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Chad's Christian Leaders Unite To Call For Peace

Pastor Bako and two other Chadian Christian leaders (the head of the Catholic church in Chad and a leader of another Protestant group in Chad) recently sent a joint letter to the President of Chad and other political leaders calling them to put the interests of the country first and to work for peace. This letter was written on April 24, 2006, just prior to the recent presidential election there. Please keep Chad in your prayers as the nation continues its struggle against political and religious divisions that threaten the peace and security of all.



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The recent rebel attack on N'djamena, the capitol of Chad, was seen by the three leaders as a serious threat to the country's future. Even if the rebels have some just complaints against the current government (changing the constitution to allow a third term for the President, changing the rules under which oil revenues are spent and unjust treatment of different tribal groups) , the trio urges them not to resort to violence to change the government.

They state their purpose in the letter:

As religious men of God, placed as stewards and shepherds of the people, our mission is to promote human dignity and life, God's gift, and to ensure that they are respected, to promote peace and reconciliation, to develop love and brotherhood among men. Our mission is also to enlighten all governing officials so they will manage the country according to God's will, for the well being of all the people.

They call for:

Religious leaders of all professions of faith situated throughout the country to rise above their doctrinal differences and to unite in order to work for peace and the well being of the country;

They end their letter with the following call to unity and peace:

The future of the country will depend on our unity and our ability to forgive one another. Our present fragility/vulnerability to foreign entities emanates from our divisions. The eternal Chad needs us: Let us respond to its (Chad) call for help by joining the dialogue and may God bless the country of Chad.

And they call for us to also join them in praying for peace in Chad:

We now call on all our compatriots wherever they are to be in prayer for peace in Chad.

Please be part of the answer - pray for peace in Chad. We are thankful that the elections were peaceful and there has been no violence following them, but the situation remains uncertain.

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