

Banners « anti 3rd presidential term » removed: CENCO condemns home invasion



Kinshasa, June 05, 2018 (caritasdev.cd): On Saturday, June 2, 2018, at 15:22, Mr. DOLLI MUTOMBO NAWEZI, Mayor of the Gombe Municipality, entered the premises of the Interdiocesan Center (Ed .: Head quarter of the The National Episcopal Conference of Congo / CENCO) with a police man to remove the banners which were on the facade of the main building of the Center. These banners called for compliance with the provisions of the Constitution and the New Year's Eve Agreement. More seriously, the Mayor has threatened the guards of CENCO who, as part of their job, forbade them to perform this despicable act

« La CENCO condamne avec la dernière énergie cette violation et cette atteinte aux droits garantis des particuliers par une autorité politico-administrative qui clamait haut et fort son statut de juriste pendant qu'il posait cet acte incivique. le comble de tout c'est que le centre interdiocésain se trouve dans la concession de la Nonciature Apostolique qui est une ambassade. Il s'agit donc d'une violation des immunités diplomatiques. C'est un scandale et c'est inacceptable. C'est pourquoi ce geste, présentement dénoncé, mérite toute l'attention des autorités de la ville et du pays. Sinon nous concluons au banditisme d'Etat et nous nous réservons le droit d'aller en justice », souligne un communiqué de presse de la CENCO, daté du 04 juin 2018 et signé par son Secrétaire Général, Abbé Donatien Nshole.

"CENCO condemns in the strongest terms this violation and this violation of the guaranteed rights of individuals by a politico-administrative authority which loudly proclaimed its status as a jurist while he was carrying out this unpatriotic act. the height of all is that the interdiocesan center is in the concession of the Apostolic Nunciature which is an embassy. It is therefore a violation of diplomatic immunities. It is a scandal and it is unacceptable. That is why this act, currently denounced, deserves all the attention of the authorities of the city and the country. Otherwise we will conclude to state banditry and we reserve the right to go to court, "said a press release from CENCO, dated June 4, 2018 and signed by its Secretary General, Fr. Donatien Nshole

The two banners on which was written: "NO 3RD PRESIDENTIAL TERM " AND "NO FOR THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION", were put at the initiative of the Council of the Apostolate of the Catholic Laity of Congo (CALCC)

as part of the awareness campaign on the appropriation of the New Year's Eve Agreement by the Congolese people.

The Mayor required to restore the banners

The CENCO is especially troubled by the fact that the display of the fundamentals of the New Year's Eve Agreement at the place of dialogue is perceived by the first citizen of Gombe as a danger to public order. Yet this Agreement is, by its inclusiveness, the only roadmap likely to peacefully leave the country of the serious socio-political crisis that it crosses.

For this purpose, the CENCO requires the bourgmestre Dolly MAKAMBO to return the banners and to apologize to the Congolese people for his outrageous behavior. Moreover, it invites the population to remain vigilant and always ready to block the road to anyone who will venture to discredit the New Year's Eve Agreement, whose full implementation guarantees the holding of inclusive and credible elections on December 23, 2018, to end the crisis in our country, "the statement said.

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