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#### Summary

1. The National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH) has investigated the various armed attacks recorded in Bel-Air and Cité Soleil since the end of 2020. The information gathered during these various investigations is used for the preparation of this report through which the RNDDH shares its findings, comments, and recommendations with those interested in the issue.

2. The document is divided into 9 points which review in particular the balance sheet of attacks recorded at Bel-Air from August 2020 to May 2021, the balance sheet of attacks recorded at Cité Soleil from January to May 2021, police interventions and interviews with judicial authorities.

3. For the periods covered by this report, the record of these virulent armed attacks in these two areas is very heavy:

- In Bel-Air, at least eighty-one (81) people were murdered by bullets: thirty-six (36) from August to December 2020 and another forty-five (45) from March to May 2021. Eightteen (18) are missing and eightteen (18) have been shot. One hundred sixty-five (165) houses were set on fire, thirteen (13) others were looted, leaving two hundred and sixty-two (262) people who were either owners or tenants affected. Two hundred and ninety-six (296) children became orphans of at least one of their two parents;
- In Cité Soleil forty-four (44) people were murdered by bullets, seven (7) are missing, Fifteen (15) were wounded, one (1) woman raped. Three (3) houses were set on fire. One hundred and thirty-two (132) children became orphans in the wake of these recent bloody events.

4. Even today, the attacks are ongoing both in Bel-Air and Cité Soleil and once again the silence of the state authorities proves their total disinterest in the massive and systematic violations of the rights to life and physical security, the private property of the people who live in these deprived neighborhoods where heinous crimes have been perpetrated: People have been burned alive, houses have been set on fire with the meagre possessions of the victims, Vehicles have been hijacked and at least one woman has been raped.

5. Called in reinforcement by survivors of these massacres, PNH agents said they had not received the order from their superiors to intervene and the judicial authorities told the RNDDH that the victims had not filed a complaint, They did not intervene in the areas covered by this report, even in order to draw up reports on the facts reported by the survivors.

6. It was again reported to the RNDDH that police equipment – armored, gas tubes tear gas – were used by armed bandits in the commission of these attacks.

Massacres in Bel-Air and Cité Soleil under the indifferent gaze of state authorities RNDDH – Report/A2021/No2 7. From 2018 to the present, at least twelve (12) massacres and armed attacks have been carried out in the disadvantaged neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince. In the first 10 cases, the survivors lodged a complaint with the judicial authorities against their aggressors, most of whom were notorious armed bandits and well-known state authorities. However, no legal proceedings were filed.

8. Building on all of the above, the RNDDH urges the State authorities in general and the Superior Council of the National Police (CSPN) in particular: End the use of scarce resources of the PNH to strengthen the armed gangs that terrorize the Haitian population; Punish all those who facilitate the use of police equipment in the various massacres and armed attacks; Put an end to the massacres and armed attacks in Bel Air and Cité Soleil in particular and in disadvantaged neighborhoods in general; Arrest and transfer to the judicial authorities all armed bandits who sow terror among the population

#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. Since August 2020, the Bel-Air neighborhood has been under great stress. Although there was some calm at the beginning of the current year, hostilities resumed in March 2021. Similarly, Cité Soleil, ravaged in 2020 by armed attacks that lasted several months, has once again attracted attention since January 2021 because of the hegemonic rivalries that have resumed. In both Bel-Air and Cité Soleil, injuries, as well as human and material losses are enormous.

2. The National Network for the Defense of Human Rights (RNDDH) has not stopped receiving alerts on these areas because survivors of this armed violence regularly denounce the attacks they suffer as well as the inertia of the authorities in place.

3. The alarming nature of the information collected by the RNDDH as well as the high number of injuries and losses of human and material causes the organization to share today with the public, this report that traces the last bloody events recorded at Bel Air from August 2020 to May 2021 and at Cité Soleil, from January to May 2021.

#### **II. METHODOLOGY**

4. This report traces three (3) different periods: the first period concerns the attacks recorded at Bel-Air from August 28 to December 20, 2020. The second period relates to the attacks that still occurred at Bel-Air, from March 31 to May 15, 2021, and the third period relates to the armed attacks recorded at Cité Soleil from January 28 to May 7, 2021.

5. For the three (3) different investigations that were conducted by the RNDDH, the referral was always the same: The first information conveyed by the media led the organization to inquire about the events. Subsequently, victims and relatives of victims of the two (2) areas concerned by this report, came

Massacres in Bel-Air and Cité Soleil under the indifferent gaze of state authorities RNDDH – Report/A2021/No2 to the office of the RNDDH where they denounced the attacks suffered.

6. As part of these investigations, the RNDDH met with:

- Two hundred and fifty-two (252) victims and relatives of Bel-Air victims ;
- An Acting Judge at the Bel-Air Peace Court ;
- Seventy-eight (78) victims and relatives of Cité Soleil victims ;
- Deputy Judge at the Cité Soleil Peace Court ;
- The head of the Commissariat at Cité Soleil.

7. In addition, the RNDDH visited several times in certain areas of Bel-Air and Cité Soleil where it was able to observe certain facts put forward by the survivors of these attacks and to speak with certain victims who had not presented themselves to the RNDDH office.

#### **III. PRESENTATION OF BEL-AIR AND CITÉ SOLEIL**

8. Bel-Air is one of the neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince and one of the sixteen (16) hills that surround this municipality. It is served by the Court of Peace of Port-au-Prince section North and by the Police Station of Port-au-Prince.

9. Cité Soleil, for its part, is one of the twenty (20) communes of the Department of the West. It has a peace court, a town hall, a civil registry office and six (6) police stations.

10. In Bel-Air and Cité Soleil lives a large part of the Haitian population that is floundering in poverty, and whose situation has deteriorated with the earthquake of January 12, 2010.

11. Many of these people live in dirty, unventilated slums and/or built with pieces of used fabric and sheet metal, tarpaulins, and board pieces. They live in a substandard environment that poses an elevated risk to their health.

12. The infrastructure is non-existent or dysfunctional in these areas, in particular because of the numerous armed attacks that are regularly recorded there.

#### IV. BEL-AIR AND CITÉ SOLEIL ATTACKS IN 2019 AND EARLY 2020

13. In 2019 and 2020, Bel-Air and Cité Soleil were the scene of armed attacks during which serious acts of harm to lives and property were recorded.

14. Indeed, on November 4, 2019, residents who went to their daily activities were surprised by heavily armed bandits who sowed terror in the area. Recall that at the time, all social, political, and economic

activities were practically blocked in the country, especially in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding areas. This umpteenth operation to lock down the country was carried out in order to denounce the management of power by the state authorities and demand the departure of President Jovenel MOÏSE.

15. Barricades had been installed at Bel-Air, making it impossible to circulate. In order to lift them, the state authorities decided to delegate an armed commando to them. This commando was repelled by other armed individuals operating in the area in question. A fierce struggle ensued from November 4 to 8, 2019, which resulted in the killing of twenty-four (24) people. Five (5) others were shot and twenty-eight (28) houses burned down.

16. From May to July 2020, the Nan Brooklyn neighborhood located in Cité Soleil whose armed gang is headed by Gabriel Jean Pierre aka Ti Gabriel or Gabo was besieged, and all roads giving access to Nan Brooklyn, were cut, and watched by members of the armed gangs operating in Nan Belekou and Nan Boston, headed respectively by Iscard ANDRICE and Mathias SAINTIL. They had been helped in their failings by their allies. The result was a massacre that resulted in the killing of one hundred and forty-five (145) people. An additional forty-eight (48) persons are missing. Twenty-eight (28) were shot and/or stabbed. Eighteen (18) women and girls were gang raped. In addition, one hundred and four (104) houses were set on fire.

17. Since these attacks at Bel-Air and Cité Soleil, the situation has never returned to normal. The civilian population of these areas is evolving in a climate of heightened fear with the federation in June 2020, armed gangs close to the power because, the neighborhoods of Bel Air intensely attacked as well as Nan Brooklyn did not want - and still do not want to integrate the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye.

