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I. INTRODUCTION

1. From May 23 to 27, 2020, automatic weapons were fired continuously in several underprivileged areas of Port-au-Prince including Pont Rouge, Chancerelles, Wharf Jérémie, Fort Dimanche, La Saline and Nan Tokyo. Several kilometers away, smoke was also seen, and the tension in these areas was palpable.
2. Early information on social media reported clashes between rival armed gangs in these areas. Distress messages were also broadcast in some of the capital's media, launched by members of the population who took advantage of them to deplore enormous human and material losses.
3. Many victims presented themselves to the National Network for the Defense of Human Rights (RNDDH), which, concerned by the information shared by them, decided to investigate the above-mentioned events.
4. The RNDDH proposes to share with those interested the findings of its investigations.

II. METHODOLOGY

5. As part of this survey conducted from May 26 to June 19, 2020, RNDDH met with:
 - The police authorities;
 - The judicial authorities;
 - The Director General of the Social Assistance Fund (CAS), Frantz IDRICE;
 - Former Member of Parliament for Cité Soleil, Pierre LEMAIRE;
 - Twenty-seven (27) victims;
 - The local residents.

III. PRESENTATION OF LOCATIONS ATTACKED BY ARMED GANGS

6. Formerly called Pont Larnage and historic site where Emperor Jacques I was assassinated, of his full name Jean Jacques DESSALINES, Pont Rouge is located south of Cité Soleil, a commune located at the northern entrance of the commune of Port-in the Prince and adjacent to its first electoral district.
7. Red Bridge consists of four (4) blocks:
 - Pont Rouge;
 - Chancerelles;
 - Wharf of Jérémie;
 - Village Democracy also known as Fort Dimanche.

8. These four (4) blocks are found in the communal section of Varreux 1, commune of Cité Soleil where they have one (1) police station, three (3) police sub-police stations, two (2) police stations are located and one (1) peace court.

9. In addition to Pont Rouge, two (2) other locations were also attacked during the last bloody events. This is La Saline and Nan Tokyo.

10. Adjacent to the Boulevard Harry Truman commonly called Bicentenary where are found the Haitian Parliament, the Ministry of National Defence, part of the offices of the Primature, part of the offices of the General Administration of Customs of Port-as well as the Croix des Bossales market, La Saline is an important area in the country's economy.

11. Nan Tokyo is an area at the bottom of Delmas 2, bordering La Saline.

IV. PRIOR FACTS

12. In 2016, after about three (3) years of hegemonic struggles between the different blocks making up the Pont Rouge, from 2013 to 2016, there was an agreement between the armed gang leaders, whose objective was to maintain peace in the community. La Saline, which had been called in by one of the parties in conflict, also took an active part in the conclusion of this agreement to which Nan Tokyo quickly joined.

13. Thus, since 2016, the inhabitants of these neighborhoods have lived in a peace if not absolute, at least relative.

14. However, the situation will change on October 17, 2018 when the procession of President Jovenel MOÏSE was attacked at the Pont Rouge. It will worsen with the massacre perpetrated in La Saline by the state authorities on the night of 13 to 14 of November 2018, with the obvious objective of taking control of the area from La Saline to Cité Soleil, these two (2) neighborhoods being contiguous. Attacks on La Saline continued throughout 2019

For some, Pont Rouge, in the same way as La Saline, is hated by the authorities in power because of its anti-government resistance

15. Nan Tokyo will later be the scene of sporadic bloody events that, throughout 2019, will cause the death of many people.

16. RNDDH believes that it is important to review these various attacks in La Saline and Nan Tokyo:

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1. Recall of the various attacks in La Saline

17. At La Saline at least seven (7) armed attacks were recorded.

18. On November 1, 2018, an attack was carried out by the armed gang led by Serge ALECTIS aka Ti Junior. At least five (5) people lost their lives, including Julio PYRAM alias Kiki, Samuel LOUIS and Jimmy PETIT-FRÈRE. Nine (9) other persons, including five (5) women, were shot and wounded.

19. On the night of November 13-14, 2018, seventy-one (71) people were murdered, two (2) others were missing. Eleven (11) women and girls were gang raped, five (5) people were shot and one hundred and fifty (150) homes were vandalized and/or shot at La Saline Project and its surroundings. At the same time, dozens of small houses were set on fire in Nan Chabon.

20. On April 14, 2019, in Cité Vincent in the locality of Makawon - La Saline zone, located between Delmas and Boulevard Harry Truman - at least five (5) people were killed. Several houses were set on fire by members of armed gangs led respectively by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior and Jimmy CHÉRIZIER alias Barbecue.

21. On April 19, 2019, at least fifteen (15) people lost their lives in Delmas 2, in the Kafou 3 area. This attack was carried out by armed gangs in La Saline.

22. On July 5, 2019, during an attack perpetrated by the Nan Chabon armed gang led by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior against the La Saline district, six (6) people were killed and two (2) others are carried missing. RNDDH was able to gather information about five (5) of the victims.

23. On July 9, 2019, the armed gang located in the La Saline district led by Joël NOËL retaliated by attacking that of Nan Chabon led by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior. Six (6) people were killed.

24. On July 13, 2019, a meeting was held in Nan Bwadòm with a view to appointing a chief to lead the armed gang in this locality, replacing Jean Gesner AUGUSTIN alias Nèg Pa, who, according to the information gathered, had just leave the country. His second Tony DÉRILUS alias King Toto, claimed the place he thought he would give him back. The leaders of the other gangs in the area who took part in this meeting, including Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior, Eddy JULIEN also known as Elie JULIEN alias Eddy Martha (include: Eddy son of Martha), and Wilson PIERRE alias Sonson, did not accept the request of Tony DERILUS alias King Toto. A heated argument ensued during which the protagonists used their firearms. At least eight (8) people lost their lives. Specific information regarding five (5) of them could be found by RNDDH.

