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SYNTHESIS OF THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

1.- THE MONTANA AGREEMENT, ANOTHER STAGE.



ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022, PORT-AU-PRINCE: THE NATIONAL TRANSITION COUNCIL (CNT), ELECTED THE ECONOMIST FRITZ ALPHONSE JEAN, AS PRESIDENT AND STEVEN IRVENSON BENOIT AS PRIME MINISTER, THROUGH AN INDIRECT ELECTION HELD AT THE KINAM HOTEL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PÉTIONVILLE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MONTANA AGREEMENT.

In a indirect election, at the Kinam hotel in the municipality of Pétionville, the National Transitional Council elected Fritz Alphonse Jean as president and Steven Irvenson Benoît as prime minister, in the context of the Montana agreement.

44 delegates from 17 sectors of the country and signatories of the Agreement, cast 42 valid votes - the other 2 votes of the politician Fanmi Lavalas were withdrawn -. The vote for president resulted in 25 votes for Fritz Alphonse Jean and 16 for Edgard Leblanc Fils, while for the position of prime minister for the transition, the result obtained was 21 votes for Irvenson Steven Benoît and 17 for Dr. Jean Renold Buteau.

Jean served as Governor of the Bank of the Republic of Haiti, and was appointed Prime Minister during the Jocelerme Privert administration. In mid-January at the Haitian Unity Summit in Louisiana, which brought together different diaspora platforms, he was also selected as interim president.

For his part, Steven Benoît, served as a senator in the 49th and 50th legislature, and before that as a deputy. He was also chief of staff to the first lady and deputy director of Political Affairs at the Foreign Ministry.

Before the press, personalities and the Haitian public, representatives of the civil society agreement expressed their intention to install the new government on February 7, despite the refusal of Ariel Henry, current and de facto prime minister, who alleging legal technicalities to install a legitimate president without holding elections. Ironic point to the



point of ridicule, since it is pointed out by someone who never went through an election and dismantled the national parliament.

The position of the Montana Agreement exposes and exposes even more the deep political crisis that the country is experiencing, colonialist governments of Canada, the United States and France, dared to give their opinion on who should govern Haiti, Henry tries to impose elections without setting a specific date.

The National Transitional Council (CNT) announced the results of the elections on the last day of January, specifying: -the process is not over here, but a big step has just been taken in fulfilling the agreement, this Follow-up Office will to continue finding other actors to reach a broader consensus to help the country overcome the serious crisis that is destroying it. The question that remains for us is, will Ariel Henry contribute or continue to aggravate this crisis?

2.- FLOODING IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTRY OF HAITI.



3 DEAD, ONE MISSING AND SEVERAL HOMES WERE FLOODED AFTER THE TORRENTIAL RAIN IN THE NORTH REGION, MORE THAN 20 COMMUNES IN THE REGION WERE FLOODED FROM JANUARY 30 TO 31, 2022.

Since January 30, torrential rains have occurred in northern Haiti, resulting in 3 deaths, one missing in the Noroeste

department, and more than 20 communes flooded. According to a balance that the director of civil protection, Dr. Jerry Chandler, who presented a first report to the press on February 1, where he indicated that the Northwest department, that 2 fishermen, from Isla Tortuga, perished in a overflow of the swollen river, in addition, more than 2,570 homes were flooded and at least 4 destroyed, which means the same number of families affected in around 20 communes. Other areas affected by flooding were the neighborhoods in the city of Cap, while in the Northeast the most affected communes are Trou-du-Nord, Ouanaminthe, Fort-Liberté, Terrier Rouge, Caracol and Ferrier. Likewise, there were other flooded municipalities in the department of Nippes.

In turn, Dr. Jerry Chandler reported that the Caracol industrial park was also flooded, with the power plant being the most affected, which was completely flooded. He also reported that food packages and other health products will begin to be provided first necessity to the affected families. Natural phenomena are not the problem, the real disaster is the state of violation, abandonment and negligence of alleged authorities who aggravate the living conditions of the population The question that we have raised for centuries, when will the Haitian authorities take preventive measures to prevent the terrible damage of natural disasters?



3.- ARMED BANDITS KILLED POLICEMAN JOSEPH JOCK ELU.



EARLY MORNING OF THE 31ST, ARMED BANDITS KILLED POLICEMAN JOSEPH JOCK ÉLU AND INJURED ANOTHER DURING AN ATTACK ON THE BON REPOS POLICE STATION AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF RADIO TELE ZENITH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CROIX-DES-BOUQUETS.