#### V. CONDUCT OF BEL-AIR RECORDED ATTACKS BETWEEN AUGUST 2020 AND MAY 2021

18. According to information gathered from survivors of these attacks, on August 27, 2020, at the corner of John Brown and Christophe Avenues, Michel SAIEH was assassinated by heavily armed individuals, who boarded motorcycles that had riddled his vehicle with bullets. While fleeing after their forfeiture, they took the extended Doctor Aubry Street to their fief, Base Krache Dife, located in Dèyè Lakwa.

19. On that day, Constable IV Williamson PIERRE was stationed in front of Port au Prince Cathedral. The bandits who had just committed the crime, who boarded several motorcycles, pointed their long-caliber weapons in his direction. When they got close to him, they shot him. Police officer Williamson PIERRE responded. Maxime THÉOGÈNE alias Maxino, member of the Krache Dife Base was touched and died.

20. The same day, having learned of what happened, Jimmy CHÉRIZIER alias Barbecue decided to avenge Maxime THÉOGÈNE alias Maxino. And already, on the evening of August 27, 2020, gunfire was heard at Mayard Alley. It was an attack orchestrated by members of the Krache Dife Base, reinforced by

the armed gangs of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye.

21. However, these sporadic attacks, which continued throughout August 28 and 29, 2020, intensified on August 31, 2020. Indeed, that day, around 1 pm, a cream-colored armored vehicle was positioned near the Church of Perpetual Help. At the same time, another armored car of cream color was placed at the corner of Dr Aubry and Macajoux streets. At 4 p.m., about twenty motorcycles, each carrying two (2) heavily armed people, headed for the Bel-Air districts, pulling in all directions, and injuring the inhabitants of the area. When they got close to the first tank, they surrounded him, and the back door opened to let Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue, Micanor ALTÈS, still known as Monel FÉLIX aka Roi Mikanò, gang leader operating at Jérémie's Wharf, Ezekiel ALEXANDRE head of the Pilate Base operating from the main street of Port-au-Prince to Martissant and several other gang leaders close to the G-9.

22. They spoke for a few minutes and decided to divide into three (3) separate groups:

- One (1) first group headed to Mayard Lane;
- One (1) second group headed to Rue des Fronts-Forts;
- One (1) third remained with Jimmy CHÉRIZIER aka Barbecue.

23. For his part, the armored vehicle which was at the corner of Dr. Aubry and Macajoux streets, moved at 4 pm and went to the locality Lavoix. A yellow bus arrived a few minutes later, carrying heavily armed individuals, all dressed in white.

24. After dropping off the aforementioned individuals, the bus continued on its way towards Rue Tiremasse where it stopped next to a base called Team Mafia d'Haïti (Team TMH) created in 2014 by a group of police officers living in the area. Several armed individuals were also dropped off.

25. These armed men were accompanied by women also dressed in white and equipped with hammers and masses.

26. The attacks continue until late in the evening of August 31, 2020. Fire was set on several houses, most of which were ransacked before being set on fire. Armed bandits fired at man's height. In addition, several survivors from Saint Com, Tiremasse, César's and Mayard streets all told the RNDDH that tear gas was used to excess in the context of these armed attacks. The same day, many residents of Bel-Air had taken refuge at the Champ de Mars in order to escape the terror that reigned in the area. However, having been prosecuted and assaulted on September 1, 2020, they had to leave the square.

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28. On September 2, 2020, with the help of tanks 01 and 02 of the PNH, armed attacks were once again perpetrated against the population of Bel-Air living in Ruelle Mayard, Candio Street and Saint Com Street. The first armored vehicle was posted at the corner of Monsignor Guilloux and Caesars Street. The other was placed at the corner of Rue Macajoux et des Pucelles. According to the opinion of more than one, by occupying these strategic positions, these vehicles of the PNH served as cover for members of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye.

29. Meanwhile, on September 2, 2020, on the road to the airport, not far from the area called Trois Mains, Stevenson ALBERT alias Jouma or Zouma, gang leader of Simon Pelé was arrested. A few days later, on September 8, 2020, Jimmy CHÉRIZIER aka Barbecue proceeded to his replacement by Gwo Junior and Israel so known.

30. On September 19, 2020, armed gang members from Nan Barozi and Base Krache dife, including women with backpacks and heavily armed children, stood at the corner of Montalais Street and Miracles Street, ransoming anyone who frequents the perimeter. In addition, shortly before 2:00 p.m., three (3) groups of heavily armed individuals entered the area:

- The first, from Madan Kolo, went to the Church of the Perpetual Relief of Bel-Air;
- The second group marched on the Rue des Fronts-Forts in progression towards the Base On The Move;
- The third group left Base Krache Dife and proceeded to Saint Com Street where one (1) vehicle was set on fire.

31. Their merger at Macajoux Street, near the Church of Perpetual Help, caused considerable damage to the area.

32. In response to these attacks, residents of the Rue des César's, high Bel-Air area, used firearms and stones to repel their attackers. They caused many victims whose bodies were taken away by members of the G-9 an Fanmi and Alye. However, there are reports of three (3) gang members belonging to the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye who were murdered and eight (8) others who were wounded by bullets.

33. On September 20, 2020, shortly before noon, armed individuals from Nan Barozi broke into the Rue des César's where they opened fire in the direction of the Educational Complex of Bel-Air.

34. On September 21, 2020, at Miracle Street, several people were shot.

35. On September 24, 2020, armed bandits from Base Krache Dife broke into Rue Monseigneur Guilloux. Heavy fire was heard in the area for hours and in the middle of the night. Houses were also set on fire.

36. On October 4, 2020, the Bel-Air Quarters underwent another armed attack by members of Base Krache Dife. Several people have come out as victims.

37. On the night of October 8-9, 2020, a wall was erected on the Rue des César's by the men of the Krache Dife Base, with the objective they let believe, to fortify their territory.

38. On October 15, 2020, Toyota Land Cruiser vehicles transported armed individuals to various access points to Bel-Air including the corner of Rue du Peuple and Macajoux. On that day, gunfire was heard.

39. On October 16, 2020, at approximately 4 am, an armed attack took place in Bel-Air during which at least three (3) people were murdered.

40. On October 20, 2020, during an attack by members of the Krache Dife Base on Macajoux Street and Rue des César's, several people were killed.

41. From October 21 to December 20, 2020, sporadic and unexpected raids were conducted by members of Base Krache Dife. Many people have been murdered and many houses burned down.

42. From December 21, 2020 to March 30, 2021, shots were heard sporadically in the area and no human or material loss is to be deplored for this period. However, the people of Bel-Air were convinced that this relative peace was only apparent because of the many rumors that were already circulating about probable raids in preparation.

43. On March 31, 2021, hostilities resumed. Indeed, that day, at Rue Saint Martin, members of the Krache Dife Base headed by Wilson PIERRE alias Ti Sonson attempted to abduct a character who was in his vehicle. He took refuge in the upper Bel-Air area where residents came to his aid, thwarting the attempted kidnapping. At least seven (7) people were murdered that day.

44. On April 1, 2021, at approximately ten (10) o'clock in the morning, Lisa Nathanaël SAINT FORT, born on January 10, 2001, a resident of Delmas 6, accompanied by an individual, was driving in a grey-colored Mitsubishi Montero DID vehicle registered BB 80497 with tinted windows. Near the communal asylum of Delmas 2, heavily armed bandits ordered the driver to stop. As the latter did not comply, the bandits opened fire in the direction of the vehicle. Lisa Nathanael SAINT FORT, twenty (20) years old, was shot and died immediately. On the same day, in the afternoon, the Krache Dife Base led by Wilson PIERRE

alias Ti Sonson, the armed gang operating in Belekou led by Iscard ANDRICE and the armed gang led by Micanor ALTÈS alias Roi Mikanò operating in Wharf Jérémie besieged the upper Bel Air, walking along Macajoux Streets, Monsignor Guilloux and Fronts Forts taking the population of the sandwich area. At least six (6) people lost their lives and several houses were set on fire.

