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**Assassinations, Ambushes, Hostage-taking, Rape, Fires, Raids:  
*The authorities in power have installed terror in Cité Soleil***

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## **Summary of Report**

1. Questioned by the latest armed attacks recorded in Cité Soleil, the National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH) launched an investigation from June 30 to August 8, 2020, the results of which are presented in this report for which, the organisation met with police authorities, judicial authorities, notables of Cité Soleil as well as 108 victims and relatives of victims.
2. The testimonies and analyses of all the people met reveal that terror is once again installed in the city, with the complicity of the authorities in power: assassinations, ambushes, hostage-taking, gang rapes, house fires, raids, hijackings of public transit vehicles: the population of Cité Soleil is experiencing uninterrupted violence.
3. The toll of human losses recorded is enormous: from June 1 thru July 28, 2020, at least 111 people were murdered, 48 people are missing, and 20 others were wounded by bullets. 18 women and girls were repeatedly raped by armed bandits. At least 5 public transit vehicles were intercepted, and 6 houses burned down.
4. For their part, the police authorities do not have adequate and sufficient equipment to compete with heavily armed bandits: Of the 15 armored vehicles acquired in 2019 to facilitate police interventions in areas under the control of armed bandits, 9 are already down. In addition, without vehicles to carry out patrols, without weapons and ammunition: the police officers assigned to the police stations, sub-police stations and police antennae of Cité Soleil, completely left to themselves, had twice to abandon their post, to save their lives.
5. Justice plays only an extra role in the city, since local residents do not have the right to request it, without the prior authorization of the armed gang leaders and under penalty of severe sanctions.
6. Today, with the release of this report, the situation at Cité Soleil is tense, the war is not over. No day goes by without registering acts that threaten lives and property, because the G-9, enjoying the blessing and protection of the authorities in power, has promised to seize all the districts of Cité Soleil, to the benefit of the power in place.
7. In order to put an end to the armed violence raging in Cité Soleil, the RNDDH recommends that the authorities:
  - End the protection of armed gangs;
  - Arrest and bring to trial authorities, all members of armed gangs and their protectors;
  - Investigate the PNH armored vehicles involved in the armed attacks;
  - Taking sanctions against police officers who have relations with the G-9 or any other armed gangs;
  - Provide adequate and sufficient resources to the police institution;
  - Organize patrols in all areas of Cité Soleil, including Belekou, Nan Boston and Nan Brooklyn, to deter troublemakers;
  - Ensure a regular rotation and change of police personnel assigned to Cité Soleil's police stations, sub-police stations and antennae.

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. Since the end of May 2020 and until the publication of this report, Cité Soleil has been the scene of armed violence, with hostilities declared open between several armed gangs for the control of neighborhoods that have not allied themselves with the G-9.

2. Every day, in the media of the capital as well as on social networks, more alarming information than each other, reports of assassinations by bullets, collective rapes of women and girls, armed attacks, diversion of public transit vans, house fires, etc.

3. Questioned by this situation, the National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH) launched an investigation from June 30 to August 8, 2020. It proposes to share with those interested in the matter the conclusions of its investigations.

## II. METHODOLOGY

4. As part of its investigation into the bloody events at Cité Soleil, the RNDDH visited the site several times and met with officials from the following institutions:

- Brigade de Protection des Mineurs (BPM);
- Central Directorate of Administrative Police (DCPA);
- Central Directorate of the Judicial Police (DCPJ);
- Direction Départementale de l'Ouest / Police Nationale d'Haïti (DDO/PNH);
- Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of First Instance in Port-au-Prince;
- Cité Soleil Peace Court.

5. The RNDDH also gathered testimony, views and analysis from:

- Jean Joseph ENOCK, Pastor;
- Janéus JOEL, former mayor assessor of Cité Soleil and current acting agent of the Executive;
- Michaëlle SEVIGNE, City Delegate of Cité Soleil;
- One hundred and eight (108) victims and relatives of Cité Soleil victims.

## III. PRESENTATION OF CITÉ SOLEIL

6. Located in the borough of Port-au-Prince, Cité Soleil is one of the twenty (20) communes that make up the Department of the West<sup>1</sup>. It is divided into two (2) communal sections: Varreux 1 and Varreux 2 which total an area of 21.8 square kilometers. These two (2) communal sections form the thirty-four (34) former districts of the city which, because of its new configuration, are now reduced to twenty-nine (29).

7. In May 2015, the population of Cité Soleil was estimated by the Haitian Institute of Statistics and Informatics (IHSI) at two hundred sixty-five thousand seventy-two (265.072) inhabitants.

8. Administratively, Cité Soleil will host one (1) Peace Court, one (1) Town Hall, one (1) Vital Statistics Office and six (6) police stations. This is a (1) police station located on the Boulevard des Amériques still known as Route 9, three (3) sub-police stations – the Duvivier sub-police station, the Sierra 2 sub-police station and the sub-police station located between Soleil 17 and 19, whose

brand new building has never been used – and two (2) police antennas installed respectively at Carrefour-Drouillard and not far from the Station des Gonaïves.

9. A very large proportion of the population of Cité Soleil lives in the disadvantaged area where housing is unhealthy. In fact, the dirty, unventilated, un-lit slums built with disparate pieces of wood and sheet metal do not have, for the most part, places of comfort<sup>2</sup>, carrying the people who live there, to defecate on the ground or in plastic bags. And, the environment of the city is characterized by piles of garbage and mud often formed by the overflow of rainwater and untreated canals.

10. In terms of health, the population of the city is served by the Isaïe Jeanty Maternity Hospital, Sainte Catherine Hospital, Love and Hope and a few private health centers. The medical personnel assigned to it work in difficult conditions, facing insecurity and without adequate equipment.

11. Public education services are otherwise non-existent, at least very limited.

12. The commune has two (2) markets, one located in Bois-Neuf, on the highway and the other, between Soleil 16 and 17, at the entrance of Nan Brooklyn.

13. On the political level, Cité Soleil has been very active since its elevation to the rank of commune because it has since formed a municipality and also has a seat in the Chamber of Deputies.

#### **IV. ZOOM IN ON THE RECENT HISTORY OF CITÉ SOLEIL**

14. Cité Soleil was created in the 1960s and was named after Cité Simone, a name she kept until the fall of Jean Claude DUVALIER.

15. Even if at the time, it was relatively clean, Cité Soleil in its large part, has always welcomed people who had trouble coping and who for the most part, had migrated to Port-au-Prince in search of a job. It has gradually turned into a large slum where all those who cannot cope with the increasingly exorbitant prices of rents in the other neighborhoods of the capital are taking refuge.

16. Since its creation, Cité Soleil has positioned itself on the political chessboard on the one hand, because several candidates use the inhumane living conditions of this fringe of the population to sit their political capital on the other hand, because citizens We are indeed facing great difficulties and are for the most part aware that the much-desired change requires the implementation of targeted public policies, taking into account the specificities and needs of this population.

17. In 1991, after his rise to power, then President of the Republic Jean Bertrand ARISTIDE founded the Famni Lavalas Organization. Since then, Cité Soleil has been a stronghold for this political party. This impression will strengthen when on May 13, 2002, Cité Soleil was elevated to the rank of commune by a Law adopted under the 2nd presidency of Jean Bertrand ARISTIDE. And, having become the eighth electoral district of the borough of Port-au-Prince, in the West Department, Cité Soleil welcomes a significant electorate.

18. Between 2001 and 2002, chimeras appeared. They were mostly men living in La Saline, Bel-Air and Cité Soleil. Excessively zealous, they were armed by the then state authorities with the aim of

attacking the anti-Lavalas and fiercely defending President Jean Bertrand ARISTIDE by sowing terror in the capital: the assassinations of people returning from the bank, Cases of extortion of money, searches of public transport vehicles, as well as executions and kidnappings followed by forcible confinement for ransom, were very frequent at the time.

19. Several armed bandits who lived in Cité Soleil, became very famous because of their involvement in the commission of the aforementioned criminal acts. We still remember:

- William BAPTISTE, aka Ti Blanc;
- Alain CADET, aka Pinochet;
- Franco CAMILLE;
- Ronald CAMILLE aka Ronald Cadav;
- Junior CHARLES aka Yoyo Piman;
- Emmanuel CORIOLAN aka Dom Laj;
- Amaral DUCLONA;
- Evens JEUNE alias Evens Ti kouto;
- Pierre Richard MÉLLIS, aka Kanson Fè;
- Bélony PIERRE still known as Bélony EMALYSE;
- Johnny PIERRE LOUIS aka Ti Bazil;
- Robenson THOMAS aka Labanyè;
- Emmanuel WILME aka Dread Wilme.

