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Mixed reactions greet Biya's eighth term bid



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Two Cameroonian Baptist leaders have taken center stage on the global religious scene... Rev. Dr. Charlemagne Ndittemeh and Mr. Edison Yuniwo were officially inducted into leadership roles within the Baptist World Alliance during its 23rd World Congress in Brisbane, Australia.



By Eratus NDUHE

Cameroon's influence in the global Baptist community has received a significant boost as two of its religious leaders were officially inducted into leadership roles within the Baptist World Alliance, BWA, during its 23rd Congress held in Brisbane, Australia. Rev. Dr. Charlemagne Ndittemeh, former Executive President of the Cameroon Baptist Convention (CBC), and Mr. Edison Yuniwo, current President of the All-Africa Baptist Fellowship, AABF, were both commissioned on July 10, 2025, in front of over 4,000 delegates from 134 countries and territories. The BWA Congress, held from July 7 to 12 under the theme "Living the Good News" (Luke 4:18-19), is the world's largest gathering of Baptist denominations. The induction of the two Cameroonians was widely celebrated as a major achievement for both the CBC and the nation. Rev. Dr. Ndittemeh was appointed to serve in two key BWA com-

missions, the Commission on Baptist Doctrine and Unity and the Commission on Multi-faith Relations. Mr. Yuniwo was inducted into the BWA Resolutions Committee, a body that drafts the BWA's official positions and responses to pressing global issues. Reacting to his induction, Edison Yuniwo said: "As members of the Resolutions Committee, we are called to proclaim the Good News with boldness. This is not just an honor, but a call to deliberate and Spirit-led service." Rev. Dr. Ndittemeh, who will serve a five-year term alongside Baptist leaders from the USA and Jamaica, described his appointment as humbling. "It is a responsibility beyond national and continental borders. In the Commission on Doctrine and Unity, I will help address areas of disagreement within the global Baptist family, such as the ordination of female ministers," he noted. He also hinted at pushing for reforms to protect Baptist conventions like the CBC from internal instability: "I will propose that when a convention is hijacked and destabilized from within, as

the CBC was by a faction that took it to court, the BWA should intervene and suspend such a group if necessary." As part of the Commission on Multi-faith Relations, Rev. Ndittemeh also emphasized peaceful coexistence with people of other religions, highlighting that even in places where evangelism is restricted, Christians can witness through their lifestyles. The BWA represents 51 million baptized believers from 266 Baptist unions and conventions, including three from Cameroon, the Cameroon Baptist Convention, the Native Baptist Church, and the Union des Églises Baptistes du Cameroun, UEBC. A member of the CBC from Yaoundé commented that this was a proud and prayerful moment for the church: "It is not only a recognition of their personal faith journeys, but a spotlight on Cameroon's growing voice in global Christian leadership." The next BWA Congress will take place in five years, but both Ndittemeh and Yuniwo will serve until 2030, playing vital roles in shaping the direction of the global Baptist movement.

MAROUA Flood leaves dozens homeless



A night of heavy rain caused serious flooding in Doursougo in Maroua III in the Far North Region. The flood rushed into homes and streets, forcing people to flee for safety.

By Brigitte BATE

Fresh flooding in the Far North Region has left dozens homeless in the Maroua III in the Diamare Division of the region. The downpour, which began late Saturday and continued into the early hours of Sunday July 13, overwhelmed drainage systems, turning roads into rushing streams and rivers. Water poured into houses, destroying belongings and leaving families stranded. This is not the first-time floods have devastated the Far North Region. Last year, similar disasters affected over 450,000 people, wiping out crops, homes, and taking possession of roads preventing inhabitants. Despite warnings from weather experts, little has been done to prevent another crisis. Authorities had been alerted that this rainy

season could bring severe flooding, yet many areas remain unprepared and inhabitants not taking safety measures. Doursougo is one of several high-risk zones in Maroua where drainage systems are either too weak and missing entirely, according to locals. Newly installed pipes could not handle the recent sudden rush of water, leaving residents questioning whether officials have done enough to protect them. With more rain expected, families live in fear. Local leaders are under pressure to act fast before another disaster strikes. Residents demand stronger drainage systems and emergency shelters. Until then, people must remain alert, helping each other survive the next storm. The floods did more than damage things. They scared people. Now, the community is waiting for help and real answers.

NEWS

OCTOBER POLLS

“The future is not the past” – Agbor Balla

Just hours after President Paul Biya declared his intention to run for another term in the October 12 elections, after more than four decades in power, prominent human rights lawyer Agbor Balla is sounding the alarm. In a fiery statement, he calls for political renewal, warning that “the future of Cameroon does not belong to the past.” With growing frustration among the youth and rising calls for change, the stage is set for what could be one of the country’s most defining electoral showdowns.