2. Recall of the various attacks perpetrated in Nan Tokyo

25. In Nan Tokyo, at least four (4) attacks were recorded.
26. On March 8, 2019, armed bandits went to Nan Tokyo and torched a dozen small houses. They operated under the orders of Jimmy CHÉRIZIER, alias Barbecue;
27. On April 13, 2019, armed bandits fired rounds of bullets in Nan Tokyo before setting fire to a vehicle which belonged to the well-known Luckner. They operated under the orders of Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior;
28. On April 14, 2019, around noon, individuals with large-caliber automatic weapons, handguns, machetes, axes, tear gas canisters and gasoline canisters, raided the premises in Nan Tokyo where they killed twenty (20) people, made disappear two (2) others and wounded six (6) people by bullets. Almost all the houses they found on their way were set on fire. A private Isuzu brand vehicle, registered AA-32385, belonging to Yvener JEAN was also burned.
29. On December 14, 2019, Jimmy CHÉRIZIER aka Barbecue and his armed gang once again invaded the Nan Tokyo neighborhood. During the attack five (5) people were killed. They were beheaded, and their remains burned.
30. From November 2018 to December 2019, armed attacks in La Saline and Nan Tokyo resulted in the death of at least one hundred and thirty-six (136) people, the collective rape of at least eleven (11) women and girls, and the disappearance of more than seven (7) people. Many houses were vandalized and burned.
31. These sporadic and ongoing attacks on La Saline and Nan Tokyo had the effect of shaking the peace agreement between La Saline, Nan Tokyo and Pont Rouge, the first two (2) zones having been in 2018 and 2019, constantly at war. Meanwhile, La Saline fell under the command of Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior.

3. Assassination of Erns Nicolas, former gang leader operating in Fort Dimanche

32. Erns Nicolas, leader of the armed gang operating in Fort Dimanche was approached by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior who now controls the neighborhoods of La Saline, for the establishment of an agreement between their different gangs, in favor of the interests of the ruling power. Erns Nicolas categorically refused.

From November 2018 to December 2019, in La Saline and Nan Tokyo, 136 people were murdered, 11 women and girls were raped, and more than 7 people are missing.

33. So, Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior proposed the same market to Micanor ALTÈS known as Monel FÉLIX alias Roi Mikanò which controls the neighborhood called Wharf Jérémie. He latter accepted.

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34. Following this agreement, Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior and Micanor ALTÈS alias Roi Mikanò decided to attack Ernso NICOLAS of Fort Dimanche because, according to them, the presence of the agreement risks preventing them to progress in favor of power. This is how a new alliance was born.

35. Micanor ALTÈS still known as Monel FÉLIX alias Roi Mikanò, until then ally of Ernso NICOLAS, received money and ammunition to make the head of the gang fall, in order to win the cause of power, this block which represents a non-electoral weight negligible and permanently prevent any anti-government gathering in the area. In return, the wanted notice issued against him would be cancelled by the police.

36. On the afternoon of May 8, 2020, at the invitation of Micanor ALTÈS, still known as Monel FÉLIX, Ernso NICOLAS and his wife Anite, so known, went to the headquarters of Micanor ALTÈS, their ally. Once there, the men of Micanor ALTÈS gang opened fire on Ernso NICOLAS before stabbing him several times. His wife was also shot and killed. Their remains were thrown into the sea.

37. Having heard nothing from their leader Ernso NICOLAS and knowing that he had gone to the fiefdom of Micanor ALTÈS, the members of his armed gang took steps with him to find their leader. They therefore learned that Ernso NICOLAS was assassinated by his former ally and, helped by the armed gangs of the Dessalines alley, Deschamps alley, Chancerelles and Fort Dimanche, they decided to avenge him.

38. This resulted in a situation of tension and sporadic armed attacks between the various neighborhoods mentioned above. In the evening of May 17 to 18, 2020, the gang leader of Chancerelles and Ruelle Dessalines, Yvon so known, was shot. Two (2) of the members of his armed gang were killed. According to information provided by residents, they were attacked by armed individuals mounted on an armored tank of the National Police of Haiti (PNH). Yvon so known and the two (2) members of his gang were in their fiefdom when the aforementioned armed men boarded the tank, shot them.

39. On May 23, 2020, soldiers of Ernso NICOLAS joined forces with those of Yvon so known to attack Micanor ALTÈS alias Roi Mikanò. They were soon forced to flee towards Cité Soleil in the fiefdom of Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel, their ally.

40. Since then, armed gangs close to the government have decided to take effective and definitive control of all the blocks of the Pont Rouge.

V. PREPARING FOR ATTACKS

41. In the evening of May 23, 2020, a preparatory meeting was held at Delmas 6, rue Piton in the fiefdom of Jimmy CHÉRIZIER aka Barbecue between thirteen (13) armed gang leaders, close to the government in power. It is:

- Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue;
- Iscar ANDRIS alias Isca, head of the Belekou armed gang in Cité Soleil;
- Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior of Nan Charbon;
- Wilson PIERRE alias Ti Sonson from rue St Martin and rue Porcelaine, Bel-Air area;
- Micanor ALTÈS also known as Monel FÉLIX, alias Roi Mikanò, gang leader of Wharf de Jérémie;
- Jouma ALBERT alias Zouma by Simon Pelé;
- Matias SAINTIL from Nan Boston to Cité Soleil;
- Ezekiel ALEXANDRE from the Pilate Base;
- Big Sony thus known, representative of Christ-Roi Chéry alias Chrisla leader of the gang operating in Nan Ti Bwa, haut Martissant;
- Gregory thus known, head of Delmas 95;
- Harold thus known, head of Delmas 95;
- Scott thus known, Cité Okay - Cité Jérémie, head of Delmas 19;
- Pouchon thus known, Cité Okay - Cité Jérémie chef de Delmas 19.

42. This meeting was an opportunity for these leaders to organize simultaneous attacks against Pont Rouge, Chancerelles and Nan Tokyo.

VI. THE ATTACKS

43. On May 24, 2020, around fourteen (2) p.m., the armed gang led by Micanor ALTÈS also known as Monel FÉLIX, as well as the armed gang led by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior, both (2) helped by their allies, besieged the four (4) blocks of Pont Rouge while Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue, at the head of his armed gang, headed for the districts of Nan Tokyo.

44. During the afternoon and all evening of May 24, 2020, as well as on May 25, 2020, automatic weapon fire was heard in these various districts. Many people have been murdered.

