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Information on the current political situation

In September 2014 a paper issued by the *International Crisis Group* states:

“Thirty-two years into the presidency of Paul Biya, Cameroon is weakened by social discontent and political deadlock” (International Crisis Group (4 September 2014) *Cameroon: Prevention Is Better than Cure*).

In January 2015 *BBC News* states:

“The modern state of Cameroon was created in 1961 by the unification of two former colonies... Since then it has struggled from one-party rule to a multi-party system in which the freedom of expression is severely limited” (BBC News (16 January 2015) *Cameroon profile*).

A report issued in February 2015 by *Amnesty International* commenting on events of the preceding year notes:

“Perceived or actual opponents of the government continued to be denied the right to organize peaceful activities and demonstrations” (Amnesty International (25 February 2015) *Amnesty International Report 2014/15, Cameroon*).

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