By Eratus NDUEH

Prominent human rights lawyer and civil rights advocate, Barrister Nkongho Felix Agbor, known popularly as Agbor Balla, has issued a strong call for political renewal in Cameroon following President Paul Biya’s declaration to run in the upcoming October 12, 2025, presidential elections. President Biya, who has ruled Cameroon for over four decades, made the announcement in a national address on Sunday July 13, confirming his bid for another term despite mounting calls for generational change and democratic transition. Reacting to the development, Agbor Balla criticized the decision as a signal of entrenched resistance to progress. “The future of our nation does not belong to the past,” Agbor Balla said. “We must break away from the politics of stagnation and build a new vision rooted in accountability, justice, and inclusivity.” The outspoken advocate emphasized that Cameroonians, especially the



youth, are increasingly disillusioned by the country’s political status quo, which many see as unres-

ponsive to the aspirations of a new generation.

Call to Action Ahead of 2025

Elections

Agbor Balla’s statement called on civil society groups, political actors, and the general population to unite and take responsibility for shaping the nation’s future through peaceful and democratic means. “The stakes are too high for indifference. This is the time for every Cameroonian to rise, vote, and demand leadership that truly reflects their values and needs,” he said. His remarks are seen as a rallying cry ahead of what could be a pivotal election in the country’s modern political history. President Biya, 91, is one of the world’s longest-serving leaders. His decision to seek re-election has sparked debates both within Cameroon and internationally, raising concerns over the country’s democratic health succession supporters preserving of crisis, that his on power

mocratic norms and perpetuates socio-political tensions, especially in conflict-affected regions.

What Next for Cameroon?

As the electoral season gathers momentum, observers say Agbor Balla’s intervention could galvanize civic engagement and encourage broader participation in the democratic process. “Cameroon is at a crossroads,” Balla concluded. “This is a defining moment for the people to decide if they want continuity or a new chapter in their political destiny.” With the presidential polls just three months away, the political temperature is expected to rise as opposition figures and civil society step up calls for reform, transparency, and inclusive governance.

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CUP OF CAMEROON

Outsiders, Mintack FC to face tough Colombe quarterfinals test

The matchup between the two outfits is expected to produce fireworks as Colombe which has been top form in the last over one year, looks to consolidate its grinding ride while Mintack sets sights on maintaining it so far fulfilling journey as the lone amateur club that is still in the race.

By TEMBA Junior SUH

North Region team, Mintack Football Club will challenge defending champions, Colombe of South in the quarterfinals of the 2025 Cup of Cameroon in football. The fixture between the pair is expected to produce fireworks as Colombe which has been top form in the last over one year, looks to consolidate its grinding ride while Mintack sets sights on maintaining it so far fulfilling journey as the lone amateur club that is still in the race. Colombe has won three major trophies in the last 10 months following its victory in the 2024 Cup of Cameroon, the 2025 Cameroon Super Cup and the 2024/2025 first division championship, the MTN Elite One. The team qualified for the quarterfinals of the 2025 national challenge cup competition after registering a comfortable 2-0 victory over one-time Cup of Cameroon and Elite One championship title winner, PWD Social Football Club of Bamenda. Despite using the performance across the three competitions to establish itself as the outright favorite in the ongoing cup race, the South Region team is expected to exercise utmost vigilance when it challenges Mintack. Mintack has emerged as a dark horse in the 2025 cup race since it came through as the lone regional league team to qualify for the last eight of the national challenge cup competition. The team sailed through after posting a comfortable 2nil victory over Fauve Azur Elite in the round of 16 stages over the weekend.

Other scintillating quarterfinal fixtures lined up

In the other quarterfinal fixtures, last year's runner, Aigle of Menoua will challenge record 12-time winner, Canon of Yaounde. Aigle recently qualified for the first division championship after a brilliant run in the second division during the 2024/2025 campaign. The team will be looking on to build on the league journey as it takes on a Canon side that is aiming to use the cup competition to safe its season after missing out on the Elite One title. Aigle reached the last eight after posting a 3-1 win over reigning West Region champions, Riziere of Noun while Canon knocked out amateur team,



Chamba SA with a thumping 7-0 win. Two-time winners, Panthere

club, Atlantic Sports Academy of Kribi. Atlantic eliminated Gazelle

FA of Garoua in the round of 16 to setup the expectedly scintillating

quarterfinal showdown.



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The graduate of the Advanced School of Mass Communication, ASMAC Yaounde, stood out for her ambitious project which focused on women's empowerment, with schemes including entrepreneurship training, leadership development, and improved access to financing.

