PRESS RELEASE

With grief, the Governor of North West Region informs the national and international community that the convoy of the Regional Delegate of Penitentiary Administration for the North West was attacked on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 around 11:00 am, by armed terrorist separatists leading to the demise of the Regional Delegate and three others. The four persons who lost their lives to the terrorists are: the North West Regional Delegate of Penitentiary Administration, Kigha Theodore Kume who doubles as the Administrator General of Prisons, Nang Lionel, Administrator of Prisons and Service Head for General Affairs at the North West Regional Delegation of Penitentiary Administration, Afuh Nelson, Principal Prison Warder and Awono Yanick, a Major Prison Warder, the driver.

The Regional Delegate and his team were returning from the technical handing over of command to the newly appointed Superintendent of Nkambe Principal Prison when their vehicle suddenly fell in an ambush laid by armed terrorists around the Kikasiliaki neighbourhood in Bui Division, North West Region.

As fate would have it, the four occupants of the administrative vehicle who left Nkambe for Bamenda town through Bui Division, certainly out of insecurity negligence and bravery refused all options of a military or security convoy accompanying them to Bamenda. The corpses of the defunct warders have presently been conveyed to the Bamenda Regional Hospital Mortuary pending burial.

The Governor therefore wishes to assure the population of North West that the situation is under control as a manhunt, instructed by hierarchy is underway to fish out and bring the perpetrators of the macabre act to book.

The Governor, through the Minister of State, Minister of Justice and keeper of the Seals and the President of the Republic and the Government, expresses his heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families.