20. This list of bandits who, for a time, had sown mourning in Cité Soleil is not exhaustive. However, several of them maintained close links with other bandits operating in Delmas and Tabarre, two (2) communes juxtaposed in Cité Soleil. This made them very powerful.

21. On September 30, 2004, after the departure for the exile of Jean Bertrand ARISTIDE, many of these armed bandits launched Operation Baghdad and put Port-au-Prince to fire and bloodshed. People were abducted and raped in Cité Soleil. Heavy ransoms were delivered there for the recovery of the victims of abduction or often their corpses.

22. More than ever, Cité Soleil as well as other strategic areas in the Department of the West have been classified red zones as security risks were high.

#### ***a) Dismantling of gangs formerly operating in Cité Soleil***

23. From September 2004 to September 2005, as a result of Operation Baghdad and the general deterioration of the country's security situation, at least one thousand thirty-one (1031)<sup>3</sup> people were killed, including seventy-three (73) police officers. Two hundred and thirteen (213) gang rapes were reported by the victims<sup>4</sup>.

24. The year 2006 was also marked by criminal atrocities: kidnappings, murders, rapes. During that year, the situation was so critical that several schools in the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince were forced, prematurely, to close their doors. At least five hundred and forty-four (544) cases of kidnapping, seven hundred and eighty-one (781) cases of murders, of which forty-one (41) police officers were registered. Twenty-four (24) cases of gang rape were reported to the Hospital of the

State University of Haiti (HUEH). Each time, Cité Soleil has been indexed as the hideout of the bandits involved in the perpetration of these abuses.

25. The passivity of the many agents of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) then present on Haitian soil since 2004, including military and police officers moving aboard armored vehicles, has been denounced. Thus, at the end of 2006 and during the first part of the year 2007, the National Police of Haiti (PNH) and MINUSTAH conducted a set of operations in Cité Soleil with the aim of hunting armed bandits. Examples of these operations include:

- On December 26, 2006, in Bois Neuf, part of the fief of Belony PIERRE was destroyed and five (5) suspected members of this gang were wounded by bullets during exchanges of fire with the UN force;
- On 5 January 2007, Edner PIERRE alias Zachary, head of the kidnapping cell in the armed gang led by Belony PIERRE was arrested in Bois Neuf.
- On March 11, 2007, MINUSTAH arrested thirty (30) members of armed gangs who lived and operated in the Linteau and Ti Ayiti neighborhoods of Cité Soleil. Two (2) hostages were released during this operation;
- On March 13, 2007, Evens JEUNE alias Evens Ti Kouto who had been hunted in his fief in Cité Soleil and had taken refuge in the Southern Department, was arrested in Laurent, a locality in Les Cayes. It was heliported to Port-au-Prince to be handed over to the authorities concerned;
- On February 20, 2007, eighteen (18) persons residing in Belekou, including two (2) women, including Junior CHARLES alias Yoyo Piman, were arrested. MINUSTAH took advantage of this operation, to take control of the residence of Amaral DUCLONA who had had time to escape;
- On the night of 7-8 of May 2007, Jean Eoldy TORCHON aka Blade Nasson, caught at his mother's house in Soleil 17, was arrested during an operation in Linteau 2 conducted jointly by agents of MINUSTAH and the PNH.

26. The results of these operations, the previous list of which is far from exhaustive, can be presented as follows: At least forty (40) members of armed gangs were arrested or in their fiefdoms, or in some provincial cities where they had taken refuge while more than a dozen fell in exchanges of fire with the security forces. More than one hundred and forty-six (146) individuals, including women and minors, have been arrested and detained for their involvement in the commission of wrongdoing.

27. These operations to dismantle armed gangs have made it possible to restore calm even temporarily in the commune of Cité Soleil and have had a definite impact on the security situation of the country in general. The table comparing abuses committed in 2004-2005, 2006 and 2007 shows this improvement:

Description	Sept. 2004 – Sept. 2005	Jan. – Dec. 2006	Jan. – Dec. 2007
Murders	1031	781	352
Police Killing	73	41	22
Kidnappings and sequestration	-	544	246
Rape	213	24	31

28. From 2007 to 2010, even though some acts that threatened lives and property were attributed to bandits operating in Cité Soleil, generally speaking, the security situation allowed at least the residents to go about their activities and the roads adjacent to the city were frequented.

29. However, and according to several people met in the framework of this survey, during this period, it was formed in the block of disadvantaged neighborhoods of Cité Soleil a city with its own organization, other than that of the Haitian state: the armed gangs that have reconstituted themselves since the last operations conducted by MINUSTAH and the PNH, have their own court where they judge the residents. They also set up places of confinement, which they blithely call police stations and order these residents to be kept there as punishment for criminal acts committed. The police and judicial authorities of the municipality, aware of this state of affairs, alerted the central authorities who never intervened.

30. Thus, a victim who chooses to file a complaint to the Peace Court of Cité Soleil risks being punished by the bandit running his neighborhood, for not having referred to him beforehand. Similarly, people arrested and kept in sight at the Commissariat de Cité Soleil are snatched from the hands of the police authorities by armed bandits who often carry out their own trial.

31. The population of the city ceased to alarm the authorities of the commune when it understood that some police officers assigned to the police station, sub-police stations and antennae of Cité Soleil were too complacent with the armed bandits, were participating alongside them, in recreational activities, celebrated their birthdays and drank with them without restraint.

***b) Pacification of Cité Soleil***

32. In 2011, following the legislative, presidential and municipal elections, an agreement was reached between elected officials for the long-term pacification of Cité Soleil.

33. The candidates running for the Town Hall and the Chamber of Deputies had moreover led a campaign around the pacification and development of Cité Soleil, inviting the leaders to calm their supporters and sympathizers and to make them accept an alternation to elective positions, from one election to another, for the aforementioned positions.

34. However, according to the residents met as part of this investigation, the deputies Almétis Junior SAINT-FLEUR and Pierre LEMAIRE, having sat respectively in the 49th and 50th legislatures, come from Nan Brooklyn. They were – and still are – the protectors of the armed gang led by Gabriel JEAN PIERRE aka Ti Gabriel or Gabo;

In recent years, armed gangs operating in Cité Soleil have benefited from the protection of elected officials.



35. The municipal cartel whose mandate has just been completed and composed of Jean Hislain FRÉDÉRIC, Chief Mayor, Joël JANÉUS and Sherley JOSEPH, Mayors Assessors, is an exclusive composition of Nan Brooklyn.

36. The fact that the elected authorities came from Nan Brooklyn was generally well accepted to the point that at the end of 2012, the then Minister of the Interior and Territorial Authorities, Léon Ronsard ST CYR had undertaken to federate armed gangs operating in the Haitian capital through a structure that was then called G-8. For Cité Soleil, the G-8 was composed of:

- Gabriel JEAN PIERRE aka Ti Gabriel – Nan Brooklyn;
- Ti Pye so known - Nan Belekou. Upon his death, he was replaced by Iscard ANDRICE;
- Tekyelo - 1st City of Nan Boston. He was replaced by Matias SAINTIL.

### ***c) Use of Armed Gangs in Social Programs***

37. In the Cité Soleil peace process, political leaders agreed to integrate armed gangs. Since then, a strategy to involve members of armed gangs in the city's affairs has been implemented. To this end, they were invited to set up socio-economic organizations and to convert themselves into development agents.

38. Today, organizations led by armed bandits regularly receive from the private business sector as well as the authorities in power, exorbitant amounts or large amounts of equipment for interventions for the benefit of people in difficulty. This allows gang leaders to provide food for the most vulnerable, pay for the tuition of a few children, provide health care funds to some families, and so on.

39. For example, in Nan Brooklyn the Gabriel Foundation which belongs to Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel provides assistance to the relatives of the victims of the various armed attacks recorded in his fief, by providing them with means for the organization of the funeral. The Foundation houses and feeds people whose homes have been set on fire. In addition, local leaders are supporting vulnerable people in Nan Brooklyn by distributing food products for their benefit through the Gabriel Foundation. Gabriel JEAN PIERRE is therefore presented by residents as a bandit with a good heart, who does good things.

40. When they do not have an organization, the armed gang leaders themselves receive assistance on behalf of the population. For example, in Nan Boston, the leaders of the organizations having been driven out of the area, after Matias SAINTIL had taken on January 4, 2020, the reins of the armed gang operating in this neighborhood, it is to that all aid is given for distribution to the most vulnerable. However, it resells the aid received on the market. And those who complain of this state of affairs risk execution.