45. On May 25, 2020, having learned that members of the armed gangs led by Pablo, Yvon and their allies had taken refuge in the camp hosting people with reduced capacities, located on the former airstrip, the gang Krache Dife de Delmas 6 orchestrated and led a raid during which two (2) people were killed: one (1) teenager fifteen (15) years old as

The small-capacity camp, located on the runway of the former aviation, was attacked. Two people, including a 15-year-old minor, were murdered.

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well as Soleil so known. His body was charred. Fire was also set in twenty-four (24) prefabricated houses for people with reduced capacities.

5 tanks of the PNH actively participated in the attack of Nan Brooklyn. Tear gas canisters were first launched in all directions and then residents were systematically chased by armed bandits.

46. On May 26, 2020 around fifteen (15) hours, five (5) armored of the National Police of Haiti (PNH) took position at the entrance of the area called Underground in the neighborhood of Nan Brooklyn in Cité Soleil. Tear gas tubes and cylinders were fired in all directions, forcing the residents of the area to flee so as not to be asphyxiated. Shortly after, automatic weapons were fired from all sides. Those who tried to flee were then shot or wounded with a knife, stoned with stones and blocks. Many bodies were charred and/or thrown into the water.

47. Those who escaped the fury of armed gangs were able to take refuge in neighboring neighborhoods such as Cité Militaire and Simon Pelé. Others hid in the camp for people with reduced abilities and visual impairment, located on the runway of the old aviation and finally, several others threw themselves to the sea.

48. While fleeing, many victims saw burning bodies on piles of rubbish and others, saw armed bandits who continued to behead people while they were still alive.

49. Among the members of the armed gangs that invaded the various neighborhoods mentioned above are women whose mission was to vandalize houses before they were set on fire.

50. At the same time, residents attempting to return to Cité Militaire were murdered by members of the armed gang operating in Simon Pelé, led by Jouma ALBERT alias Zouma.

51. On the 26 and 27 of May 2020, members of the armed gangs led by Iscar ANDRIS, Jimmy CHÉRIZIER aka Barbecue, Micanor ALTÈS still known as Monel FÉLIX, aka Roi Mikanò and Mathias SAINTIL, attacked the Nan Brooklyn neighborhood in Cité Soleil, controlled by Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel. In the course of the attack, at least four (4) people were killed, more than twenty (20) others were injured, and the small houses in the community known as Sous Terre, Nan Brooklyn territory, bordering on the Belekou neighborhood, were all set on fire.

52. Complainants asserted that Jimmy CHÉRIZIER aka Barbecue was transported to Cité Soleil in a PNH armored vehicle. Residents saw him get out of the vehicle in question by having his loved ones take a photo and video.

53. In addition, several residents of La Saline who had taken refuge at the Wharf of Jérémie after the massacre that occurred on the night of November 13 to 14, 2018, were massacred by Micanor ALTÈS known as Monel FÉLIX and members of his armed gang. Their remains were thrown into the sea.

VII. ASSESSMENT OF THE ATTACKS

54. The non-exhaustive record of these five (5) days of attacks at Pont Rouge, Nan Brooklyn, Chancerelles, Fort Dimanche, Nan Tokyo and the camp hosting the people with reduced capacities located on the old airstrip, is very heavy.

55. At least thirty-four (34) people were killed, including three (3) minors and six (6) women. At least eight (8) persons were shot, including one (1) minor and one (1) three (3) year old girl. Ninety-eight (98) houses were also vandalized and/or burned.

From May 23 to 27, 2020, 34 people were killed including 3 minors and 6 women. 8 people were injured by bullets.

- On May 23, 2020, one (1) young woman was killed;
- On May 24, 2020, eighteen (18) people were murdered, including four (4) women;
- On May 25, 2020, one (1) person was killed;
- On May 26, 2020, five (5) people were murdered, including one (1) woman;
- On May 27, 2020, four (4) people were murdered.

56. In addition, five (5) others were killed. However, the exact dates of their deaths are not known.

1. Murdered persons

57. The following is the information collected by the RNDDH regarding the persons killed during these five (5) days of attacks.

- Jackson ALEXANDRE. He was killed at Charlotin Alley at Pont Rouge on May 24, 2020. He was the father of two (2) children including one (1) daughter;
- James ALEXANDRE. He was killed at Charlotin Alley at Pont Rouge on May 24, 2020. He was the father of four (4) children including one (1) daughter;
- Mackenson ALTIDOR. He was killed at Charlotin Alley at the Pont Rouge on May 24, 2020 by members of the armed gang led by Micanor ALTÈS;
- Ritha AUDAIN, born 14 April 1986. She was shot and beheaded at Ruelle Deschamps on 24 May 2020;
- Mikerlange BERNARD, twenty-seven (27) years old. She lived with her mother in Sous Terre, a town in Cité Soleil. When she fled on 26 May 2020, she was killed by members of the armed gangs led by Iscar ANDRICE, Jimmy CHÉRIZIER alias Barbecue, Micanor ALTÈS known as Monel FÉLIX, alias Roi Mikanò, Mathias SAINTIL. She was the mother of a two (2) year old girl;

