

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

Presented here is a situational analysis of the first two weeks of the month of July based on data collected online and sources on the ground for the EWER data and situation on ground. This report offers a quick look at the situation in the conflict zones of Cameroon, North West, South West and Far North Region through a collection of incidents.

Latest Incidents

Kumba, July 1, 2021

A GCE examiner was shot dead by suspected separatist fighters. The man identified as Fuh Max Dang was killed on July 1 2021, at his residence located close to the Government Bilingual High school (G.B.H.S) kumba. The separatist gave no explanation for their actions but it is suspected that he was killed because of his role as a GCE examiner and because of his continuous work as a teacher in defiance of separatist instructions.

Kumba, July 2, 2021

Unidentified gunmen reportedly opened fire on a car heading for Nigeria, killing one of its occupants, a Nigerian woman, Ugwu Emmanuella and injuring one man in the process. The attack took place at the Kumba-Mamfe road after the deceased left Douala early in the morning for Nigeria.

Bamenda, July 2, 2021

Five armed men attacked the Ntarikon Total filling station in Bamenda and made away with the money they sold for that day. They were dressed as civilians and came with a blue car that was waiting to transport them after collecting the money.

Bamenda, July 4, 2021

The police in Bamenda summarily executed a man they suspected of being a separatist. The Man identified as Djibril is reported to have been shot dead by government police officers in Bamenda, Below Foncha. His corpse was carried by an angry population in the streets of Nkwen denouncing the killing of civilians. This act pushed the angry population to set the police control post on fire.

Paris, July 4, 2021

Yesterday, members of the Cameroon Renaissance Movement (CRM), the party led by Maurice Kamto, staged a protest in Paris. Amongst other things, the protesters carried anti-regime signs also called for an end to the Anglophone crisis in the North West and South West regions. Mr. Maurice Kamto distanced the party from the protests. He said the Cameroon Renaissance Movement "is not organising any demonstration in front of the US Embassy Yaounde or elsewhere in the world..."

Bamenda, July 5, 2021

Civilians continue to protest after the killing of Djibril, Police checkpoints were also burnt down as the population protested against what they called police brutality, the protest had started in the previous day Djibril was summarily executed by the police and continued the next morning with civilians confronting police officers who fired guns into the air to try to scare away the angry protesters.

Nguti-Kupe Muanenguba, July 5, 2021

An online video surfaced on July 5, 2021 showing the corpses of three military men killed by Ambazonia forces. According to the report, the separatist fighters were led by "General Pikin". The incident took place in Nguti, Kupe Muanenguba Division-South West region of Cameroon.

Widikum-Momo Division, July 7, 2021

Separatist fighters were intercepted by the military as they tried to plant an IED on the road in Widikum, Momo Division in the North West region. According to the report, 2 separatist fighters were killed and several others injured.

Njavyuy-Bui Division, July 7, 2021

Separatist fighters attacked a police checkpoint at Njavyuy, Bui Division in the North West region. The attack that led to a subsequent gun battle left one police officer identified as Kane Bingo'o dead and the separatist taking his gun. A military officer and a Gendarme officer were also seriously injured and taken to the Banso Baptist Hospital (BBH) and one police officer, Nguele Samba was shot in the foot. One separatist fighter was also killed and his body was thrown on the road.

Belo-Boyo Division, July 7, 2021

A patrol team of Government Forces was ambushed on July 7, 2021 by Ambazonia fighters at Three Corners Belo in Boyo Division. The incident took place at 8:00am, and no casualties were reported. The separatist fighters showed two guns they took from the scene.

Baforkum-Bambui, North West Region, July 9, 2021

The Fon of Baforkum in Bambui who had been in captivity after being kidnapped by separatist fighters for over a month was killed by separatist fighters suspected to be loyal to Sako Ikome. Fon's body was found dumped beside a stream.

Fima-Logone et Chari, Far North Region, July 9, 2021

In the morning of July 9, 2021, the Cameroonian army resisted a Boko Haram attack at Fima, Logone-et-Chari-Far North Region of Cameroon. The army was said to have defeated the Boko Haram terrorists and two terrorists were killed.

Djottin, July 12, 2021

Separatists fighters led by the infamous "General No Pity" and the military officials in Djottin, Noni, Bui Division engaged in a gun battle. Reports on social media claim 4 separatist were killed while the military recorded 10 casualties.

