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The reign of Prime Minister Ariel HENRY Or The fury of the armed gangs

- *Artistic Village of Noailles*
- *Savane Pistache*
- *Source Matelas*
- *Bel-Air*

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Summary

1. Since July 2021, raids, armed attacks, and massacres have multiplied in Haiti. However, between April 2022 and April 2023, the National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH) counted 9 large-scale massacres perpetrated in the departments of Artibonite and also in the West department. These massacres are considered to be large-scale because of the number of victims, the duration of the armed attacks on the civilian population, and/or the severity of the abuses committed.
2. During six of these massacres, seven hundred and thirty-four (734) people were murdered, an average of one hundred and twenty-two (122) people per massacre, and one hundred fifty-five (105) women were gang raped, an average of seventeen (17) women and girls raped per massacre.
 - In the Plaine du Cul-de-sac from April 24 to May 6, 2022, at least one hundred and ninety-one (191) people were murdered, and at least nineteen (19) women were raped. Seventeen (17) of them were currently executed;
 - In Cité Soleil, from July 7 to 17, 2022, at least three hundred (300) people were murdered, and fifty-three (53) women and girls were gang raped;
 - In the Artistic Village of Noailles, from October 12 to 17, 2022, at least nineteen (19) people were murdered, and at least thirty (30) houses and/or handicraft shops were burned;
 - In Savane Pistache, from November 10 to 30, 2022, at least three (3) people were murdered, and two (2) minors were raped. Twenty-three (23) houses were vandalized, sixty-one (61) others were burned, and sixty-four (64) vehicles, including motorcycles, private cars, and public transportation vehicles, were set on fire.
 - In Source Matelas, on the night of November 28-29, 2022, at least seventy-three (73) people were murdered. Twenty-six (26) women and three (3) girls were raped.
 - In Bel-Air, from February 28 to March 5, 2023, at least one hundred and forty-eight (148) people were murdered or are currently missing. Three (3) others were shot, and two (2) women were victims of repeated gang rapes. At least sixty-two (62) homes were burned, and another twenty-six (26) homes were looted and/or vandalized. Four (4) vehicles were stolen, and three others were set on fire.
3. This surge of violence since July 2021 has led the RNDDH to state that while the de facto Prime Minister inherited a worrying security situation, he turned it into an explosive

situation characterized by the fury of the armed gangs whose loyalty he has acquired by assuring them protection and impunity.

4. RNDDH condemns these massacres, which cause extremely high losses of human life and property on a daily basis, and during which the public authorities, the various ministries of social affairs, and women's rights, have never intervened to assist the population.
5. Furthermore, since April 24, 2023, the Haitian population, revolted by the inertia of the state authorities in the face of the abuses perpetrated against them, has launched a hunt for bandits through a movement called Bwa Kale. To date, this movement has already resulted in the lynching of more than one hundred individuals.
6. Some believe that in just a few days, the Bwa Kale movement has currently had more results in the fight against banditry than all police operations combined. RNDDH, for its part, protests against the state authorities who are hiding behind this movement to bring the Haitian population to eliminate for them, the links they currently have with the individuals they have armed and to prevent, at the same time, Justice does not go back to them.
7. Based on the above, RNDDH recommends to the concerned authorities put an end to the reign of impunity by conducting a certification process of all the prosecutors' offices near the courts of the first instance of the country and by removing all corrupt prosecutors; to put an end to the protection of armed criminals; to put the public action in motion against the armed criminals who sow terror in the country to try and condemn the armed bandits involved in all the massacres so far recorded in the country since 2018; to immediately adopt measures to put an end to the spiral of violence underway in the country; to provide financial and psychological assistance to the victims of massacres and armed attacks.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Since the advent to power of the de facto Prime Minister Ariel HENRY, the security situation in the country has been deteriorating continuously and armed gangs are multiplying exponentially.
2. Massacres, raids and armed attacks have been recorded everywhere, particularly in the departments of the West and Artibonite - the two (2) largest geographic departments in the country in terms of surface area and population density - where even areas that were previously considered residential have fallen prey to bloody events.
3. The National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH), particularly concerned by the frequency of these armed attacks and massacres with disastrous consequences for the population, makes it its duty to share with public opinion the conclusions of the various investigations it has conducted into the massacres perpetrated in the Artistic Village of Noailles, Savane Pistache, Source Matelas and Bel-Air.