41. The situation is similar to Nan Belekou, fief run by Iscard ANDRICE with an iron fist presented by the residents as a chief with a stone heart, who acts as a vigilante, lawyer, judge, according to the cases presented to him. He, too, resells the aid received on behalf of the citizens of Nan Belekou. They would not dare to complain about it, under pain of execution.

42. The interventions of the members of the armed gangs for the benefit of the population which is floundering in misery increase their dependence on these bandits and keep them in a situation that they develop towards their benefactors, a feeling of admiration. Often, they are complicit in the acts that are accused of the bandits. If sometimes this complicity in the commission of their crimes is only passive, other times it is downright active.

43. It is in this context of apparent peace that the G-9 leaders have peremptorily declared that they want to take control of all the armed gangs of Cité Soleil and rally them to the cause of power in place.

## **V. PREVIOUS EVENTS**

44. In July 2018, while the electoral news is back on the table for the replacement of deputies and magistrates whose mandates were about to expire, Junel LOUIS alias Ti Ougan launched a slogan «50/50» to announce to its opponents that the 2011 agreement has never been respected, for the next elections, the power will be divided equally between all armed gangs of Cité Soleil.

45. In response, Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel also launched his slogan «Back to back 100 %», saying that there is no question of sharing between the various armed gangs of Cité Soleil because, all the powers must be concentrated in the hands of his armed gang, as was the case in the last election.

46. Latent rivalries would fuel the flame of discord among formerly allied gang leaders. Since then, it is the split between the districts controlled respectively by Junel LOUIS alias Ti Ougan and by Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel.

47. On November 29, 2019, Junel LOUIS alias Ti Ougan, who operated in Nan Boston and controlled part of Projet Drouillard, was assassinated by Watson JEAN JOSEPH, still known as Orevil JOSEPH alias Ti Joseph, a close relative of Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel. Watson JEAN JOSEPH took the place of the deceased with the blessing of Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel. However, the same day, he rallied to Iscard ANDRICE, fierce opponent of Gabriel JEAN PIERRE aka Ti Gabriel, gang leader of Nan Brooklyn.

48. In retaliation, Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel seized Projet Drouillard and placed there his lieutenant Ronald so known alias Figi Kraze by eliminating Johnny GUERRIER alias Gros Johnny. Monique HONORÉ, mother of Johnny GUERRIER alias Gwo Johnny had moreover filed a complaint with the Central Directorate of the Judicial Police (DCPJ) against Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel, for having murdered her son, according to what she reported to the RNDDH.

49. Moreover, if the armed gang of Nan Brooklyn led by Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel has benefited from the protection of Lemaire PIERRE, former deputy of the 50th legislature, he latter, fallen into disgrace vis-à-vis the power that he supported while he was in Parliament, is no longer of any help to him, even if Gabriel JEAN PIERRE can still count on the unfailing loyalty of former deputy Lemaire PIERRE.

50. Since 2019, the rise in power of the armed gangs of La Saline, Delmas strengthens the power in place which believes to have a certain guarantee allowing it to do without the support of Lemaire PIERRE.

51. The G-9, made up of influential armed gangs, was released to the public in June 2020. Since then, its objective has been to gather as many armed bandits as possible, in order to strengthen themselves. Those who resist are then attacked. And when they fall, their leaders are replaced by new individuals, acquired in the cause of the G-9.

52. It should therefore be remembered that today, Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel, in addition to Nan Brooklyn occupies with his armed gang, part of the Drouillard Project where is located a significant electorate. However, he categorically refused to integrate the G-9, hence the planned and perpetrated attacks against it. Thus, on May 26 and 27, 2020, G-9 attacked Nan Brooklyn. However, Gabriel JEAN PIERRE aka Ti Gabriel resisted. Since then, the attacks have intensified, and even today, when this report was published, it is the siege throughout the city.

## VI. THE FACTS

53. Since May 2020 and even a little before, Nan Brooklyn has been the target of attacks by armed gangs led by Iscard ANDRICE, leader of the gang operating in Belekou and by Matias SAINTIL, leader of the gang operating in Nan Boston. Nan Brooklyn is accused of not wanting to ally himself with the G-9.

*Armed attacks, raids, vehicle hijackings, gang rapes, murders, gunshot wounds and arson: Cité Soleil is being held hostage by G-9 armed gangs*

54. However, it is the whole commune of Cité Soleil that, taken hostage by the armed gangs of G-9, lives in great terror, instituted by those who want to control it. Not a day goes by without murders, rapes, fires and ambushes being recorded.

55. All roads providing access to the outside of Nan Brooklyn are monitored by armed gangs led by Iscard ANDRICE, Matias SAINTIL and other G-9 members often called for reinforcements.

56. During the months of June and July 2020, seven (7) armed attacks were carried out against the Nan Brooklyn Market. At least twelve (12) people lost their lives.

57. At least five (5) times, vans were hijacked by the armed gangs led by Iscard ANDRICE, Matias SAINTIL. Four (4) out of five (5) times, the women and girls who were there were gang raped while all the men were murdered.

58. Moreover, since the opening of hostilities four (4) months of this, the presence of agents of the National Police of Haiti (PNH) is less and less noticed in the commune of Cité Soleil. This lack of police authorities facilitates the intensification of armed attacks against the city by G-9 members. For example:

- On July 1, 2020, around 3:15 p.m., armed bandits, mounted on the roof of the building called Love and Hope, fired at nearby neighborhoods. At least three (3) people were killed that day.
- On July 2, 2020, around fifteen (15) hours, two (2) armored PNH passed on the Boulevard des Amériques still known as route 9. Arrived at the perimeters of Project Drouillard, they shot at passers-by and in the direction of houses. At least five

*In July 2020, 2 armored vehicles of the PNH were involved in the armed attacks in Cité Soleil.*

(5) people were killed and approximately ten (10) injured.

- On July 12, 2020, the armed gang led by G-9 spokesman Iscard ANDRICE attacked Soleil 17. Five (5) people were killed among them, one (1) eight (8) month old girl, Merry Djuna FLEURIMOND. She was at home when she was shot in the back of her left ear, which came out of her face. Several other people were shot and wounded.
- On the night of July 18-19, 2020, around two (2) o'clock in the morning, Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel, still known as Gabo, seized Pastor Seung's building with his armed gang. Don KHIM located near the Cité Soleil Police Station. At least eight (8) members of the armed gang led by Iscard ANDRICE who were there, were murdered. Large-caliber weapons including one (1) M-4, one (1) Ak-47, one (1) Galil, a Kadash were seized.
- On July 19, 2020, around eleven (11) hours in the morning, the armed gangs led by Iscard ANDRICE and Matias SAINTIL, assisted by four (4) armored personnel carriers of the Haitian National Police (PNH) regained control of the building belonging to Pastor Seung Don KHIM. At least six (6) bandits from the armed gang led by Gabriel JEAN PIERRE aka Ti Gabriel as well as two (2) other people who had gone there, presumably close to these bandits, were murdered. The six (6) bandits were riddled with bullets while the other two (2) people were thrown from an upper floor of the building. They did not survive the fall. The weapons that had been seized the day before were not found.
- It should be recalled that this building, which houses a school, hospital and church, is strategically located and provides monitoring of the Nan Brooklyn neighborhood.
- On the same day, July 19, 2020, members of the armed gang led by Iscard ANDRICE murdered two (2) other people in Nan Brooklyn.

## VII. BALANCE SHEET

59. The results of the armed attacks perpetrated in Cité Soleil, which are not exhaustive, are as follows: at least one hundred eleven (111) murdered persons, including twelve (12) women and two (2) minors. One (1) of the minors was eight (8) months old.

*In June and July 2020, in Cité Soleil, at least 111 people were murdered, 48 people are missing, and 20 others were wounded by bullets.*

60. Of those murdered, at least eighteen (18) were shot in the head. Twelve (12) were at the Nan Brooklyn Market and fourteen (14) were at home or returning home when they were murdered.

61. Forty-eight (48) persons are missing among them, two (2) minors.

62. Twenty (20) people were shot and wounded among them, seven (7) minors and four (4) women.

63. Eighteen (18) gang rape victims of which one (1) minor were identified by the RNDDH.

64. Six (6) houses were set on fire.

65. The following table presents a numerical summary of the most recent abuses recorded at Cité Soleil

Description	People Murdered	Missing persons	People injured	Women and girls Raped	Intercepted vehicles	Houses burnt
June	14	5	1	9	1	-
July	97	43	19	9	4	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

**a) Persons murdered**

66. Here are a few details about the lives of the victims and the circumstances in which they were murdered:

- On June 1, 2020, Wismick ARISTIL, Agent I from the 20th class, was shot and killed while he was near the premises of the building housing the police station of Cité Soleil. On secondment to the City Hall of Cité Soleil, he went for the third time to his main place of duty to recover his check which had been previously refused because, the new head of the police station Boyer DÉLIN wanted to meet him. Wismick ARISTIL was fractured in a recent motorcycle accident and was travelling with a crutch.
 

