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**THE PRESIDENT GENERAL BADO**

**HONORARY PRESIDENTS BADO**

**HONORABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

**NATIONAL EXCO MEMBERS**

**ZONAL COORDINATORS**

**SUB ZONAL COORDINATORS**

**MY DEAR BODOANS, SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF BALIKUMBAT,**

It is with profound joy, renewed hope, and an unwavering sense of duty that I stand before you today at this august gathering of the Balikumbat Development Organisation. Each time we converge as one family, united by a common heritage and a shared destiny, I am reminded of the unbreakable spirit of our people — a spirit forged in resilience, strengthened by unity, and animated by the vision of a prosperous and harmonious Balikumbat.

Today, I wish to reflect with you on key pillars that define our collective aspirations. These pillars remain essential not only for the advancement of our land, but also for the dignity and progress of every indigenous son and daughter entrusted to my custodianship.

**APPRECIATION TO BADO ZONAL COORDINATORS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING MOBILISATION**

My first duty today is one of gratitude. I extend heartfelt appreciation to our BADO Leadership under the coordination of the President General of BADO and bureau and most especially to the BADO zonal coordinators across the national territory and the diaspora. Your exceptional mobilisation efforts — particularly in the conscientious collection of annual levies — demonstrate an admirable commitment to the development agenda of Balikumbat.

The success of any community-driven organisation depends on the participation of its members, and you have shown by example that leadership is not merely a title but a responsibility. Your dedication lays the foundation for sustainable development projects: roads, community halls, water schemes, youth support initiatives, and cultural preservation programmes.

Through your actions, you reaffirm the fundamental truth that development is a collective enterprise. I urge you to continue with this same zeal, integrity, and transparency, for you are the pillars upon which our organisational strength rests.

### **THE SPIRIT OF FORGIVENESS AS A TOOL FOR COMMUNITY RENEWAL**

No community can progress where hearts remain burdened with resentment. Forgiveness is not a sign of weakness but a powerful instrument of healing and rebirth.

Balikumbat has endured moments that tested the cohesion of our people. Yet, I stand before you today to declare that our future must not be held hostage by the pains of the past. Let us forgive one another — in our families, our quarters, our associations, and even in our political engagements.

Forgiveness creates space for dialogue, unity, and purposeful collaboration. It allows us to approach challenges with clear minds and open hearts. And most importantly, it preserves the social fabric of our village, ensuring that the next generation inherits a community built on trust and fraternity, not on old wounds or inherited bitterness. No Balikumbat child should celebrate the death of another nor spill the blood of another Balikumbat son or daughter. It is a taboo we all stand firm as one man to condemn.

### **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY**

Our youths are the heartbeat of Balikumbat. Any development vision that does not incorporate their energy, creativity, and aspirations is incomplete.

I call on the youths of Balikumbat — educated and non-educated, at home and in the diaspora — to rise to the responsibilities of your time. Take ownership of your community. Participate actively in developmental associations. Volunteer in community service. Acquire skills that make you competitive in the modern world.

I your father and your elders, remain committed to guiding you, but the future of Balikumbat must be driven by your innovation and courage. When the youth stand firm, a community stands tall. When the youth take responsibility, a community advances with speed. Be disciplined and remain purposeful.

I equally extend my profound gratitude to the entire population of Balikumbat, both at home and in the diaspora, for the remarkable show of solidarity through their generous financial contributions toward the New Year wishes gifts presented to the Royal Palace. This noble gesture is far more than material support; it is a living testimony of unity, loyalty, and unwavering attachment to the throne and ancestral heritage. Such collective commitment strengthens the moral and developmental foundation of the Palace, enhances its capacity to preserve our customs, and reinforces the spirit of communal responsibility that has long defined the greatness of our village. The Palace remains deeply encouraged by this demonstration of love and urges all sons and daughters to sustain this culture of purposeful giving for the continued progress of our cherished community.

### **PROMOTION OF PEACE AND HARMONY IN THE VILLAGE**

Peace is the bedrock of every thriving society. Harmony is the fertile soil from which development springs. Without peace, even the finest development blueprints become empty dreams.

As your Fon, it is my sacred duty to preserve peace and ensure justice and harmony among my people. Yet peace cannot be achieved by the throne alone. It must be a shared commitment.

Let us speak to one another with respect. Let us resolve disagreements through dialogue rather than conflict. Let us value every life and every household. For only in a peaceful environment can education flourish, businesses grow, and our children dream freely.

