

**52<sup>nd</sup> EDITION OF THE NATIONAL DAY**

**20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**

**PROGRAMME**

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## **SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2024**

**6.00 p.m.** - Beginning of torchlight procession

**8.00 p.m.** - End of torchlight procession and dispersal of participants

## **ITINERARIES OF TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION**

### **1 - Yaounde I Subdivision**

**Assembly Point:** Government School Etoudi

**Itinerary:** Government School Etoudi – MRS Filling Station Elig-Edzoa – Nouvelle Route Etoa-Meki – Boulangerie Sélecte – Mahima Etoa-Meki Supermarket – Elig-Essono Junction – Pharmacie de l'Intendance Junction – Montée Ane Rouge – Royal Hotel – Bricolux – Directorate General of Taxation – Pharmacie du Soleil - Marché Central - Casino Supermarket

**Dispersal:** Main Post Office Roundabout

## **2 - Yaounde II Subdivision**

**Assembly Point:** Tsinga Subdivisional Office Esplanade

**Itinerary:** Tsinga Subdivisional Office Esplanade – Nkomkana – Madagascar Traffic Lights – Madagascar Market – NANA TCHAKOUNTE Street – Niki Mokolo – Fire Brigade Mokolo – EPC Messa – Multi-purpose Sports Complex – Warda – Pharmacie du Soleil – Casino Supermarket

**Dispersal:** Main Post Office Roundabout

## **3 - Yaounde III Subdivision**

**Assembly Point:** Efoulan Subdivisional Office Esplanade

**Itinerary:** Efoulan Subdivisional Office Esplanade -Government School Efoulan - Obobogo Junction – Nsam Junction – Garanti Express – SCDP – Dakar Junction – Trois Statues Junction – Olezoa – Prestige Hotel – Voirie Municipale – ENEO Main Branch – Main Post Office.

**Dispersal:** Main Post Office Roundabout

#### **4 - Yaounde IV Subdivision**

**Assembly Point:** Nkomo Subdivisional Office Esplanade

**Itinerary:** Nkomo Subdivisional Office Esplanade – Ekounou Junction – OLA Kondengui – INSTIC Junction – Nouvelle Route Etam-Bafia – Mvog-Mbi Junction – Main Post Office

**Dispersal:** Main Post Office Roundabout

#### **5 - Yaounde V Subdivision**

**Assembly Point:** Omnisports Stadium Esplanade (Presidential Stand Entrance)

**Itinerary:** Omnisports Stadium Esplanade – OLA Omnisports Junction – Government Bilingual High School Essos – Hotel du Plateau Junction – OLA Essos – Avenue Germaine Junction – Institut Samba – Collège Montesquieu – SNI

**Dispersal:** Main Post Office Roundabout

## **6 - Yaounde VI Subdivision**

**Assembly Point:** Biyem-Assi Subdivisional Office Esplanade

**Itinerary:** Biyem-Assi Subdivisional Office Esplanade – Biyem-Assi Junction – Obili Junction – Total Melen – EMIA Junction – Secretariat of State for Defence (National Gendarmerie) – Ministry of Secondary Education – National Museum – Administrative Centre Government School – Main Post Office

**Dispersal:** Main Post Office Roundabout

## **7 - Yaounde VII Subdivision**

**Assembly Point:** Former Subdivisional Office Esplanade

**Itinerary:** Former Subdivisional Office Esplanade – Carrefour TSIMI - Carrefour MEEC – Former Douala Motor Park – LISSOUK Junction – Hygiène Mobile – Ministry of Secondary Education – Ministry of Public Health – Administrative Centre Government School – Main Post Office.