II. SECURITY SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY SINCE JULY 2021

4. During the night of July 6-7, 2021, former President Jovenel MOÏSE was assassinated in his residence. Prime Minister Claude JOSEPH remained in his position as Prime Minister. However, without anyone expecting it, in a press release made public on July 17, 2021, the Core Group - composed of the Ambassadors of Germany, Brazil, Canada, Spain, the United States, France, the European Union, the Special Representative of the Organization of American States and the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations - invited Ariel HENRY, then Prime Minister designated by the late President Jovenel MOÏSE, to form a consensual and inclusive government, thus plebiscite the choice of the deceased President and providing Ariel HENRY with the approval he needed to occupy the position in question. Three (3) days later, on July 20, 2021, the de facto Prime Minister Ariel HENRY was inaugurated, with the blessing of the international community.
5. The de facto Prime Minister promises, during his installation ceremony, to bring the judicial authorities to shed light on the events that led to the assassination of President Jovenel MOÏSE, to fight against the generalized insecurity that plagues the country, to quickly organize elections for a return to constitutional order, to revive the failing economy and to fight against the spread of Covid-19.
6. On September 17, 2021, Prime Minister Ariel HENRY published a special issue in the official newspaper *Le Moniteur* on the Political Agreement for peaceful and effective governance of the interim period. It is a document of twenty-nine (29) articles divided into nine (9) sections, which deal with, among other things, the governance of the interim period, the establishment of a control and monitoring authority, the mission of the government, security on the national territory, the organization of elections, etc.
7. This agreement gave him the legitimacy to lead the country with a one-party government. A coalition of political parties and personalities led by him was quickly established and took over the reins of the country.
8. On September 21, 2021, de facto Prime Minister Ariel HENRY dismissed the members of the Provisional Electoral Council (CEP) that had been set up by Jovenel MOÏSE, while announcing that he was beginning consultations to form a new electoral body and implement Jovenel MOÏSE's initial plan to hold a referendum to provide the country with a new constitution and to organize general elections.
9. When the September 21, 2021, agreement expires on December 21, 2022, a new agreement will emerge. It gives even more powers to the de facto Prime Minister.
10. Since January 9, 2023, with the expiration of the mandate of the last ten (10) Senators of the Republic, the de facto Prime Minister Ariel HENRY has been leading the country alone.
11. At the same time, the armed gangs that were armed the day after the assassination of Jovenel MOÏSE is resuming their service. They are sporadically attacking deprived neighborhoods, attacking the general population, exponentially increasing the number of victims of violent deaths, gunshot wounds, and rape.

12. The insecurity situation on the Martissant / Fontamara road section leading to four (4) geographic departments in the south as well as to part of the West department, has worsened.

13. We remember that on June 1, 2021, a war broke out between the gangs operating in this area. It resulted in the killing of several hundred people and the displacement of several thousand others, who were forced to abandon their homes and all their possessions to save their lives. Despite the promises of the de facto Prime Minister, raids, hijackings, and heavy gunfire are alternately recorded. In addition, the gangs are shooting at the commuters on the road in question, which will eventually discourage them and cause them to desert the road. Transportation is then slowed down or sometimes completely paralyzed.

14. In July 2021, a toll system was officially established by the gang leader Christ Roi CHERY alias Krisla and the armed bandits he leads. At the time, they claimed that it was a tax to protect the population from rival gangs in Grand Ravine and Village de Dieu.

15. In this sense, it is the drivers who are asked to pay "to the Town Hall" fees commonly referred to as "taxes". To do so, they exponentially increase the price of public transportation. In addition, besides the taxes to be paid to the " City Hall ", the passengers, as well as the bystanders, are often called upon to contribute to the maintenance of the frequented sections of road, by paying directly to the armed bandits, who, equipped with shovels and construction materials, put pressure on them.

16. Having currently had the understanding that Christ-Roi CHERY alias Krisla and his acolytes were collecting large sums of money with this toll system, other bandits also instituted it. Today, paying the bandits to go to Carrefour is established as an obligation, taken up by other bandits operating in the Martissant / Fontamara area.

17. Thus, after having paid the "tax" due to Christ-Roi CHERY alias Krisla in Fontamara 27, the public transport drivers must also pay another "tax" in Martissant 2, not far from the sub-police station or near the Church of Saint Bernadette, which will be divided between Renel DESTINA alias Ti Lapli and Johnson ANDRE alias Izo 5 secondes, respectively chiefs of Grand-Ravine and Village de Dieu.

18. These taxes vary according to the size of the public transportation vehicle. For example, buses that travel between Cayes and Port-au-Prince are required to pay up to fifteen thousand (15,000) gourdes each way, ten thousand (10,000) gourdes at the Martissant station, and five thousand (5,000) gourdes at the Fontamara station. On the other hand, given the size of his vehicle, a driver making the trip from Carrefour to Port au Prince must pay between seven hundred and fifty (750) gourdes and one thousand and five hundred (1500) gourdes for each trip, both outbound and inbound. At the Martissant station, he pays between five hundred (500) and one thousand (1000) gourdes, and at the Fontamara station, between two hundred and fifty (250) and five hundred (500) gourdes.

19. At the same time, road sections such as Canaan and Titanyen, leading to the geographic departments of the Great North, which were the object of isolated attacks under the

presidency of Jovenel MOÏSE, have fallen completely under the control of armed bandits who, under the governance of Ariel HENRY, are expanding their territory.

20. What began with raids, seizures of trucks, and hijacking of vehicles has quickly evolved into massive human rights violations: assassinations, rapes of women and girls, and serious attacks on the physical and psychological integrity of people who dare to venture onto these stretches of road. This situation, which has resulted in numerous victims, will also discourage travelers who will decide to drastically slow down their travel to these departments in 2022.