*Following the assassination of police officer Wismick ARISTIL, the main police station in Cité Soleil was abandoned. Since then, PNH officers have been less and less present in the city.*
- On June 3, 2020, at approximately sixteen (16) hours, Norbert Woodjerry JEANNOT, twenty-one (21) years old, a stove manufacturer, was returning from Trois (3) Mains on the road to the airport where he generally conducts his daily activities and was in the vicinity of the Steelworks of Haiti when he was captured and then murdered by G-9 bandits. Fire was put to his corpse. He was the father of one (1) young boy;
- On June 3, 2020, Miguel PIERRE, sixty (60) years old, was shot and then burned to death. He was driving his wheelbarrow through the perimeters of Nan Brooklyn Market during an armed attack. He was the father of eight (8) children including two (2) daughters;
- On the afternoon of June 3, 2020, forty-five (45) year old Jean Eddy JULES was at the Nan Brooklyn Market when armed bandits invaded the area and shot him in the neck. His body was charred. Jean Eddy JULES was the father of five (5) children including one (1) boy;
- On the morning of June 10, 2020, fifty-six (56) year old Fritzner BELLEVUE was at home in Soleil 17 when he was shot in the right lung. He was rushed to a private clinic in the area. For lack of care, he died a few hours later. He was the father of four (4) children, one (1) daughter and two (2) children with special needs;
- On June 13, 2020, around seven (7) in the morning, Antoine AMBOISIER, twenty-eight (28) years old, was captured by bandits of the gang led by Matias SAINTIL and operating in Nan Boston. According to his companion, he was dragged to a secluded place to be murdered. His body was charred;

- On June 16, 2020, at approximately sixteen (16) hours, Marie Denise CHARLES, age thirty-two (32) was in a transit van when she was killed by one (1) bullet to the head. Two (2) other persons who were on the van were also murdered;
- On the afternoon of June 25, 2020, Wilner CAPRE, seventy (70) years old, was out shopping. He was killed by two (2) bullets in the stomach in the presence of one (1) of his neighbors, who informed the family. He was the father of two (2) children;
- On June 26, 2020, Claudy JEAN-LOUIS was in business at the Nan Brooklyn Market when armed bandits landed. On their way, they killed several people including Claudy JEAN-LOUIS. His body was not found;
- On June 26, 2020, Virginia GASPARD, born in 1950 and mother of two (2) children aged respectively twenty-three (23) and twenty-one (21) years, was crossing a canal on her way back from the Nan Brooklyn market when she was shot in the right leg. She fell into the canal. Her body was not found;
- On June 28, 2020, Mérité GEFFRARD, seventy (70) years old, a fisherman by profession, was shot in the head. The body of the victim was found the next day, June 29, 2020, by his spouse while floating on the water. He was the father of seven (7) children, including two (2) daughters;
- In June 2020, Venicia SAINT-HILAIRE, forty-eight (48) years old, was shot and killed while standing next to Becky Dewine – Hands Together, a school run by Hagan THOMAS aka Pè Tòm. She was in a transit van and was returning from downtown when she was murdered. She was the mother of three (3) children including one (1) boy;
- On July 1, 2020, Mackenson LOUISSAINT, born April 13, 1991, was shot twice (2). Rushed to a clinic in the Nan Brooklyn area, he died shortly thereafter. He was the father of three (3) children;
- On July 2, 2020, at approximately six (6) hours in the morning, Germaine PIERRE-LOUIS was at the Nan Brooklyn Market when she was shot in the stomach. Taken to Saint Catherine's Hospital, for lack of care, she died two (2) hours later;
- On July 2, 2020, at approximately fifteen (15) hours, Jean-Yves LAGUERRE, forty-five (45) years old, was on the Boulevard des Amériques still known as Route 9, Project Drouillard area when it was hit by several projectiles fired by individuals boarded two (2) armored vehicles of the PNH. He passed away immediately. Jean Yves LAGUERRE was the father of five (5) children of whom two (2) daughters; Four (4) other people also lost their lives that day, under the same conditions;
- On July 2, 2020, at approximately sixteen (16) hours, Wilner PIERRE, born on June 13, 1987 in Cap-Haitien, was returning from his activities when he was assassinated in «Dèyè Mi». His body was charred. He was the father of three (3) children and his spouse is seven (7) months pregnant;

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- On July 3, 2020, Laguerre PIERRE, octogenarian, was returning from the Croix-des-Bouquets market when he was hit with bullets while he was near the Nan Brooklyn market. His body was not found. He was the father of three (3) children including one (1) boy;
- On July 3, 2020, Fritznel JEAN-BAPTISTE was in his home in Soleil 17 when armed bandits broke into the area. Fritznel JEAN-BAPTISTE was trying to escape when he was captured by the machete-armed bandits who took him to his house before beheading him. Fire was subsequently put into the house and his corpse was charred. Fritznel JEAN-BAPTISTE was father of three (3) children including one (1) boy;
- On July 3, 2020, Jules ESAÏE, fifteen (15) years old, was in front of his mother's house in Nan Sous-Terre when he received one (1) bullet to the head. He died on the spot;
- On July 3, 2020, around five (5) hours in the afternoon, sixty-five (65) year old Venicia CARIÉ was selling at the Nan Brooklyn Market when heavy fire broke out. She did not return home. Her relatives went to the scene and found blood in the space she usually occupies at the market. Shortly after Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel informed the relatives of the victim that she was killed then her corpse, burned by the armed bandits led by Iscard ANDRICE;
- On July 3, 2020, Mérisia MÉRIZIER, born in 1978, sold at the Nan Brooklyn market when she was hit with one (1) bullet to the head. She was the mother of six (6) children including two (2) daughters;
- On July 3, 2020, Wisler JANVIER, born August 16, 1993, was in a van and was returning home when he arrived at Morne Immaculée, near the Nan Boston neighborhood, the van was intercepted with the passengers-There were members of the armed gangs led by Matias SAINTIL and Iscard ANDRICE. They were taken to Nan Boston. The women who were there were released, however, all the men were killed. Wisler JANVIER was the father of three (3) children;
- On July 3, 2020, two (2) brothers, Julio MILIEN and Dinel MILIEN, respectively twenty (20) and twenty-two (22) years old, were killed at Bois-neuf on their return home. They were returning from work. According to the father of the victims, at least six (6) other people were murdered that day;
- On the afternoon of July 3, 2020, Fritzner JOSEPH, born May 3, 1970, was returning from his daily street car-washing activities when he was caught near the Nan Brooklyn Market by armed bandits from the Belekou and Nan Boston neighborhoods. He was shot and killed before being burned to the ground. He was the father of four (4) children, one (1) of whom was a boy;
- On the afternoon of July 3, 2020, Lucmane PIERRE, born on February 7, 1995, Eliphète JOSEPH and Kendy LOUIS were at Soleil 17, a few meters from Lucmane PIERRE's house when they were caught by armed bandits operating under the orders of Iscard ANDRICE

and Matias SAINTIL. They were killed on the spot, decapitated then charred. Lucmane PIERRE was father of two (2) children including one (1) daughter;

- On July 4, 2020, around noon, Vilma LOUIS, fifty (50) years old, was sitting in front of his house at Projet Drouillard when he was killed by one (1) bullet to the head. He was the father of six (6) children;
- On July 4, 2020, at approximately sixteen (16) hours, Jena PIERRE, born on November 3, 1994, was returning from the city center in a public transport van that ran along the national road # 1 when she received one (1) bullet to the head, at the Station des Gonaïves. Jena Pierre died immediately. Informed of the incident, his mother rushed to the scene, but by the time of getting there, fire was put to the corpse of Jena PIERRE;
- On July 4, 2020, at approximately eighteen (18) hours, Désir CAMPÉ, eighteen (18) years old, visited the Nan Brooklyn Market. He was murdered on the way back and his body was found in the evening by friends of his family;
- On July 4, 2020, Navive was shot in the head by Iscard ANDRICE himself;
- On July 4, 2020, at approximately ten (10) o'clock in the morning, Jean-Claude PIERRE, born on June 22, 1981 and father of two (2) children, including one (1) daughter, was in front of his house when he was shot in the head. He died on the spot;
- On July 4, 2020, at approximately 13:00 hours, sixty-two (62) year old Little Brother JOSEPH was on his way to Nan Brooklyn Market when he was shot in the stomach by one (1). The merchants took him to Underground to receive first aid. He died. He was the father of thirteen (13) children including four (4) boys;
- On July 4, 2020, around noon, Junior CADET, aged forty-two (42) years, was in the company of his spouse when he was hit with two (2) bullets, one (1) to the chest and one (1) to the right eye. He died on the spot. According to his wife, he was killed by the armed bandits led by Micanor ALTÈS known as Monel FÉLIX aka King Mikanò. The latter came as reinforcements to those of Belekou and Nan Boston. Junior CADET was father of four (4) children including two (2) boys;
- On July 5, 2020, around thirteen (13) hours, Marie Mode JEAN LOUIS, thirty-nine (39) years old, went to town for the purpose of shopping for her shop. The vehicle in which she was, together with other passengers, was stopped by bandits operating under the orders of Iscard ANDRICE and allies. Forced to get out of the vehicle, the passengers were beaten, killed and burned. Marie Mode JEAN-LOUIS was beaten and then allowed to leave. On her way home, she vomited blood. Driven to the International Force Hospital in Frères, she died a few hours later;

