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Dark night in Port-au-Prince and Delmas: RNDDH calls for popular mobilization

- 1. On the night of June 29-30, 2021, at Delmas 32, Christ-Roi and Avenue N prolonged, armed individuals fired on at least twenty (20) people, killing nineteen (19) of them and wounding at least one (1) other.
- 2. At Avenue N extended between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., one (1) person was shot and killed.
- 3. At rue Dessalines, Delmas 32, around 10:40 pm, three (3) motorcycles carrying at least two (2) individuals each, all heavily armed, opened fire on people. This attack left at least fifteen (15) dead including fourteen (14) instantly and one (1) more in hospital. The latter was one of two (2) injured who had been taken to Bernard Mevs Hospital.
- 4. In Acacia street, Christ Roi, three (3) people were murdered.
- 5. According to some residents of Delmas 32 met around these bloody events, the individuals who are involved in the organization and perpetration of these attacks are part of the Base Krache Dife, led by Wilson PIERRE still known under the name of James ALEXANDER alias Ti Sonson and Jean Manillo VIAU alias Manino or Manillo.
- 6. Here is the first information relating to sixteen (16) of the victims, collected by the RNDDH:

- Diego CHARLES, reporter for Radio Vision 2000 and the online newspaper LaRepiblik, received two (2) bullets, one in the right flank and the other in the right forearm. He was in front of the gate of his house, in Acacia Street, Christ-Roi zone;
- Marie Antoinette DUCLAIRE, journalist for the online newspaper LaRepiblik, a political activist, received seven (7) bullets, one (1) to the left temple, one (1) to the left cheek, one (1) to the left arm, two (2) to the left breast and two (2) to the right arm. She was at the wheel of her car, in front of the gate of the house of Diego CHARLES;
- Seighmel Fanelson Sal-Doly received one (1) bullet to the neck, one (1) bullet to the left arm and two (2) bullets to the stomach. He was in rue Acacia, not far from Marie Antoinette DUCLAIRE's vehicle;
- Frantz COFFY, attendant of a truck driver, was shot to the head. The driver, who was shot, was rushed to Bernard Mevs Hospital;
- Gregory MIZAINE and Luc BIEN-AIMÉ were killed at the Delmas 32 motorcycle station;
- Maxnold GUILLAUME was hit with several projectiles. He was rushed to Bernard Mevs Hospital where he died;
- Ralph THAM, born July 22, 1984, security guard assigned to Eclipse Inn Bar Restaurant, was on his way home when he was shot dead;
- Anderson Grégory GREGOIRE and Odnel GRÉGOIRE, two (2) brothers, born June 1, 1995 and November 6, 1987 respectively, were at the Delmas 32 motorcycle station when they were killed;
- Junior Pierre JEAN HUBERT, born June 16, 1979, was shot dead;
- Louiras SCIPION, fifty-five (55) years old, was shot dead;
- Fauline Charles CLAUDE was shot dead;
- Cavens GEFFRARD, was shot dead;
- Yvnol LEGER, was shot dead.

- 7. The observation of eleven (11) of the corpses was carried out on June 30, 2021 by the deputy judge of the Peace Court of Delmas, Maître Raphaël PIERRE. The bodies of journalist Diego CHARLES, activist Marie Antoinette DUCLAIRE alias Netty and Seighmel Fanelson Sal-Doly were found by the deputy judge of the Port-au-Prince Peace Court, South section, James SAINT JEAN.
- 8. The bodies of four (4) other persons murdered on the same night were not observed by the judicial authorities. This is the case, for example, of Josaphat, who was in his shop on Dessalines Street, Delmas 32, when he was mortally wounded.
- 9. Moreover, among the two (2) people wounded by bullets during this dark night, counted by the RNDDH, only Wilgens POLYNICE was saved, Maxnold GUILLAUME having died at the Hospital.
- 10. The day after this dark night in Port-au-Prince and Delmas, the Superior Council of the National Police (CSPN) hastened to affirm, through the director general a.i. of the PNH Léon CHARLES, that the carnage recorded at Delmas 32 on the night of 29 to 30 of June ,2021, was perpetrated by members of the Fantom 509 and by supporters of the trade unionist police officer Guerby GEFFRARD, delegate of the SPNH-17 himself assassinated at Delmas 32 on the afternoon of the same day.
- 11. The RNDDH wishes to point out that on the night of June 29 to 30, 2021, three (3) different bloody events occurred in three (3) different areas, at different times either in Delmas 32, to Christ-Roi and Avenue N. However, these are crimes perpetrated by heavily armed individuals, some of whom have been identified by residents of Delmas 32 as part of Base Krache Dife, one of the influential gangs of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye.
- 12. The RNDDH condemns the hasty and irresponsible statements, to the unpredictable consequences of the director general a.i. of the PNH Léon CHARLES because, indexing a sector in the commission of several crimes cannot be done with as much nonchalance. In this sense, the RNDDH reminds the latter that it is to avoid such excesses, that the Legislator had taken good care to separate the roles of police and judicial institutions, in the treatment of criminal and criminal acts.
- 13. In addition, these statements lead us to believe that the carnage at Delmas 32 had been well planned by the armed bandits and that the PNH high command had been informed. Indeed, according to the CSPN, it is to avenge the union police officer Guerby GEFFRARD that a punitive expedition was led by supporters of the SPNH-17, members of the Fantom 509. To achieve such precision in these statements, two (2) scenarios are possible: either rumors had reached the PNH concerning the

preparation of the expedition, or the PNH feared the commission of such an expedition. In both (2) cases, the duty of the police institution was to secure the residents of Delmas 32. This was not done.

- 14. Furthermore, the RNDDH recalls that from 2018 to the present, at least five (5) journalists have been murdered. They are:
 - Vladimir LEGAGNEUR, March 14, 2018,
 - Rospide PÉTION, June 11, 2019,
 - Néhémie JOSEPH, October 10, 2019,
 - Diego CHARLES, June 29, 2021,
 - Marie Antoinette DUCLAIRE, June 29, 2021.
- 15. To date, none of the files of the first three (3) victims has resulted in a judgment because, the judicial institution completely erased, only works two (2) to four (4) months per year, since 2018.
- 16. There is no doubt, therefore, that a climate of terror is being created in the country with the complicity of the State authorities and the rights to life, security, physical and mental integrity of citizens are constantly being violated.
- 17. In this context, the RNDDH once again calls for citizen mobilization to demand the respect and realization of the rights of the Haitian population.

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