

Open Letter to President Paul Biya

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To His Excellency Paul Biya

President of the Republic of Cameroon

Unity Palace, Yaoundé

Your Excellency,

To analyze the state of Cameroon in June 2026 is to observe a nation standing at a precarious historical junction. Yaoundé, while continuing its routine of bureaucratic administration, is an atmosphere defined by profound uncertainty. As your presidency enters its fifth decade, the country is caught between the momentum of a government attempting to project stability and the palpable, quiet anxiety of a population that wonders what the future holds beyond the current status quo.

Your mandate for the remainder of 2026 is to address the widening disconnect between the central government's narrative of "emergent Cameroon" and the daily lived reality of your citizens:

The Anglophone Crisis: The ongoing conflict in the Northwest and Southwest regions remains the deepest wound in the nation's side. The persistent cycle of violence, displacement, and civilian loss has exhausted the social fabric. A military-heavy approach has not achieved a durable peace; your citizens in these regions are pleading for a genuine, inclusive dialogue that goes beyond administrative adjustments and addresses the root grievances of their communities.

The Succession Question: The most pressing concern in the minds of Cameroonians is the lack of a clear path forward. Speculation regarding the leadership transition consumes political discourse. A nation that is left in a state of perpetual "what comes next?" is one that struggles to attract long-term investment or sustain civic confidence. Clarity on the future of the republic is the greatest gift you could offer the youth of Cameroon.

Governance and Corruption: While the government touts its National Development Strategy (NDS30) and promotes public-private partnerships, systemic corruption remains a pervasive barrier to actual development. The citizens see resources intended for public services—roads, hospitals, schools—lost to patronage networks. Until the institutions of the state are decoupled from political patronage, the "emergent Cameroon" will remain a promise deferred.

Economic Resilience: The global economic headwinds and local security constraints have made life incredibly expensive for the common person. The youth, who make up the majority of the population, are feeling the pinch of high unemployment and limited opportunities. They are not asking for more grand strategies; they are asking for jobs, fair wages, and a government that acts as an enabler rather than an obstacle.

Mr. President, you have led Cameroon through decades of significant change. But the Cameroon of 2026 is a different country, younger and more connected than ever before. Your people are not just subjects of the state; they are partners in its potential. They hope for a final chapter of your legacy that prioritizes reconciliation, institutional clarity, and the empowerment of the next generation.

With analytical respect for your office,

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Sovereign Performance Audit: Cameroon (June 2026)

Sector

Score

Summary

Political Stability

2.5

High central control, but shadowed by succession uncertainty.

Conflict & Security

1.0

The Anglophone crisis remains a critical failure of state reconciliation.

Economic Governance

2.0

Systemic corruption hinders the effectiveness of development strategies.

Civic Space/Human Rights

1.5

Restricted freedom of speech and political expression.

Final Verdict: 1.75 / The Long Twilight.

Cameroon is currently defined by the inertia of a long-standing presidency. While the

state apparatus continues to function, the lack of political renewal and the unresolved regional conflict are stifling the country's potential. Success in the final stage of your leadership requires a radical shift toward genuine reconciliation and institutional transparency.

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