*Armed attacks at Cité Soleil are still ongoing at the time of the publication of this report.*



- On July 5, 2020, at approximately six (6) hours in the morning, Schneider OLIVIER born on May 7, 1997, father of two (2) daughters was at his home when he was hit with one (1) bullet to the throat. He died immediately;
- On July 5, 2020, Fontijeune WANGLER, twenty (20) years old, was in the vicinity of Rara Shalom headquarters in the locality of Sous-Terre when he received one (1) bullet to the stomach. He was taken to a health center at the Wharf in the area. After first aid, he was taken to his home where he died on July 7, 2020. It should be noted that the day he received the lethal bullet, he went to fetch water for his house;
- On July 6, 2020, at approximately eight (8) o'clock in the morning, when armed bandits operating under the orders of Matias Saintil and Iscard Andrice crossed the street to attack the neighborhoods of Nan Brooklyn, Schneider Britus born on June 6, 1997, who was in the area was shot several times in the head and chest. He died immediately;
- On July 7, 2020, at approximately fifteen (15) hours, Ilèdieu JOSEPH, thirty-three (33) years old, a soft drink merchant, was returning home after his activities when bandits captured him and drove him to Nan Boston. The latter gave him a telephone so that he could say his goodbyes to his wife before murdering her coldly;
- On 7 July 2020, Luckson PIERRE, twenty-six (26) years old, was returning from work when he was killed by bandits belonging to the armed gang led by Iscard ANDRICE. His body was charred. Luckson PIERRE was father of three (3) children including one (1) daughter;
- Richard LIBERTIN, born September 18, 1998, lived with his family in Soleil 13. On July 8, 2020, he was at approximately six (6) hours in the morning when he was shot in the neck and exited at the back of his head. He was taken to Médecins Sans Frontières hospital in Tabarre. After first aid, he was transferred to the Hospital of the State University of Haiti (HUEH) for surgery. However, as soon as he arrived, he died;
- On July 10, 2020, at approximately four (16) hours, Vanièse DIGÉ, age forty-seven (47) was at the Nan Brooklyn Market, when she received one (1) bullet to the head. His body was burned to the ground;
- On July 11, 2020, at approximately eight (8) o'clock in the morning, Adrien CHARLES, born on September 15, 1955 and a fisherman by profession, was at home when he was shot in the head by one (1). Rushed to the hospital, he died before receiving first aid. Adrien CHARLES was the father of six (6) children including two (2) boys;
- On July 11, 2020, Berthony was shot in the hip with one (1) bullet, and shortly thereafter he died at the Médecins Sans Frontières Hospital in Tabarre;
- On July 11, 2020, the known Marasa and Cochi were murdered in Nan Brooklyn;

*12 women were murdered, including 1 to 7 months gestation, 2 minors were murdered, including 1 8-month-old baby, 7 minors were shot, and 17 women and 1 minor were raped by several armed bandits.*

- On July 12, 2020, around nine (9) in the morning, Merry Djuna FLEURIMOND, eight (8) months old, was murdered at her home in Soleil 17 with a bullet to the head. She was in the arms of Bilson CHARLES when she received the projectile in the back of her left ear. Bilson CHARLES was also shot in the left arm; on the same day, four (4) other people lost their lives;
- On July 14, 2020, Fanel FORTEGENT, born on June 15, 1999, died. Two (2) days earlier, on the morning of July 12, 2020, Fanel FORTEGENT, accompanied by her sixteen (16) year old sister, went to Soleil 9 in the fief of Gabriel JEAN PIERRE aka Ti Gabriel, in order to look for water. On the way back, Fanel FORTEGENT was hit by one (1) ball on the right flank. The bullet pierced him to the left side of his hip. Transported to a clinic in the area, bordering the Belekou neighborhood, one thousand two hundred and fifty (1,250) gourdes were claimed. His parents could not find the money, on July 13, 2020 he was sent home. He died on July 14, 2020;
- On July 16, 2020, Albertine ANTOINE, born on March 9, 1995, was in a van coming from the Croix-des-Bossales market when arriving at the Ti Zile area, armed bandits opened fire on the van touching several people with bullets. Albertine ANTOINE was reached in the left lung. She was taken to a health center in the area. She succumbed to her injuries before receiving first aid. Albertine ANTOINE was the mother of a six (6) year old boy;
- On the night of 18-19 July 2020, eight (8) members of the armed gang led by Iscard ANDRICE were murdered by armed bandits operating under the orders of Gabriel JEAN PIERRE aka Ti Gabriel. They were in the building of Pastor Seung Don KHIM;
- On July 19, 2020, at approximately eleven (11) hours in the morning, eight (8) persons were murdered, including six (6) members of Gabriel JEAN PIERRE's gang aka Ti Gabriel and two (2) other people in Pastor Seung Don KHIM's building were pushed from an upper floor;
- July 19, 2020 Twenty (20) year old Stanley KOREA was shot in the hip. Taken to a hospital in the area, he died shortly after admission;
- On July 19, 2020, forty (40) year old Parrain JOSEPH was shot several times while returning to his home in Nan Brooklyn. He was the father of seven (7) children;
- On July 19, 2020, around noon, forty-two (42) year old Wilfrice PIERRE received two (2) rounds, one in his right hand and the other in his right forearm. He received first aid at his home, which made his condition worse. He died on July 29, 2020;
- On July 19, 2020, Fanel JEAN, twenty-five (25) years old, was at his home in Underground, Nan Brooklyn when he was shot in the stomach;
- On July 20, 2020, Aurélien ELYSÉE, thirty-nine (39) years old, was returning from work when armed bandits captured him and took him to Nan Boston. According to his relatives, the day after his disappearance, a video of his murder circulated on social networks;

- On July 20, 2020, Janil SEIDE, born on August 8, 1972, was in Soleil 13 when members of the armed gangs led by Jouma ALBERT alias Zouma and Matias SAINTIL invaded the area and killed several people. Janil SEIDE was hit with two (2) bullets: one on the back and the other on the head. The victim was the father of nine (9) children;
- On July 20, 2020, at approximately seventeen (17) hours, Kervens DÉSIR, born on March 5, 2000, was crossing the road in front of his house when he was shot in the chest – right side. His assassins took away his body;
- On July 23, 2020, at approximately three (3) hours, Frenel ALIX, fifty-six (56) years old, was sleeping at his home when a bullet burst woke him up. He received one (1) bullet to the head. The bullet pierced his forehead and exited the right side of his neck. He was taken to the Hospital of the State University of Haiti (HUEH) where he died shortly after his admission. Frenel ALIX was the father of five (5) children including two (2) boys;
- On July 25, 2020, at approximately fourteen (14) hours, Gurlande POLICE born on April 26, 1993, a merchant by profession, seven (7) months pregnant, was sitting in front of her house in Soleil 19 painting a little girl when she was diagnosed with one (1) Bullet to the head that came out through his right eye. Gurlande POLICE was the mother of two (2) children, one eight (8) years old and the other six (6) years old. The victim was seven (7) months pregnant;
- On July 27, 2020, twenty-six (26) year old Eliphet, father of two (2) children, one (1) eight (8) month old baby returning from work, received five (5) bullets: one (1) to the head, one (1) to the stomach, one (1) to the foot and two (2) to the heart;
- On July 28, 2020, Marise was shot in the chest by members of the armed gang headed by Gabriel JEAN PIERRE aka Ti Gabriel or Gabo. Known husbands were at her home in Nan Boston. She died at the hospital where she was driven for medical care.

