



National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH)



RNDDH position on the serial murders of PNH officers.

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1. Since the beginning of 2023, the National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH) has been concerned about the obvious and accelerated deterioration of the country's overall security situation.

2. This concern is accentuated by the fact that the agents of the National Police of Haiti (PNH), abandoned by the state authorities, seem to be the privileged target of armed gangs, at a time when the president of the Superior Council of the National Police (CSPN) is also the country's highest executive authority.

3. While we are only at the beginning of 2023, at least eighteen (18) agents of the PNH are already victims of acts harmful to their lives. Of these, fourteen (14) were murdered, two (2) were shot in raids against them by gunmen, and two (2) were reported missing. Here are some details about them:

- On January 10, 2023, at Carrefour-Feuilles, two (2) police officers were murdered, Dempsey DENIS and Jean Daddy PREVILUS;
- On January 17, 2023, at the Bicentenary, a police patrol was attacked. Officer Dudley LAFOND was murdered. His body was taken away by the armed bandits. Another policeman, Jonathan JOLICOEUR, was shot and wounded during the raid. It should be noted that he received twelve (12) projectiles and only barely survived;
- On January 17, 2023, Jean Gardy JOSEPH was captured by armed bandits. To date, no news of him has reached the RNDDH;
- On January 20, 2023, in Métivier, in the commune of Pétion-Ville, five (5) policemen were caught in an ambush. Three (3) of them were murdered. These are Gérald OCTINAL, Duckens CEJUSTE and Luc ELIEZER;

- One (1) other police were injured in this attack. It was Pascal GUILLAUME and Wiclern STANICLAS went missing;
- On January 25, 2023, in Liancourt, in the Artibonite department, six (6) PNH agents were murdered by armed bandits. They are Kether LOUIS, Mackès BADIN, Donalson INNOCENT, Norabert AURELUS, James Junior FELIX, and Camille PIERRE. Another policeman, Osny MESADIEU, wounded by bullets during the raid wiped, died in hospital;
- On January 26, 2023, at the time of writing this report, one (1) police officer was murdered in Delmas 52. The circumstances surrounding his murder are not yet known.

4. The RNDDH notes that since the rise to power of the de facto Prime Minister Ariel HENRY, the armed gangs, reinforced by his government, became more arrogant in their modus operandi and widening every day a little more, their territory, regularly attacking the agents of the PNH.

5. Indeed, from July 20, 2021, date of induction of Ariel HENRY to the present day seventy-eight (78) police officers were murdered, an average of five (5) police officers per month.

- On July 22, 2021, Gabriel GUILLAUME, Police Inspector, was shot and killed at the Croix des Bouquets;
- On July 26, 2021, Wisley MEIDE aka Wisky was murdered in Duvivier;
- On August 3, 2021, Constable Jean CLAUDE was shot and killed by gunmen;
- On September 1, 2021, the decapitated body of Daniel BLANC was found in La Saline and abducted by gangs on August 30, 2021;
- On October 1, 2021, Exil MICHELET was killed in Martissant;
- On October 12, 2021, Jocelyn JEAN-PHILIPPE was murdered in Cap Haitien;

- On October 16, 2021, Pierre Richard France ETIENNE was murdered at Avenue Christophe;
- On October 28, 2021, Sergely CHAMPAGNE was murdered at Carrefour Marassa;
- On October 30, 2021, Obed JEAN BAPTISTE was shot and killed in Pernier;
- On November 20, 2021, Fritz Gérald SANON was shot and killed;
- On December 11, 2021, Divisional Inspector Waglet RESIGNAC was murdered not far from his home in Tabarre;
- On December 12, 2021, Jude Patiouco BRIMER was murdered in Pétion-Ville, Plaza 41 block;
- On December 16, 2021, Jean Ketler NAU was shot three (3) times in Delmas 32 and died shortly after being admitted to the hospital;
- On May 13, 2022, Alexander CHEVALIER, shot while at Carrefour Drouillard, was rushed to the hospital where he died shortly after his admission;
- On May 12, 2022, Guypson CELAN was killed in Lamentin 54;
- On May 27, 2022, Ketcham ANEUS, a police inspector, was murdered at the Croix-des-Bouquets;
- On May 31, 2022, Luckson MISERE was shot through in Pernier;
- On June 6, 2022, Jude SEMELUS was murdered in La Tremblay, a community of the Croix des Bouquets;
- On June 15, 2022, Médard ROBERT, Divisional Inspector, Head of Traffic Services at the Croix-des-Bouquets, was murdered at Carrefour Marasa;
- On June 19, 2022, the police officer known as Réginald, was shot, and wounded on June 17, 2022, while at the Calvaire Sub-Commission, died in hospital;