45. On the afternoon of April 15, 2021, members of the Krache Dife base marched once again on the streets of the Front Forts and Caesars. At sunset, they brought searchlights to light the above streets, all leading to the top Bel-Air and fired in the direction of the houses.

46. On May 10, 2021, at approximately 11:00 a.m., an armed attack was carried out by members of the Krache Dife Base, killing at least seven (7) including three (3) at Tiremasse Street and four (4) at Caesars Street.

47. On May 14, 2021, at around 11 pm, members of the Krache Dife Base installed projectors in several streets of Bel-Air before attacking them. That evening, heavy fire was heard until about 3 am. Several people were killed. In retaliation, armed individuals from the upper Bel-Air, in turn, carried out a raid in several localities or reportedly hid members of the armed gangs of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye who continually attack them.

48. In retaliation, armed individuals from Upper Bel-Air, in turn led a raid on several communities or members of armed gangs of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye who attack them continuously. They went to Nan Barozi where they ransacked several houses in Carrefour 3, zone Delmas 4. They then took the direction of Nan Raboto, zone Delmas 2, where they burned down several houses. There followed a clash during of which at least four (4) armed individuals were killed.

49. In response to this unexpected attack, on May 15, 2021 at about 11 am, three (3) armored black of the National Police of Haiti (PNH), took position simultaneously in streets of Bel-Air: The first, at the corner of streets Dr. Aubry and Fronts-Forts, the second, at the corner of Macajoux and Du Peuple streets, in front of the statue of Madan Kolo and the third on patrol, covered Pavée, Montalais streets. Their positioning facilitated the deployment of three (3) groups of armed individuals' members of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye.

50. The first group consisted of several armed individuals all dressed in black and red. They went to the corner of Dr. Aubry Street and Fronts-Forts. They progressed by firing lethal bullets and tear gas tubes in all directions. They also tried to set fire to the Church of God in Christ. The attacked residents having retaliated, three (3) of them lost their lives.

51. The second group consisted of armed individuals dressed in black, white, or black and white. Arrived in front of the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, they confronted residents of the area. Like the first

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group, they used lethal bullets and tear gas tubes. Several people were killed.

52. The third group was composed of individuals on motorcycles. They went through Rue Pavée, to reach Rue Lamarre where they shot in the air. They were repelled by residents of the area. Shortly thereafter, eight (8) motorcycles, each carrying three (3) heavily armed individuals, arrived at the intersection of Rue Monseigneur Guilloux and Rue Pavée. They fired at a grey Toyota-branded vehicle that had men on board. They responded. Several people were killed.

#### A. Assessment of attacks at Bel-Air between August 2020 and May 2021

53. The record of the many attacks described above is heavy. At least eighty-one (81) people have been murdered. They are:

- Thirty-six (36) people killed between August and December 2020, including at least seven (7) women.
- Forty-five (45) people killed between March and May 2021, including at least five (5) women.

54. Twenty-four (24) missing and eighteen (18) injured. In addition, one hundred and sixty-five (165) houses were set on fire and thirteen (13) others, looted. As a result, two hundred and sixty-two (262) disaster victims found themselves in the streets, in public squares or in common spaces offering no protection.

#### i) Persons murdered in Bel-Air between August and May 2021

- On August 27, 2020, at Montalais Street, Jeffrey CHARLES, born on July 11, 1990, was shot several times. His relatives took him to the Hospital of the State University of Haiti (HUEH). He died in front of the entrance gate. The deputy justice of the peace Carmin BAPTISTE of the court of the South section of Port-au-Prince proceeded to the statement of the corpse and ordered the transport of the corpse to the morgue;
- On August 27, 2020, at the rue des Fronts-Forts, at the back of the building temporarily housing the Cathedral of Port-au-Prince, bandits killed Wisler SYLVESTRE, born on February 11, 1997. The statement of his corpse was made by Justice of the Peace Jean Brunet NOËL of the North section of Port-au-Prince. He lived with his parents at Bel-Air;
- On August 27, 2020, Jean-Charles CHARLÉUS, born on March 18, 1985, was shot in the left chest. He was taken to the Médecins Sans Frontières Hospital in Martissant before being transferred to the Médecins Sans Frontières Hospital in Tabarre. He died a few days later at home;

- On August 29, 2020, at the Cameroon Base, in response to an exchange of fire provoked by an argument between the members of this base, at least four (4) people from the civilian population were killed. They are Lalane, Peter, Madan Ulrick and Pierre-Richard.
- On August 31, 2020, Sonson, a known bandit from Base Krache Dife, was shot several times at Mariella Lane, at the entrance to the Bel-Air Pentecostal Church corridor;
- On August 31, 2020, Simon Mercidieu CHARLES alias Tchaly, born on March 23, 1958, a resident of Candio Street, was hit with one (1) ball at the hip. He died as a result of his injuries on September 3, 2020 at the Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) hospital in Tabarre;
- On August 31, 2020, twenty-four (24) year old at Mayard street Enock Pierre was shot while attempting to escape from his mother's home. His body was not found, the bandits having carried him away;
- On September 2, 2020, the police officer Lucson THERAMAUX Alias Kòf, resulting from the 25th promotion of the PNH assigned to the Corps d'Intervention et de Maintien d'Ordre (CIMO) received several bullets at the alley Félix;
- On September 3, 2020, Angelo SERAPHIN, born November 15, 1986, was killed and his body taken away by armed bandits;
- On September 19, 2020, Frenel CRÉPIN, born June 27, 1984, was shot in the head. After a legal finding drawn up by the deputy judge of the Court of Peace of Port-au-Prince, North section, his body was transported to the morgue Sainte Claire;
- On October 4, 2020, Willy JOSEPH, born on October 15, 1988, was at Rue Rouille, area of Notre Dame du Perpétuel Secours de Bel-Air Church when he was shot in the head. He was transported to the Hospital of the State University of Haiti (UHEH). A few days after being admitted, he was transferred to the Hospital of Mirebalais. Returning to Port-au-Prince, he died on October 27, 2020;



• On October 5, 2020, Lexinord GEORGES, born October 10, 1940, was killed at Tiremasse Street. He was shot in the head;

- On October 9, 2020, at approximately 12:00 p.m., Ley JEAN-BAPTISTE, a motorcycle taxi driver, born on May 26, 1995, was shot in the forehead. He was at the corner of Rue Tiremasse and Rue Lavoix. His body and the motorcycle he was driving were taken away;
- On October 9, 2020, a passerby was shot and killed by gunmen who were watching the wall built on Rue des Césars at night. The body was carried away by another individual himself on a motorcycle;
- On October 16, 2020, Darling was shot in the head. She received this bullet as she was trying to cross Rue des Fronts-Forts;
- On October 16, 2020, Samuel was shot several times in his home on Rue des Césars.
- On October 16, 2020, Kettia was shot and killed at the corner of Mariella Lane and Tiremasse Street;
- On October 20, 2020, Harry PIERRE-LOUIS, forty (40) years old, was shot several times in the chest and father of three (3) children;
- On October 20, 2020, Tirogène DANIEL, thirty-four (34) years old, was shot two (2) times in the neck;
- On October 20, 2020, twenty-nine (29) year old Marie Yvette JEAN was shot three (3) times in the stomach. She was pregnant;
- On October 21, 2020, Myrtha PIERRE, born on May 11, 2001, received two (2) rounds, one to the back and the other to the head. It was on the Rue des Césars, not far from the Nazarene Complex;
- On October 21, 2020, Florence ALEXANDRE received three (3) bullets, two (2) at the ribs and one (1) at the head. She was on Dr. Aubry Street;
- On October 21, 2020, Serginio LOUIS was shot in the head while on Rue des Fronts-Forts;
- On October 21, 2020, Manacé ADOLPHE was shot several times while on Macajoux Street;
- On October 28, 2020, Jude MADHER alias Ti Jude, a member of the armed gang operating in Wharf Jérémie led by Micanor ALTÈS alias Roi Mikanò, visited his two (2) children. He was shot

twice in the chest. His remains were charred the same day;

