

# 21 Nigerians Killed In Bakassi Peninsula

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It has been disclosed that twenty-one Nigerians have been killed by the cameroun gendarms since the reign of terror on them commenced some weeks ago.

The Secretary-General, Nigeria Union in Cameroon, Prince Aston Arung who made the disclosure when he spoke to journalists in Ekpri Ikang, Cross River State, painted a picture of woes for Nigerians living in the peninsula from the hands of the Gendarmes.

Arung said about 21 Nigerian fishermen have been confirmed

killed by the Gendarmes as a result of torture in spite of their law abiding and peaceful status.

Arung called for an in dept investigation by the UN to unravel the reason for the tension in the peninsula.

Arung said while the Nigerian Government has been obedient to the Green Tree accord, the Cameroonian Government has grossly derailed from abiding by the agreement.

The 4-man United Nations Team led by the UN Cameroon Nigeria Mixed Commission Coordinator, Mr. Adei Sami Alhasarweh spent about an hour at the Camp interact-

ing with the returnees, most of them with scars sustained as a result of Cameroon Gendarme brutality.

The Director-General, Cross River State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Mr. Vincent Aquah, MON who conducted the UN officials round the camp said the state Government has been consistent in providing succour to the returnees numbering about 1,634 persons.

Aquah said the recent fact finding mission of the United Nations to the Bakassi Peninsula Returnee camp in Ekpri-Ikang, New Bakassi is a pragmatic sign of concern for the plight of Nigerians in the Peninsula.

Aquah said that it was worrisome that Nigerians on daily bases return from the peninsula

with tales of woes allegedly caused by the Cameroon Gendarmes.

Aquah said though the facilities are being stretched to limits every possible effort would be done to rehabilitate the victims especially in the areas of housing and skill acquisition.

Aquah said even though the UN team said that they had recently visited some of the settlements in the peninsula and received assurances of peace and tranquility, the picture painted before them was environs hence the large number of returnees.

Aquah said the State Governor, Senator Liyel Imoke who has shown upmost passion for the care of the returnees will continue to partner with the Federal Government to alleviate the suffering of Nigerian returnees.

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