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#### **RNDDH position on the new deadly attacks recorded in *Bel-Air***

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1. Since March 31, 2021, information relayed by the media and circulating on social networks reports of new armed attacks recorded in the Bel-Air neighborhood. Several of the victims met by the National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH) reported on the circumstances of these attacks, the seriousness of which particularly attracted the attention of the organization. It therefore considers it its duty to share with those who are interested the first information collected, information that shows an unprecedented cruelty.

2. Indeed, on March 31, 2021, at Rue Saint Martin, members of the armed gang Krache Dife led by Wilson PIERRE alias Ti Sonson, attempted to abduct a character who was in his vehicle. Being hunted, he took refuge in the upper Bel-Air area, an area separated by Rue Docteur Aubry and overlooking the Fort National. Residents of this area having understood what was happening, rescued the victim. This was followed by exchanges of fire that cost the lives of at least seven (7) people.

3. The following day, April 1, 2021, at approximately ten (10) hours in the morning, Lisa Nathanaël SAINT FORT born on January 10, 2001, resident of Delmas 6, accompanied by an individual, was in a grey Mitsubishi Montero DID vehicle, registration BB 80497, with tinted windows. Arrived near the communal asylum of Delmas 2, heavily armed bandits ordered the driver to stop. On the contrary, it accelerated. The bandits then opened fire in the direction of the vehicle. Lisa Nathanael SAINT FORT, twenty (20) years old, was killed. The driver escaped unharmed.

4. In retaliation for the failure of this second kidnapping attempt, on the same day, in the afternoon, three (3) armed gangs of G-9 an Fanmi e Alye besieged the upper Bel-Air, walking on Macajoux Streets, Monsignor Guilloux and Fronts Forts. And since then, they attack sporadically this population taken in hostage. These are the gangs respectively led by Iscard ANDRICE operating in Belekou, Cité Soleil, by Micanor ALTÈS alias Roi Mikanò operating in Wharf Jérémie, Cité Soleil and by Wilson PIERRE alias Ti Sonson whose gang - Krache Dife - operates

in Rue Saint Martin, its surroundings up to Montalais Street.

5. The partial toll of these attacks is already very heavy. At least thirteen (13) persons were murdered, seven (7) of them on March 31, 2021 and six (6) others on April 1, 2021.

6. The persons killed on March 31, 2021 are:

- Marie Patricia DELAIRE, age thirty-three (33)
- Wanitho NIZARD, age sixty-nine (69)
- Elvina JEAN-BAPTISTE
- Bernadette CREPSAC
- Ezekiel, as known
- Matizo, as we know it
- Davidson, as we know it

7. The last three (3) victims were from the assailant camp. They were from G9 an Fanmi e Alye.

8. On April 1, 2021, in addition to Lisa Nathanael SAINT FORT, five (5) other persons were murdered. These were:

- Ronald DÉsir, killed at the entrance of his house at Macajoux Street. His body was carried away by members of Krache Dife;
- Franck MOLÉON, age seventy-eight (78), was burned alive in his house on Rue Monseigneur Guilloux;
- Mackenson POLYNICE, twenty-eight (28) years old, was killed on Rue Monseigneur Guilloux and his body was taken to Nan Chòy;
- Ken ST. CYR aka Ti Joël. He was killed at Rue des Césars. His body was carried away by members of Krache Dife;
- TOTO as known. He was killed at Rue St Combe. His body was carried away by members of Krache Dife.

9. At least five (5) other persons are missing. They are:

- Bernado Lens ALEXIS
- Fanfan EXILUS
- John FELIX
- Vital KEBREAU
- Ti Joël so known – other than Ken ST. CYR, aka Ti Joël.

10. In addition, four (4) other persons were injured. These were:

- Jasmine JOSEPH aged ninety-six (86) years. On April 1, 2021, she was at her home in Rue Monseigneur Guilloux when armed bandits threw her off the floor of her house and dragged her into the street. To save her life, residents of the area had to shoot at the bandits who were attacking this octogenarian. She was taken to the hospital;

- Samuel SIDELCA, twenty-eight (28) years old. On April 1, 2021, he was shot in the head at Rue Tiremasse. He himself went to the hospital where he underwent surgery on April 3, 2021 during which the bullet was extracted.
- Fedner BAZILE;
- Edith BLEMIR.

11. In addition, twenty-two (22) private residences were set on fire and at least three (3) commercial residences were set on fire: one (1) food supply depot, one (1) bakery and one (1) multi-service business. In addition, three (3) motorcycles were torched and one (1) car ransacked.

12. Jimmy Chérizier aka barbecue, former police officer of the specialized unit of the UDMO, became leader of the G-9 gang, gave a press conference on April 2, 2021 in his fief after the events. He said it was a response and claimed responsibility for the attack on Bel-air. And he says he will continue to attack bel-air.

13. The RNDDH reminds everyone that the Bel-Air neighborhood is in its third armed attack, all perpetrated by the same gangs belonging to the G9 an Fanmi e Alye. In the last two (2) years, two (2) massacres have been recorded:

- From November 4 to 8, 2019, at least twenty-four (24) people were murdered in Bel-Air. Five (5) others were shot and wounded. Twenty-eight (28) houses and seven (7) cars and four (4) motorcycles were set on fire. At least two (2) other houses were riddled with bullets.
- From August 27 to December 2020, at least thirty-seven (37) people were shot and killed, including seven (7) women. At least twelve (12) others were shot and injured. Forty (40) cars and eight (8) motorcycles were set on fire next to the seventy-six (76) houses that were either vandalized or set on fire.

14. Today, at the time of publication of this document, the attacks are underway at Bel-Air. And, the RNDDH which has already spoken with fifty-six (56) victims, can affirm that the survivors live in a psychosis of fear. Commercial and educational institutions do not operate. Many victims have been scattered in public squares or other inappropriate spaces, leaving their homes, making them more vulnerable and exposing them to the elements as well as other acts that threaten their lives and physical integrity.

15. The rights to life, security, physical integrity, and private property of the population of Bel-Air are systematically and repeatedly violated, under the indifferent gaze of the state authorities.

16. And, while stressing that the headquarters of the Brigade of Operation and Departmental Intervention (BOID) is in Bel Air, the RNDDH believes that the lethargy of the high staff of the National Police of Haiti (PNH) In view of the armed attacks on the people of Bel-Air, more than his deafening silence, proves that he is complicit in the G9 an Fanmi e Alye.

17. Faced with this situation, the RNDDH reminds to the attention of the agents of the PNH who are not in collusion with any armed gang, the obligation that they are made to side with the victims. This is why the organization recommends that they do everything possible to protect the population of Bel-Air, to defend it from the onslaught of the G9 an Fanmi e Alye, to secure it by all means and to put an end to these attacks once and for all.

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