- Ricardo ETIENNE, sixteen (16) years old. He was killed in the Dessalines alley by members of Nan Chabon's armed gang led by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior. He was a well-known footballer in the area;
- Nenel FRANÇOIS, twenty-four (24) years old. He was sleeping in his mother's house when armed individuals belonging to the gang of Serge ALECTIS aka Ti Junior attacked the alley Charlotin. They went to his house and he administered several bullets. His body was charred as well as the house;
- Robenson FRANCOIS, thirty-two (32) years old. He was shot in the head on May 24, 2020 as he was returning home to Charlotin Alley. The bullet was fired by a member of the armed gang headed by Serge ALECTIS aka Ti Junior;
- Fednor GUERRIER, fifteen (15) years old. He was killed on 24 May 2020. According to the police report from the Portail Saint Joseph sub-police station, he was shot in the chest while in Nan Tokyo;
- Jean Ronald GUERRIER, thirty-six (36) years old. He was shot dead on 27 May 2020 at his home, in the Dessalines alley at the Red Bridge, by members of the armed gang led by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior;
- Berline IZIDOR, born 15 December 1971. She was shot and killed on her way home in Fort Dimanche on 24 May 2020;
- Mackenson JEAN, born July 1, 1986 was at home in Soleil 17, Cité Soleil on May 26, 2020. He was ill. Members of the armed gangs led by Iscar ANDRICE, Jimmy CHÉRIZIER alias Barbecue, Micanor ALTÈS still known as Monel FÉLIX, alias Roi Mikanò and Mathias SAINTIL, invaded the area of Sous Terre in Nan Brooklyn. He was killed with blocks. He was the father of three (3) children including one (1) daughter;
- Pouchon JEAN-BAPTISTE, born March 16, 1995. He lived in Sous Terre, a town in Cité Soleil. On the 26th of May 2020, he was at home when armed gangs led by Iscar ANDRICE, Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue, Micanor ALTES still known as Monel FELIX, alias Roi Mikanò, Mathias SAINTIL, invaded the area. While trying to escape, he received one (1) bullet to the right collarbone. He died on the course of the Hospital Sainte Thérèse located near the Wharf of Jérémie where he was driven. He was the father of a nine (9) month old baby;
- Ivenson JOSEPH. He was thirty-five (35) years old. He was killed on 24 May 2020 in the Charlotin alley by members of the armed gang led by Micanor ALTÈS, still known as Monel FÉLIX, alias Roi Mikanò. He was the father of two (2) children including one daughter;

- Isaiah JULES, born August 8, 1988. May 27, 2020, in the aftermath of the armed gang raid led by Iscar ANDRICE, Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue, Micanor ALTES known as name of Monel FELIX, alias King Mikanò, Mathias SAINTIL, he left his house where he had spent the at night, when he was hit with one (1) bullet in the head. Isaiah JULES was the father of six (6) children, according to his joint;
- Peterson JOSEPH, alias Panès, was captured by the armed gang led by Jouma ALBERT alias Zouma. He was taken to Cité Militaire where he was killed;
- Roger LINDOR, born October 23, 1982. He was shot and decapitated at Deschamps lane on May 24, 2020;
- Junior MORENCY, twenty-six (26) years old. He was shot dead at Fort Dimanche on May 24, 2020. His body and his house were set on fire;
- Jackson PIERRE, twenty-five (25) years old. He was near his house when armed bandits invaded the area on May 26, 2020. They shot (1) in the chest area;
- Rita PIERRE. She was forty-seven (47) years old. She was killed with a (1) bullet in the head on May 24, 2020 by members of the armed gang led by Micanor ALTES also known as Monel FELIX, alias King Mikanò. Her body was then dragged down the street before being charred. Rita PIERRE was the mother of three (3) boys. The elder lives in Chile;
- Walnerson PIERRE, born on February 7, 1994, lived with his two (2) daughters and his pregnant wife. four (4) months. On May 27, 2020, he was returning home when he was surprised by armed gangs by Iscar ANDRICE, Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue, Micanor ALTES also known as Monel FELIX, alias Roi Mikanò, Mathias SAINTIL. He received one (1) bullet to the head;
- Wisler PIERRE born September 8, 1993. He lived in Sous Terre, Cité Soleil. On May 26, 2020, he returned of work when he was surprised by the armed gangs led by Iscar ANDRICE, Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue, Micanor ALTES also known as Monel FELIX, aka Roi Mikanò, Mathias SAINTIL. Wisler PIERRE was shot in the head with one (1) bullet. He was the father of a girl of two (2) years);
- Edouard SAINT LOUIS, born on August 10, 1993. On May 24, 2020, he was shot and then beheaded at the Deschamps lane;
- Judith SAVOIR received a bullet in her rib cage on May 23, 2020. She was at Fort Dimanche;
- Antoine SHELTON, twenty-one (21) years old. He received a (1) bullet in the left foot on May 24, 2020. He died almost two (2) hours after being hit. His killer is a

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member of the armed gang led by Micanor ALTÈS. Shelton ANTOINE leaves behind a two (2) year old girl;

- Jean Garry ST PAUL born December 27, 1988. He lived in La Saline with his mother Marie PRESUMÉ aged sixty-five (65). He took refuge with his mother in Dessalines lane where he maintained a clairin trade in order to support himself and his mother. He was riddled with bullets on May 24, 2020 at Alley Canne located in front of the monument to Jean Jacques DESSALINES. His murderers are part of the armed gang led by Micanor ALTÈS also known as Monel FÉLIX, aka Roi Mikanò. The body of Jean Garry ST PAUL was thrown on May 27, 2020 in a mass grave in the area. Jean Mary ST PAUL was the father of one (1) little girl;
- Fritz VIAU. He was twenty-nine (29) years old. He was killed on May 24, 2020 in the Charlotin lane by members of the armed gang led by Micanor ALTÈS alias Roi Mikanò;
- Fritz, thus known, was shot dead. Her body was charred;
- Gelna thus known was killed by bullets then her body was charred in her house, on May 24, 2020;
- Junior thus known was shot dead on May 24, 2020;
- Patrick thus known alias Tchouko was shot dead then his body was charred in his house on May 24, 2020;
- Ronel alias Ti vwazen thus known was killed. Her body was burned. One (1) vehicle, which was parked in front of his small business, was also burned. He had just given twenty thousand gourdes to members of the armed gang led by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior in order to ask them to save his life;
- one (1) fifteen (15) year old adolescent was killed on May 25, 2020 in the camp for people with reduced abilities located on the former airfield. His remains have been charred.
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2. Injured persons

