



The National Human Rights Defense Network
(RNDDH)



26th anniversary of the PNH:
The RNDDH recommends an in-depth evaluation of the institution

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1. June 12, 2021, brings back the 26th anniversary of the National Police of Haiti (PNH). On this occasion, the National Network for the Defense of Human Rights (RNDDH) shares with the public its observations and concerns about the functioning of this institution, so crucial for the country. One of its missions is to protect the lives and property of the Haitian people.
2. Indeed, since 2021, the state authorities today de facto have made a bet to weaken the police institution. To do this, they have made every effort to politicize and exploit it. They did not provide the polices with sufficient material to carry out their tasks but instead reinforced the armed gangs.
3. This reinforcement took on an unprecedented scale in the country when in June 2020, armed gangs were invited by the National Commission for Disarmament and Reintegration (CNDDR) to federate with the blessing of the power in place. Since then, no insult, no mischief has been spared to the agents of the PNH: serial murders of police officers, kidnapping followed by confinement for ransoms of police officers, the takeover of police stations by armed bandits, flight of police officers before the strike force of armed bandits, etc.

A. Police officers murdered from January to June 2021

4. For the period January to June 2021 alone, at least thirty-two (32) police officers were murdered, an average of five (5) police officers per month. Twenty-seven (27) of the victims are:
 - On January 7, 2021, Wilfrid PIERRE, a fifty-four (54) year old police inspector, was murdered at Delmas 2 by individuals on motorcycles.
 - On February 5, 2021, Patrick ANOZART, formerly assigned to the Swat Team unit, was killed in a clash between members of the Fantom 509 group and the police. It was near the sub-police station of Canapé-vert.
 - On February 18, 2021, Abdias PROPHETE, formerly assigned to the Border Police Unit (POLIFRONT), was assassinated by unidentified individuals. He was at Fort St Michel, Cap Haitian. He received several bullets.

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- On March 3, 2021, Gabeaud SILIEN was killed at the Solidarity Village. His killers charred his body.
- On March 12, 2021, thanks to a police intervention organized and coordinated with incredible lightness by the officials of the police institution, six (6) PNH agents were murdered by armed bandits of Village de Dieu. These are the following:
 - Ariel POULARD formerly assigned to the Brigade d'Opération et d'Intervention Départementale (BOID).
 - Lucdor PIERRE, formerly assigned to the specialized unit Swat Team.
 - Stanley EUGENE formerly assigned to the specialized unit Swat Team.
 - Georges Vivender ALEXIS, formerly assigned to the specialized unit Swat Team.
 - Wislet DESILUS, formerly assigned to the specialized unit Swat Team.
 - Georges RENOIT, formerly assigned to the Swat Team unit.
- On March 13, 2021, Léodriguez MERVEILLE was at Carrefour Noailles, a locality of the Croix des Bouquets when he was murdered. He was assigned to the POLIFRONT border unit.
- On March 13, 2021, Jean Yvelet ST-FLEUR was killed at Harry's Restaurant in Pétiion-Ville by unidentified armed individuals. He was posted to the Counter Narcotic Trafficking Brigade (BLTS).
- On March 13, 2021, Mario JEAN-BAPTISTE was shot in the neck while in the vicinity of the Base Relax Band. He died at the Hospital Saint François de Salles. He was assigned to the Intervention Corps for the Maintenance of Order (CIMO).
- On March 17, 2021, Jean Daniel MICHEL, formerly assigned to the Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of Western Order (UDMO-West), was killed by bandits armed with Simon Pelé.
- On March 22, 2021, Pierre Richard MYSTAL, former agent of the Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of Order (UDMO), was assassinated in Delmas 32 in the circumstances not yet clarified.
- On April 10, 2021, Divisional Inspector Jean Frantso SOULOUQUE, formerly assigned to the Primature, was hit with projectiles while he was at the Rue des Miracles, in Port au Prince. He succumbed to his wounds the next day.
- On April 15, 2021, Junior FELIX, Officer I, was shot and killed in Delmas 91 by armed bandits on motorcycles.
- On April 16, 2021, Ephesian JEAN LOUIS was killed at Rue Pavée by armed bandits from Base Krache Dife. His body was carried away by his murderers.
- On April 17, 2021, Stanley VINCENT was killed in Pétiion-Ville by another police officer following an argument.