21. The armed gangs are gaining ground because of the confidence of the government, which offers them large sums of money, weapons, and ammunition as soon as the gangs are established.

22. Haitian National Police (PNH) officers are targeted by these bandits and are systematically assassinated. The ambushes of Métivier, Pétion-ville recorded on January 20, 2023, in the department of the West, of Liancourt, on January 25, 2023, in the department of Artibonite and of Thomassin, recorded on April 9, 2023, and were respectively five (5), six (6) and three (3) police officers were assassinated, making the headlines, all the more so because the high command of the PNH remained inert in the face of these ambushes and did not give any proportional response.

23. If before the advent to power of de facto Prime Minister Ariel HENRY, armed attacks, shootings, and massacres were confined to underprivileged neighborhoods, since August 2021, areas that were previously considered to be residential and very calm - such as Kenscoff, Laboule 12, several localities in Pétion-ville, haut Delmas, Bon Repos, in the Western Department - have been transformed into hunting grounds or battlefields. This has also been observed in several neighborhoods in the department of Artibonite, including Savien, Palmiste, and Liancourt. These attacks intensified in 2022. Here are some examples:

- On August 18, 2022, during exchanges of fire between bandits and the Haitian National Police (PNH) in the area of Savien and Palmiste, localities dependent on the commune of Petite Rivière de l'Artibonite, seven (7) people from the civilian population were killed;
- On October 15, 2022, in Laboule 12, in the Department of the West, four (4) people were murdered, and several others were wounded by bullets by armed bandits in a private vehicle who opened fire on the victims, who were accused of being spies. Their bodies, as well as the motorcycles they were riding, were burned.
- On December 6, 2022, armed bandits took hostage the sub-police station of Pont Sondé, in the department of Artibonite.

24. In fact, throughout 2022, the bandits did not stop attacking the Haitian population. In addition to the aforementioned sporadic and presumably isolated attacks, five (5) large-scale massacres were perpetrated during this year alone:

- Plaine du Cul-de-Sac, April 2022
- Cité Soleil, July 2022

- Artistic Village of Noailles, October 2022
- Savane Pistache, Carrefour-Feuilles, November 2022
- Source Matelas, November 2022

25. The human and material losses caused by the massacres of the Plaine du Cul-de-Sac and Cité Soleil are enormous:

- At the Plaine du Cul-de-Sacⁱ, from April 24 to May 6, 2022, at least one hundred and eighty-one (191) people were murdered, that is, one hundred and seven (107) men, seventy-six (76) women, six (6) girls and two (2) boys. Nineteen (19) women were raped collectively. Seventeen (17) of them were later executed coldly. Over a hundred houses were burned down. In addition, of the reported murdered persons, at least forty-eight (48) were presented to the RNDDH as members of the armed gangs fighting each other.
- At Cité Soleil,ⁱⁱ from 7 to 17 July 2022, at least three hundred (300) people were murdered. At least fifty-three (53) womenⁱⁱⁱ are victims of collective and repeated rape. Two hundred and ten (210) houses were destroyed by the heavy machinery of the National Equipment Centre (CNE) and the Ministry of Public Works Transport and Communication (MTPTC) made available to the armed bandits of the G-9 Fanmi e Alye, by the state authorities.

26. And, while the security situation is worsening in the Western Department, bandits are also gaining strength in several other geographic departments of the country, including the Artibonite Department. Indeed, in several localities, several armed gangs are in intense activity:

- In the locality of Savien, the first communal section of the municipality of Verrettes, the Base Gran Grif led by Luckson ÉLAN alias Jeneral Luckson is active;
- In the locality of Jean Denis, an armed gang led by Ti Mepri is active;
- In Croix Périsse, the armed gang called Kokorat San Ras, led by John Peter FLERONVIL, Jean Renald DOLCIN and Ferdens alias Jeneral Meyè, is spreading terror.

27. These armed gangs are involved in kidnapping for ransom, assassinations, robberies, rapes, destruction of fields, etc. In recent months, they have also been carrying out raids against the civilian population, causing local residents to abandon their homes with everything they own. For example:

- On November 22, 2022, the Gran Grif Base attacked peasants living in the Lanmò area, in search, according to their statements, of a bandit named Miguel. They currently have taken advantage of this opportunity to commit numerous acts of violence against the population;

- During the night of February 8 to 9, 2023, in the Dodart and Desjardins neighborhoods of the Verrettes commune in the Artibonite department, eight (8) people were killed by bullets and approximately ten (10) others were wounded, during an attack perpetrated by the armed gang of Savien.