By Brigitte BATE

Far North Region candidate, Josiane Golonga Harangada is the winner of the 2025 edition of the Miss Cameroon contest. She was confirmed champion at the end of a vibrant ceremony organized at the Yaounde Conference Center on the night of Saturday July 12 breaking Sunday July 13. The event was punctuated by an amazing parade filled with misses which captured minds of audiences in the presence of the First Lady Mme Chantal Biya. Josiane Golonga Harangada succeeds Noura Raïssa Njikam. The 23-year-old archivist from Yagoua in the Far North region triumphed over 19 finalists in a closely contested competition whose finale was also attended by government officials, and an enthusiastic audience.

A victory with a purpose
Josiane Golonga Harangada, a graduate of the Advanced School of Mass Communication, ASMAC Yaounde and



former winner of Miss 50th anniversary at her higher institution of learning in 2023, stood out for her ambitious project focused on women's empowerment. Her platform includes entrepreneurship training, leadership development, and improved access to financing, accompanied by a structured approach which many say is contrasting to the vague pledges often associated with beauty pageants. Despite these debates, the rewards for the new queen remain substantial, a 10 million FCFA cheque, an apartment, a car, and a one-year salary. The 2025 Miss Cameroon parade stresses the enduring social and cultural significance of beauty competitions in the country. Beyond the glamour, Josiane's win reflects a shift toward purpose-driven representation, blending regional pride with national aspirations. As she begins her reign, all eyes will be on how she translates her vision into tangible impact for Cameroonian women.

MUHAMMADU BUHARI

Nigerians mourn demise of former president

Katsina state governor Dikko Radda, who returned to Nigeria on Monday after being with Buhari's family in the British capital, said Buhari would be buried in his home state on Tuesday.

By MANSUR ABUBAKAR*

Nigeria's government has declared Tuesday a public holiday to honour former President Muhammadu Buhari, who died aged 82 in a London clinic on Sunday after battling ill health for years. «This public holiday provides an opportunity for all Nigerians to reflect on his life, leadership, and the values he upheld,» Nigeria's interior minister said in a statement. Katsina state governor Dikko Radda, who returned to Nigeria on Monday after being with Buhari's family in the British capital, said Buhari would be buried in his home state on



Tuesday. "What I have gathered so far is that the corpse will arrive 12pm tomorrow and the burial will happen by 2pm," he added. Officials say the funeral, initially expected on Monday, had been delayed for logistical reasons. The former president's remains will be flown directly to Katsina airport before being moved to their final resting place in his home town of Daura, 50 miles (80km) from Katsina city, Radda said. Buhari's home is already filled with mourners as friends, family and well-wishers await the arrival of his corpse. The vice-president said that Buhari had died after a brief illness without revealing any further details.



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By TEMBA Junior SUH

President Paul Biya's bid to run as candidate in the forthcoming 2025 Presidential Election in Cameroon has been trailed by mixed reactions in Cameroon and beyond. Biya announced his bid for a seventh term as occupant as the top Unity Palace office last Sunday July 13, two days after summoning the electoral college and scheduling the 2025 Presidential Election for October 12 this year. "I am a candidate in the presidential election. Rest assured that my determination to serve you matches the urgency of the challenges we face," the National Chairman of the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement, CPDM party stated in a posts spread across his various official social media handles. Biya's announcement that he will be on the starting block during the October 12 showdown leaves him eyeing seven more years in the biggest office in Cameroon. The bid entails the long-serving leader who has been leading Cameroon as president since 1982, is looking to extend his leadership as Head of State to at least 50 years. With the 2025 mandate scheduled to run through 2032, the bid leaves the former Prime Minister who turns 93 in February next year aiming to stay in office until he clocks almost a hundred years. Biya's declaration on Sunday has since been greeted by mixed reactions among Cameroonians. While critics of the CPDM party have described the decision as self-centered and dangerously-tailored to leave Cameroon facing seven additional years of the economic hardship and other challenges that his leadership has offered Cameroonians in the last several years. Several Cameroonians interviewed by The National Post across the country expressed said that the Head of State's move leaves a reasonable chunk of them hopeless about the country's future. Many youngsters expressed concern on what they described as the increasing lack of opportunities and hardship, challenges that many said could get worse if the long-serving leader is entrusted with the mandate of coordinating affairs for seven



additional years. Several CPDM party heavyweights, supporters and well-wishers have lauded the move. Some have termed the decision as the latest demonstration of his endless commitment to ensuring continuity and stability.

