



DAYS 61–70

SECURITY & NATIONAL UNITY

Building a Peaceful, Safe, and United Cameroon

No country can achieve lasting economic growth or social development without peace and security. Investors are reluctant to invest where there is instability, children cannot learn effectively when communities are unsafe, and families cannot prosper if they live in fear.

For many years, Cameroon has faced political tensions, insecurity, regional conflicts, cross-border threats, crime, and declining trust between some communities and public institutions. While the country has remained resilient, these challenges have affected national unity, slowed development, and caused hardship for many citizens.

The government's approach during Days 61–70 will recognize that true security goes beyond the presence of police or military personnel. Lasting peace requires justice, dialogue, trust, respect for human rights, and equal opportunities for all citizens.

The objective during this period is to strengthen national unity while modernizing the country's security institutions so they can effectively protect citizens while respecting the rule of law.

1. Launch the National Peace and Reconciliation Dialogue

The President will officially launch a **National Peace and Reconciliation Dialogue**, bringing together representatives from across Cameroonian society to discuss the country's challenges openly and respectfully.

The purpose of this dialogue is not to assign blame or reopen old wounds. Instead, it is to create a safe and inclusive platform where citizens can listen to one another, identify common concerns, and develop practical solutions for building a more peaceful and united nation.

National reconciliation recognizes that although Cameroonians may differ in language, ethnicity, political opinion, religion, or region, they all share a common future and responsibility for the country's success.

The dialogue will promote mutual respect, understanding, forgiveness where appropriate, and a renewed commitment to national unity.

Invite Political Parties

A healthy democracy depends on constructive engagement between political parties.

Representatives from all legally recognized political parties, whether in government or opposition, will be invited to participate.

The dialogue will encourage respectful discussion on issues affecting national development, democratic governance, electoral reforms, and political inclusion.

Although political parties may disagree on policy, they share a common responsibility to safeguard national peace and constitutional order.

Invite Civil Society Organizations

Civil society organizations often work closely with local communities and understand the everyday challenges citizens face.

Organizations representing:

- human rights,

- education,
- healthcare,
- women's empowerment,
- youth development,
- community development,
- disability advocacy,
- environmental protection,
- business associations,

will be invited to contribute ideas and recommendations.

Their participation ensures that national conversations reflect the experiences of ordinary citizens rather than government perspectives alone.

Invite Religious Leaders

Religious leaders play an important role in promoting peace, compassion, integrity, and reconciliation within communities.

Leaders from Christian, Muslim, and other recognized faith communities will be invited to participate in discussions on national healing, moral leadership, conflict prevention, and social cohesion.

Their experience in bringing communities together can help strengthen trust and encourage peaceful coexistence.

Invite Traditional Leaders

Traditional rulers remain respected custodians of culture, history, and community leadership throughout Cameroon.

They possess deep knowledge of local customs and often play an important role in resolving disputes within their communities.

Traditional leaders will contribute perspectives on preserving national unity while respecting Cameroon's rich cultural diversity.

Their involvement also strengthens partnerships between traditional institutions and modern government.

Invite Youth Representatives

Young people represent the future of Cameroon and must have a voice in shaping the nation's future.

Youth representatives from different regions and backgrounds will be invited to discuss issues affecting younger generations, including:

- employment,
- education,
- entrepreneurship,
- peacebuilding,
- civic participation,
- digital innovation,
- leadership opportunities.

Including young people helps ensure that national policies address both current challenges and future aspirations.

Invite the Cameroonian Diaspora

Millions of Cameroonians living abroad continue to contribute to national development through investment, knowledge, remittances, and international partnerships.

Diaspora representatives will be invited to share their experiences, propose ideas, and explore ways they can contribute more effectively to national reconciliation and development.

Their international experience can provide valuable perspectives on governance, innovation, economic development, and social cohesion.

Expected Outcomes of the Dialogue

The National Peace and Reconciliation Dialogue will aim to produce practical recommendations that strengthen national unity and address long-standing concerns through peaceful and democratic means.

Expected outcomes include:

- recommendations for strengthening national cohesion,
- proposals for improving governance,
- strategies to reduce regional tensions,
- initiatives promoting dialogue between communities,
- recommendations for youth participation,
- mechanisms to strengthen public trust in institutions.