28. The year 2023 began like the previous ones, with massive violations of the rights to life, security, and physical and psychological integrity of the population. From January to April 2023, numerous armed attacks and shootings against the civilian population and police stations were recorded in the following localities and communes: Pernier, Marlique, Diègue, Meyotte, Cargo, Tunnel, Thomassin, Laboule, in the commune of Pétion ville; Bérette, Calebasse, Fort-Jacques, in the commune of Kenscoff; Marché Salomon, Debussy, Bel-Air, Caradeux, Solino, Delmas, in the communes of Port-au-Prince and Delmas; Source Matelas, in the commune of Cabaret, Onaville, in the commune of Croix-des-Bouquets, as well as the communes of Cité Soleil, Liancourt, Verrettes, Petite Rivière de l'Artibonite and Montrouis: the armed bandits prove, if need be, that they operate wherever they want and that they take control of any area that interests them. Here are some examples of these raids conducted by armed bandits:

- During the first four (4) months of 2023, twenty-two (22) police officers were murdered, two (2) were reported missing, and two (2) others were kidnapped and held for ransom^{iv};
- On the night of January 29, 2023, armed bandits led by Vitelhomme INNOCENT demolished the sub-police station of Pernier in the commune of Pétion ville;
- On February 3, 2023, during a shooting at the Salomon Market, five (5) people were killed, and several others were injured;
- On February 7, 2023, in Liancourt in the department of Artibonite, two (2) people, including a schoolboy who was in class, were shot and killed. Several people were also wounded by bullets;
- On February 11, 2023, during a shooting in Tabarre, zone Caradeux, six (6) people were assassinated. Most of the victims were vendors and drivers of motorcycle cabs or trucks;
- On February 22, 2023, during a shooting recorded in Delmas 31, the former police inspector Gérard JEAN MICHEL was killed;
- On the evening of March 1, 2023, armed individuals set fire to the police station in Fort-Jacques. Vehicles in the courtyard of the police station were currently set on fire;

- On March 17, 2023, armed individuals attacked residents of Marlique in Pétion Ville. At least three (3) people were killed, and twenty (20) vehicles were burned;
- On the evening of March 18, 2023, residents of Diègue, commune of Pétion-ville were attacked by armed individuals who spread terror;
- During the night of March 19-20, 2023, armed bandits attacked the localities of Cargo and Tunnel. At least nine (9) people were killed. Four (4) of them were burned to death in a public transportation van;
- On the afternoon of April 5, 2023, armed individuals set fire to the police station of Meyotte, in the commune of Pétion-ville;
- On April 5, 2023, more than twenty-five (25) houses were burned in several areas of Montrouis, which forced several families to flee their homes;
- On the night of April 6, 2023, heavily armed individuals attacked Onaville, murdered members of the population, looted their homes before setting them on fire and causing many families to flee;
- On the evening of April 11, 2023, the police station in Petite-Rivière de l'Artibonite was looted and then set on fire by heavily armed individuals. It had been abandoned on January 25, 2023, following the ambush that led to the assassination of seven (7) agents of the Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of Order (UDMO). The latter were assigned to the Liancourt police station.

29. Thus, from the worrying security situation that he inherited from his predecessors, the de facto Prime Minister Ariel HENRY - who is the sole leader of the country as well as the Superior Council of the National Police (CSPN) - has turned it into an explosive situation. And it is in this atmosphere of violence and terror that Haitian citizens are called to live, since the beginning of his reign.

III. METHODOLOGY

30. This report covers four (4) of the nine (9) large-scale massacres perpetrated under the governance of de facto Prime Minister Ariel HENRY. They were recorded in the geographic department of the West. They are as follows:

- The massacre at the Artistic Village of Noailles, commune of Croix-des-Bouquets;
- The massacre perpetrated in Savane Pistache, Carrefour-Feuilles, 2nd district, commune of Port-au-Prince;
- The massacre of Source Matelas, commune of Cabaret;
- The Bel-Air massacre, first district, commune of Port-au-Prince.

31. For the preparation of this report, in addition to researching documents and press clippings, RNDDH interviewed

- Judicial authorities in Croix-des-Bouquets and Cité Soleil;
- Police authorities in Croix-des-Bouquets and Cité Soleil
- Organizations or associations from the areas such as the Association des Artisans de Noailles and the AfricAmerica Foundation
- Victims of the different massacres;
- Relatives of victims;
- Members of the populations of the affected areas.

32. Some victims have currently given RNDDH permission to use all of the information provided. Others currently have only given partial permission. For the latter category, the initials of their full name have been used in this document.

IV. MASSACRE IN THE ARTISTIC VILLAGE OF NOAILLES

33. From October 12 to 17, 2022, the Artistic Village of Noailles was the scene of clashes between the armed gangs Kraze Baryè and 400 Mawozo led respectively by Vitelhomme INNOCENT and Wilson JOSEPH alias Lanmò san jou.

34. The Artistic Village of Noailles is named after its locality - Noailles - which is located to the east of the commune of Croix-des-Bouquets, between the neighborhoods of Beau Jeu Bonnet and Nan Rémy. This artistic village has been home for about fifty (50) years to unique expertise, namely the handling of cut iron. It brings together a vast agglomeration of workshops of artisans specialized in cut iron, hence the name of Village.

