

Question for written answer P-001646/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Southern Cameroons

Is the VP/HR prepared to seek clarification from the Cameroonian authorities on the arrest of the students involved in the demonstrations in Bamenda (capital of the Northwest Region – Southern Cameroons), whose whereabouts are currently unknown, and on the arrest of Felix Agbor Nkongho and Fontem Neba, two leading figures of the Cameroon Anglophone Civil Society Consortium?

Does the VP/HR agree that the violent response of the Cameroonian Government is a restriction of free expression and peaceful assembly and a breach of the Cameroonian constitution, according to which the Anglophone population enjoys the same rights as the Francophone population?

President Paul Biya has repeatedly ignored calls from the United Nations for a peaceful dialogue with the Anglophone population in order to properly address their demand for more autonomy. What steps will the VP/HR take to foster this dialogue and pressure President Biya to fully guarantee the democratic, economic and linguistic rights of the Anglophone population and release the arrested students and opposition leaders?