Joseph Jock, is the name of the police officer of the 29th promotion killed by armed bandits during an attack on the Bon Repos police station, which is part of the municipality of Croix-des-Bouquets, which occurred on the night of Sunday, January 30 to Monday, January 31. 2022. During this attack, the bandits injured another policeman. According to the information shared by the police spokesman, Garry Desrosiers, he stated: "they found the policeman's body inside the police car."

That same night, these gang members continued the attack, this time on the headquarters of Radio Television Zenith, which is close to the police station. The bandits fired mercilessly at the headquarters building causing a lot of material damage.

It is important to remember that the owner of TV radio Zénith, Rony Collin, always documents and denounces the threats of the gang called 400 Mawozo, who threatened the radio and the journalistic profession, so after this attack he blames them for the damages and the terror that they try to impose on free journalistic work.

4.- THE WORKERS OF THE FACTORY (VALD'OR APPAREL S.A) CLAIM THEIR LEGAL BENEFITS.



ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022, IN FRONT OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AT DELMAS 33, THE WORKERS OF THE FACTORY (VALD'OR SA) MOBILIZED TO DEMAND THE EMPLOYER OF THIS FACTORY TO PAY THEM LEGAL BENEFITS AND VARIOUS OTHER DEMANDS BEFORE THE CLOSURE OF THE FABRIC.

Workers of the factory (Vald'or Apparel SA) convened in front of the office of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (MAST) on Thursday morning, February 3, 2022, to demand compensation, compliance and respect for their rights. rights as a salaried working class that fulfilled contracts until the factory closed operations.

The concentration of workers was massive, part headed by the National Center for Haitian Workers (CNOHA) who mediated and presented the demands to the Ministry to demand



that the owner of this factory comply with his legal benefits and several other demands before closing his factory.

According to Dominique Saint-Éloi's statement given to Resistencia radio, he stated: -they come to present the compendium of fair complaints from workers, workers expressed before a Ministry inspector who promised to comply with labor demands.

The workers have taken access to the factory since January 30, the date on which they raised a plate to prevent the owners from recovering the remains of machinery still protected in the facilities. It was not until Wednesday, February 3, that the representatives of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor, accompanied by a justice of the peace, appeared to mediate.

The workers' sit-in made it impossible for the factory owner to escape from the country as he had intended. The surveillance and resistance of the working class does not rest, because the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor, and the government of PHTK third version conspires with the bosses' interests at the cost of the lives and rights of workers.

5.- VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VARIOUS TEMPORARY DISPLACED CAMPS IN THE GREAT SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY.



THE FEMINIST ORGANIZATION "MARIJÀN", THROUGH A PRESS RELEASE, DENOUNCES ACTS OF VIOLE, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, PREMATURE PREGNANCY SUFFERED BY WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE "GABION" AND "PAPA NIMA" CAMPS IN THE CITY OF LES CAYES SINCE AFTER THE 14 AUGUST 2021.

The feminist organization Marijàn in its note, denounced that in the fields of Gabion and Papa Nima in the city of Les Cayes, several cases of rape, sexual harassment and pregnancy in minors were documented.

Several women, girls and adolescents who are in a situation of special protection, sheltered in these camps, testified of the problems they face against criminal men who live in the camps. The Marijàn of the organization indicated through the note, described the various testimonies of women and girls who suffer gender-based violence within the camps.

Dozens of pregnancies were registered in girls and adolescents victims of rape, abuse and mistreatment, mainly by those responsible for these centers who condition access to food and care, the majority of cases of early pregnancy are in children under 16 years of age.

In the Papa Nima camp there are around 118 families, in Gabion there are 353 families, including 407 boys and girls who live in these two camps. These families were displaced after the earthquake of August 14, the victims spend the night in precarious conditions, overcrowding and with little access to basic resources.



Marijàn denounced that, due to their gender, girls, adolescents and women are more vulnerable in these fields. The Marijàn organization asked the de facto government of Ariel Henry to take concrete measures to build decent housing for families. Take measures to prevent women and girls living in these camps from continuing to be victims of sexual violence. In addition, he added that those responsible for these sexist crimes should be arrested and punished, as well as required by law, Marijàn asked for justice and reparation for these women and girls.

Radio Resistencia and the Haitian Popular Press Agency (APPA) recall that article 2 of the decree law of July 6, 2005, has provided for 10 years of forced labor against any man who commits an act of rape on women and girls.