- On June 26, 2022, Elco SAINT JUSTE, a victim of an armed attack in Bourdon on June 8, 2022, died in a hospital;
- On July 4, 2022, a PNH officer who provided security for the head of the General Security Unit of the National Palace (USGPN) was shot and killed;
- On July 24, 2022, police inspector Reginald LALEAU was murdered inside a church in Meyer;
- On July 28, 2022, Antony DUMAS was murdered on the road leading to Tibwadòm, not far from Gros Morne;
- On August 17, 2022, Stenor DUMEZILE was murdered in Clercine, Carrefour Rita area;
- On August 21, 2022, Elysée FELIX, shot in Savien, died in hospital;
- On August 30, 2022, Ramesès PIERRE was murdered at the Savane Pistache sub-commission at the top of Carrefour Feuilles;
- On September 5, 2022, a police officer was murdered along with two (2) mechanics who also lost their lives;
- On September 13, 2022, three (3) PNH agents were murdered in Laboule 12. They are Abdias GALIOTTE, Octa PATRICK, and Roldy DESTINE;
- On September 14, 2022, Robinson LUBIN aka Tiga was murdered in Delmas 75;
- On September 17, 2022, two (2) PNH officers were murdered in Saint-Marc;
- On October 1, 2022, Harold ALABRE was killed in Tabarre, Eddy One area. His body was taken away by his killers;
- On October 2, 2022, Jude DESIR was murdered in Nazon by unidentified armed individuals;

- On October 18, 2022, Bact EVANGELOT, Chief Commissioner, was murdered at his home in Tapaj, Croix-des-Bouquets;
- On October 29, 2022, Therosmy BEAUDELAIRE was murdered at Mon Repos 44. Her body was burned at Lamentin 52;
- On November 7, 2022, a police officer was murdered on Lamarre Street, Pétion-Ville, while riding a motorcycle home;
- On November 17, 2022, Wilson PRESUME aka Soso was murdered in Savane Pistache;
- On November 17, 2022, a police officer was murdered in Bon Repos, Canaan Block;
- On November 25, 2022, Harington RIGAUD, Divisional Commissioner and Director of the National Police Academy, was murdered on the Route de Frères;
- On December 2, 2022, Lincoln BIEN-AIME was murdered at the Croix-des-Bouquets;
- On December 11, 2022, Nadège JOSEPH was murdered in Clercine 4, not far from the headquarters of the police institution;
- On December 19, 2022, Roulls GOVIN was murdered on Delmas 31;
- On December 20, 2022, Steevenson ST-LOUIS was captured by bandits at the corner of Pavée and du Peuple streets and was murdered.

6. Whether they belong to the administrative police or are part of the specialized units of the PNH, whether they are simple agents or senior officials, whether they are based in Port-au-Prince or any other city of the country: nothing is going to save the lives of police officers in this country. And those who are based in the different communes of the Western department are the most exposed.

7. The RNDDH considers that the president of the CSPN, the de facto Prime Minister Ariel HENRY as well as the director general of the PNH, the divisional commissioner Frantz ELBE, are responsible for each of these seventy-eights (78) lives lost during their

reign. History will show that they never did anything to protect and preserve the lives of those officers who chose to serve their country.

8. Today, the RNDDH has strong reasons to believe that the accelerated deterioration of the security situation of the country, after a few days of calm, has as objectives to justify and obtain from the international community, the sending of a foreign military force in Haiti. And, this is a horrible plan, police officers serve as sufferers for the leaders, which makes all those who wear the uniform of the Haitian police institution, potential victims, at any time, of raids, assassinations, or gunshot wounds.

9. The RNDDH condemns with the utmost rigor the serial killings of the agents of the PNH and wants to present its deep sympathies to the entire police institution, thrown into pasture by the de facto Prime Minister Ariel HENRY, to armed gangs that are protected.

10. The RNDDH understands the frustration and suffering of PNH officers. However, the organization considers it its duty to invite them not to deliver the country in general and the streets of Port-au-Prince in particular, to the hands of armed bandits who are waiting for that. The protection of the Haitian population remains and remains their sacrosanct mission.