- On December 15, 2020, at the bottom of Bel-Air, an elderly woman and a young girl were passing by when they were riddled with bullets. The next day, December 16, 2020, their bodies were charred by the same bandits before they were identified;
- On March 31, 2021, Wanitho NIZARD, sixty-nine (69) years old, was killed by several bullets while buying bread. His body was taken near the iron market where he was charred;
- On March 31, 2021, Marie Patricia DELAIRE, age thirty-three (33), Elvina JEAN BAPTISTE and Bernadette CREPSAC were shot and killed;
- On March 31, 2021, Ezekiel, Matizo and Davidson were killed by armed individuals while conducting a raid in Bel-Air. They were members of armed gangs of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye;
- On April 1, 2021, at approximately ten (10) hours in the morning, Lisa Nathanaël SAINT FORT, born on January 10, 2001, was killed near the Delmas 2 Communal Asylum;
- On April 1, 2021, fifty (50) year old Christa PIERRE and her husband Jean-Claude JOSEPH were in their home on Monseigneur Guilloux Street in the back of the Sténio Voltaire Bakery when G-9 gangs invaded the area. They barricaded themselves at home and the bandits set fire to their house where they were burned alive;
- On April 1, 2021, Ronald DÉSIR, thirty-seven (37) years old, was killed at the entrance to his home on Macajoux Street. His body was carried away by members of Base Krache Dife;
- On April 1, 2021, seventy-eight (78) year old Franck MOLÉON was burned alive in his home on Rue Monseigneur Guilloux;
- On April 1, 2021, Mackenson POLYNICE, twenty-eight (28) years old, was killed on Rue Monseigneur Guilloux and his body was taken to Nan Chòy;
- On April 1, 2021, Ken ST CYR alias Ti Joël, born on October 15, 1999, was killed on Rue des Césars. His body was carried away by members of the Krache Dife Base;
- On April 1, 2021, Ozinson RETTEVIL alias Toto, born on February 26, 1985, was killed at Saint Com Street. His body was carried away by members of Krache Dife Base;

- On April 1, 2021, Jasmine JOSEPH, born on July 23, 1934 in Thomonde, was in her house at the rue Monseigneur Guilloux when armed bandits threw her off the floor of her house and dragged her into the street. After being taken to the Hospital of the State University of Haiti (HUEH), she returned home where she died on April 13, 2021 as a result of her fractures;
- On April 13, 2021, Riterdo JEAN alias tonton, born on December 4, 1987, was captured at Saint Matin street and then dragged to the corner of Dr Aubry and Césars streets where he was riddled with bullets. Fire was put to his corpse.
- On May 10, 2021, three (3) people were murdered on Tiremasse Street: Frantzo AUGUSTIN, Dieutifort PETIT-FÈRE, and Maxo AUGUSTIN.
- On May 10, 2021, four (4) people were murdered on Rue des Césars. They are: Olda HYACINTHE, Vladimir JEAN, Yolène JEAN-BAPTISTE and Anold CHERESTIN.
- On May 15, 2021, at least twenty (20) armed individuals were murdered among them:
  - Jimmy ALEXANDRE, twenty-three (23) years old, was shot in the mouth. He was on Rue des Fronts-Forts;
  - Enel JILOT, born on June 4, 1978, was shot several times in the stomach, neck and stomach. His body could not be recovered by his relatives;
  - Fifty-four (54) year old Ronald JEAN LOUIS was shot in the head on Macajoux Street on his way home from church. He was the father of three (3) daughters;
  - Alex PAUL, thirty-three (33) years old, was shot and killed in the street of Caesars. He was returning from the home of a friend to whom he had visited. His body was carried away by the bandits of Base Krache Dife. He was the father of one (1) boy.
  - Renel, so known, a seller from Borlette was murdered at Rue Pavée.
  - Donald so known was shot in the head. He died en route to the hospital;



Jasmine JOSEPH

- Toto so known, a thirty-two (32) year old motorcycle driver, was killed by members of the Krache Dife Base. He was the father of a ten (10) year old daughter.
- At least four (4) armed individuals were killed at Nan Raboto;

### ii) Missing persons in Bel-Air between August 2020 and May 2021

55. As noted above, twenty-four (24) persons are missing. The following information was provided to the RNDDH regarding them:

- On September 12, 2020, Nathalie JEAN, Simon OSIAS and Cherby JEAN-PAUL were captured by members of Base Krache Dife. They didn't go home;
- On October 20, 2020, Carole AUGUSTE, used trader was captured at the street Dr. Martelly SEIDE. Her relatives have no more news of her;
- Seven (7) of those forced to leave their homes are missing. Their relatives have no news of them at this date;
- On April 1, 2021, Junior JOSEPH, aged twenty-seven (27) years, Sherline PIERRE and Vanessa CYPRIEN were in the vicinity of Notre-Dame du Perpétuel Secours Church when bandits from Base Krache Dife invaded the area. They were captured and taken to the base. Since then, their relatives have had no news of them;
- On April 1, 2021, Bernado Lens ALEXIS, Fanfan EXILUS, John FELIX AND Vital KEBREAU were reported missing.
- On May 15, 2021, there are six (6) missing persons:
  - Wilter MICHEL, nineteen (19) years old. He was captured by and taken away by members of the Krache Dife Base. Since then, his relatives have had no news of him;
  - Kerlin ALEXIS, nineteen (19) years old. He was captured on Tiremasse Street, near his home. According to his relatives, members of the Krache Dife Base killed him in Dèyè Lakwa;
  - Bruno MILIEN, twenty-five (25) years old. He was captured by Base Krache Dife to be taken to their fief, Dèyè Lakwa. His relatives have no news of him;
  - Jean-Louis DEVIL, fifty-three (53) years old. He was captured on his way home to Rue des Césars. The members of Base Krache Dife led him to their fief. He is the father of four

(4) children;

- Fritznel JEAN LOUIS, twenty-eight (28) years old. He was kidnapped from Rue Saint Com. He was the father of three (3) children;
- Rudson JULES, eighteen (18) years old.

#### iii) People injured in Bel-Air between August 2020 and May 2021

56. Twenty-three (23) persons are shot and injured in the following circumstances reported to the RNDDH:

- On August 31, 2020, twenty-three (23) year old Jeff MÉDIEN was shot in the right buttock;
- On August 31, 2020, Drouk Stanley PIERRE, born on September 14, 1994, was trying to escape from Candio Street when he was captured by armed individuals. He was forced by Jimmy CHÉRIZIER alias Barbecue to lie down on the bridge giving access to the Lycée Daniel Fignolé. Heavy fire forced Jimmy Chérizier to take cover. This allowed Drouk Stanley Pierre to escape. As he headed for Carrefour Péan, he was shot in the left knee. He was taken to the Doctors Without Borders Hospital in Tabarre.
- On August 31, 2020, Widna SAINTUS, eleven (11) years old, was shot in the right thigh by one (1) and taken to hospital. The bullet has been extracted;
- Twenty (20) year old Ronaldo was shot and wounded on August 31, 2020 at Mayard Street.
- On August 31, 2020, at Saint Com Street, an unidentified boy was shot twice in the right leg.
- On August 31, 2020, at Tiremasse Street, Louise was shot in the butt.
- On September 2, 2020, a 40-year-old woman was captured by armed bandits who sprayed her with gas before and set her on fire. Rescued by inhabitants of the area, a good part of his body is badly burned;
- On September 17, 2020, Yvenite MENEIDE, twenty-six (26) years old, was shot in the right back. She was transported to the Hôpital Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Tabarre. The victim reported that his home on Tiremasse Street was set on fire on the same day;

