

## PRESS RELEASE

### NOUVEAUX DROITS DE L'HOMME VIOLENTLY ATTACKED

**Nouveaux Droits de l'Homme (NDH-Cameroun)**, NGO with Consultative status at the United Nations, informs national and international opinion that it has been the victim of a very special criminal act of burglary at its Yaoundé premises

On the night of Saturday, January 18 to Sunday, January 19, 2025, unidentified individuals broke into the offices and took all essential work equipment. This included computer equipment and the majority of data storage devices: laptops, CPUs, hard drives, USB sticks, projection and recording equipment for conferences and meetings... Likewise, all the offices, particularly the Director's, were searched with a fine-toothed comb, and several documents were taken away. The flag of Cameroon, proudly displayed in front of the offices, was also removed from its mast and taken away.

It should be noted that for several months now, the Executive Director of NDH-Cameroun has been subjected to threats of intimidation from unknown persons, because of her stance in favour of guaranteeing freedom of association and the protection of the rule of law in Cameroon. This burglary, whose objective is clear (to prevent NDH from continuing its work), is yet another act of violence and harassment against human rights defenders in Cameroon.

In accordance with the legislation in force, NDH Cameroun has filed a complaint with the 10th arrondissement police station, located a stone's throw from its headquarters. It calls on the relevant authorities to do everything in their power to shed light on this odious act, which has once again damaged Cameroon's image, and to punish those responsible.

NDH reassures its members and supporters that no form of threat will undermine its determination to continue advocating for the respect of Human Rights in Cameroon.

NDH-Cameroun expresses its gratitude for the support received and calls on national and international public opinion to bear witness to the restriction of civic space and the growing threat to the community of human rights defenders in Cameroon.

**Done in Yaoundé on January 20, 2025.**

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