35. From its creation until October 2022, the Artistic Village of Noailles welcomed more than four hundred (400) artisans who worked every day, in the numerous shops that were located there. These craftsmen gathered in associations, to protect themselves against the hazards of the trade and to better organize themselves.

36. According to reports to RNDDH, the security situation in Noailles was already tense due to the increased activity of armed gangs in the area. In addition, several bandits had attempted to take control of the village by requesting permission from leaders of artisan organizations to hold them for ransom in exchange for some form of protection. This was never accepted.

37. Faced with the renewed refusal of the leaders of these organizations to hand over the artisans for ransom, the bandits threatened to set fire to the shops, murder the artisans, and attack the foreigners who frequented the village in search of artisanal products.

38. When the threats did not produce results, the armed bandits went on the attack, carrying out several raids. Here are two (2) examples:

- On the evening of June 18-19, 2021, shortly before the assassination of President Jovenel MOÏSE, Yvener CHARLES alias Mafia, a resident of the Noailles area was assassinated by armed bandits who blamed him for preventing them from taking control of the village;
- On October 12, 2021, armed bandits, members of the 400 Mawozo gang, broke into the residence of artisan Anderson BELLONY, one of the pillars of the Artistic Village of Noailles. He currently has fled. Three (3) people found on the spot were injured by bullets. In addition, Anderson BELLONY was intercepted by another group of armed bandits and was coldly murdered. These armed bandits, who were looking for him, blamed him, as well as Yvener CHARLES alias Mafia, for obstructing their presence in the village.

39. At the same time, in April 2022, armed bandits headed by Kòlèg, a known gang leader operating in Terre Blanche, Michaud, and Guédon, attacked the base of Vitelhomme INNOCENT in Torcel. On this point in particular, it should be recalled that the named Kòlèg was killed in Croix-des-Bouquets, during exchanges of fire with the Police, on the afternoon of August 3, 2022.

40. In September 2022, a vehicle headed for the border with the Dominican Republic carrying between three hundred thousand and four hundred thousand US dollars for the purchase of weapons and ammunition for the armed gang led by Vitelhomme Innocent, was attacked along the way by Kanibal so known, gang leader operating in Nan Remy and member of the 400 Mawozo gang led by Wilson JOSEPH aka Lanmò san jou. All the armed bandits led by Vitelhomme INNOCENT who occupied the vehicle in question were murdered.

41. In retaliation, a young man living in the area, presented as belonging to the armed gang of Nan Rémy was murdered by bandits operating on behalf of Vitelhomme INNOCENT. He was in Nan Galette at the time.

42. This assassination is the last straw for many people we met during this investigation. And the war between the armed gangs led by Vitelhomme INNOCENT on the one hand and by Wilson JOSEPH alias Lanmò San Jou and Kanibal so known on the other hand, broke out.

A. Reconstitution of the facts

43. On October 12, 2022, around 2 pm, heavily armed bandits led by the gang leader Vitelhomme INNOCENT invaded the Artistic Village of Noailles in search, according to them, of armed bandits of the gang of 400 Mawozo. At least five (5) people were murdered, and several others were shot. Several houses were also burned.

44. To commit their crime, they canvassed the area and blocked all access to reach Nan Rémy. Besides, they broke into the houses, meticulously looking for men. They took the opportunity to ransack and pillage the artisans' workshops, shops, and private residences.

45. For more than ten (10) hours, the residents, craftsmen, and other people present at the scene were terrorized by these armed bandits. The numerous appeals for help addressed to the police authorities remained unanswered even though an armored vehicle of the National Police of Haiti (PNH) was at the very entrance of the village.

46. Two (2) days after this raid, on October 14, 2022, it was the turn of the armed bandit members of the 400 Mawozo to attack the village in order to drive out the members of the armed gang Kraze Baryè led by Vitelhomme INNOCENT. Indeed, it was around 14 hours when armed bandits of the 400 Mawozo gang led by Wilson Joseph alias Lanmò San Jou took the road passing through Nan Remy to invade the Artistic Village of Noailles. They murdered at least seven (7) people and wounded by bullets or machetes several others. Craft shops and private residences were also set on fire during the attack.

47. The next day, October 15, 2022, around 3:00 p.m., the armed bandits led by Vitelhomme INNOCENT returned. They searched the Artistic Village of Noailles. They shot in the air, insulted the people they met on their way, and even beat up some of them. Finally, they ordered the villagers to flee, to allow them to settle in the neighborhood.

48. It was not until the arrival of a PNH armored vehicle in the evening that they fled.

49. On October 17, 2022, at least seven (7) people, including merchants operating in the area, were murdered by bandits from the 400 Mawozo armed gang. They were accused of being informers of the bandits led by Vitelhomme INNOCENT.