- On September 17, 2020, Davinsky MOLÈNE, son of Yvenite MENEIDE, three (3) years old, was shot and injured;
- On September 19, 2020, Pedro PYRAM alias Champion, born October 12, 1980, was shot in the chest. He was taken to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Martissant and then transferred to Médecins Sans Frontières de Tabarre;
- On September 20, 2020, Nicolin Vladimir ADOLPHE, born May 9, 1985, received two (2) bullets, one (1) to the right jaw and one (1) to the right shoulder;
- On September 21, 2020, Thelusma RIGAUD was shot three (3) times with two (2) bullets in her left arm and one (1) bullet in her back in her spine;
- On October 7, 2020, Joseph HUBERT was shot three (3) times in the back, right hip and hand respectively. He became paraplegic as a result of his injuries.
- On April 1, 2021, Samuel SIDELCA, born on February 22, 1993, was in the vicinity of his home when members of the G-9 attacked Macajoux Street. While attempting to escape, he was shot in the back of the head. He fell into syncope. Some time later, when he wake-up , he went through a corridor and then went to the Hospital where he underwent surgery on April 3, 2021 during which, the bullet was extracted;



- On April 1, 2021, Fedner BAZILE, born on May 17, 1981, father of a seven (7) year old boy was at home at Macajoux Street when he was hit with two (2) bullets, one on his left arm and the other on his left flank. He was rushed to the Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) hospital in Tabarre and underwent surgery on April 2, 2021;
- On April 1, 2021, Edithe BLEMUR was burned. She was projected by her son onto the roof of a partially burning house. The latter was trying to save her from the flames of her own house where her husband Franck MOLEON was burned alive;
- On April 1, 2021, Esther PIERRE, born on December 26, 1974, was at her home with her three (3) children when armed bandits belonging to the G-9 invaded her home. After threatening to burn them alive, Esther PIERRE was slapped and beaten severely before being invited to abandon the area with her children;

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- On April 1, 2021, Lovita JOSEPH, forty-nine (49) years old, was at her home trying to close her door when bandits from Base Krache Dife invaded her home. She was hit in the head and all over the body with a baseball bat. Then the bandits let her go.
- On May 15, 2021, Esténio AUGUSTE was shot in the left shoulder found on Saint Com Street;
- On May 15, 2021, Linda JOSEPH was shot in the right flank. The bullet came out on her back. It was on rue des Fronts-Forts;
- On May 15, 2021, Jude FILS-AIMÉ was shot in the left foot while on Rue des Fronts-Forts;
- On May 15, 2021, Hercules was shot and wounded;
- On May 15, 2021, Maxime JEAN, aged forty-three (43) years, was shot in the stomach while on Rue des Césars. He was taken to the Hospital of the State University of Haiti (HUEH) which referred him to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Tabarre where, on May 17, 2021, he underwent surgery. The bullet has been extracted;
- On April 1, 2021, Stanley ELUSMA, born June 17, 1998, was shot in the right foot while standing in front of his parents' home on Rouille Street;
- On April 1, 2021, Jean Wisguens VIXAMAR, thirty-one (31) years old, was in his parents' house when members of the Krache Dife Base set fire to the house. It was burned on the back, left side;
- On April 1, 2021, Jumy PIERRE, born on October 6, 2017, was burned on his right arm when his parents' home on Tiremasse Street was set on fire.

#### iv) Homes burned between August 2020 and April 2021

57. During these bloody events at Bel-Air, one hundred and sixty-five (165) houses were burned and thirteen (13) others looted. At least two hundred and sixty-two (262) tenants and/or property owners became affected. Here is the information collected by the RNDDH:

- On Felix Street one (1) house was set on fire
- On Borgella Street, one (1) house was set on fire

- On rue des Pucelles, one (1) house was set on fire
- On Dr. Aubry Street, two (2) houses were burned down
- On Rouille Street, three (3) houses were burned down
- Three (3) houses on Mayard Street were burned down
- On Mariella Street, three (3) houses were burned down
- On Péan Street, three (3) houses were burned down
- On Macajoux Street, four (4) houses were set on fire
- At Tiremasse Street, ten (10) houses were set on fire, including that of Raynold MONTILAS, fifty-four (54) years old
- On Saint Com Street, nine (9) houses were burned down
- On rue des Fronts-Forts, nine (9) houses were burned down, including that of Joseph Alberto LAGUERRE who was born on June 19, 1942
- Fourteen (14) houses on Rue des Césars were burned down, including those of:
  - Bernadette NÉRÉ, born November 15,1966
  - Claudia GERMAIN, born May 9, 1970 (house built by the victim)
- On Rue Monseigneur Guilloux, thirty-eight (38) houses were set on fire, including those of:
  - o Jasmine JOSEPH, born July 23, 1934, died April 13, 2021
  - Yneriese QUETANT, born August 9, 1943
  - Edithe BLEMUR, spouse of Franck MOLÉON, aged 73
  - Belony Jean RAYNOLD, born July 16, 1964
  - Lucienne ANATHY, born November 29, 1964
  - Yolène PHIDELHOMME, aged 54
  - Joseph Moise BRUTUS, born March 19, 1968
  - Jn Robert MERILUS, born March 17, 1970
  - Claudia GERMAIN, born May 9, 1970 (house inherited from the mother of the victim)

• Sixty-six (66) houses on Mayard Street, twenty (20) of which were owned by persons fifty (50) years of age and older, were set on fire.

58. In addition, thirteen (13) houses were looted, five (5) belonging to persons fifty (50) years of age and older.

## VI. SEQUENCE OF ATTACKS RECORDED AT CITÉ SOLEIL IN 2021

59. Since the beginning of 2021, several sporadic attacks have been recorded at Cité Soleil.

60. On January 28, 2021, Ti Watson thus known, leader of the gang located in Pyè 6, close to the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye, attacked the locality of Bois 9 controlled by Gabriel JEAN PIERRE alias Ti Gabriel or Gabo. According to the information gathered by the RNDDH, this attack is part of the gang's desire to expand its territory. At least two (2) people were murdered that day.

61. On February 25, 2021, a new attack resulted in the killing of three (3) people. Several others were also injured.



62. On April 25, 2021, Stevens CHARLES aka Bebe was shot and murdered. He was located on the roof of the building housing Pastor Seung DON KHIM's complex. Stevens CHARLES alias Bebe was a member of the armed gang based in Ti Zile, a locality in the Nan Boston neighborhood under the control of gang leader Mathias SAINTIL, member of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye.

63. In retaliation, on April 26, 2021, the members of the gang led by Mathias SAINTIL along with their Nan Belekou allies were posted on the roof of Pastor Seung Don KHIM's building. They opened fire on three (3) transit trucks returning from downtown to Nan Brooklyn.

64. Any person or vehicle that attempted to return to Nan Brooklyn on Soleil 9's main re-entry that day had become a target of the gangs of Nan Belekou, Nan Boston and their allies. In addition, they attacked the Nan Brooklyn neighborhood daily and set fire to the houses.

65. On April 26, 2021, two (2) public transit pick-up trucks headed to downtown was captured on the Soleil 9 road. The women who were there were allowed to leave, and the men were first taken to the locality of Pyè 6 and then severely mutilated with machetes by members of the armed gangs of Nan Boston and Nan Belekou. Three (3) of the victims were released and were able to leave despite their serious injuries. But no news of the others to date, is communicated yet.

66. On May 1, 2021, another armed attack was recorded at Nan Brooklyn, within the perimeter of the building housing the Konbit Biblyotek Site Solèy. It was run by the armed gangs of Nan Belekou and Nan

Boston. Several people were killed, others were injured and at least one (1) case of rape was recorded. People who were in transit vehicles were again targeted.

67. On May 11, 2021, Mathias SAINTIL, leader of the armed gang operating in Nan Boston, celebrated his birthday in his fief. Members of the Nan Brooklyn gang headed by Gabriel JEAN PIERRE aka Ti Gabriel or Gabo positioned themselves near Nan Boston and opened fire in the direction of Nan Boston. The next day, May 12, 2021, Jimmy CHERIZIER aka Barbecue went to Nan Boston. Having learned of his presence at the scene, Gabriel JEAN PIERRE attacked the leader of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye. In the ensuing clash, Jimmy CHÉRIZIER alias Barbecue was shot several times and three (3) members of his gang were shot.

68. Two (2) members of the Nan Brooklyn gang were also murdered and one (1) was shot in the right knee. In addition, ten (10) people were shot and killed. Some of them were at home when they were murdered.

