

PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF CLEMENT CHU OF ESU, MENCHUM DIVISION

Introduction

On 17th Feb. 2000, I received a threatening convocation from Manjang Jerome, the Accountant of ELBA Ranch, Essu asking me to come to the Ranch the next day along with 30 cows to meet Baba Ahmadou Danpullo.

While I was contemplating what to do, Mr. Danpullo came round with his agents on the 23rd of February 2002. Mr Danpullo's agent a man by name Shefu came to my compound in my absence and told my wife and children that the Chief Judge of Menchum wants to see me and my cattle.

According to my wife and children, they deceived them that the Chief Judge needs me and all the cattle so that he can see them and then they will be taken back. My children went outside and saw somebody who introduced himself as Alhadji Baba. He told my children he has come to kill Clement and take his cattle. He was accompanied by Alhadji Suley, Alhadji Njaanja and his Ranch Manager.

These people took away my 30 cows from my compound in my absence. As they were leaving they met with me on my way back home. Alhadji Baba jumped down from his horse and slapped me on my jaw and asked me to lie on the ground. As I followed his instructions he pulled out a gun and was threatening to shoot me. The others were pleading with him not to kill me. At this point one of my children was running towards where I was and at this point they left.

Alhadji Baba told me that he has established documents in Douala and Yaounde that he was coming to kill me in Wum. I reported the matter to the authorities immediately but no action has been taken.

Court Judgment

Despite a Court Judgment ordering the return of my cows, Baba Ahmadou Danpullo has kept them by the use of force.

I am father of so many children and a large family. Our upkeep, their school needs and our livelihood depends on our cattle. Now that Alhadji Baba has taken them away from us, he has taken away our livelihood – I am at the point of death! There is nothing for me and my family to live on. I need help to get back by cattle back.

Comment: See Court Judgement under Documents for further details on this case.