B. Murdered Persons

50. Between October 12 and 17, 2022, at least nineteen (19) people were murdered. The following is information regarding the circumstances surrounding the murder of twelve (12) of them:

51. On October 12, 2022, Isaac ETIENNE, a forty-one (41) year-old craftsman whose job was to clean cut iron, was shot and killed. According to a relative met by RNDDH, Isaac ETIENNE had gone to buy bread in a store not far from his house when armed bandits coldly shot him;

52. On October 14, 2022, Naïda DESRAVINES, an eighty (80) year old coffee merchant, was killed by armed bandits who surprised her at the scene of her activity;

53. On October 15, 2022, Manoucheka FALAISE, thirty-six (36) years old, was shot and killed in the Village. Taking advantage of a moment of calm, she had gone out to obtain some foodstuffs when she was surprised by armed bandits. She was shot in the neck and died on the spot. She was the mother of two (2) boys, aged eleven (11) and seven (7) respectively;

54. On October 17, 2022, Faendy PROPHETE, aged twenty-seven (27), was killed in the presence of his spouse and parents by armed bandits who shot him several times;

55. On October 17, 2022, Fleurinet PAUL, an ice cream vendor, was in the Village when armed bandits coldly murdered him. He was the father of six (6) children. A Dominican man who was with him and who is currently a water merchant was riddled with bullets;

56. On October 17, 2022, Ossé, so known, as a pâté (patty) merchant, was murdered;

57. Judette so known, aged over fifty years, and her daughter, were murdered in the Village;

58. Guerda, so known, and her daughter, both residents of the Village, were attempting to escape when they were shot and killed by armed bandits;

59. R.S. B., a mechanic by profession, who was accused of having links with certain armed bandits of the 400 Mawozo gang, was coldly murdered. His body was found in a yard by family members and was buried.

C. Shops and Houses Burned

60. According to the victims living in the Artistic Village of Noailles that RNDDH met, many of them have currently had to abandon their homes to escape the sporadic attacks by armed bandits. At least thirty (30) shops and/or houses were burned, along with everything they contained.

61. In this sense, RNDDH spoke with the owners of at least eight (8) shops that were completely burned. They affirm that the material losses are evaluated at several thousand American dollars. They are:

- Ajoupa
- Antiparès
- Betsael Shop
- The Reference Shop
- Le Miroir Shop
- Les frères Bruno Shop
- Sainteté Shop
- Workshop

62. It should also be noted that among the many shops that were burned, some were not named. Several buildings that were used as shops and private residences were also burned down. In these cases, people who have currently lost everything. For example, Oberson NECA alias Pawoulit had set up his space to live and hold his workshop. His house has been completely burned down.

63. RNDDH was also told that some bandits had demanded that the victims stay and fight alongside them. Those who currently had clearly expressed their desire to leave were warned that their houses would be burned down. This is the case of M.M., whose house has currently been partially burned.

E. Shops and houses looted and/or requisitioned by armed bandits

64. Some houses were looted by armed bandits. Shops and houses have been requisitioned by them, after having been vandalized. The following are some examples:

65. On October 17, 2022, Haiti Shop, a workshop, and store selling handicrafts, was looted. The craftsmen's work materials such as hammers, scissors, etc., were stolen. Other products found on the premises were thrown into the streets, causing losses estimated at tens of thousands of U.S. dollars;

66. Armed bandits broke into the house of C.J., an artisan, and threatened to kill him if he did not pay for his life. He had to give them five thousand seven hundred and fifty (5750) gourdes and twenty (20) American dollars. His bag, which contained his work tools, was also taken away by the bandits;

67. W.S-J. was forced to flee the village during the conflict. On November 18, 2022, he returned to his store where he found that his motorcycle had been stolen. He also found an individual at the scene to whom he explained that he had currently lost several things in his house. The latter then advised him to file a complaint with the new village chief;

68. M.G. was currently forced to flee. On November 3, 2022, she returned home and noticed on the front door an injunction to pay fifteen thousand (15,000) gourdes to be allowed to return to her house;

69. B.L.'s house was requisitioned by armed bandits who settled there. They demanded three thousand (3,000) American dollars to return it to her;

70. M.P.C.'s house was vandalized and then partially occupied by armed bandits;

71. On October 17, 2022, R. B., fifty-nine (59) years old, owner of the shop Les Frères Bruno, had to flee after armed bandits broke into his house and took away his telephones and money. He and his wife went their separate ways, sharing their five (5) children and grandchildren who lived with them. E.B., R.B.'s twenty-five (25) year old daughter and mother of a six (6) year old daughter, also had to leave the village with everything she owned to take refuge with a friend in Tabarre. She worked in her father's shop;

72. On October 17, 2022, Sergot JOLIMONT, one of the oldest artisans in the village, threw himself off the roof of his house to escape the armed bandits who had invaded the village. He was taken to the hospital;

73. Y.O., thirty-eight (38) years old and father of two (2) children is the owner of the workshop "Kayava". Since 2021, the craftsman was already subject to threats and persecution by armed bandits of the 400 Mawozo gang. Following the recent attacks, Y.O. was forced to abandon his workshop.

