

## PRESS RELEASE

### NEW HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLENTLY ATTACKED

**NEW HUMAN RIGHTS**, an NGO with consultative status at the United Nations, informs national and international audiences that it has been the victim of a criminal and highly targeted burglary at its premises in Yaoundé.

On the night of Saturday, January 18, to Sunday, January 19, 2025, unidentified individuals broke into the offices and stole all essential work equipment. This included computer equipment and most data storage devices: laptops, central processing units, hard drives, USB drives, projection equipment, and tools for recording conferences and meetings. Furthermore, all offices, particularly the director's office, were thoroughly searched, and several documents were taken. The Cameroonian flag, proudly displayed in front of the offices, was also removed from its pole and taken.

It should be noted that, for several months, the Executive Director of NDH-Cameroon has been subjected to threats and intimidation by unknown individuals due to her advocacy for the guarantee of 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 nothing less than an act of violence and additional harassment against human rights defenders in Cameroon.

In accordance with the laws in force, NDH-Cameroon has filed a complaint with the 10th district police station, located just a stone's throw from its headquarters. The organization calls on the competent authorities to do everything possible to shed light on this heinous act, which further tarnishes Cameroon's reputation, and to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice.

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-Cameroon 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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