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To:

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All Clergy.

All Members of the Institutes of Consecrated Life, All Societies of Apostolic Life, All Lay faithful and People of Goodwill, Diocese of Buea.

Dear People of God,

Re: MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE BISHOP OF BUEA AFTER THE RECENT ATTACK BY UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 29, 2024

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ in Communion with the Holy Spirit, give you grace and peace.

I write to you today with a heavy heart, deeply aware of the recent tragic events that have unfolded in our beloved city of Buea. As many of you may already know, an attack by unidentified gunmen took place last night, resulting in one death and some casualties still to be confirmed. Vehicles near St. Luke Junction along the Buea Central Market Road and in front of the Divine Mercy Co-Cathedral were burnt.

I extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of the deceased and encouragement to those injured. These acts of violence are unacceptable and we condemn them in the strongest terms. At this painful moment, we must come together as a community and find solace in our faith. It is only through our steadfast faith that we shall find both the hope and courage to face the uncertainties that surround us. Again, we extend our support and love to all those who have been injured in this attack. Our prayers go out to them and to the family of the deceased.

I call upon each and every one of you to remain vigilant, but also to exercise prudence and caution during these challenging times. Let us prioritize our safety and that of our fellow Brothers and Sisters and pray for peace to return to our beloved city of Buea.

Yours in His Service,

+Michael Miabesue Bibi

Bishop of Buea