reportedly killed because the bar where they were drinking sold products from Brasseries du Cameroun, which have been banned by separatist fighters.

Yer, 07/08/2021

Separatist fighters belonging to the Bui Warriors group attacked and opened fire on a military convoy of armoured cars moving into Yer village. Mark Bareta claims the IED that was going to be used on the convoy 'failed to detonate'.

Wum, 09/08/2021

Women in Wum marched in protest to the kidnappings and demands for ransom in the village. The women sang songs in their local language calling for an end to such activities as they marched to the Divisional Officers office.

Online, 09/08/2021

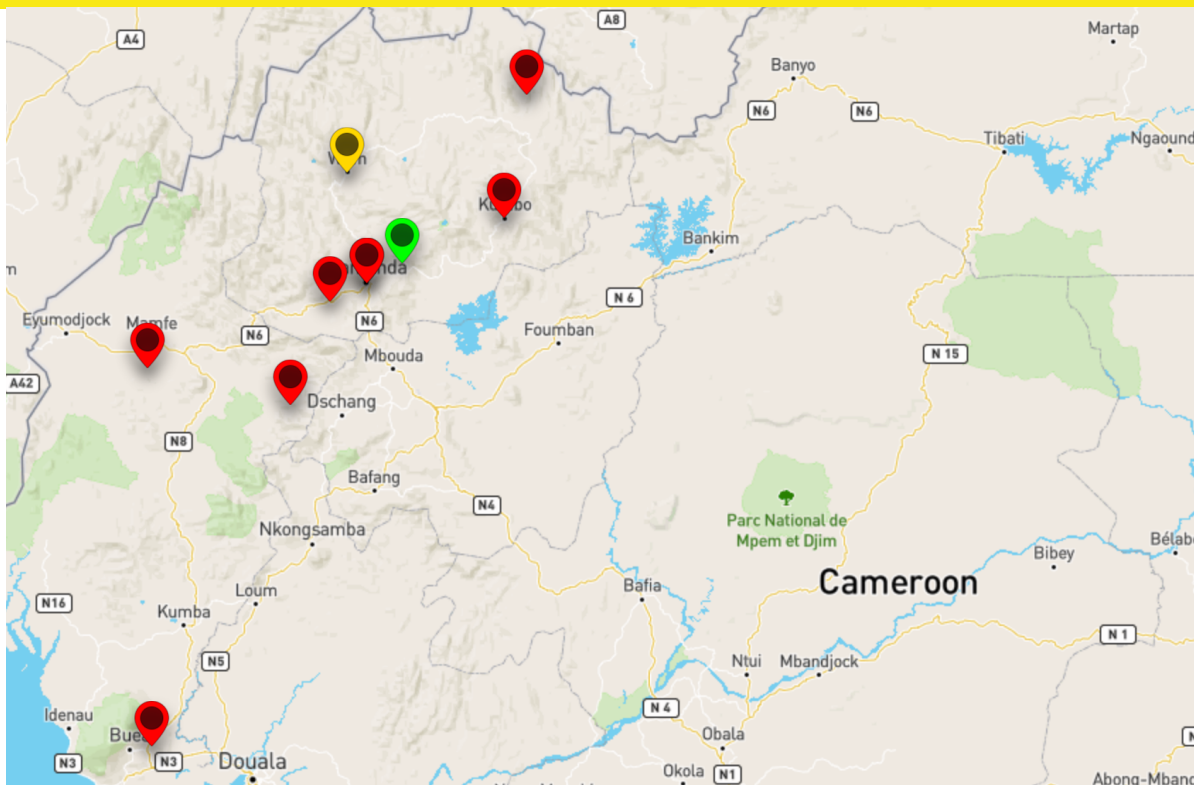
Factions of the Ambazonia separatist movement are further divided over the alliance with the IPOB (Indegenous People Of Biafra). Early this year, the AGovC announced their cooperation with the IPOB in a bid to get access to more weapons and resources. The two main factions, led by Samuel Ikome Sako and Ayaba Cho Lucas have heavily criticised each other's approach to the conflict. One major point of divergence has been the alliance with the IPOB, which Ayaba Cho Lucas and his faction—the AGovC—have supported. Following the arrest of Nnamdi Kanu, the leader of the IPOB, the Samuel Ikome Sako faction has further reiterated their position against the said cooperation. Samuel Ikome Sako also asked the Nigerian government to look into the 'genocide' in Cameroon and support the refugees in Nigeria.

Early Warning

From the recorded incidents and analysis of what has happened in the past week, the following predictive estimate can be made. Of the regions more likely to experience increased military and separatist attacks, Ndop in the Ngoketunja Division, and Kumbo in the Bui division stand out. In Ndop, the threat of violence has been made by separatist fighter, general 'No Pity' after his family was arrested and detained by the Cameroon military forces. Reports on social media claim general "No Pity" promised the government hell if his family is not released within 48 hours. According to reports, his family was arrested by military officials. He appeared in Ndop and threatened to attack French-speaking regions and towns like Bafoussam and Douala if his family was not released. He also promised to start his rampage from Ndop, and "deal with the civilians".

Amongst the regions most likely to experience violence Kumbo also stands out because of the recent killings and attacks on military officers. The military is expected to carry out retaliatory attacks in areas around Kumbo, Yer, Ndop, Lebialem, Muea, Bali, Menji, Ousing and Mesaje.

As of now, separatists are planning a county war draft (financial support and military suppliers for separatists) for the Donga Mantung division (Nkambe) and more separatist activities should be expected in this area in the days following the 14th of August.



A Map Snapshot of geo-tagged incidents that happened in the first two weeks of August.