### Assessment of attacks in Cité Soleil in 2021

69. The number of attacks recorded at Cité Soleil from January to May 2021 is heavy. At least forty-four (44) people were shot and murdered, of whom eleven (11) women, seven (7) are missing, fifteen (15) were injured and one (1) woman was raped. Three (3) houses were burned down. One hundred and thirty-two (132) children became orphans in Cité Soleil as a result of these violent attacks.

#### i) People murdered in Cité Soleil in 2021

70. Information on the persons murdered in Cité Soleil collected by the RNDDH is as follows:

- On January 28, 2021, Ivencia PIERRE, born on September 14, 2001, a student at New Secondary 4, was shot by one (1) bullet in the back. She was returning from school and was accompanied by her classmates. She died there;
- On January 28, 2021, one of Ivencia PIERRE's comrades who accompanied her was also hit by a bullet on the left flank. She was taken to the Saint Catherine Health Center where she died three (3) days later;
- On February 3, 2021, Jameson PIERRE, twenty-eight (28) years old, was standing very close to his home in Soleil 17 when he received one (1) bullet to the head. He went to get food. The victim was the father of two (2) children;

- On February 25, 2021, Alfred DOLCINÉ, born December 23, 1977, was shot in the chest on his way to the Nan Brooklyn Market. Brought to the Saint Catherine Health Center, he died immediately after his arrival. He was the father of seven (7) children;
- On February 25, 2021, Junior CHARLES, born January 27, 1987, was captured on his way home from his activities. He was taken to Nan Boston. The next day, his wife received a call from a stranger who informed her that Junior CHARLES had been killed and that his body had been set on fire. Junior CHARLES was the father of six (6) children;
- On February 25, 2021, Jean-Marc PITON, twenty-three (23) years old, was shot and killed on his way to the Nan Brooklyn Market. He was the father of a two (2) year old girl;
- On April 25, 2021, Stevens CHARLES alias Bebe was assassinated.
- On April 26, 2021, forty (40) year old Fritz MUSCARDIN, driver of one of two (2) target transit vans, was shot in the right neck. He died at the Saint Catherine Health Center where he was rushed. He was the father of three (3) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Tisœur FRANÇOIS, aged forty-seven (47) years, was shot and murdered on her way home. Her body was not found. She was the mother of three (3) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Mackenson JOSEPH, forty-five (45) years old, was shot and killed. He was returning home. His body was not found. He was the father of two (2) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Tiga VILSAINT, twenty-five (25) years old, was shot and killed while returning from the plain. His body could not be recovered by his family;
- On April 26, 2021, Sexy JEAN, twenty-three (23) years old, received one (1) bullet to her back which came out through her chest. She was in a transit van from downtown. Mother of two (2) children, she was also five (5) months pregnant when she was murdered;
- On April 26, 2021, Dieulène was returning from downtown when she was shot. She died immediately. She was the mother of four (4) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Edrice ROMILUS, thirty-seven (37) years old, was shot and killed. He was returning from downtown. His body was not found. He was the father of six (6) children;

- On April 26, 2021, Gislaine Lagrâce MOÏSE, fifty-two (52) years old, was killed by one (1) bullet to the chest. She was returning from downtown. She was the mother of four (4) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Jocelyn MÉRIZIER, twenty-two (22) years old, was in charge of shopping for her uncle, a merchant tailor. He was shot three (3) times, one (1) at the neck, one (1) at the right shoulder and one (1) at the back. He was rushed to the Saint Catherine Health Center. He died there upon his arrival;
- On April 26, 2021, Nelson CORNÉ, twenty-two (22) years old, was shot and killed. He was in New Secondary I;
- On April 26, 2021, Ednel SAINT-FORT, born on February 10, 2000, was shot in the head by one (1) bullet. At the Saint Catherine Health Center, he was unable to receive treatment because of the seriousness of his case. He was transferred to the Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) hospital in Tabarre. Having not found a doctor on site, his relatives took him to the Bernard Mevs Hospital where he died before being admitted. He had just returned from Carrefour where he had visited his mother;
- On April 26, 2021, Gelène LOUIS, thirty-three (33) years old, was shot in the right flank. The bullet came out on her left side. It was taken to the Saint Catherine Health Center. She died shortly after admission;
- On April 26, 2021, Esther ULYSSE, born on May 29, 1999, was shot twice (2), one on the right flank and the other on the right leg. She was returning from downtown. She was the mother of two (2) daughters;
- On April 26, 2021, Charles DIVERT, born on February 27, 1992, was returning from his activities in the city center when he was hit by a bullet before being captured and dragged into the fief of Mathias SAINTIL's gang where fire was put to his corpse. Charles DIVERT was the father of three (3) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Olnick DÉRIVAL, twenty-nine (29) years old, a carrier, was returning from the city center when the van carrying him was attacked. He received one (1) bullet to the head. Olnick DÉRIVAL was the father of two (2) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Dieunel BAZILE, born December 29, 1983, was in front of his home in Soleil 17 when he was shot in the back by one (1) bullet. The bullet came out through his chest. He

could not be taken to the hospital by his loved ones. He died that evening. He was the father of two (2) children;

- On April 26, 2021, Wilson BAPTISTE, forty-six (46) years old, was shot in the head by bandits armed with Pyè 6. He passed not far from 2 kwen Mi/ Dèyè Mi. Fire was put to his corpse. He was the father of a seventeen (17) year old daughter;
- On April 26, 2021, Sonson JEAN BAPTISTE, was killed by one (1) bullet to the neck while crossing the town of Fougy in a motorcycle taxi. He was returning home to Soleil 17;
- On April 26, 2021, Emmanuel CETOUTE, thirty-two (32) years old, was killed by one (1) bullet to the head. His body was carried away to be burned. He was the father of three (3) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Ilfet LOUIS JEUNE, fifty-seven (57) years old, was at the Station des Gonaïves when he was shot in the left flank. Before his relatives could recover him, the armed bandits operating in Nan Belekou set his body on fire. Ilfet LOUIS JEUNE was the father of nine (9) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Kendy DORVILLUS, born August 15, 2000, was shot twice (2). His body was dragged into the area called 2 Kwen Mi/ Dèyè Mi where it was charred;
- On April 26, 2021, Molise CHARLES, born on February 3, 1981, was shot and killed. She returned from her business activities downtown with several other people. She was the mother of four (4) children;
- On May 1, 2021, Fritz Nelson PIERRE, born on June 8, 2005, was shot in the back on his way back from downtown, at Soleil 9;
- On May 1, 2021, Djulie CASSAMAJOR, born on September 27, 2009, was shot in the right foot by one (1) bullet while returning from the downtown with Nadège, who had been shot in the left leg. Nadège was his mother's friend. Djulie CASSAMAJOR was captured by gang members operating in Nan Boston. She was murdered and her body was set on fire;
- On May 1, 2021, Fritz JEANTY, thirty-eight (38) years old, was shot in the left eye. The bullet exited the back of his head. He was in a van, not far from 2 Kwen Mi/ Dèyè Mi. He was the father of three (3) children;