### ***b) Missing persons***

67. As mentioned above, at least forty-eight (48) people are missing during the last bloody events recorded in Cité Soleil. Here is the information collected by the RNDDH concerning their disappearance:

- On June 3, 2020, around twenty (20) hours, Waldo JEAN, seventeen (17) years old, was captured by Jimmy CHÉRIZIER aka Barbecue who saw him cry after witnessing the rape of his cousin Anite CHARLES. Since then, his family has had no news of him;
- On June 8, 2020, forty-two (42) year old Pierre Lamarre OCCÉANT was returning from the Bossales Cross when he was captured by bandits near the former building of the Haitian American Sugar Company S.A. (HASCO). He hasn't been home since;

*According to a new procedure, many people were captured by armed bandits while they were in public transport vehicles, for rape, beatings and/or execution.*

- On the afternoon of 20 June 2020, armed individuals invaded the Soleil 17 district. They found Tedna LOUINÈS, forty (40) years old, on their way and took him away. His family has not heard from him since;
- In June 2020, thirty-one (31) year old Nasson Eddy LOUTHE, a seller of sugarcane pieces, went out for his daily activities. He did not return home. He was the father of five (5) children;
- On June 20, 2020, Junot JOHN, born May 25, 1963, went to work and never came back. The next day, June 21, 2020, his wife learned that he had left the workplace at the usual time. He is the father of four (4) children;
- On July 2, 2020, Melly GEFFRARD, sixteen (16) years old, went out to buy food for her mother Mérisia DACY. He never came home;
- On July 3, 2020, Demelerc JOSEPH, twenty-five (25) years old, went into town shortly before heavy fire broke out in the Nan Brooklyn neighborhood. He never came back. He is the father of three (3) children;
- On July 3, 2020, Jean-Claude CIVIL, fifty (50) years old, left his home to go to his daily activities of buying and selling iron. He hasn't been home since;
- On July 5, 2020, in the afternoon, twenty-six (26) people attempting to flee the areas attacked at Cité Soleil were surprised at Dèyè Fontèn, in a locality called Anba Mango, by armed bandits led by Iscard ANDRICE and Matias SAINTIL. According to information reported to family members of a few, they were killed by bullets before being charred. Since then, none of these people have returned home;
- On July 5, 2020, around twelve (12) hours, Patrick BOURDEAU, twenty (20) years old, had gone to Martissant and was returning home when armed bandits invaded the Soleil 17 area. He was captured in the van that brought him home. His family has not heard from him since;
- On July 7, 2020, at approximately sixteen (16) hours, in the Belekou area, the van in which Jocelyn CADET, fifty-two (52) years old, was on board was intercepted by bandits belonging to the armed gang led by Iscard ANDRICE. According to the wife of the victim, a few hours later, bandits called Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel or Gabo to announce the capture of the vehicle followed by the murder of all passengers;
- On July 8, 2020, Fleuristal PIERRE, born on July 6, 1993, was returning home to Bois Neuf when the public transport vehicle he took was captured by gangs of Iscard ANDRICE and Matias SAINTIL. Since then, his relatives have not heard from him. He is the father of one (1) three (3) year old boy;
- On July 8, 2020, Richard THÉLUSMA, twenty-four (24) years old, a telephone repairman, was in Sous-Terre when bandits invaded the area. He is missing, his parents having no news of him;

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- On July 8, 2020, twenty-two (22) year old Dieuné ROSMÉ, a motorcycle taxi driver, did not return home after his activities, contrary to his habits. The next morning, his spouse went to his parking spot and learned that he had moved the day before, around seventeen (17) hours. According to people with whom she spoke, the bandits belonging to Iscard ANDRICE's armed gang captured him with his motorcycle;
- On July 10, 2020, while armed bandits operating under the orders of Matias SAINTIL and Iscard ANDRICE invaded the area of Soleil 17, Martel VICTOR who was there, went missing. He is the father of three (3) children;
- On July 15, 2020, thirty-eight (38) year old Christopher JEAN did not return home from work. According to locals, bandits intercepted the van he was in;
- On July 15, 2020, Maxo JEAN-LOUIS was captured at the entrance of Nan Brooklyn on his way home. He was taken to Nan Boston. Since then his family has had no news of him; his brother-in-law Lenet LOUIS-JEAN who accompanied him has also been taken away;
- Since July 16, 2020, Samuel FRANÇOIS, thirty-two (32) years old, has not returned home. Despite extensive research, his parents have not heard from him;
- On July 22, 2020, Jimmy LECTY, born June 12, 1969, went to work and never returned home. People reported to his wife that the van that was taking him home was intercepted by armed bandits operating under the orders of Iscard ANDRICE;
- In July 2020, Bettina JEAN-PHILIPPE, twenty-six (26) years old, went to the Salesian Fathers for food. The van that was taking her home was taken hostage by armed G-9 gangs. Her family has not heard from her since. Bettina JEAN-PHILIPPE is the mother of a two (2) year old boy;
- On July 23, 2020, Jocelyn JOSEPH, in his twenties, did not return home. According to information reported to his parents, he was kidnapped by members of the armed gang led by Iscard ANDRICE.

*Following the latest armed attacks, at least 139 children of Cité Soleil became orphans.*

68. At least one hundred and thirty-nine (139) children became orphans following the killings and disappearances recorded in Cité Soleil in June and July 2020.

### ***c) Women and Girls Raped***

69. At least eighteen (18) women were raped by several armed bandits. The following information was collected from them by the RNDDH:

- On June 3, 2020, at approximately twenty (20) hours, A.C., age thirty-eight (38), was raped in his home in Bois-neuf, Cité Soleil by three (3) individuals operating in the armed gang led by Iscard ANDRICE;

- On June 3, 2020, in Sous-Terre, Soleil 17, F.P., twenty-five (25) years old, was brutally beaten before being raped by at least five (5) men members of the armed gang led by Iscard ANDRICE. The victim is the mother of three (3) children;
- On June 3, 2020, R.M. in Nan Brooklyn, fifty-two (52) years old, was raped by four (4) armed individuals. R.-M.M. is the mother of eight (8) children, two (2) daughters. Her husband was murdered that day;
- On June 3, 2020, J.M., born April 17, 2004, left his home around nine (9) in the morning to travel downtown. The van was intercepted in the perimeters of Dèyè Mi and then taken to Nan Boston where she and two (2) other girls who were in the van were repeatedly raped by armed bandits;
- On the afternoon of June 20, 2020, at Soleil 17, five (5) armed bandits broke into a house and raped three (3) sisters F.B., D.B. and E.B., among the young women found at the scene. For fear of capture, the victims did not go to the hospital. They did not follow any antiretroviral prophylaxis;
- On July 3, 2020, around nineteen (19) hours, L.T., born on May 29, 1978, left her home to buy food for her children. Along the way, two (2) armed individuals who were dressed surprised her and slapped her before taking her to a corner where they took turns raping her. She is the mother of three (3) children;
- On July 7, 2020, at approximately seventeen (17) hours, Y. J., born January 25, 1982, was returning home after her activities when she and J.A.C. accompanying her were stopped in the area known as Dèyè Mi by three (3) armed individuals who threatened to kill them if they tried to escape. They raped them in turn. Late at night, they were released and allowed to go home. Y. J. is a mother of four (4) children including one (1) daughter. One (1) of her children, Mackendy MORON has been missing since March 2020;
- On July 10, 2020, around seventeen (17) hours, S.R., born on May 27, 1959, was travelling to Soleil 20 near the Place de Cité Soleil, in order to buy food when she came across armed individuals who savagely beat her. One of them dragged her into a corner and raped her. She fell into syncope and was found, bathed in blood, by her loved ones. When she regained consciousness, she was at the Hôpital Médecin Sans Frontières in Tabarre. S.R. is a mother of four (4) children including two (2) daughters;
- On July 22, 2020, at approximately eight (8) o'clock in the morning, C.J. aged twenty-one (21) and four (4) other young women were returning from the Croix-Bossales when the van carrying them was intercepted by armed individuals' members of the gang led by Matias SAINTIL. The said van, which had seventeen (17) persons on board, including the driver and five (5) women, was driven to Nan Boston. The twelve (12) men were shot and macheted before their bodies were shot. As for the women, they were all raped throughout the day. Around seventeen (17) hours, they were allowed to return home.