6.- THE CORRECTIONAL COURT CONVICTS DUMONT FRANCK ARBY LARCO FOR ARMS TRAFFICKING.



ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022, THE HAITIAN JUSTICE SENTENCED DUMONT FRANCK ARBY LARCO TO SPEND 4 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ARMS AND AMMUNITION TRAFFICKING. WILL PAY 125 THOUSAND GOURDES TO THE HAITIAN STATE AS WELL AS ANOTHER 10 MILLION GOURDES IN COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES.

After Dumont Franck Arby Larco was imprisoned for 2 years, the Correctional Court issued an order that sentenced him to spend 4 years in prison for arms and ammunition trafficking. According to this judicial decision, Dumont Franck Arby Larco must pay the Haitian State 125 thousand gourdes on the one hand and 10 million gourdes on the other as a fine for damages.

Arby Larco was arrested by the police at his house in Puits-blin, Delmas 75 on December 24, 2019 at night. The police found 39 weapons in his house, including: 27 assault rifles, 9 pistols, 3 revolvers and 324 magazines for weapons of different calibers and more than 43 thousand cartridges for weapons.

It is important to underline, in a report published by the CNDDR (National Commission for Disarmament, Dismantling and Reintegration), it indicated: it gave the former president Jovenel Moise the names of 11 families involved in arms and ammunition trafficking in the country. While the paramilitary gangs continue to sow terror in the country, human rights organizations continue to ask the Haitian justice system to take measures to arrest the other arms traffickers in the country. Why until now, more than 2 years ago, only Arby Larco has been arrested by the police, where are the other families that traffic arms in the country?



7.- THE PUBLIC MINISTRY OF PORT-AU-PRINCE INVITED MAGALIE HABITANT TO TESTIFY IN THE CASE OF CORRUPTION IN SMCRS.



AFTER THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTENT (CSCCA) CONVICTED THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF SMCRS, MAGALIE HABITANT OF CORRUPTION, THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF PORT-AU-PRINCE INTERROGATED HER ON THE SAME CASE, ON FEBRUARY 4, 2022.

The Public Ministry of Port-au-Prince invited the former director of the Metropolitan Solid Waste Collection Service (SMCRS), Magalie Habitant, to answer questions about various accusations made against her for corruption.

After the CSC/CA sentenced Magalie Habitant to return 38 million gourdes in a decree, for mismanagement and misappropriation of funds. The commissioner of the government of Port-au-Prince, Jacques Lafontant summoned Habitant, in the auditorium of the Superior Court of Accounts where he sentenced her, on July 29, 2021 for mismanagement in the SMCRS institution that occurred in the period of October 1, 2017 - September 25, 2018.

In this case, the CSCCA found several financial transactions that still violate the SMCRS internal regulations and public accounting rules. This case reached several other top executives of SMCRS such as: Ralph René the administrative director, Rosemond Jolicœur the chief accountant, Jocelyn Borgella project coordinator, Mrs. Guy Lafleur public accountant. They were unable to clarify or convince the Superior Court of Accounts about the serious irregularities that accuse them. It is a case that the population follows with great interest.

8.- SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS THANK THE CNT FOR HAVING CARRIED OUT INDIRECT ELECTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MONTANA AGREEMENT.



SEVERAL POLITICAL PARTIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS THANK THE NATIONAL TRANSITION COUNCIL (CNT) FOR THE CONDUCT OF INDIRECT ELECTIONS ON JANUARY 30, 2022 IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MONTANA AGREEMENT PROCESS.

After the elections organized by the National Transitional Council (CNT) in the context of the Montana agreement on Sunday, January 30, 2022, various sectors responded to greet the work. The reactions are presented in various ways, such as: several organizations demonstrated in Saint Marc to greet the elections, to greet Fritz Alphonse Jean and Steven Irvenson Benoît who won the elections.

The RASIN Kan Pèp party on its side welcomes the elections, while calling on the population to mobilize to establish a rupture transition.



The coordination of the platform of the civil society organization thanks the CNT for those wonderful indirect elections organized on Sunday, January 30, 2022, which elected Fritz Alphonse Jean as one of the 5 presidents who will form the presidential council. Well, Irvenson Steven Benoît as Prime Minister to lead the breakaway transition.

On the other hand, MOLEGHAF, Lit Pèp and the International Lawyers Office (BAI) salute the NTC while advising them to be very vigilant against the reactionaries who are going to take the agreement by storm to defend their personal economic interests. Should the Haitian population believe this time that their demands are going to be raised?

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