- On May 1, 2021, Allogène TERMO, aged fifty-seven (57) years, was shot in the back by one (1) bullet. The bullet exited through his chest. The van he was in was parked at the side of the road, within the perimeter of Linto I. to allow a passenger to board. Rushed to the Saint Catherine Health Center, he died shortly after admission. He was the father of four (4) children;
- On May 1, 2021, Betty JEAN JACQUES, twenty-three (23) years old, was shot and murdered. Mother of two (2) children, she was also eight (8) months pregnant;
- On May 1, 2021, Jean Luckner ANTOINE, born on April 5, 1981, was shot and killed while returning from his activities downtown. He was the father of four (4) children;
- On May 1, 2021, Maël LAMOUR, thirty-six (36) years old, was shot and killed while he was not far from the public square of Cité Soleil. His body was carried away by the bandits who later burned him. He was the father of one (1) child;
- On May 1, 2021, sixty-seven (67) year old Lamise DERISSE was shot in the head near the Cité Soleil public square in Bois 9;
- On May 1, 2021, Ricardo MICHEL, twenty-five (25) years old, was shot in the stomach. He was taking the road commonly known as 2 Kwen Mi/ dèyè Mi and returning home to Nan Brooklyn when he was murdered;
- On May 1, 2021, Jocelyn JEAN-BAPTISTE, forty-one (41) years old, was in the vicinity of Nan Brooklyn Market when he was shot and killed. His body was charred. He was the father of two (2) children;
- On May 1, 2021, Stanley MICHEL, born October 28, 1981, was shot in the left flank. He was at the intersection of Soleil 9 and Nan Brooklyn. He was walking home to Nan Brooklyn when he was murdered. He was the father of five (5) children;
- On May 1, 2021, Renel CHAUMETTE, forty-two (42) years old, was shot in the head by one (1). He was in the vicinity of the Cité Soleil public square. He was mortally wounded on his way home to Nan Brooklyn. He was the father of ten (10) children;
- On May 1, 2021, Jameson SAINT-CYR, born on November 21, 1987, was captured near the Nan Brooklyn market by members of the armed gang led by Mathias SAINTIL. He was taken to Nan Boston to be killed before being charred. Jameson SAINT-CYR was the father of three (3) children;

• On May 1, 2021, Gazmann was shot in the stomach. He was shot while at home in Soleil 17. He was the father of three (3) children.

#### ii) Disappeared at Cité Soleil in 2021

71. As mentioned, seven (7) persons are missing from these events. Here is the information about these victims, collected by the RNDDH:

- On April 26, 2021, seventeen (17) year old Evadson PAUL was captured by members of the armed gang operating in Nan Boston. He was not far from 2 Kwen Mi/ Dèyè Mi. Since then, his relatives no longer hear from him. He came back from the National Society of Industrial Parks (SONAPI) with Rachelle HYPPOLITE who had time to escape;
- On April 26, 2021, Marcelin ALTEMA, thirty-two (32) years old, was captured by armed bandits of Nan Belekou. Passing not far from the station of Gonaïves, the Van which drove him was captured. He is father of two (2) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Nan Brooklyn resident Wesner MICHEL disappeared. He is the father of three (3) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Schneider JOANUS, born on September 15, 1999, went out for his activities, he did not return home. According to the information reported to his wife, he was captured by members of the Nan Belekou gang led by Iscard ANDRICE while returning home in the afternoon. He is the father of two (2) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Elie JEAN, forty (40) years old, was captured by members of the Nan Boston armed gang led by Mathias SAINTIL. He came back from downtown with his wife Marie NEPTUNE. She was allowed to leave while Elie JEAN was taken to Nan Boston. Since then, his relatives have had no news of him. He is the father of three (3) children;
- On April 26, 2021, Wilbert MOISE, thirty-six (36) years old, went out and did not return home. According to his relatives, he was killed by bandits of Nan Boston. Wilbert MOISE is father of two (2) children;
- On May 1, 2021, Jackson JOSEPH, aged forty (40) years, was returning from his activities when the van carrying him and other passengers was captured by members of Iscard ANDRICE's armed gang. It was within the perimeter of Nan Belekou when it was intercepted. The driver was cleared to leave. As for the passengers, they never returned home. Jackson JOSEPH is the father of four (4) children.

#### iii) People injured at Cité Soleil in 2021

72. At least fifteen (15) people were injured during these attacks.

- On April 26, 2021, Jonas PIERRE, forty-five (45) years old, was aboard one of two (2) public transit vans that were attacked at the entrance to Nan Brooklyn when he received two (2) bullets, one to the neck and the other to the left flank. He was taken to Médecins Sans Frontières hospital;
- On April 26, 2021, Santia LAPOBRE, nineteen (19) years old, a student in philosophy class, was shot in the right thigh on her return from school. She was taken to the Peace Hospital;
- On April 26, 2021, Oragène AURÉLIEN, thirty-six (36) years old, was shot in the right arm. He was treated at Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Tabarre;
- On April 26, 2021, Edeline PIERRE-LOUIS, aged forty-seven (47) years, was shot in the stomach. She was in a transit van and was on her way home when it was attacked near the Nan Brooklyn market. She was taken to the Saint Catherine Health Center;
- On April 26, 2021, Carlos GUÉ, forty-nine (49) years old, was returning from the city center when, arriving in the perimeter of Nan Belekou, he was hit with one (1) bullet on his left foot. He was taken to the Bernard Mevs Hospital;
- On April 26, 2021, Mackenson BIEN-AIMABLE, twenty-eight (28) years old, was returning home to Nan Brooklyn when, arriving near the Konbit Solèy, he was hit with one (1) bullet to the left arm. He was taken to Médecins Sans Frontières hospital;
- On April 26, 2021, Wisnel CADET, born December 26, 1978, was returning to Superior Housing Development Corporation S.A. (SHODECOSA) when he was shot in the right thigh by one (1) bullet. He was in a van when members of the Nan Boston gang fired at the vehicle that was then in the vicinity of the Cité Soleil public square;
- On April 26, 2021, Fanfan LACOUTURE was shot in the shoulder while returning from downtown;
- On April 26, 2021, seventeen (17) year old Jos NELSON was shot in the foot. He was on the roof of his house in Sou teren, a locality of Soleil 17 when he was reached. He was taken to the Saint

Catherine Health Center where he received first aid before being transferred to the Hospital of the State University of Haiti (HUEH);

- On May 1, 2021, seventeen (17) year old Dene ROMILUS, daughter of Edrice ROMILUS, was shot with one (1) right foot. She was rushed to the Hospital of the State University of Haiti (HUEH);
- On May 1, 2021, Phadéus AZOR was shot in the left thigh by one (1) bullet while in a van carrying him home to Nan Brooklyn. He was rushed to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) hospital in Tabarre;
- On May 1, 2021, Guerline PIERRE, thirty-eight (38) years old, was shot in the left leg. She was returning home. She was rushed to the Saint Catherine Health Center;
- On May 1, 2021, Gérôme JEAN JACQUES, sixty (60) years old, was shot with one (1) bullet right foot. He was in Nan Brooklyn. He was rushed to the Hospital of the State University of Haiti (HUEH). Father of three (3) children, his daughter Betty JEAN JACQUES, twenty-three (23) years old, was killed;
- On May 1, 2021, Fritznel JEAN, thirty-two (32) years old, was shot two (2) times, one on the foot and the other on the neck;
- On May 7, 2021, Sandra CÉSAR, born December 18, 1983, was heading downtown when the van carrying her was attacked at Soleil 19 Zone 2 Kwen Mi / Dèyè Mi. She was hit with one (1) bullet to the left flank.

#### iv) Person raped at Cité Soleil in 2021

73. At least one young woman aged twenty (20) years was raped. L.JJ. was passing by the road of 2 kwen Mi/ Dèyè Mi and was trying to find her father and sister victims, when she was surprised by several individuals who assaulted her physically before raping her.

#### v) Houses burned in Cité Soleil in 2021

74. On April 26, 2021, three (3) houses were set on fire in Nan Brooklyn, Cité Soleil. The victims living there were named after:

- Wesner MICHEL
- Jonas PIERRE, age forty-five (45)

• Magella ANTOINE, age sixty-eight (68).

#### **VII. POLICE INTERVENTION**

75. The survivors of Bel-Air told RNDDH that they had made several calls for help to the police institution, particularly in the afternoon of August 31, 2020. After two (2) hours of uninterrupted call time, Service 114 replied that the available vehicles do not have gasoline, the PNH cannot help them.

76. On December 10 and 12, 2020, Divisional Inspector Jimmy FRANÇOIS, responsible for the community police, met with some twenty notables of Bel-Air to find an agreement for the lifting of the barricades then stored in the streets. In return, he promised them to secure the area by armored tanks of the National Police of Haiti (PNH).

77. Effective December 12, 2020, three (3) armoured vehicles arrived, two (2) of which were street patrols. The other was placed at the corner of Macajoux and Monsignor Guilloux streets. However, shortly before seventeen (17) hours, the delegation of the community police had not yet left that armed bandits from the Krache Dife Base opened fire on one of the tanks and damaged it.

