

## Charged over a satirical text

Fomusoh Ivo Feh was set to start university when he received a satirical text message from a friend: 'Boko Haram recruits young people from 14 years old and above. Conditions for recruitment: 4 subjects at GCE, including religion.'

The message was a joke about how difficult it is to find a job in Cameroon – so even an armed group like Boko Haram would want highly-qualified recruits. Ivo forwarded the message to another friend, who sent it on again. But after a teacher saw the text and showed it to the police, Ivo and his two friends were arrested in late 2014.

A draconian anti-terrorism law was used to charge them with several offences, including attempting to organise a rebellion. They face the prospect of a military trial and a 20-year sentence.

## SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Fomusoh Ivo Feh  
Délégation régionale de l'administration pénitentiaire  
Prison principale de Yaoundé  
s/c Prison centrale de Yaoundé  
B.P. : 100, Yaoundé  
Cameroon

- **Language:** English
- **Salutation:** Dear Ivo and friends
- **Suggested message:** Let Ivo and his friends know they are not alone, that you are thinking of them and fighting for their release.
- **Note:** Ivo's birthday is 5 December.



## GET CREATIVE

Make an origami butterfly (a symbol of freedom) or flower (to represent our support). Ivo is a big football fan and his favourite player is former Cameroon striker Patrick Mboma. Use the team colours (green shirts, red shorts) in your message. His favourite song is Dolly Parton's 'Coat of Many Colours'. Why not share your favourite song?

## CAN I

- ✓ Send a religious card or message?
- ✓ Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- ✗ Include my name and address?

## STAY INFORMED

[www.amnesty.org.uk/write](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/write)

## SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

Urge President Paul Biya to drop the charges against Fomusoh Ivo Feh and his friends, and immediately release them.

**Write to:** President of the Republic of Cameroon  
His Excellency Paul Biya  
P.O. Box 95 Yaoundé  
Cameroon

**Email:** cellcom@prc.cm or  
contact@presidenceducameroun.com

**Twitter:** @PR\_Paul\_Biya. Use the hashtag  
#freetheSMS3

**Salutation:** Your Excellency

**In your letter:** Urge him to release Ivo and his friends immediately and unconditionally, ensure they are not ill-treated, and allow them regular access to their families/lawyers and necessities, pending their release.

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