

Declaration of Solidarity by the international “Defend the Sacred Alliance”

To the people of Bafut and Ambazonia

As leaders of Indigenous communities, social movements and systemic alternatives from around the world, we are a global alliance united in prayer, mutual support, culture to culture healing and shared actions. We come together to contribute to the growing practice of sacred activism, to catalyze regenerative systems change, and to protect the sanctity of all Life. We gathered annually at the Tamera Peace Research and Education Center in Portugal between 2017 and 2019, and we have continued to deepen as an alliance through regular online meetings, shared prayer and ceremonies, and in the practice of mutual support and solidarity with one another, during 2020.

Joshua Konkankoh, the founder of the Ndanifor Permaculture Ecovillage and of Better World Cameroon, is one of our dear members and elders. Through his engagement and that of Better World Cameroon, we have carried the crisis situation in Cameroon in our hearts.

In light of the violent destruction of the Ndanifor Permaculture Ecovillage by French Cameroonian soldiers on January 12 2021, we reach out directly to you - the people of Bafut and Ambazonia - in the spirit of sympathy and solidarity. We are aware that this act, however shocking and violating, is but one incident in a concerted campaign of state terrorism against the legitimate movement of the people of Southern Cameroons / Ambazonia for sovereignty and decolonization. Further, we recognize that Ndanifor Permaculture Ecovillage was specifically targeted for its significant, inspiring vision and healing work.

We stand by your side and support you in this difficult time. Members of our alliance have experienced such violent opposition, or are under such a threat even at this moment. Our intention is to bear witness to these events and listen for how we can be of service. We will support you particularly through relationship-building, prayer and helping to amplify your voices in and around the world about what is happening in Ambazonia through an international campaign, based on your guidance.

We believe in the power of a global community, unified in the vision and determination for a world without war, and where human presence supports all Life to be able to Thrive.

In service,

The Defend the Sacred Alliance

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