



NATIONAL NETWORK FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS (RNDDH)

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Minister of Justice and Public Safety
In his Ministry.-

Open Letter

Minister of Justice and Public Safety,

The National Network for the Defense of Human Rights (RNDDH) – concerned by the impact on the population of your last intervention calling on the citizens of Village of Dieu not involved in banditry to empty the place – sends you this communication, not because we hope that suddenly you will be crossed by principles and values of human rights, but because we believe that when history judges you, She will note that a human rights organization made it clear to you that the path taken by your ministry is the wrong one.

Minister of Justice and Public Safety,

You must have spent the evening of April 27, 2020 congratulating yourself, after noticing that women, girls, old and young men, having packaged everything they could take with them, were abandoning Village of Dieu, following your seventy-two (72) hour ultimatum.

You must have been watching these pictures too. And, after commenting on them with individuals who will continue to flatter you without ever pointing out to you that they are human beings, you certainly slept with your head resting, knowing that your children, Your wife and all your family members were safe.

Minister of Justice and Public Safety,

Lawyer, you have been trained – at least the RNDDH wants to believe it – to defend the widow and the orphan. Yet at the first opportunity, you spat on them because, these families that you pushed to abandon their bed, their home, had to sleep, for the most part, in public places, exposed to all kinds of reprehensible acts.

As a former candidate for the National Assembly, you suggested that you were close to the population in deprived neighborhoods. Would it be possible, that even when you pretended to be close to them to get their vote, you did not understand that there are indeed people living in Haiti,

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in extreme poverty such that only a district like Village of Dieu where the rent is the lowest, represents for them an alternative?

Forgotten by politicians who will think of them only during the elections, rejected by the misery they face every day, little-known of the social assistance services non-existent for the masses, and working every day to live without asking the State for anything when they could, those people you drove away Village of Dieu will never forgive you for having, in this case, abused your powers,

Minister of Justice and Public Safety,

Suffer that the RNDDH reminds your attention that the Statesmen- the real ones if there are any- attack the bandits who sow terror, give them ultimatums in order to dislodge them, and allow the peaceful citizens to turn quietly.

These statesmen control the entry of weapons and ammunition on the national territory. They discuss within the Superior Council of the National Police (CSPN) strategies to adopt in order to track down the bandits and to allow, in the name of public vindicate, to obtain justice for all the evil they have committed.

These statesmen do not lose control of the territory they are called to protect and understand that any neighborhood can easily become Village of Dieu as long as individuals receive weapons and ammunition and the promise of protection from animated state authorities of electoral and political will.

Minister of Justice and Public Safety,

By demanding that an entire population abandon their homes, you have once again trampled on their fundamental rights to life, security, housing and health, This constitutes an unacceptable hitch for anyone aware of the international conventions and treaties to which the Haitian State has left.

And, unlike you, mummies of the population, shocked by the images of families going to unknown destinations, have not been able to close their eyes since.

Civilities.

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