

**CEREMONY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MILITARY OFFICERS WHO
PERISHED IN THE HELICOPTER CRASH OF 22 JANUARY 2017**

(Friday, 3 February 2017 at 11.00 a.m.)

PROGRAMME

- 8.00 a.m. - Assembly of troops and the public
- 8.30 a.m. - End of assembly of troops
- 8.40 a.m. - Arrival of guests
- 9.30-9.45 a.m. - Arrival of CPDM political Bureau Members and Leaders of Political Parties represented in the National Assembly and in the Senate
- 9.45-1.00 a.m. - Arrival of Members of the Diplomatic Corps and Representative of International Organisations
- 10.00-10.15 a.m.- Arrival of Members of Government and Personalities ranking as such
- 10.20 a.m. - Arrival of the Minister Delegate at the Presidency in charge of Defence
- 10.25 a.m. - Arrival of the First President and the Procureur General of the Supreme Court
- 10.30 a.m. - Arrival of the President of the Economic and Social Council
- 10.35 a.m. - Arrival of the Prime Minister, Head of Government
- 10.40 a.m. - Arrival of the President of the National Assembly
- 10.45 a.m. - Arrival of the President of the Senate
- End of arrival of personalities
- 11.00 a.m. - **Arrival of HIS EXCELLENCY Paul BIYA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES**
- Welcome by the Minister Delegate at the Presidency in charge of Defence
- Review of troops
- Installation in the VIP Stand
- Laying in state of caskets at the ceremonial ground of the Military Headquarters Brigade
 - Reading of decrees to exceptionally promote military officers to higher ranks
 - Award of insignia
 - Posthumous award of honours by the PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES
 - **Speech by THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC**
 - The Last Post
 - Departure of caskets from the ceremonial ground
 - HEAD OF STATE'S words of comfort to the bereaved families
- Circa 12.50 p.m. - Departure of THE HEAD OF STATE for Unity Palace
- End of ceremony