58. At least eight (8) persons were injured by gunfire. These are:

- Bourgot BELLEFLEUR, seventeen (17) years old. On May 26, 2020, he received one (1) bullet to his left foot while standing on the courtyard of his house in Underground, Cité Soleil;
- Elie BELLEGARDE slept at home in the Ecclesiast alley when armed gangs led by Iscar ANDRICE, Jimmy CHÉRIZIER alias Barbecue, Micanor ALTÈS known as Monel FÉLIX, alias Roi Mikanò and Mathias SAINTIL invaded the area. He was hit with a bullet in his right hand. The forefinger is cut, and the middle finger is in a straightening device. Another bullet grazed his forehead. He is the father of six (6) children;
- Gina JEAN, twenty-six (26) years old, was shot in the arm while attempting to return home to Fort Dimanche;
- Billy JEAN BAPTISTE, twenty-seven (27) years old. He received one (1) bullet to the foot on May 24, 2020 in Nan Tokyo, from one of the members of the armed gang led by Jimmy CHÉRIZIER aka Barbecue;
- Thérèse LOUIS, sixty-seven (67) years old, is the mother of four (4) children. She was at home in the Dessalines alley with her granddaughter Judeline Savoir when she saw the arrival of a first group of armed and hooded individuals. They told her they had nothing to fear. However, a second group of armed individuals arrived. They fired in her direction and in the direction of the girl. Thérèse LOUIS was hit with one (1) bullet in the right leg. The girl received four (4) bullets: one (1) bullet in each hand, one (1) bullet in the belly and one (1) bullet in the right thigh. Judith SAVOIR, daughter of Thérèse LOUIS and mother of Judeline SAVOIR was murdered the day before;
- Bicot MENTOR, born 1988. He received one (1) bullet to the left flank;
- Judeline SAVOIR, three (3) years old, was taken to her grandmother's home in the Dessalines alley, in Pont Rouge, after her mother was murdered on May 23, 2020 in Fort Dimanche. The next day, May 24, 2020, she received four (4) bullets. She was rescued by a traffic police officer who drove her, accompanied by her grandmother, also in blood, to the Bernard Mevs Hospital where she underwent surgery;
- Betty TELUSCA, thirty-five (35) years old, was on May 24, 2020 at Pont Rouge when she was hit with one (1) bullet in her right leg.

Judeline Savoir, 3, was shot four times, one in each hand, one in the right thigh and one in the stomach.

3. Homes vandalized and/or burned

59. At least ninety-eight (98) houses were set on fire. Indeed:

- At Pont Rouge, at least thirty-six (36) houses were set on fire by members of the armed gang led by Micanor ALTÈS also known as Monel FÉLIX, aka Roi Mikanò;
- At Fort Dimanche, at least thirty (30) houses were set on fire by members of the armed gang led by Micanor ALTÈS;
- In Nan Tokyo, eight (8) houses were set on fire in the section overlooking the premises of the Salvation Army base. In addition, all the houses which overlooked the premises housing the Central Directorate of Road Police (DCPR) were burned;
- Twenty-four (24) prefabricated houses, located at the camp for people with reduced capacities located on the former airfield, were burned on May 25, 2020.

60. RNDDH was able to collect information relating to a few victims who lost their homes.

- Domingo Arafat BRITILIEN, father of two (2) young girls, was at his house in Dessalines lane on May 24, 2020 when automatic fire was fired at Pont Rouge. He rushed outside with his family members. His house was burned down after being looted by members of the armed gang led by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior;
- Magalie CAJILUS, born January 8, 1983. She lived in Sous Terre, locality of Nan Brooklyn in Cité Soleil. On May 26, 2020, all the houses in his locality were burned down as well as his own. She lost everything she owned.
- Yvrose DESRUISSEAUX lived in Fort Dimanche where she ran a bar called Dieu Mighty. His house and his business were vandalized and then burned down on May 24, 2020 by members of the armed gang of Micanor ALTÈS, also known as Monel FÉLIX;
- Martine DORCÉ, thirty-nine (39) years old, lived in Nan Tokyo. His house was vandalized and then burned down by members of the armed gang led by Jimmy CHÉRIZIER aka Barbecue. It should be recalled that his house was already vandalized and partially burnt down in April 2019;
- Genisca FREDERIC, father of six (6) children, lived in a house he had rented in Dessalines lane. On May 24, 2020, his house was vandalized and then burned down by members of the armed gang led by Junior ALECTIS alias Ti Junior;
- Mauliane JEAN, mother of three (3) daughters, moved to Fort Dimanche after the La Saline massacre perpetrated on the night of November 13 to 14, 2018. She was returning from her commercial activities when the attack took place at Fort

Dimanche. Informed by friends that bandits were looting and burning everything in their path including her house, she did not return home. She is the sister-in-law of Antoine SHELTON who was killed on May 24, 2020. Her spouse, Wilmir SHELTON, himself brother of Antoine SHELTON, was killed during the La Saline massacre perpetrated on the night of 13-14 November 2018;

- Sendie JEAN, twenty-one (21) years old, lived in the Charlotin lane in Pont Rouge. She was going about her business when she heard heavy fire from automatic firearms. Sometime later, armed individuals, members of the gang led by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior, broke into her home. They took away all the valuables before setting them on fire. His brother Nènel FRANÇOIS, who was sleeping inside, was killed;
- Sérana INNOCENT, seventy (70) years old, lived in Sous Terre with Mikerlange BERNARD, one (1) of her three (3) children. On May 26, 2020, members of armed gangs led by Iscar ANDRICE, Jimmy CHÉRIZIER alias Barbecue, Micanor ALTÈS also known as Monel FÉLIX, alias Roi Mikanò, Mathias SAINTIL burst into the area and set fire to his House;
- Myrlène IZIDOR was at the home of a cousin when she was alerted by heavy fire in the Fort Dimanche area. Her mother Berline IZIDOR, who was returning home, was killed and her house was torched, according to reports. She and her sister are now housed by an aunt;
- Vanna LORMEZIER aged thirty-seven (37) lived with her children and her husband Jules ESAÏE in Sous Terre, a town in Cité Soleil. Her house was burned down on May 26, 2020;
- Thérèse LOUIS, who, after having been hit by a bullet, had to abandon her house, learned that it had been vandalized by the bandits who had injured her. They stuffed everything;
- Darline MEDARD, twenty (20) years old, lived in Ecclesiastes Lane in the locality of Nan Brooklyn with her two (2) year old daughter. On May 26, 2020, her house was burned down;
- On May 24, 2020, Guerul OCTINA was returning home when he heard heavy fire from firearms. He changed his mind. On June 10, 2020, he returned home to find that his house was completely burned down;
- Gladys PAUL, aged forty-nine (49), is the mother of five (5) children, including two (2) boys. On May 26, 2020, she was doing laundry when she heard cries of distress from people in the area. Immediately afterwards, she heard heavy gunfire. So, with her children, she fled, despite the smoke and tear gas.