**Dispersal:** Main Post Office Roundabout

## **MONDAY, 20 MAY 2024**

### **MORNING:**

**6.00 a.m.** - Religious Services

### **MARCH PAST AT THE 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY BOULEVARD**

**8.00 a.m.** - Assembly of troops and paraders

**8.30 a.m.** - Arrival of guests

**9.45 a.m.** - Arrival of Generals and Chiefs of Staff

**9.55 a.m.** - Arrival of Armed Forces Chief of Staff

**10.00 a.m.** - Arrival of CPDM Central Committee Members residing in Yaounde and Leaders of Political Parties represented at the National Assembly and the Senate

**10.15 a.m.** - Arrival of Heads of Diplomatic Missions, Representatives of International Organizations, Consuls and Special Guests

**10.30 a.m.** - Arrival of Members of Government

**10.45 a.m.** - Arrival of the Minister Delegate at the Presidency in charge of Defence

**10.55 a.m.** - Arrival of the First President, the Procureur General and Members of the Supreme Court

**11.05 a.m.** - Arrival of the President and Members of the Constitutional Council

- 11.15 a.m.** - Arrival of the President and Bureau Members of the Economic and Social Council
- 11.25 a.m.** - Arrival of the Prime Minister, Head of Government
- 11.35 a.m.** - Arrival of the President and Bureau Members of the National Assembly
- 11.45 a.m.** - Arrival of the President and Bureau Members of the Senate
- End of arrival of personalities at the 20<sup>th</sup> May Boulevard
- 12 noon** - **Arrival of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Cameroon, Head of State**
- Welcome by the Minister Delegate at the Presidency in charge of Defence
  - Military honours
  - Installation of the Head of State in the Presidential Stand
- 12.15 p.m.** - Beginning of march past
- 1.45 p.m.** - End of ceremonies at the 20<sup>th</sup> May Boulevard.
- **His Excellency the President of the Republic** returns to Unity Palace

## Order of Departure of Personalities

- **His Excellency the President of the Republic**
- The President and Bureau Members of the Senate
- The President and Bureau Members of the National Assembly
- The Prime Minister, Head of Government
- The President and Bureau Members of the Economic and Social Council
- The President and Members of the Constitutional Council
- The First President, the Procureur General and Members of the Supreme Court
- Special Guests
- The Minister Delegate at the Presidency in charge of Defence
- Members of Government
- Members of the Diplomatic Corps
- CPDM Central Committee Members residing in Yaounde and Leaders of Political Parties represented at the National Assembly and the Senate
- Generals
- Other guests



## **AFTERNOON:**

**2.00 p.m. - ENTERTAINMENT BY DEFENCE, SECURITY  
AND PARA-MILITARY FORCE BANDS**

## **VENUES:**

1. Yaounde I, Divisional Esplanade (Nlongkak)
2. Yaounde II Subdivision Esplanade (Tsinga)
3. Yaounde III Subdivision Esplanade (Efoulan)
4. Yaounde IV City Hall Esplanade (Ekounou)
5. Yaounde V Subdivision Esplanade (Nkolmesseng)
6. Yaounde VI Subdivision Esplanade (Biyem-Assi)
7. Yaounde VII Subdivision Esplanade (Nkolbisson)

**EVENING: RECEPTION AT UNITY PALACE OFFERED  
BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC AND MRS CHANTAL BIYA (by invitation)**

- 4.00 p.m.** - Opening of the gates of Unity Palace  
- State Protocol welcomes guests
- 6.15 p.m.** - Latest time of arrival of guests
- 6.30 p.m.** - Closing of the gates of Unity Palace
- 6.40 p.m.** - Beginning of reception  
- Opening of buffets
- 8.30 p.m.** - End of reception

**After reception - Fireworks display**

# **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

## **I. MARCH PAST AT THE 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY BOULEVARD**

- 1. Attire:**
- **Gentlemen:** \* Dark suit or traditional ceremonial
  - **Ladies:** \* Skirt suit, formal dress or traditional ceremonial

### **2. Access Cards**

There shall be three kinds of cards:

- **VIP Stand:**

- **White Cards with a golden stripe**
- Latest time of arrival: see programme for the time of arrival of personalities

- **Stand A:**

- **White Cards with a red stripe**
- Latest time of arrival: **8.45 a.m**

- **Stand B:**

- **White Cards with a green stripe**
- Latest time of arrival: **8.45 a.m**

Access cards to the stands are personal and non-transferable. They must be presented at the various checkpoints set up at the 20<sup>th</sup> May Boulevard

### **3. Passes for vehicles**

There shall be twelve kinds of passes allowing access to specific parking areas on the ceremonial grounds:

- **MG (White colour):** - Members of Government
- **B/S (White colour):** - Bureau Members of the Senate
- **B/AN (White colour):** - Bureau Members of the National Assembly
- **B/ECOSOC (White colour):** - Bureau Members of the Economic and Social Council
- **CC (White colour):** - Members of the Constitutional Council
- **SC (White colour):** - Members of the Supreme Court
- **HDM (White colour):** - Heads of Diplomatic Missions, Representatives of International Organizations and Consuls
- **CPDM-CC (White colour):** - CPDM Central Committee Members
- **PP/AN-S (White colour):** - Leaders of Political Parties represented at the National Assembly and the Senate

- **Special PRC (Purple colour):** - Staff of the Presidency of the Republic and Special Guests
- **ANNEX PARKING LOTS (Blue colour):** - Other Guests
- **ORGANIZATION (Yellow colour):** - Technical Services

#### **4. Parking at the 20<sup>th</sup> May Boulevard**

Ten parking lots numbered 1 to 10 have been provided at the 20<sup>th</sup> May Boulevard. These parking lots shall be open to vehicles of personalities in the following order:

##### **(a). VIP PARKING AREAS**

- Parking No. 1** - The President and Bureau Members of the Senate, the President and Bureau Members of the National Assembly, the Prime Minister, Head of Government
- Parking No. 2** - The President and Bureau Members of the Economic and Social Council, the President and Members of the Constitutional Council
- Parking No. 3** - The First President, the Procureur General and Members of the Supreme Court
- Parking No. 4** - Special Guests
- Parking No. 5** - Members of Government
- Parking No. 6** - Heads of Diplomatic and Consular Missions and Representatives of International Organizations
- Parking No. 7** - CPDM Central Committee Members, Leaders of Political Parties represented at the National Assembly and the Senate

**Parking No. 8** - Senior Officials of the Presidency of the Republic.

**Parking No. 9** - Generals and Chiefs of Staff.

**(b). ANNEX PARKING AREAS**

**Parking No. 10** - Other personalities with vehicles bearing “**ANNEX PARKING LOTS**” passes.

**II. RECEPTION OFFERED BY HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND MRS.  
CHANTAL BIYA AT UNITY PALACE**

- 1. Attire:**
- **Gentlemen:** Dark suit or traditional ceremonial.
  - **Ladies:** Skirt suit, formal dress or traditional ceremonial.

**2. Invitation Cards:**

They are personal and non-transferable. They shall be presented at the entrance to Unity Palace and, if necessary, in the Banquet Hall.

Bearers of **gold-coloured** invitation cards shall have access to the Banquet Hall; bearers of **green-coloured** cards shall have access to the garden.

**3. Parking Lots:**

There are two public parking lots at the esplanade of Unity Palace and two parking lots inside Unity Palace.

**Outside the Palace:**

**(a) “EAST” Parking lot.**

- \* Guests with “**EAST PARKING LOT**» passes (pink), who

have a driver, shall be authorized to go into Unity Palace by car. The driver shall drop them off and return to the parking lot corresponding to his pass outside the Palace.

**(b). "WEST" parking lot**

- \* Guests with **"WEST PARKING LOT"** passes (red), shall park their vehicles at the Esplanade. In case of good weather, they shall have access to the Palace on foot. In the event of rainfall, buses shall ferry guests from the Esplanade to Unity Palace.

**Inside the Palace:**

**(a). The "FOUNTAIN SURROUNDINGS" PARKING LOT**

- \* The **"FOUNTAIN SURROUNDINGS"** parking lot is located in the main yard of Unity Palace, around the fountain. This parking lot is reserved for vehicles of the following VIPs with **orange colour passes**:
  - the President of the Senate;
  - the President of the National Assembly;
  - the Prime Minister, Head of Government;
  - the President of the Economic and Social Council;
  - the President of the Constitutional Council;
  - the First President and Procureur General of the Supreme Court;
  - the Minister of State, Secretary General of the Presidency of the Republic;
  - the Minister, Director of the Civil Cabinet of the Presidency of the Republic.

**(b). “BLOCKS A and B” PARKING LOTS**

“BLOCKS A and B” parking lots shall be reserved for officials of the Presidency of the Republic with the **green pass**.

**N.B.:**

- **Passes shall be pasted on the windshield of the vehicle for easy identification and ushering of guests.**
- **Mobile phones will not be allowed at the 20<sup>th</sup> May Boulevard and within the premises of Unity Palace.**