- On May 8, Gabo DESIRE, Divisional Inspector, was murdered by armed bandits belonging to the 400 Mawozo as they attempted to abduct him.
- On May 12, 2021, Abel ROCHASSE, Agent IV, was murdered outside his home in Delmas by armed individuals on motorcycles. He was coming back from the bank.
- On May 15, 2021, Jude MAURICE was killed at Green Bar in Puits Blain.
- On June 5, 2021, Miradel ADOLPHE, Divisional Inspector, was assassinated at his workstation in Drouillard by armed bandits operating in the area.
- On June 5, 2021, three (3) police officers assigned to the sub-police station of Portail Saint Joseph were killed by armed bandits from the area who had previously invaded said police station. These are the police officers:
 - Jean Frantz Gay, A4.
 - Peterson DERVIL, A 2.
 - Sylvert JEAN PIERRE.

B. Police officers kidnapped and released for ransom

5. For the period mentioned, at least four (4) police officers were kidnapped and held for ransom. Here is the information contained by the RNDDH:
 - On January 3, 2021, Wilner SERAPHIN, a police inspector assigned to the Delmas 3 sub-police station, was abducted at Rue Pavée by armed individuals. He was released on 8 January 8, 2021, after five (5) days of detention.
 - On January 6, 2021, Ernst Théodor SANON and Jean Maxo VINCENT were abducted from the Station des Gonaives.
 - On April 7, 2021, Guerline JOSEPH, Officer III, 20th promotion, posted to the General Security Unit of the National Palace (USGPN), was abducted by unidentified armed bandits. She was released on April 10, 2021, for ransom.

C. Police stations targeted by armed bandits

6. At the beginning of June 2021, at least nine (9) police stations were attacked by armed bandits belonging to the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye.
 - On June 1, 2021, Martissant police station was attacked.
 - On June 5, 2021, six (6) police stations were attacked:

- The Bicentenary Sub-Commission.
 - The sub-commissariat of Cazeau.
 - From the police station of Drouillard, today controlled by armed bandits operating in Nan Boston under the direction of Mathias SAINTIL;
 - Duvivier sub-police station, now controlled by armed bandits operating in Nan Boston under the direction of Mathias SAINTIL;
 - Sierra II sub-police station attacked by armed bandits operating in the Nan Belekou neighborhood, led by Iscard ANDRICE;
 - From the sub-police station of Gonaives.
- On June 6, 2021, the Saint Joseph Gate sub-police station was attacked by armed bandits from the Krache Dife Base led by Wilson PIERRE, aka Ti Sonson;
 - On June 7, 2021, the antenna-based at Industries Boulevard, Airport Road, Zone Three (3) Hands, was attacked.

D. Use of Police Equipment by Armed Bandits

7. On several occasions, during the massacres and armed attacks recorded in deprived neighborhoods from 2018 to the present day, it is reported by the survivors of these areas the use of police equipment by armed bandits. Police uniforms, armored vehicles, tear gas tubes are made available to armed bandits to attack neighborhoods – most of them disadvantaged— where people dare to speak out against the anti-democratic and corrupt actions of the current government;
8. A video circulating on social networks shows bandits filming police uniforms found in the fief of an armed gang operating in the area.

E. Repression of Police Officers Members of the National Police Union of Haiti (SPNH 17)

9. Since early 2021, the hunt for SPNH-17 members has been open. The management committee members are hunted by the police institution to which they belong: publication of research notices, arrest, imprisonment, closure of the premises of the union, etc. All types of maneuvers are used to restrict the rights of police officers who so wish to group to demand respect for their rights.

F. Mismanagement of Subject Matter Unit personnel

10. The National Police of Haiti (PNH) staff, already insufficient, is also very poorly managed by officials. Indeed, according to the latest data provided by the police institution, it has about sixteen thousand (16,000) police officers or 1.3 agents per thousand (1,000) inhabitants, if we take into account that the Haitian population is estimated at twelve million (12,000,000) inhabitants.
11. However, the most lenient estimates show the use of 60% of the personnel of specialized units of the PNH on secondment with the state authorities, some members of the private business sector, and some members of the G-9 an FAnmi e Alye.
12. Because of these various problems, added to the internal struggles and the politicization of the police institution, today, the general security situation of the country is deteriorating by sight, and the PNH is on the verge of collapse. This is why, on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of the police institution, the RNDDH:
 - Calls on the Central Directorate of the Judicial Police (DCPJ) to speed up investigations into the murders of police officers, above all, those who are part of the police institution must feel that their lives and property are essential just as they are called to protect the lives and property of the Haitian people;
 - Requires the General Inspection of the PNH the opening of an investigation on the use of police equipment by armed bandits and sanctions both against these police officers in collusion with them and against all agents-The PNH involved in cases of human rights violations;
 - Request to the members of the Superior Council of the National Police (CSPN) to make every effort to take over the police stations now under the control of the armed gangs and to invite them to take a serious look at the institution's wobbly functioning and to set the bar straight because it is a sovereign institution that will survive, and far more important than political pettiness and self-interest but which is about to disappear.