Reminder of the dangers of prolonged leadership

In a statement yesterday, the Social Democratic Front, SDF party described Biya's eighth term bid at the age of 92 as a "stark reminder of the dangers of prolonged leadership." "After more than 40 years in power, what does this mean for our future?" the Joshua Osih-led party further questioned in the statement posted on the official Facebook page of the historic opposition party. The Power to the People party which has picked its National Chairman, Joshua Osih as its candidate for the October 12 election, said Biya's declaration kick-starts the journey for seven additional years of economic stagnation, limited freedoms and other challenges. "Another seven years under the same regime threaten to deepen the crises we face: economic stagnation, limited freedoms and lack of responsibility. We cannot afford to allow history to repeat itself. It is time to rethink the direction of our nation. Let's unite for a better future and choose a leadership that truly represents the will of the people," the party said before marketing its as a structure that offers "fresh alternative". "But there is hope! SDF offers alternative: Joshua Osih, a dynamic and visionary candidate

ready to lead Cameroon into a new era. With a commitment to progress and innovation, he represents the change we desperately need," the party detailed on the statement.

Similar criticisms from other opposition figures

Several other opposition figures in the country have gone the SDF way since the announcement from Biya. In a post on his official Facebook page, the declared candidate of the historic Union of the Peoples of Cameroon, UPC party, Prof Jean Bahebeck, questioned the legitimacy of the entire declaration in what many have said was an insinuation that Biya may not be in control of affairs thereby questioning his leadership ability. "We want a televised statement, otherwise we won't believe it. Do you think we are naïve? Prof Bahebeck whose UPC is hugely-respected for being the oldest political party in Cameroon, stated. Prof Maurice Kamto of the Cameroon Renaissance Movement, CRM party has not come out to openly make a statement on the candidacy. But in a post on his official Facebook page, he dropped a subtle message that many have interpreted as a response to the move by Biya. "We saw the sun rise with our hopes, and the nights come with our suffering. And we thought we had lost everything forever. Now, a people is gradually rising to say that it was forged in struggle and resilience. That its heroes have emerged from adversity and shine like stars on the horizon of our nation's march," Prof Kamto stated in the Monday

July 14 edition of his regular MK's Thoughts series on the social media platform. "Here is a people rising to say that there is no endless suffering for those who choose to fight, no eternal power. No one will stop the march of our people, because no one can stop the wind," Prof Kamto who emerged as Biya's main challenger during the 2018 Presidential Election, further detailed on the social media post. Respected Cameroonian lawyer, Agbor Balla made a similar indirect declaration. Agbor Balla stated: "the future of our nation does not belong to the past. We must break away from the politics of stagnation and build a new vision rooted in accountability, justice, and inclusivity."

Biya out to maintain continuity, stability

Despite the increasing criticism, bigwigs, supporters and well-wishers of the CPDM party and its leader Paul Biya have been singing different lyrics. A good section of them has described the move as the latest show of Biya's commitment to driving continuity and stability in Cameroon.

One of the CPDM's biggest heavyweights from the North West Region, Fru Jonathan, told state broadcaster, the Crtv that by declaring to run as candidate in the October 12 poll, Biya was simply responding positively to the calls of thousands of Cameroonians who have over the last couple of years, consistently pleaded on him to enter the 2025 Presidential Election race. "The decision comes as a result of numerous calls both at home and

abroad," the highly-respected figure said yesterday. "The decision is timely and we now just have to go to the field and continue what we have been doing: ensuring that our supporters have their voters' cards and that they know their polling stations. We thank the president for his decision," the native of Santa in the North West Region's Mezam Division, added. Renown Cameroonian media personality, Aureole Tchoumi made a similar declaration during a program on private media television channel, Canal 2 International, on Sunday. "We want to say a big thank you to President Paul Biya for listening to us. We know that the President of the Republic has received 11, 340 motions of support with 600 thousand signatories across the country. This is huge. Thank you for being a candidate," Tchoumi stated. "You can't disguise yourself after being faced with such a number of calls to represent a people. The President of the Republic has never been a coward. He knows how to take his time," the media executive added in what has been termed as an effort to water down claims about Biya's ability to lead.

Biya to beat opposition even on a wheelchair

During a debate program on Yaounde-base television, Vision 4, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Communication, Prof Felix Zogo who is also a bigshot within the CPDM party, stated that the CPDM party is confident that its candidate, Paul Biya will defeat any opposition candidate or coalition even during the forthcoming election. He said the CPDM candidate will emerge victorious even if he is contesting the election while on a wheelchair. "I want to assure you that even on the wheelchair, the CPDM candidate, Paul Biya, will defeat the opposition," Prof Zogo said. "We will not capitalize on the weaknesses of the opposition. We will mobilize ourselves. What is going to give us the upper hand is our presence across Cameroon. The CPDM is in every corner of Cameroon. The party will campaign when the time comes. That is why I reassure you that the CPDM candidate will defeat the opposition," he added.

