

General allegation

109th session (9 – 18 May 2016)

Cameroon

18. On 10 June 2016, the Working Group informed the Government of Cameroon of general allegations it had received in May 2016 in relation to the implementation of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. The allegations concerned an operation conducted by Cameroonian security forces, which, on 27 December 2014, reportedly sealed off the adjacent villages of Magdeme and Doublé in the Mayo Sava department of the Far North region to conduct a cordon and search operation. According to the information received, the operation resulted in nine unlawful killings, the widespread destruction of property, hundreds of arbitrary arrests and cases of unlawful detention in circumstances that may amount to enforced disappearances, and the deaths in custody of at least 25 people, and possibly many more.