78. Police officers who live in the Bel-Air area called for help from back-ups posted within the perimeter. They replied that they had not been ordered to intervene by their superiors.

79. For his part, met as part of this investigation, the head of the Cité Soleil police station stated that the office is facing a crucial problem with the number of police officers. Moreover, they do not have adequate and sufficient equipment to stick to the bandits who sow mourning in Cité Soleil.

80. Areas like Nan Belekou, Nan Boston and Nan Brooklyn are completely inaccessible, and police are not welcome. This inaccessibility has worsened with the torrential rains that have hit the capital in recent days. Antennas of the PNH were installed in the vicinity of these areas but they do not serve much because, like the police station, they do not have adequate weapons and ammunition. The Ministry of Public Works and Transport and Communication, repeatedly requested by the Office of the Commissioner, does not want to go to Cité Soleil, for security reasons. Finally, the people of Cité Soleil do not complain to the Office of the Commissioner.

#### VIII. INTERVIEWS WITH JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES

81. According to the magistrate Jean Brunet NOËL, deputy judge at the Peace Court of Port au Prince, Northern section, the victims of the armed attacks of Bel-Air do not generally bring a complaint to the court. Only persons whose relatives are murdered or who have lost their homes, have recourse to a magistrate of peace to draw up a report of assessment. The Peace Court of Port-au-Prince, Northern Section, has hardly been functioning for more than six (6) months due to strikes by Haitian judicial personnel and frequent armed attacks. And, the few times that judicial personnel appear on the scene, the tension that reigns in Bel-Air and its surroundings leads potential litigants not to resort to justice, when their rights are violated. However, the magistrate wanted to point out that the armed bandits have never attacked the court, even if they often use the surrounding roads to go and fight. Similarly, the judicial personnel assigned to it have never been the target of armed bandits.

82. According to magistrate Oreste FÉLIX, deputy judge at the Peace Court of Cité Soleil, the court is aware of the wars that are taking place in the City. However, no victim requested the services of the magistrates. Consequently, no findings were made. He also considered that it was the geographical position of the court - placed on the national road # 1, not far from Nan Boston - which discouraged potential plaintiffs. Moreover, the magistrate says that the population of Cité Soleil unfortunately has no confidence in the Haitian judicial system in general.

#### IX. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

83. From August 2020 until today, Bel-Air and Cité Soleil have been the target of armed attacks by G-9 an Fanmi Alye gangs. The reasons given by the survivors are diverse. However, many believe that the aim of these attacks is to bring down the Bel-Air and Cité Soleil neighborhoods and place them under the control of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye, whose members are close to the ruling power.

84. The RNDDH recalls that the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye was created in June 2020 to serve as the base of power in place, with a view to the realization of the unconstitutional referendum planned for June 27, 2021 and the organization of the elections. This coalition of armed gangs allows the de facto authorities to have control of the main disadvantaged neighborhoods of the West Department where the electorate is important. Indeed, it is not superfluous to point out that the Department of the West alone represents 40% of the national electorate. Having control over disadvantaged neighborhoods means having control over a sizable percentage of that electorate.

85. Bel-Air, eighty-one (81) people were murdered, thirty-six (36) from August to December 2020 and forty-five (45) others, from March to May 2021. In addition, twenty-four (24) are missing and eighteen (18) have been shot. One hundred and sixty-five (165) houses were burned. Thirteen (13) were looted. As a result, two hundred and sixty-two (262) people who were tenants or owners of these houses, became affected. As a result of these attacks, two hundred and ninety-six (296) children of Bel-Air became orphans of at least one of their parents.

86. In Cité Soleil, from January to May 2021, forty-four (44) people were murdered by bullets, seven (7) went missing, fifteen (15) were injured and one (1) woman was raped. Three (3) houses were burned down. One hundred and thirty-two (132) children of Cité Soleil became orphans as a result of these attacks.

87. For the perpetration of these deadly attacks, it was reported to the RNDDH that armored PNH strategically positioned in some streets of Bel-Air served as cover for the armed bandits who in addition to their heavy artillery, had in their possession many tear gas tubes that they did not hesitate to use against the population.

88. However, in order to trivialize the rights to life and security of the populations of disadvantaged neighborhoods, the police authorities have repeatedly presented the attacks in these areas as hegemonic struggles between armed gangs. On this point, it should be noted that in Bel-Air the raids are conducted against the residents because they say they do not want to hand over their neighborhood to the controls of armed gangs. And, in Cité Soleil, the Nan Brooklyn gang led by Gabriel JEAN PIERRE aka Ti Gabriel or Gabo is continually attacked because he does not want to be part of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye.

89. Furthermore, in accordance with the wishes of Articles 30 et seq. of the Law establishing, organizing, and operating the National Police, the Central Directorate of the Judicial Police (DCPJ) has the powers, among others, to investigate offences under criminal law and to investigate the perpetrators of crimes and offences. However, if the DCPJ had investigated the La Saline massacre perpetrated on the night of November 13 to 14, 2018 as well as the bloody events recorded in Bel Air, from November 4 to 8, 2019, Since then, it has never intervened despite the massive and systematic violations recorded in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

90. For its part, the General Inspection of the PNH should have self-reported because of the numerous denunciations relating to the use of the equipment of the police institution by armed gangs. It should also have investigated the denunciations of collusion by police officers with armed bandits and the involvement of some of them in the conduct of raids against disadvantaged neighborhoods. However, to date, no investigation has been carried out and no sanctions have been imposed against these police officers.

91. PNH officers on their side are routinely instructed not to intervene. The response to the calls for help made by the people of Bel-Air, according to which the fixed patrols have no order to intervene during the armed attacks, establishes, if necessary, the proof of this order of non-intervention.

92. To date, twelve (12) massacres and armed attacks have taken place in the country since 2018. While stressing that this is the first time that so many bloody events are recorded under the same regime, the RNDDH recalls that the survivors of the first ten (10) massacres and armed attacks had filed a complaint

by the Haitian judicial authorities. However, no serious legal proceedings have been conducted against the armed bandits, many of whom are known, nor have the state authorities indexed in these bloody events been concerned.

93. The victims whose houses have been set on fire, have taken refuge in public squares or in communal areas where they generally suffer reprehensible acts and are at the mercy of armed bandits. Women are often raped. However, no state institution helps the victims. And the many humanitarian agencies intervene extraordinarily little or extremely late.

94. In addition, while the country is rife with armed gangs and the most spectacular acts of violence against lives and property are perpetrated every day, the Haitian government is de facto searching for partners in the international community, support to implement the strategic plan of the National Disarmament Commission for Dismantling and Reintegration (CNDDR), a commission that admitted to inviting armed gangs to federate.

95. Since the installation, on June 5, 2020, of Frantz IDÉRICE as Managing Director of the Social Assistance Fund (CAS), on the express recommendation of Iscard ANDRICE head of Nan Belekou, member of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye, the armed gangs of this coalition receive a hefty sum of money every month. Thus, the scarce resources of the CAS that should have been used to help the elderly and people with motor and/or mental disabilities, are diverted by the state authorities to strengthen armed gangs.

96. It is therefore once again on the basis of these facts and findings coupled with the inertia of the State that the RNDDH affirms that the massacres and armed attacks perpetrated in the country since 2018, constitute in fact State crimes, crimes against humanity.

97. Building on all of the above, the RNDDH reminds the current state authorities, de facto though they are, that it is up to them to curb these massive violations of the rights to life and security of the Haitian population. In this sense, the RNDDH urges the State authorities in general and the Superior Council of the National Police (CSPN) in particular to:

- End the use of scarce resources of the PNH to strengthen the armed gangs that terrorize the Haitian population;
- Sanction all those who facilitate the use of police equipment in various massacres and armed attacks;
- End the massacres and armed attacks in Bel Air and Cité Soleil in particular and in disadvantaged neighbourhoods in general;

• Arrest and transfer to judicial authorities all armed bandits who sow terror among the population.