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P R E S S R E L E A S E

The Ministry of External Relations of the Republic of Cameroon wishes to inform the public and the International Community of the kidnapping, on Tuesday morning 19 February 2013, at about 9 a.m. of a family of 7 French tourists, three adults and four children.

The kidnapping occurred at Sabongari, located 7 km North of Dabanga, on the National Road N° 1 which runs along the land borders between the Republic of Cameroon and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The kidnappers crossed the border into Nigeria with their victims.

As soon as the President of the Republic, H E Paul BIYA was informed of the situation, he ordered for the search of the hostages to be carried out immediately. Security measures in this Region have been reinforced and Government is in permanent contact with the Nigerian and French Authorities.

Government wishes to reassure the public that all measures have been taken to guarantee the safety of all persons, and in particular tourists throughout the national territory./-

The Minister Delegate in charge of the Commonwealth

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