- Micheline PAUL is the mother of six (6) children including three (3) girls. Her house located at Ecclesiastes Lane, Nan Brooklyn was burned down on May 26, 2020;
- On May 26, 2020, Rita PAUL's house located on Ecclesiastes Street, Nan Brooklyn, was burned down. She is the mother of four (4) children;
- Roosevelt PENN lived with his three (3) children in Deschamps lane. Armed gang members of Junior ALECTIS alias Ti Junior torched his house on May 24, 2020 after vandalizing it;
- Mackenson PEXCER was in his house with his wife and several other people when the attacks took place. Fire was put on the ground floor of his house. Those who were in his company and himself were saved thanks to the assistance of one (1) of the armed bandits who attacked the area. He was recognized by him since he is a football player. Her house was completely burned down. He claims that while fleeing, he noticed at least six (6) lifeless bodies lying on the streets and more than twelve (12) other houses that were on fire, including that of his mother;
- Genesis PIERRE, thirty (30) years old, lived in Dessalines lane, in Pont Rouge. Her house was vandalized and then burned down by members of the armed gang led by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior;
- Angeline ROMULUS 'house, located on Ecclesiastes Street in Nan Brooklyn, was burned down on May 26, 2020. Angeline ROMULUS is the mother of four (4) children;
- Anna RONDO, fifty-seven (57) years old, is the mother of four (4) children including three (3) girls. Her house was burned down on May 26, 2020;
- Kesly SAINT PHILIPPE lived with his spouse and his son in Nan Tokyo. During the night of May 24 to 25, 2020, his house was vandalized and then burned down by members of the armed gang led by Jimmy CHÉRIZIER aka Barbecue. Since then, he has been staying with his family with at his sister;
- Claudy SILIEN, thirty-one (31) years old, lived in Pont Rouge. On May 24, 2020, his house was vandalized and then burned down by members of the armed gang led by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior.

VIII. EXPLANATIONS OF THESE ATTACKS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS

61. Several people interviewed in this investigation have tried to explain the sporadic attacks they have been experiencing for some time. They equate them to a will of the authorities to the power to politically control the territories attacked, for electoral purposes.

62. The former member for Cité Soleil, Pierre LEMAIRE believes that it is because the President of the Republic Jovenel MOÏSE is obsessed with the organization of elections that he continues to do everything in order to control the deprived neighborhoods by continually distributing firearms, I need time and money.

63. He believes that the reversal of Micanor ALTÈS, still known as Monel FÉLIX alias Roi Mikanò leader of the armed gang operating at Jérémie's Wharf is the result of a political calculation of the power in place.

64. Micanor ALTÈS received forty thousand (40,000) US dollars, five (5) large arms, in addition to the three (3) other weapons of the same kind which belonged to him and which had been previously seized by the police authorities.

65. Other people met in the context of this investigation supported this thesis on the will of the power to control the territory for electoral purposes while arguing that the former Member of Parliament for Cité Soleil Pierre LEMAIRE is also an important element of the disputes that exist in the commune of Cité Soleil. His cousin Gabriel JEAN PIERRE aka Ti Gabriel is the head of an armed gang operating in Nan Brooklyn.

66. These individuals believe that state authorities are involved in the orchestration and commission of these armed attacks. They want as to proof the fact that Jimmy CHÉRIZIER alias Barbecue and several members of his armed gang, were taken to Cité Soleil on board of armored vehicles freshly acquired by the police institution, in order to attack the Nan Brooklyn neighborhood.

67. Another concordant sources report that Jimmy CHÉRIZIER alias Barbecue is often inside these tanks, accompanied by agents of specialized units of the National Police of Haiti (PNH).

Jimmy CHÉRIZIER alias Barbecue is often inside armored vehicles of the PNH, in company specialized units.

68. For others interviewed in the course of this investigation, the explanation of these attacks in cascade is simpler. They feel they are being perpetrated against them because of their positions anti-government policies. For example, they were never forgiven for opposing the presence of the President of the Republic Jovenel MOÏSE at the Pont Rouge on October 17, 2018, in sign of protest against the non-compliance of the promises made by the first lady Martine MOÏSE.

69. In addition, they believe that their ability to mobilize and the non-negotiable importance of the electorate they represent, and those in power do everything they can to under their yoke. Because, the control of the area by the power in place would be such as to prevent any new anti-government gathering in the perimeter of Saint Jean Bosco and to rally gangs

IX. OPINIONS OF THE POLICE AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES

70. According to the officers of the commissariats and sub-commissariats near Pont Rouge, Chancerelles, La Saline, Nan Tokyo and Fort Dimanche, armed attacks on 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 of May 2020 were planned, in part because of the new G-9 alliance. Indeed, all armed gangs including leaders had not agreed to take part in this alliance, expected to be attacked.

71 However, the continued supply of weapons and ammunition to armed gangs by the authorities in power while the police stations and sub-police stations surrounding the areas not even enough to defend themselves, remains very worrisome for the police officers met in the scope of this investigation.

72. In addition, the Departmental Service of the Judicial Police (SDPJ) –Department of the West told the RNDDH that many deadly clashes between rival gangs were actually recorded. While it is true that some bodies were carried away by the armed bandits, numerous cases of murder and gunshot wounds reported by the media could not yet be verified by the PNH, the situation being difficult in the areas in question, due to the violence is rampant.

DDO holds relative information in its database to a single corpse and, since the last events, an armored has been installed in Pont Rouge.

73 According to the SDPJ, Justices of the Peace find it difficult to get to the scene to make findings of the lifeless bodies. Several corpses were therefore lifted by members of their family, without legal evidence. Some of them were placed in funeral enterprises. However, the heads of these companies were unable to provide information about them.

74. The SDPJ also told the RNDDH that the Central Directorate of the Judicial Police (DCPJ) is investigating the latest events recorded at Pont Rouge, Chancerelles, La Saline, Nan Tokyo and Fort Dimanche. Since then, an armored vehicle has been installed at Pont Rouge.