*S.R. the 61-year-old was beaten and then savagely raped until she lost consciousness.*

#### ***d) Persons injured by bullets***

70. At least twenty (20) people were shot and injured.

- On June 22, 2020, at approximately ten (10) o'clock in the morning, the forty-four (44) year old City Delegate of Cité Soleil, Michaëlle SÉVIGNÉ, was in a public transit van near Place Fierté when she received one (1) bullet to her right arm;
- On July 3, 2020, Kesnel BERNARD, father of six (6) children, including three (3) daughters, was in his stove shop when he was hit with one (1) bullet to the right thigh;
- On July 3, 2020, in Sous-Terre, Nan Brooklyn, Jean-Jean BERNARD, thirty-six (36) years old, father of two (2) children including one (1) daughter, was in his stove factory when he was hit with one (1) bullet in the stomach. He was taken to Bernard Mevs Hospital where he received first aid. The bullet is not yet extracted in his body;
- On July 4, 2020, Donaldson HILAIRE, born December 23, 2004, an orphan of father and mother, went to the entrance of Soleil 17 to draw water for his home when he received one (1) bullet in his left arm;
- On July 5, 2020, sixteen (16) year old Jonas ELMÉUS was shot in the stomach;
- On July 10, 2020, Berthony ROMILUS, born on January 6, 1998, was at home when he received two (2) bullets: one (1) on his left arm and one (1) on his left hip. Two (2) of the persons who were in his company at the time of the incident were also shot and wounded;
- On July 12, 2020, Bilson CHARLES, born May 7, 2004, was shot in his left arm while at home in Soleil 17. He held in his arms Merry Djuna FLEURIMOND who was killed;
- On July 12, 2020, Lucien THÉOPHILE, aged twenty-eight (28), was at his home in Belekou with friends when one (1) bullet scratched his head; He was treated at a local clinic;
- On July 12, 2020, Sius RAYMOND was at home in Nan Brooklyn when he was hit with one (1) bullet;
- On July 16, 2020, around ten (10) hours in the morning, Marie Rosette OCCÉANT, a saleswoman at the Nan Brooklyn market, was shot in the left leg. She did not go for treatment out of fear for her life and lack of economic means;
- On July 17, 2020, Mackendy PIERRE, born on March 1, 1998, was at the home of his mother Andreuil EDDYMÉ, when around three (3) in the morning he received one (1) bullet to the right hip. Due to lack of economic means, to date, the bullet is still not extracted from his body;
- On July 19, 2020, seventeen (17) year old Stéphanie PIERRE was shot in the right arm. She came back from laundry, her income-generating activity;

*Due to lack of resources, many people injured by bullets still have the projectiles in their bodies.*

- On July 19, 2020, sixteen (16) year old Peterson MARTINO was at home at Projet Drouillard when, around noon, he was shot several times in his right arm and stomach. After first aid at Hôpital la Paix, he went to the Hôpital Médecins Sans Frontières in Tabarre where he underwent surgery;
- On July 24, 2020, at approximately fifteen (15) hours, Renaldson JOSUÉ was on his way to the town of Bézin when he heard gunfire. He fled when, in his haste, he hit a wall and fell. It was only after he realized he had been shot in the left thigh. He was taken home by neighbors who contributed to buy him antibiotics;
- On July 27, 2020, at seven (7) in the morning, Dieukifèl, thirteen (13) years old, was at home when he was hit with one (1) collarbone bullet;
- On July 27, 2020, Romaine, as known, was feeding one of her children when she was shot with one (1) bullet in her right hand. She went to the Hôpital Médecins Sans Frontières in Tabarre to get treatment;
- On July 27, 2020, Oragène thus known, in his thirties, father of two (2) children, was leaving his home when he was hit with one (1) bullet in his left arm. He was treated at the Médecins Sans Frontières hospital in Tabarre;
- In July 2020, the fifteen (15) year old Tèt Zombi, who is known as Tèt Zombi, was purchased drinking water when he received one (1) bullet to his left wrist on his way home. He was taken to the Hôpital Médecins Sans Frontières in Tabarre for treatment;
- In July 2020, Widson PIERRE, three (3) years old, was shot and grazed his head. He was taken to the Little Brothers and Sisters Hospital where he received the necessary care.

***e) Houses burned***

71. At least six (6) houses were set on fire after being looted:

- On the afternoon of July 3, 2020, the house belonging to Genesis DOMINIQUE, located in Soleil 17, was set on fire by members of the armed gang led by Iscard ANDRICE. Genesis DOMINIQUE is the mother of two (2) children. She lost everything she had while her spouse Jean Claude CIVIL went missing the same day;
- On July 3, 2020, the house of Marie Michel SAINT-LOUIS was burned down. She was there with her three (3) children, including one (1) daughter. She had time to run away with them;
- On July 3, 2020, at Soleil 17, Bettina LORÉUS' house was set on fire. Her husband Fritznel JEAN-BAPTISTE was killed on the same day. Since then, she and her children have been on the streets all day. In the evenings, around nineteen (19) hours, the leaders of the Church of Hope, allow them to spend the night there. For food, the church offers a hot meal to the elderly. She shares hers with her three (3) children including one (1) infant of one (1) year;



- On July 6, 2020, the house of Georges ST LUC, located at the entrance of Soleil 17, was set on fire. He was not present when bandits invaded the area and set fire to several houses;
- On July 10, 2020, at Soleil 17, the house of Venice DELAN was set on fire. She had time to run away with her children. Her spouse Martel VICTOR, who was in the neighborhood, is missing;
- On July 15, 2020, at Soleil 17, the house of Venette LOUIS-JEAN was set on fire, Molotov cocktails having been sent on the houses of the area. She was only able to save her three (3) children.

## VIII. VERSIONS OF AUTHORITIES ENCOUNTERED IN THIS INVESTIGATION

### *a) Police Authority Versions*

72. According to the police authorities interviewed as part of this investigation, the security situation in Cité Soleil deteriorated with the death of Junel LOUIS alias Ti Ougan in November 2019. And, given the scale of the security issue at Cité Soleil, they believe that the Conseil Supérieur de la Police Nationale (CSPN), the fundamental body through which all public security policy in the country passes, shall meet to adopt an emergency response and operations plan and to issue specific orders to the HNP for a coordinated implementation of that plan.

73. The Departmental Directorate of the West of the National Police of Haiti (DDO/PNH) considers however regrettable that on June 1, 2020, the police officer Wismick ARISTIL was killed and that subsequently, the premises hosting the Commissariat de Cité Soleil were abandoned. The DDO believes that no reason can justify such a decision. It should be noted, however, that this is the second time this has been recorded, as police officers abandoned their positions during the first attacks perpetrated from 23 to 27 of May 2020 by G-9, in Cité Soleil.

74. To fill the void created by the abandonment of the police station by the agents of the PNH, a fixed point with an armored vehicle assigned to the service of the Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of Order (UDMO) was placed in front of the buildings of said police station.

75. UDMO officers on the armored vehicle cannot intervene in the field unless reinforced. In addition, the DDO claims to have already received from Commissioner Boyer DÉLIN assigned to Cité Soleil, an operation plan that he had previously requested from the latter.

76. Met as part of this investigation, the Central Directorate of the Judicial Police (DCPJ) wanted to emphasize that one of its functions is to intervene posteriori, in case of serious crime. Consequently, it waits for its implementation, the intervention plan that must be communicated to it by the Directorate General of the National Police of Haiti (PNH) and/or by the Central Directorate of the Administrative Police (DCPA).

77. However, with regard to Merry Djuna FLEURIMOND, this eight (8) month old baby murdered by bullet on July 12, 2020, the seized DCPJ has already transferred the file to the Brigade de Protection des Mineurs (BPM).

78. For its part, the BPM claimed to the RNDDH to have received on July 15, 2020, from the Prosecutor's Office at the Court of First Instance of Port-au-Prince delegation of powers, to conduct its judicial investigation into the assassination of Merry Djuna FLEURIMOND. If the Public Prosecutor's Office in question clearly identified the principal author, it did not consider it appropriate to issue a warrant. However, the BPM has already begun with hearings as part of its investigation.

79. The Central Directorate of the Administrative Police (DCPA) drew attention to the fact that the police officers assigned to the police station of Cité Soleil had to abandon their post because of a crucial lack of means to stick to the bandits who operate there. They do not have bulletproof vests, helmets, armored vehicles, or enough weapons and ammunition.

80. The DCPA also wanted to remind the RNDDH that, as far as public safety is concerned, it is not up to this body to develop its policy and plan. It can only tackle their implementation.

81. Currently, a dynamic intervention plan is being implemented in Cité Soleil, however, the DCPA believes that, as the situation of insecurity facing the municipality is not new, only a concerted intervention of all sectors of national life can remedy it.

#### ***b) Versions of Judicial Authorities***

82. According to one of the magistrates assigned to the Peace Court of Cité Soleil, while it is true that the problem of insecurity is national, the fact remains that the situation in which the inhabitants of Cité Soleil live, is extremely worrisome. Not a day goes by without at least one (1) person being murdered in the city.

83. However, in certain areas within the municipality of Cité Soleil, the authorities cannot execute warrants. The victims who complain risk retaliation not only from their attackers, but also from the bandits operating in their areas because, they do not want the state authorities to be solicited before them.

