



PRESS RELEASE:

WAHRDN CONDEMNS FIRE WAVE OF MOSQUES IN TOGO

The West African Human Rights Defenders' Network (WAHRDN) is deeply concerned by the burning of mosques in some neighborhoods in the northern suburbs of Lomé, The Togolese capital.

From July 27 to August 14, 2018, several mosques of the locality of Agoe-Nyivé were vandalized, the burned premises and the sacred texts torn.

WAHRDN strongly condemns these criminal acts tending to undermine inter-religious relations in Togo.

The organization welcomes the initiative of religious leaders, including the call for calm and retention by the Muslim authorities, the approach of bishops, priests and pastors who have their solidarity with the Muslim community of Togo through a collective prayer on August 10th at the Great Mosque of Lome.

The network notes with great interest the announcement made by the Minister of Security and Social Protection of the opening of investigations to guarantee the enjoyment by citizens of the rights contained in Articles 2, 11 and 25 of the Togolese Constitution.

The organization therefore invites the authorities of Togo to take all necessary measures to promote the outcome of this investigations to apprehend, try and sentence the perpetrators in accordance with the laws in force.

The WAHRDN appeals to common sense and restraint by all actors in any sensitivity whatsoever to preserve peace and social cohesion in the country.

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