Geneva, July 13, 2021

President Paul Biya and his wife Chantal Biya left Cameroon on July 11, 2021 for Geneva. As he arrived, activists planned a protest that was meant to take place on the 17th of July 2021. Since the protest was announced, a man was seen in a video that went viral. He rained curses on Kamto, saying that if anything happened to President Paul Biya, they were going to harm Kamto there in Cameroon. There exists a WhatsApp write-up calling on Beti people to attack Kamto over at Cameroon. It seems it is taking a tribal twist. The note mentioned that they could drive the people of the west region back to their grassland fields since they have the Brigade Anti-Sardinards (B.A.S) in the diaspora fighting against Biya and the Beti people.

Zavion-Babajou Sub Division, July 13, 2021

Two Gendarmes were said to have been killed around a checkpoint in Zavion, Babadjou Sub Division in the West region. The report says the killers were unidentified men who dressed in military attire which made the Gendarmes think they were among them. Their corpses were reportedly found on the morning of July 13 2021.

Bali-Kumbat, July 14, 2021

A young man identified as Victor Dohmeng was reportedly shot dead by military officers. In what looks like another summary execution, the man was shot at 4AM in his home Balikumbat village.

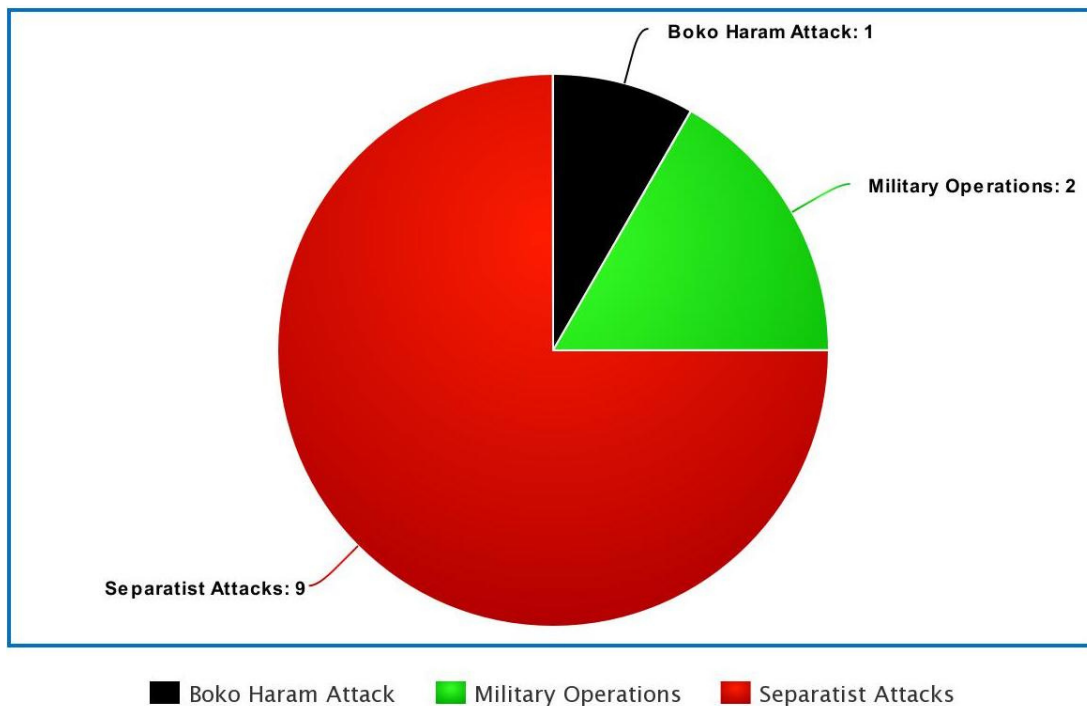
Diaspora, July 14, 2021

A group of Cameroonians called "Cameroon Stop Repression" in the diaspora are running an online campaign against government repression of civilians. According to the group description, their aim is to free political prisoners. Dr. Fridolin NKE, a member of the group in an open letter to Paul Biya wrote; "The Fact that we are against war doesn't mean we are not against the military officers" The campaign is to #CameroonStopRepression #EndAnglophoneCrisis #FreeAllPoliticalPrisoners.