84. For his part, after having recognized that the situation at Cité Soleil is very complex, the Chief of the Prosecutor's Office at the Court of First Instance of Port-au-Prince, Me Gabriel DUCARMEL, affirmed to the RNDDH that orders were issued by Prime Minister Jouthe JOSEPH and the Minister of Justice and Public Safety Maître Rockfeller VINCENT, to crack down with the last rigour against individuals who sow terror throughout the jurisdiction. However, he believes that the situation imposes an obligation to harmonize the actions of the Police and the Justice to better address the problem of insecurity.

85. The Substitute Government Commissioner assigned to the Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of First Instance of Port-au-Prince, Me Claude BEDFORD confirmed that on July 15, 2020 the Public Prosecutor's Office has effectively delegated powers to the Central Directorate of the Judicial Police (DCPJ) to conduct a judicial inquiry into the murder of Merry Djuna FLEURIMOND. He added that evidence had already been uncovered and that the victim's parents had already been heard. However, no warrant has yet been issued.

### ***c) Versions of Cité Soleil personalities***

86. According to notables of Cité Soleil met in the framework of this survey, the conflict that ravages the commune does not date today. No representative of the State can boast of having any authority in the city because, it is the bandits who make the law there. For example, Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel decreed his prerogative to deflower the girls of his fief. As a result, women are raped at the age of twelve (12) and some have even become pregnant.

87. The various armed attacks recorded in this community often involve hegemonic struggles. For example, one of the main areas of interest for all armed gangs fighting in the city remains and remains the Drouillard Project which, on the electoral level, is of paramount importance for candidates as there is still an electoral center which hosts at least fifty-four (54) polling stations.

88. Today, the commune is divided into three (3) large localities forming a triangle as presented:

- Nan Boston, led by Matias SAINTIL, an ally of Iscard ANDRICE;
- Bélékou led by Iscard ANDRICE;
- Nan Brooklyn directed by Gabriel JEAN PIERRE aka Ti Gabriel.

89. For these notables, if the situation in the commune is today downright unbearable, this configuration of armed gangs already announces the colors of the electoral jousts that the authorities in power are constantly talking about.

### **IX. CURRENT SITUATION IN CITE SOLEIL**

90. Today, with the publication of this report, the situation in Cité Soleil is still tense. It is punctuated by sporadic attacks and acts that threaten lives and property are perpetrated every day.

91. Four (4) PNH armored vehicles crisscross irregularly, some streets of Cité Soleil without lingering. However, the population does not trust the police on board these vehicles since they have often been involved in armed attacks.

92. Victims cannot complain. For fear of reprisals, many do not want to leave the city.

93. Meanwhile, on August 8, 2020, gang leader Matias SAINTIL, who ran the Nan Boston neighborhood, took refuge in the Dominican Republic with his family. According to the information circulating in Cité Soleil, he received a large sum of money that he had to share with the other gangs belonging to the G-9, however, he pocketed most of this amount before fleeing. He was replaced the same day by Cendy MARCELIN alias Zoe.

94. Despite the implementation of a plan to secure Cité Soleil, on August 9, 2020, in the afternoon, the police station of Cité Soleil was attacked by heavily armed bandits.

## X. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

95. The National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH) regrets that still today, it finds itself in the obligation to sound the alarm on the situation of terror installed in Cité Soleil, a situation characterized by numerous assassinations, collective rapes, forced disappearances and house and body fires.

96. When we remember that this situation is fueled by state authorities - who prefer to provide gangs with arms and ammunition in order to satisfy their thirst for power, rather than to strengthen the police institution -- this becomes revolting because it denotes the level of trivialization of life by the state authorities.

97. Indeed, the National Police of Haiti (PNH) totally destitute and not equipped does not have enough boots, bulletproof vests, uniforms and vehicles to carry out patrols. In addition, of the fifteen (15) armored vehicles that were acquired in 2019, nine (9) are already down.

98. There is no doubt that over the last three (3) years, state authorities have not invested in strengthening the police institution while armed bandits never lack weapons, ammunition and money at their disposal to besiege the areas they want under their control.

99. Moreover, if the story of Cité Soleil makes it possible to understand that this community has always been very present on the political scene, it also reveals that in reality, the city has been constantly used by politicians who have never been motivated by the desire to help its socio-economic situation. The appalling conditions in which the citizens of the city live prove this more than was necessary.

100. A similar peace had been established in the last ten (10) years at Cité Soleil. It allowed residents to breathe and above all to go about their business. Students had been able to go to school and some income-generating activities had been carried out.

101. However, during the last ten (10) years, the PNH officers assigned to the various offices, The Cité Soleil sub commissariats and police antennae had not undertaken anything to dismantle the armed gangs that were still there and who had set up their own government, with, in addition, a mode of operation other than that of the country: their court, police station and firing squad were operating at full capacity. These policemen, denounced by the population, were on the contrary close to the gang leaders, attended football matches and other cultural activities organized by the armed bandits.

102. For their part, the judicial authorities of the city are present only for the decor because the rare citizens who dare to appeal to them instead of bandits, incur the death penalty.

103. Since the G-9 took the lead in taking control of Cité Soleil, the hegemonic struggles between the gangs of the various blocks have been revived, with their procession of pain and sorrow. Acts that threaten lives and property are legion and the impotent victim population, taken hostage by armed bandits on both sides, is suffering this uninterrupted violence.

104. The toll of the various attacks perpetrated against the population of Cité Soleil in June and July 2020 is very heavy: one hundred eleven (111) murdered including twelve (12) women and two (2) minors, forty eight (48) missing persons of which two (2) minors, twenty (20) persons injured by bullets, seven (7) minors. Eighteen (18) women and girls were raped among them was a sixty-one (61) year old woman who, as a result of the violence used against her, fell into syncope. At least six (6) houses were set on fire.

105. Once again, armored vehicles assigned to the National Police of Haiti (PNH) participated in armed attacks against the population. And once again, PNH agents assigned to the police station of Cité Soleil, totally destitute, had to flee, not to die in this fury of gangs.

106. If the PNH awaits the orders of the Superior Council of the National Police (CSPN), the latter seems powerless in the face of this situation and unable to develop an intervention plan that would allow the PNH to put an end to this terror installed both in Cité Soleil and in several other disadvantaged neighborhoods of the country.

107. Furthermore, the RNDDH recalls that the nine (9) massacres and armed attacks perpetrated in the country in just over two (2) years have led to the assassination of at least three hundred and six (306) people and the disappearance of at least fifty-five (55) others. In addition to the human losses recorded during anti-government demonstrations and in the context of the widespread insecurity in the country, these acts that threaten lives and property reveal the high level of risk that all citizens face every day-of the country. And, at this rate, the regime of the Haitian Tèt Kale Party (PHTK) in power tends to rise to the rank of the deadliest in the history of Haiti, since 1986.

108. Today, the situation in Cité Soleil remains tense and, more than ever, the G-9, protected by the power in place, is exposing its capabilities in terms of organization, armed attacks, police tactics and, above all, its numerous opportunities to feed on weapons, ammunition, PNH armored vehicles and large sums of money in order to keep the murderous war of gangs on hold, to ensure the power in place control of disadvantaged neighborhoods.

109. At this stage, the RNDDH reminds the authorities in power that it is the duty of the State to guarantee the rights to life, to the security of all throughout the national territory, as stipulated in Articles 19 and 3 of the Haitian Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

110. The RNDDH considers the protection of armed gangs by state authorities, for political and electoral purposes revolting. The organization also considers totally unacceptable the impunity enjoyed by armed bandits, in flagrant violation of Article 224 of the Haitian Penal Code, which states that «Any association of criminals against persons or property, is a crime against public peace».

111. The RNDDH stresses to the attention of all, that the abuses reported in this report constitute crimes against humanity, imprescriptible, if we take into account the decision of the Court of Appeal of Port-au-Prince, delivered on February 20, 2014, in the context of the Jean Claude DUVALIER case.

112. Based on the foregoing, the RNDDH recommends that the relevant authorities:

- End the protection of armed gangs;
- Arrest and bring to trial authorities, all members of armed gangs and their protectors;
- Investigate the PNH armored vehicles involved in the armed attacks;
- Taking sanctions against police officers who have relations with the G-9 or any other armed gangs;
- Provide adequate and sufficient resources to the police institution;
- Organize patrols in all areas of Cité Soleil, including Belekou, Nan Boston and Nan Brooklyn, to deter troublemakers;
- Ensure a regular rotation and change of police personnel assigned to Cité Soleil's police stations, sub-police stations and antennae.

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