A summary report will be published to ensure transparency and accountability.

2. Launch the Security Reform Review

Protecting citizens is one of the government's most important responsibilities.

The President will establish a **Security Reform Review** to evaluate the effectiveness, professionalism, accountability, and preparedness of Cameroon's security institutions.

The review is not intended to criticize security personnel who faithfully serve the nation. Rather, it seeks to identify strengths, address weaknesses, modernize operations, and ensure security institutions are equipped to meet today's challenges.

The review will be conducted by security experts, retired military leaders, legal professionals, human rights specialists, and representatives from relevant government agencies.

Review the Police Service

The review will assess whether police services are adequately equipped, trained, staffed, and organized to meet the needs of the public.

Areas of assessment include:

- recruitment standards,
- training programs,
- equipment,
- response times,
- investigative capacity,
- public relations,
- corruption prevention,
- accountability mechanisms.

The goal is to strengthen public confidence in policing while improving professionalism and service delivery.

Review the Military

The armed forces play a critical role in defending Cameroon's sovereignty and protecting its citizens from external threats.

The review will evaluate:

- operational readiness,
- equipment modernization,
- personnel welfare,
- training standards,
- logistics,
- strategic planning,
- coordination with other security agencies.

Recommendations will ensure that the military remains well prepared to respond to emerging security challenges while maintaining high professional standards.

Strengthen Border Security

Cameroon shares borders with several neighboring countries, making effective border management essential for national security.

The review will examine border security systems to improve the country's ability to combat:

- illegal trafficking,
- smuggling,
- organized crime,
- terrorism,
- illegal migration,
- cross-border arms movement.

Modern surveillance technology, improved coordination between agencies, and stronger regional cooperation will be considered.

Secure borders protect both national security and legitimate trade.

Review Human Rights Practices

Respect for human rights is essential in any democratic society.

The review will assess whether security institutions consistently operate within the law while respecting the dignity and rights of every citizen.

Areas of focus include:

- lawful arrest procedures,
- treatment of detainees,
- proportional use of force,
- accountability for misconduct,
- complaint investigation systems,
- public transparency.

Professional security institutions are strongest when they earn the trust and cooperation of the communities they serve.

3. Launch the Community Policing Program

Security is most effective when communities and law enforcement work together.

The government will launch a **Community Policing Program** designed to strengthen relationships between police officers and local communities.

Rather than responding only after crimes occur, community policing focuses on preventing crime through cooperation, communication, and public engagement.

Police officers will work closely with residents, local organizations, schools, businesses, religious institutions, and traditional leaders to identify community concerns and develop local solutions.

Building trust encourages citizens to report crimes, share information, and participate in maintaining public safety.

Pilot the Program in Major Cities

The Community Policing Program will initially be introduced as a pilot project in selected major cities before expanding nationwide.

Pilot communities will establish partnerships between local police and residents through:

- regular community meetings,
- neighbourhood safety committees,
- youth engagement activities,
- school outreach programs,
- crime prevention education,
- anonymous reporting systems,
- conflict mediation initiatives.

The pilot phase will allow the government to evaluate what works best, identify challenges, and improve the program before implementing it across the country.

Lessons learned from these pilot cities will help build a more effective national community policing model.

Promote National Civic Responsibility

Security is not solely the responsibility of the police or military. Every citizen has a role to play in building a peaceful nation.

The government will encourage citizens to:

- obey the law,
- report criminal activity,
- reject violence,
- respect people from different backgrounds,
- participate in community development,
- resolve disputes peacefully,
- support national unity.

When citizens and government work together, communities become safer, stronger, and more resilient.

Expected Outcomes

By the end of the first 70 days, the government will have begun fostering a new culture of peace, dialogue, and national unity. The National Peace and Reconciliation Dialogue will provide a platform for citizens from all walks of life to help shape the country's future, while the Security Reform Review will identify opportunities to modernize policing, strengthen the military, improve border security, and reinforce respect for human rights. At the same time, the Community Policing Program will begin rebuilding trust between law enforcement and communities. Together, these initiatives will demonstrate that national security is not only about protecting borders, it is also about protecting human dignity, strengthening public confidence, and creating an environment where every Cameroonian can live, work, and prosper in peace.