V. MASSACRE IN SAVANE PISTACHE

74. From November 10 to 30, 2022, an armed attack was recorded in Decayette, Valentin, Ti Cajou, impasse Bellevue, all areas under the locality of Savane Pistache, in the Carrefour-Feuilles neighborhood.

75. According to several individuals interviewed in the course of this investigation, this conflict broke out because Renel DESTINA, alias Ti Lapli, wants to take control of the aforementioned zone, which he believes is of great benefit to Christ-Roi CHERY, alias Krisla.

A. Reconstruction of the facts

76. On November 10, 2022, armed bandits wearing uniforms, of the Intervention Corps for the Maintenance of Order (CIMO), helmets, and bulletproof vests and currently having in their possession communication radios, carried out an attack in the above-mentioned zones.

77. Local residents who had gone to collect water for their services, people who were participating in church activities, and others who were at the market or going about their business at home were surprised by this attack, which consisted of chasing citizens from their homes before looting and setting them on fire.

78. Indeed, several cases of theft were reported. Motorcycles, televisions, bicycles, cell phones, laptops, clothing, money, and goods in stores belonging to the local residents were currently taken by the armed bandits. Some of them were magnanimous and even allowed some residents to retrieve their identity documents and those of their children before fleeing.

79. Other bandits, who were more violent, threatened to kill the people found at the scene. This is the case, for example, of E.M., aged thirty-six (36), who was in her store at the time of the attack. Several bandits threatened to kill her and her husband, under the pretext that they currently have relations with PNH agents. They beat them before letting them go and emptying the store.

80. The houses belonging to the police officers who lived in the area were systematically burned down.

81. Thousands of people were forced to take refuge in public squares, schools, and churches.

B. Murdered persons

82. According to information collected by RNDDH, the armed attack perpetrated in Savane Pistache resulted in the assassination of three (3) people. Here is the information regarding the circumstances in which they were killed.

83. On November 10, 2022, Cathia PIERRE, thirty-one (31) years old, was at her home in Decayette when the attack took place. She remained barricaded and did not want to open her door to the armed bandits who ordered her to do so. They broke into the house through the roof, killed Cathia PIERRE and then burned her body. She was the mother of a ten (10) year old girl;

84. At the beginning of the hostilities, Eddy ALEXANDRE took refuge in Carrefour-Feuilles. However, he returned home a few days later to retrieve some personal belongings. When he arrived at the scene, he was intercepted by armed bandits who killed him before burning him.

85. On the night of November 30, 2022, armed individuals broke into the home of Mickel LACROIX, forty-three (43) years old. They asked him to vacate the premises. He was forced to leave the house with his wife, who had just given birth to their fifth child on November 3, 2022, and with their four (4) other children. That day, they set fire to the house in front of which there is a store that was looted before being set on fire as well. Afterwards, the armed bandits took Mickel LACROIX to Nan Castera, another locality of Carrefour-Feuilles, under the pretext that he was a traitor. His wife never heard from him again.

86. Mickel LACROIX's wife had to take refuge in the public square called Place Jérémie. His little girl Alourdie LACROIX, barely one month old, caught a lung infection. On December 4, 2022, Alourdie LACROIX died at the Hôpital La Paix where she had been hospitalized.

C. Minor victims of rape

87. Two (2) minors were currently raped during the events at Savane Pistache. Here is the information concerning them:

88. On November 10, 2022, fifteen (15) year old D.B. was at her parents' house with her younger brothers and sisters. Heavily armed men entered the house and three (3) of them raped her. The children were later rescued by a neighbor who took them to Nan Miller. When their mother found them, she noticed that D.B. was in great pain and that is how she learned about the gang rape of her daughter;

89. On November 10, 2022, B.P., born on December 6, 2007, was at home with her cousin, who is five (5) years old, and her cousin, who is two (2) years old, when heavily armed men entered the house and looted it. One of them raped B.P. before leaving.

D. Vandalized and burned houses and vehicles

90. Twenty-three (23) houses were vandalized, sixty-one (61) others were set on fire. In addition, sixty-four (64) vehicles including motorcycles, private cars, public transport vehicles as well as dump trucks, were set on fire.

VI. MASSACRE in SOURCE MATELAS

91. On November 29, 2022, a massacre currently took place against the population of Source Matelas, a town dependent on the commune of Cabaret, in the West Department.

92. According to information gathered by RNDDH, Jean Auguste CHERISME, alias General Bogi, a gang leader operating in Titanyen, and Bigel CHERY, alias Big C, want to take control of the Source Matelas area, which is considered profitable.

A. Reconstruction of the facts

93. On November 29, 2022, during the day, Jephté JEAN, twenty-eight (28) years old, was burned alive by armed bandits operating in Titanyen. They accused him of being a police informer.

94. In the evening, these same armed criminals, accompanied by Emmanuel SALOMON alias Manno, himself the second gang leader of Village de Dieu, barricaded the area of Source Matelas, with the intention of attacking the population of the area because they were offended by the assassination of Jephthé JEAN and wanted to file a complaint with the Haitian National Police (PNH).

