

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN CAMEROON

Case of : Serge Nana Branco

- SERGE NANA BRANCO
- 34 Year old - DOB: May 21,1985 at Bangoua – Cameroon West Province
- Married - Father of 2 Children
- Diploma of Cameroon School of teacher but was never hired by Cameroon Government despite the Diploma.
- Arrested on January 26,2019 in bangante during the peaceful protest organized by the Cameroon Renaissance Movement.
- Taken to Yaounde (250km away from bangante)
- Detained at Yaounde central prison after several move between police stations





Serge Indexed as leader of a prisoners protest

- July 22, 2019 there was a protest against poor prison conditions, unjust detainment, mistreatment and lack of swift judgement for many prisoners who have been under preventive custody for too long.
- Protest violently quelled by Cameroon security forces.
- Many suspected participants subjected to torture
- Security forces use this opportunity to withdraw Serge was considered to be a leader of the protest and a 'problem'.
- Same night of Serge was transferred and detained into underground of the State secretary of defence and tortured.



July 22, 2019 Riot

Prisoners transported to undisclosed locations but Serge was withdrawn at night

Serge at the underground of Cameroon State Secretary of defense



The Cameroon state secretary of defence has an underground and highly sensitive secret prison.



Serge will undergo inhumane tortures.



Severely beaten by 6 people. Kicked punched with military wood stick on his whole body and even his genitals.



They use electric wire and power on his testicles.



In an attempt to free himself, serge grabbed the electric wire which provoked a fatal wood stick kick on his forehead and made him unconscious.



When he regained consciousness, the officer in charge ordered to carry on with the same torture.



He will come out of this with several open wounds on his body. Up to date, huge scars are still visible on his limbs and back. He has not regained full mobility of one of his legs.

Serge at Local 9 of Mfou prison

- * August 6,2019 Serge is transferred to Mfou prison (30Km from Yaounde).
- * He's once more placed under preventive custody then indicted for group rebellion.
- * He's affected to local 9 of the prison by Cameroonain high level of government authorities.
- * Local 9 is a 50sqm cell with 149 prisoners. It's a notorious quarter of the prison well known for his huge population size, uncleanliness and high rate of crime.
- * Payment of 36000cfa of \$62 is required to go to the courtyard. It's called the right to the courtyard. Failure to pay this amount is forced to emptied the sceptic tank barehanded.
- 9 Inmates have died in Local 9 from malnourishment and other diseases like tuberculosis since Serge arrival.

Serge Sentenced to 2 years after a botched trial

- September 9, 2019 After a botched trial, Serge is sentenced to 2 years jail time for group rebellion with 13 other prisoners

These other prisoners include:

*The Vice president of Cameroon Renaissance movement – Mamadou Mota

*Anglophone crisis prisoners: Mancho Bibizy Penn Terrence and Felix Ngalim

- Early in October, the Cameroon president has requested that prosecution against January 26, 2019 protesters should be stopped.
- Serge filed an appeal and requested a temporary release has the president has stopped the prosecution process for which he was initially arrested.
- Without even holding a hearing session, the request for temporary release was denied.





Serge with
other political
prisoners

Serge need our help

- Basic human right are not respected for serge and other prisoners.
- More complain bring more retaliation and torture to Serge.
- Court appearance are cancelled.
- Threat of Risk of transferred to (Yoko prison) a more secure and egregious facility by Lolo Atangana (The Chief Discipline of the prison).
- Serge fear for his life as M. Lolo told him that he might to even make it to Yoko prison.
- Serge has been suffering of abdominal pains in the past weeks.
- He's insisting to be transferred back to Yaounde Kondengui prison.
- He does not actually have access to his counsel and have been taken to solitary confinement.

