

Dorgelesse Nguessan – Cameroon

President of the Republic of Cameroon
Palais Présidentiel
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Your Excellency!

I am writing to demand the immediate and unconditional release of Dorgelesse Nguessan, who is detained solely for the peaceful exercise of her rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Dorgelesse was arrested in Douala, while attending her first ever protest. She had never been politically active, but her concerns about the state of Cameroon's economy led her to join the demonstrations.

Dorgelesse was found guilty of "insurrection, assembly, meetings and public demonstrations" and after an unfair trial by a military court she was sentenced to five years in prison. She must be freed and returned to her family, who rely on her as the main wage-earner.

Yours sincerely,