75. With respect to the latest bloody events, the Direction Départementale de l'Ouest (DDO) holds in its database information relating to one (1) body that was found by Justice of the Peace Jean Brunet NOËL.

76. Deputy Justice of the Peace Jean Brunet NOËL, with whom the RNDDH spoke, confirmed that he had indeed made a finding of a corpse. However, he is unable to say

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where he came from, as he was taken outside the Portail Saint Joseph sub-police station by police officers who told him that the victim lived in Nan Tokyo.

X. INSTALLATION OF NEW ARMED GANGS LEADERS

77. In parallel with these armed attacks, on the initiative of Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior, Micanor ALTES still known as Monel FELIX alias Roi Mikanò and Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue, new gang leaders have been installed in various neighborhoods freshly conquered by them.

- On May 25, 2020, Garry LYRON alias Coby was placed as chef in Chancerelles by Micanor ALTES also known as Monel FELIX aka King Mikanò;
- On May 26, 2020, Ronald ALCIDE alias Depòte was installed in Nan Tokyo as first chef and Georges thus known as his second;
- On May 26, 2020, Daniel thus known alias Tapajè was placed at the head the armed gang of Delmas 2;
- On May 27, 2020, Colson JEAN was placed in Nan Barozi by Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue, in replacement of Alex JOSEPH alias Mal Konprann killed on November 6, 2019 during the massacre of Bel-Air;
- On May 27, 2020, Richardson LOUIS was placed at the head of the gang called G-8, operating at the top of Delmas 4;
- On May 27, 2020, Joshua thus known was placed at the head of the gang operating at the bottom of Delmas 4;
- On May 28, 2020, Mackenson LOUIS another member of the Hébert gang, who had taken refuge in Belekou, stronghold of Iscar ANDRICE, has been placed at the head of the Peace Village gang.
- On May 28, 2020, Ti Jude thus known was placed at the head of the gang of Fort Dimanche. He was under the orders from Hébert who once ruled the area. The latter was killed by Ernso NICOLAS who had him replaced.
- On May 28, 2020, Jean Gardy ALECTIS alias Dyòl, was placed in Nan Bwadòm by his brother Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior. The latter now controls the entire perimeter of Croix-des-Bossales and La Saline.

9 new armed gang leaders were installed by Serge ALECTIS alias Ti Junior, Micanor ALTES alias Roi Mikanò and Jimmy CHERIZIER, aka Barbecue.

XI. CREATION OF G-9

78. Gangs operating in various parts of the capital have federated to create a coalition they called themselves G-9.

79. In an audiovisual presentation circulated on social media, gang leader Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue, actively sought after – according to police authorities – for his involvement in various massacres perpetrated in the deprived neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince, presented the G-9 which is composed as follows:

- Jimmy CHERISIER AKA Barbecue – Delmas 6
- Iscar ANDRICE Cité Soleil – Belekou
- Christ-Roi CHERY aka Chrisla – Nan Tibwa
- Serge ALECTIS alias Ti junior – La Saline
- Wilson PIERRE aka Sonson St Martin Street – Bel-air
- Micanor ALTES still known as Monel FELIX as King Mikanò – Wharf Jérémie
- Jouma ALBERT alias Zouma – Simon Pelé
- Ezékiel ALEXANDRE – Pilate Base
- Matias SAINTIL – Nan Boston / Cité Soleil

80. These nine (9) armed gang leaders are supported by a group of twenty (20) other gang members organizational and territorial significance. Their leaders are referred to as bridgeheads or members of the G-20.

1. Power base of Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue and G 9

81. Every day the powers of Jimmy CHERIZIER grow stronger. He is a powerful man, feared by the private business sector, armed arm of President Jovenel MOÏSE, protected by the police institution that facilitates his movements, assists him in his various actions and often appeals to him.

82. For example, on April 1, 2020, the Fund for Economic and Social Assistance (FAES) sent Delmas 6 a cargo of food kits for distribution. Several specialized units of the PNH were present during this distribution carried out under the direction of the principal inspector Romane PICARD, assigned to the Commissariat of Delmas 33. He was seconded by the Central Directorate of the Police Administrative (DCPA) to the distribution security commission of the FAES. Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue actively participated in the aforementioned distribution.

83. The Senior Inspector was summoned to the HNP General Inspection. He stated that he did not know Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue because otherwise, he would have done otherwise. After his audition, the IGPNH decided not to close the case.

84. The G-9 is now powerful at the level of power. One of its leaders, Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue, claims to want to take control of several underprivileged neighborhoods in the country. Members of the G-9 participate in high-level meetings, are consulted by state authorities and their advice is taken into account. For example, on the recommendation of the G-9, state authorities have appointment, on June 4, 2020, of Frantz IDERICE as head of the Caisse d'Assistance Social (CAS).

85. Frantz IDERICE is a relative of Iscar ANDRICE, head of the armed gang operating in Belekou and close to Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue. These two (2) last, invited to take part in the installation of the new Director General of the CAS, attended the scene in official armored vehicles.

86. According to the information gathered by the RNDDH, Frantz IDERICE receives his instructions only from Ministry of the Interior and Territorial Collectivities while the line he heads is placed under the supervision of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

87. It should be noted, however, that Frantz Iderice did not confirm or deny the chosen by the G-9.

XII. POLICE COLLUSION WITH JIMMY CHERIZIER AKA BARBECUE

88. According to information collected by the RNDDH, many police officers are in collusion with Gang Leader Jimmy CHERIZIER. Here are a few:

89. Garry SANON, 13th promotion. He was assigned to the Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of Order (UDMO) then, disused after his name had been quoted in the massacre of La Saline. It is part of currently part of the administrative police force at the Petite-Rivière de l'Artibonite. However, it is regularly in Port-au-Prince, alongside Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue.

90. David DIVERANT, 24th promotion. He facilitates the travel of Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue. It has a vehicle of the PNH often assigned to difficult areas of access. Its name was quoted in the Massacre of La Saline by victims who filed a complaint against him. David DIVERANT accompanies often Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue in his many criminal activities. He was transferred to Pignon, Northern Department. However, it is regularly in Port-au-Prince.