NEWS

UNITY PALACE

Paul Biya throws hat in ring again

In a move that has reignited fierce debate and deepened the mystery surrounding Cameroon's political future, President Paul Biya, the world's oldest serving head of state has announced his candidacy for the 2025 presidential election. At 92 years old and with more than four decades in power, Biya's decision has sent shockwaves through the political landscape, thrusting the Central African nation into yet another high-stakes election season.

By Eratus NDUH

The incumbent President Paul Biya, the world's oldest serving head of state, has once again declared his candidacy for the country's presidential election slated for October 12, 2025. At 92, Biya's decision to seek another term comes amid mounting speculation over his health and ongoing debates about his capacity to govern. The long-anticipated declaration finally came on Sunday, July 13, via a post from Biya's verified X (formerly Twitter) account: "I am a candidate in the presidential election. Rest assured that my determination to serve you matches the urgency of the challenges we face." With those words, a chapter that many thought was nearing its end has instead been extended, possibly until Biya nears the centenarian mark. His message ends months of silence and speculation, cutting through the political fog with a thunderclap that's both familiar and unsettling. Many had doubted he would run. But just like in past decades, the "Sphinx of Etoudi" has again defied political gravity.

A president in shadows

For years, whispers have swirled around the true state of Biya's health. His 42-day disappearance from public view between October and December last year only fueled those suspicions. No official medical bulletin was released. No televised appearance offered reassurance. Just silence. Then, just as the rumor mill reached a crescendo, Biya reemerged, composed, if not energetic. Government officials, as always, dismissed the concerns as speculation. Yet behind the curtain of power, Biya's increasingly rare and tightly choreographed appearances suggest a leader ruling from the shadows. Trusted aides and loyalists, many with decades in his inner circle, continue to run the daily machinery of the state, raising unsettling questions about who is truly in charge.

A legacy both towering & tarnished

Since taking the reins in 1982 from Cameroon's first president, Ahmadou Ahidjo, Biya has weathered storms that might have toppled lesser men: coup attempts, uprisings, economic crises, and inter-



national scrutiny. He abolished presidential term limits in 2008, and in 2018 he secured another term with over 71% of the vote, a victory tainted by widespread allegations of fraud and repression. But 2025 feels different. Dissent is no longer confined to the opposition. Cracks are now visible within his own party, the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement, CPDM. Two former allies have broken ranks and announced their own presidential bids, suggesting that even the once monolithic ruling coalition is beginning to splinter under the weight of time and fatigue.

Opposition rises, hope rekindled?

As Biya steps once more into the arena, so too do his perennial

challengers. Maurice Kamto of the Cameroon Renaissance Movement, CRM, remains the most formidable, having placed second in 2018 and still refusing to recognize that election's legitimacy. His message? Change is not only necessary, it's overdue. Other contenders include Joshua Osih of the SDF, legal luminary Akere Muna, and Cabral Libii of the PCRN. All have sharpened their critiques: rampant corruption, unemployment, institutional opacity, and a security crisis with no end in sight. "This is not just about Biya's age," an opposition spokesperson declared. "It's about a country that needs to breathe again."

Nation in crisis, citizens in waiting

The timing of Biya's announcement

couldn't be more critical. Cameroon is grappling with a perfect storm of crises: In the Anglophone regions, a bloody separatist conflict rages into its eighth year, leaving over 700,000 people displaced, according to figures from international rights and humanitarian bodies. In the Far North, Boko Haram continues to terrorize communities. Meanwhile youth unemployment and inflation have crippled the economy, despite vast natural resources. "It's no longer politics as usual," warned a political analyst. "Cameroonians are tired of survival mode. They want vision, vigor, and above all, change."

Countdown to a decisive October

With the October 12 election looming, the nation's elections management

body, ELECAM, is preparing for a potentially explosive campaign season. According to the electoral code, candidates must submit their dossiers by August 13. These include a birth certificate, criminal record, proof of nationality, tax clearance, and a 30 million CFA francs non-refundable deposit. Independent candidates must also collect signatures from 300 citizens across at least 10 regions, a formidable task. The official campaign kicks off September 27 and closes on the eve of the election, October 11. State media is expected to provide equal airtime, though critics often challenge the fairness of such access. By October 27, Cameroon will know whether its oldest president will once again defy time and public opinion, or if a new chapter will begin.