



We are Haiti: for the fight of Haitian self-determination!

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Our statement:

We condemn the assassination of ex-president Jovenel Moise. We underline that all democratic struggles of the Haitian people were done peacefully.

There is no clear information about the origin and nature of the commandos that committed this murder. Everything seems to point towards complicity and/or participation of the security forces of the presidency.

When he was murdered his constitutional mandate had been defeated since February 7, 2021. It is the work of a de facto President that imposed his presence by violent and illegal means.

Jovenel Moise had betrayed constitutional legality by destroying parliament

(since January 2020), attacking the accounts chamber and the supreme court of justice. JM even incarcerated a supreme court judge that enjoys total immunity.

Jovenel Moise governed with violence and state sponsored terrorism employing death squads. These death squads organized more than 12 massacres against populist neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince with an impressive death toll, burnt homes and incurred material loss. Recently, more than 10,000 people had to flee the Martissant neighborhood due to the violence of these death squads. Many hits were performed, including university professor, Montferrier Dorval, distinguished intellectual and president of the Bar of attorneys of

Port-au-Prince, and recently (June 29, 2021) 2 journalist, feminist leaders, and very respected politicians.

A wave of thousands of kidnappings has also been organized, creating a climate of fear, and de-stabilization of everyday life. The connection between executive power and these death squads has been widely documented, including reports by the UN, and countless reports by Haitian organizations in the defense of human rights.

These death squads are benefited by the power and support of PHTK with weapons, munitions and money, and enjoy total impunity. Some leaders of these squads use materials from the national police.

This unacceptable situation was clearly supported by the US, Canada, EU, ONU, OEA and the CORE group. In this sense, they are responsible for the deterioration of the situation, and the exacerbation of the crisis.

The most important, in this difficult juncture, for progressive and populist groups in Haiti, is:

- Prevent a military occupation. In this way, it's important to refuse the option of a military force to occupy, since they've already shown they're presence exacerbates the Haitian crisis, and from 2004 – 2015 were responsible for heinous crimes against Haiti and its people, and performed multiple violations to basic rights of the nation.
- We call all organizations in solidarity to the Haitian cause to be vigilant, and in whatever way possible, pressure the meeting scheduled for tomorrow, July 8, 2021, by the Security Council of the UN, on the Haitian crisis, for them not to decide on the display of a new occupation force.
- Organize a transition period of at least 2 years, that allows the restoration of constitutional legality, reorganize the electoral system, respond to the spread of poverty, the grave deterioration of the conditions of a population that lives in a deep unemployment crisis, of hunger (the amount of people that are now starving doubled under the government of defunct

ex-president Jovenel Moise), and the paralysis of the vast majority of commercial and economic activities.

- Drive out neoliberalism and define a new national pact for progress.
- We denounce the pretensions of Claude Joseph, illegal prime minister that is looking to auto-proclaim himself as provisional president, clearly violating the dispositions of article 149, that establishes a mechanism to confront and unconstitutional void at the presidential level.
- The inapplicability of the constitutional dispositions to fill the current void is the result of the process of institutional dismantling launched by the government of Jovenel Moise with the goal of reinstating an autocratic system, with all powers concentrated on the president of the republic.
- We denounce the illegal, displaced, and dangerous decision of declaring a State of Siege, by the de facto Prime Minister, to eliminate all populist expression and mobilization.
- This transition period must be the result of an ample process of concertation.
- We don't want a transition controlled by imperialism and the oligarchy.
- There are structures that group civil societies, political parties and social movements that are every well organized, and have shown their ability to effectively construct propositions, and can participate in the conceptualization and successful implementation of the transition period.
- The grave situation that the Haitian people are living demands a radical change in the politics of international organizations towards Haiti. They must recognize the failure of the of the implemented politics in the last decades, break political bonds that have been maintained with the more reactionary sectors in Haiti, and begin to pay the massive debt accrued over 500 years of pillaging of national resources.

- It is also the right time to build new forms of concrete solidarity based on the struggles of the Haitian people, for a true systematic change.

Long live Haiti!

Long live the continuous battle for emancipation of the Haitian people!

Haiti deserves reparations now!

Down with all forms of inherent imperialism!

We are Haiti!

Haiti is here in Latin America and the Caribbean!