91. Luckson DESSOURCES, 24th promotion. He is assigned to the Security Unit of the National Palace (USGPN). For meetings with gang leader Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue at the National Palace, he's driving him.

92. Alain BOYARD alias Pouchon, AIII, 18th promotion. He is assigned to the Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of Order (UDMO). His name was already mentioned in the operation of November 13, 2017 in Grand- Ravine. He ensures the safety of Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue;

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93. Mackendy CANTAVE, AII, 22nd promotion. He is assigned to the Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of the Order (UDMO). It ensures the safety of Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue;

XIII. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

94. During the month of May 2020 Pont Rouge, Chancerelles, La Saline, Nan Tokyo and Fort Dimanche was the scene of bloody events whose human and material record is very heavy: thirty-four (34) people were killed among them three (3) minors and six (6) women. Eight (8) other persons were injured, including two (2) minors, including a three (3) year old girl. Ninety-eight (98) houses were vandalized and/or burned.

95. The conduct of these raids gives a chill to the back: Rolling vehicles of the police institution of which at least five (5) armored vehicles were used to allow armed bandits to travel to areas that were to be attacked, tear gas tubes and cylinders were launched for the population to flee and, in unprecedented violence, men, women of all ages were systematically targeted. Some were shot while others were injured by bullets, stabbing, stones and cement blocks by members of the armed gangs led by Serge Alectis alias Ti Junior, Iscar ANDRICE, Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue, Mathias SAINTIL and by Micanor ALTES still known as Monel FELIX, alias King Mikanò.

96. Examples of the indiscriminate violence with which these attacks were perpetrated are: many: In Soleil 17, Mackenson JEAN, was murdered with blocks; Ritha AUDAIN, was killed by bullets then decapitated; A three (3) year old girl received four (4) bullets. Two (2) people including one minor of fifteen (15) years were murdered at the camp for people with reduced abilities, located on the old aviation runway

97. Several family members are victims of these chain attacks. For example:

- Mauliane JEAN lost her house that was just burned down. His spouse, Wilmir SHELTON was murdered in the massacre perpetrated in La Saline from 13 to 14 of November 2018. His brother-in-law Antoine SHELTON was just killed on May 24, 2020.
- On May 23, 2020, Judith SAVOIR was killed by one (1) bullet in her ribcage. She was in Fort Dimanche. Her three (3) year old daughter Judeline SAVOIR was taken to her grandmother, Thérèse LOUIS, mother of Judith SAVOIR. The next day, Judeline SAVOIR received four (4) bullets. Her grandmother, Thérèse LOUIS, was also shot with one (1) bullet to the right leg.

98. The National Network for the Defense of Human Rights (RNDDH) is concerned that armed gangs protected by the power of Jovenel MOÏSE become more powerful day by day. They organize themselves with the blessing of the authorities who provide them with weapons and ammunition. They benefit, for the protection of the police institution. This is the case for example of Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue, which is allowed to use the

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rolling stock of the PNH for as long as it says it wants attack underprivileged neighborhoods housing close relatives of the political opposition.

99. Many officers belonging to specialized units of the PNH including the General Security Unit of the National Palace (USGPN), the Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of Order (UDMO), the Brigade Departmental Operation and Intervention (BOID) and the Intervention Corps for the Maintenance of Order (CIMO) have sworn allegiance to Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue. They are paid exorbitant for services rendered.

100. The General Inspection of the PNH, very lax, closes its eyes to the numerous excesses of police officers who protect armed gangs and maintain good relations with Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue. For example, on April 1, 2020, when the police institution claims to be looking for Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue, he gives instructions for him to participate in a distribution of food, moreover, made in disrespect of the rules of the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (PAH). Indeed, it was the powerful gang leader Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue who appointed the beneficiaries of the miserable kits offered by FAES, suggesting at the time, that no list of participants had been previously established, based on selection criteria. To date, no sanctions have been taken against these policemen who participated, alongside Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue, in this food distribution.

101. For their part, having neither means nor intervention materials, the rare police officers not involved in the protection of armed gangs assigned to police stations and sub-police stations surrounding areas de Pont Rouge, Chancerelles, La Saline, Nan Tokyo and Fort Dimanche, are powerless and do nothing but see the damage.

102. RNDDH is particularly concerned about the establishment of the G-9, with the complicity and blessing of the state authorities and under the passive gaze of the Superior Council of the National Police (CSPN). In this sense, the RNDDH fears a resurgence of armed attacks, in particular because of the fact that the President of the Republic Jovenel MOÏSE and his government want at all costs to realize the elections in the country.

103. RNDDH recalls that since the arrival of the current team in power, the citizens of deprived neighborhoods live in unspeakable constant terror. They are forced to abandon them houses and everything they own so they don't get killed by gunmen.

104. Today, when all eyes are on the management of the Corona Virus, and measures are advocated by state authorities to prevent its spread and the increase in the number of deaths in the country, the struggles between armed gangs cause more deaths, through several geographic departments of the country.

105. RNDDH estimates that the numerous loss of life recorded from 23 to 27 of May 2020 in Pont Rouge, Chancerelles, La Saline, Nan Tokyo and Fort Dimanche prove that the Haitian state failed in its responsibility to guarantee respect for the right to life of all, as

stipulated in articles 19 and 3 of the Haitian Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

106. Similarly, the right to security of people living in these disadvantaged neighborhoods has been systematically trampled on. However, it is a principle that the fact that a State guarantees the right to life submits to the obligation to maintain order, throughout the national territory.

107. Finally, the right to private property of victims of disadvantaged neighborhoods has also been violated. In this meaning, it should be remembered that they were already living in a great state of destitution and had to – again once - see their meager possessions go up in smoke.

108. Based on all of the above, the RNDDH recommends that the authorities concerned:

- End the protection of armed gangs;
- Investigate collusion between PNH agents and armed gangs;
- Investigate the links between Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue and some police officers
being part of the specialized units of UDMO, USGPN, CIMO and BOID;
- Investigate the links between Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue and some police officers
assigned to the sub-commission of Delmas 3;
- Ensure the safety of people living in deprived neighborhoods;
- Take the necessary sanctions against all agents of the PNH who protect Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue.

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