Report on Trip to Meangwe II on the 29th-08-2012

Yesterday, I, Mr. Nasako Besingi and one SEFE staff Mr. Motopoh Esinoh and two Journalists from French 24 TV Paris and a Cameroonian Counterpart Mr. Fon Christopher were going to Meangwe II village for an environmental education exercise and to offer condolence to one family that lost a member.

While preparing our trip, I stopped to buy some drinks for the trip, the Herakles driver entered this same shop pretending to buy mineral water which he did not buy. As soon as we left Mundemba we noticed that a vehicle marked MITSHIBUSHI belonging to Herakles was trailing us behind, so we allowed them to pass in front. However, we realized that each time we stop the Herakles vehicle also stopped. Having noticed that each time we stop they too stop and we decided to start snapping them each time they stop waiting for us to avert their cynical mission.

At the entrance to Fabe we saw them pretending to be discussing with the Chief of Fabe, Wangoe Philip. When we arrived they drove off. I then greeted the Chief of Fabe village who responded by insulting me in the presence of the journalists erroneously accusing me for making the Fabe people to turn against Herakles which he is for by making them know that their free prior and informed consent is important (they have the right to say Yes or No to any company wanting to invest in their land).

Some 300m after Fabe we say Herakles vehicle again and took pictures as usual. Coming nearer the vehicle I saw Njume Lesley, Mbange Lovette, Scott and three others blocking the road with their vehicle brutally ambushed and aggressed me by pulled me off the moving bike. But for the intervention of the Journalists of French 24 TV who arrived the scene with their Camera when the aggressors say them they quickly ran away in the Herakles vehicle. These people accused me for having snapping them which was false. All the picture I took are inserted in this file.
They also trailed us to Meangwe II and escaped only when they discovered the population was alerted of their presence and intention and the journalists wanted to question them.

On our return at about 7 o’clock we saw many of them hiding in the bush waiting for us. In conclusion I think that Herakles is looking for away to eliminate me and our supporters who are against this plantation. The world should understand that SEFE has solely settle to address this illegal land grabbing by Herakles by using convention instrument like the Courts in order to avoid all acts of confrontation and provocations. But Herakles should understand that the patience of the local communities is fast running out.

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