Analysis

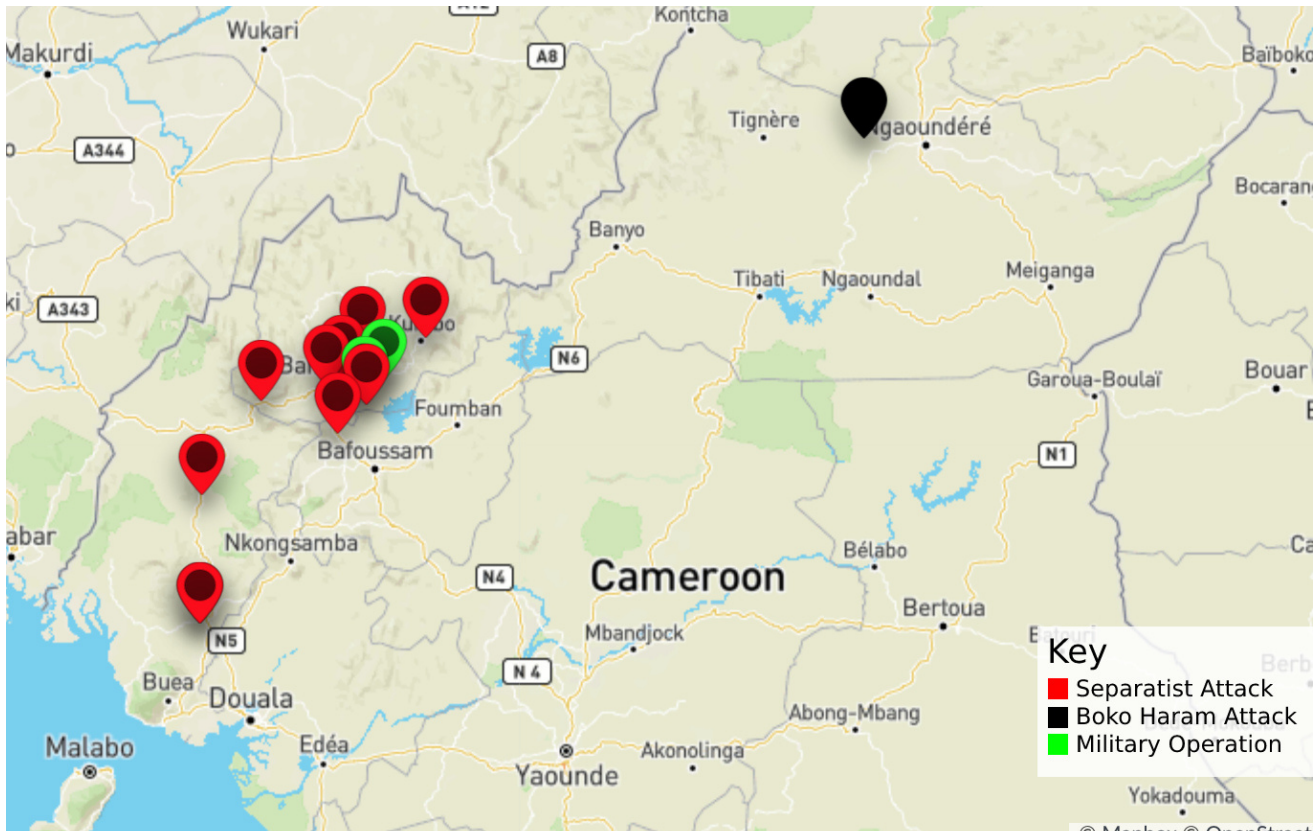
These incidents that occurred between the 1st and 14th of July had casualties on all sides, from the killing of military officers by gunshots, Amba boys, civilians shot dead and the killing of two Boko Haram fighters. There was no use of IED since one was discovered and dissolved by officers of Law and Order. Civilians are not safe, because separatist fighters are using guns to kill. They rob and render their trade handicap.

President Paul Biya's visit to Geneva on July 11, 2021 made Cameroonians plan a protest against him. The protest proper was planned for the 17th of July 2021. Some individuals had gone in front of the Intercontinental Hotel where he is lodged to protest. His visit sparked a tribal beef that was hidden between the Betis and those from the West Region. If Paul Biya is attacked, Maurice Kamto will be attacked in Yaounde-Cameroon.



Areas Mostly Attacked

In the North West Region, the areas that were attacked by the Ambazonia boys are: Kumbo-Bui Division, Belo-Boyo Division, Bamenda, Bambui, widikum and part of the West Region, Zavion-Babajou Sub Division. In the South West Region, the areas affected were: Kumba and Nguti, Kupe Muanenguba. The Far North Region, Fima-Logone et Chari, was attacked by Boko Haram.



Early Warning

Based on the analysis of the incidents recorded in this report a predictive estimate of one or more of the following divisions (Bui, Mezam, Ngo-Ketunja, Fako, Bamboutos, Boyo) to experience one or more of the following incident types:

- Summary executions;
- Military Action;
- Civilian Protests or Riots;
- Separatist Attack;
- IED use

The absence of incidence involving IED use should not be interpreted as an abandonment of the strategy but rather as a temporary break, one that could include planning to make the technique more dangerous. The attack on Zavion-Babajou is a proof of the continuation of the ATM (across the mungo) strategy employed by the separatists to take the conflicts to the “French Regions”.