Furthermore, I will like to address concerns regarding the sacred “**cry die**” rituals associated with bereavement within the community. I encourage all sons and daughters to faithfully uphold the “**cry die**” ceremony as traditionally practiced, recognizing its profound cultural and spiritual importance in honoring the departed, consoling bereaved families, and invoking collective blessings upon the land. The ritual remains a vital thread in the fabric of our ancestral identity, believed to appease the spirits of the departed and attract harmony and good fortune to both families and the entire village. The Palace therefore firmly dismisses and cautions against the spread of unfounded rumors or misleading gossip suggesting that “**cry die**” has been banned. Such misinformation only weakens communal cohesion. All well-meaning citizens are called upon to disregard these falsehoods and to continue preserving this time-honored tradition with dignity, unity, and respect for our customs.

### **SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF BALIKUMBAT**

Our vision for Balikumbat transcends cultural pride; it encompasses socio-economic wellbeing. We must aspire to transform our community into a centre of opportunity — a place where agriculture thrives, where young people find employment, where modern farming techniques multiply yields, and where local businesses can grow confidently.

We must harness the natural wealth God has given us: our fertile lands, our entrepreneurial spirit, our cultural heritage, and our strategic position. Socio-economic transformation demands planning, discipline, and accountability. It requires us to prioritise community needs over personal interests.

Together, we can build a Balikumbat where poverty fades and prosperity becomes a shared reality.

### **DEVELOPING HUMAN RESOURCES: SCHOLARSHIPS, SKILLS, AND YOUTH ABSORPTION**

Human capital remains our greatest asset. Investing in our people — especially our children and youths — is the surest path to long-term transformation.

I encourage BADO, our elites, and well-meaning sons and daughters of the land to expand scholarship schemes, support technical and vocational training, and create mentorship opportunities. Let us help our youths to become doctors, engineers, teachers, entrepreneurs, and innovators.

Equally important is the principle of “**pulling each other up**”. No Balikumbat child should feel abandoned. When one succeeds, let that success open doors for two others. When one climbs higher, let the ladder remain for those coming behind.

A community that invests in its people invests in its future.

### **CULTIVATING THE SPIRIT OF CONTRIBUTION TOWARD COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Development is sustained not by a few generous individuals but by a collective culture of giving. I call on all Balikumbat sons and daughters to embrace the spirit of contribution — whether through levies, voluntary donations, or personal initiatives.

Every contribution, no matter the size, strengthens the community. It builds classrooms, supports cultural festivals, repairs roads, and assists vulnerable families.

You must see community development not as charity but as duty; not as a favour but as a shared obligation. When each of us contributes with sincerity, our development agenda becomes unstoppable. Let's stand tall above neighboring villages and be a beacon of reference.

### **ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE BADO EXECUTIVE BUREAU**

To the executive bureau of BADO, I commend your hard work, your vision, and the sacrifices you make daily to coordinate our people. Yet I also urge you to expand your reach. Touch every corner of Cameroon. Extend your networks to the diaspora. Connect with our sons and daughters across continents who are eager to contribute but often lack structured channels.

Your role is not merely administrative; it is strategic. You are the custodians of our development roadmap. Remain transparent, inclusive, and proactive. Lead with humility, serve with dedication, and ensure that no Balikumbat child, youth, or family is left behind.

### **POSITIVE, RESPONSIBLE, AND INCLUSIVE POLITICAL PRACTICES**

Politics is a tool for development when handled responsibly. I encourage all Balikumbat elites and youths to engage in politics with maturity, honour, and community-first values.

Let us reject divisive rhetoric. Let us discourage politics that tears families apart. Instead, let us promote political behaviour that unites us, protects our heritage, and ensures balanced representation.

Our community interest must always come before partisan affiliation. Our dignity as a people must never be compromised. In all political engagements, remain guided by respect, integrity, and the shared vision of a stable and prosperous Balikumbat.

### **CONCLUSION**

My beloved children, Balikumbat stands at a turning point. The choices we make today — in forgiveness, in unity, in hard work, and in visionary leadership — will shape the destiny of generations yet unborn. Let us walk together with renewed purpose. Let us build together with unwavering dedication. Let us dream together with confidence in who we are and who we can become.

Together, we shall elevate Balikumbat to heights worthy of its name, worthy of its people, and worthy of the blessings bestowed upon us by our ancestors and by God Almighty.

May peace, progress, and harmony continue to reign in Balikumbat.

**LONG LIVE BADO**

**LONG LIVE THE BALIKUMBAT DYNASTY**

**LONG LIVE THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON**

**I THANK YOU.**