95. That night, several people were murdered. People were burned alive, gang rapes were committed, and houses were burned.

96. Several areas adjacent to Source Matelas, including Gran Chimen, were affected by these bloody events.

97. Members of the population had to flee with their children, some of whom were very young, to public squares and other areas such as Place Catherine Flon in Arcahaie and Camp Vinier in Montrouis. Others took refuge with relatives in other communes.

B. Murdered persons

98. In one night, at least seventy-three (73) people were murdered, including forty-seven (47) men, seventeen (17) women, and nine (9) minors. Here is the information collected by RNDDH regarding the circumstances of their assassination.

99. Magalie ABRAHAM, born on September 17, 1985, and mother of two (2) children was killed in her home. Her house was set on fire, with her body inside;

100. Milène ALCE, fifteen (15) years old, and her sister Rosebeka ALCE, twelve (12) years old, lived with their parents in Grand chemin. They had been hiding in their home and were burned alive inside their parent's house where the bandits set fire to it;

101. Wilgens BELFORT, born on February 22, 2000, and father of a two (2) year old boy was murdered in his home;

102. Jean Raroul BIEN-AIME, born on October 2, 2001, was at home in Source Matelas when heavily armed men entered the house, shot him in the head and then raped his sister, R.B-A.;

103. Rose BRICE, forty-two (42) years old, and her son Wadly CESAR, nineteen (19) years old, were at home when armed bandits ordered them out so they could set the house on fire. Since that night, Rose BRICE's daughter, M.C., who was with them, has not seen them again;

104. Angelor CABEAU, fifty-seven (57) years old, was gathering some belongings in order to flee when he was surprised by armed bandits who set fire to his house, burning him alive. He was the father of eight (8) children of whom only two (2) were able to escape with their mother, M-L. L.;

105. Shelson CAJUSTE, twenty-six (26) years old, was called by the bandit Bigel CHERY alias Big C on the night of November 29, 2022. Since then, his mother has not heard from him;

106. Wilbert CHARLESTRA as well as his daughter Nailine CHALESTRA born on November 5, 2019, were murdered when Wilbert CHARLESTRA was trying to flee with the baby. He was the father of three (3) other children;

107. Dieula DELISCA, thirty-five (35) years old, and her son Louvensky GUSTANA, eight (8) years old, were trying to flee the conflict zone when they were murdered;

108. Olina DERVILUS, originally from Belle Fontaine, lived with her brother Honob DERVILUS in Source-Matelas along with her five (5) children. Her brother had returned home to get a pair of shoes for one of the children. When Olina DERVILUS did not see him return, she went looking for him and found his body with a bullet in his head;

109. Lelièvre DIEUVEUT, sixty-four (64) years old, was at home when armed bandits broke into her house and set it on fire. Unable to save herself, she perished in her house which went up in smoke. She was the mother of three (3) children;

110. Obis DORSAINVIL, twenty-eight (28) years old, was murdered in his home in Source Matelas. He lived with reduced mobility;

111. Several armed bandits entered the home of Harnold ESPERANCE and cut off his head in the presence of his wife from R-M. L.;

112. Mackendy ETIENNE was trying to escape with her four (4) month old daughter Thuesdaylie ETIENNE, when they were surprised by the armed bandits who murdered them;

113. On November 29, 2022, Jean FILS-AIME, fifty-six (56) years old, who lived in Source Matelas with his family, went out as usual to carry out his activities. He never returned home. He was the father of five (5) children;

114. On November 29, 2022, Kervens FILS-AIME born on March 18, 2000, was at home when heavily armed men broke into the house. They left with him despite his mother's pleas. And since that day, she currently has no news of him;

115. On the evening of November 29, 2022, Decheneau GARNIER was reported missing, and his house went up in smoke. He was the father of three (3) children. His wife, C.P., who has no news of him, states that she does not know if the bandits set fire to the house with her husband inside or if he was taken somewhere else to be murdered;

116. Garry GATEAU, forty-eight (48) years old, worked in a food warehouse in Cabaret. On the evening of the tragedy, he was sleeping with his wife S.L., and his two (2) children when bandits ordered them to open the door while threatening to set the house on fire if they did not comply. Garry GATEAU opened the door, and the bandits tied him up with a rope. They raped his wife S.L. in his presence, before killing him and burning his body in the house;

117. Blanco GEFFRARD, sixty-five (65) years old and father of three (3) children, and Marie Claude DOSSOUT, his twenty-seven (27) year old sister-in-law, were both shot and killed;

118. Wickendy GENOIT, thirty-two (32) years old, and his son John Kerry GENOIT, nine (9) years old were killed;

119. Beaufais GUERRIER, age fifty-one (51), his wife Monica, and their two (2) children Lancy GUERRIER age twenty-one (21), and Lovensky GUERRIER age eighteen (18) were living in Source Matelas. Since November 29, 2022, their relatives have currently had no news of them;

120. Ojimane GUILLAUME, fifty (50) years old and mother of five (5) children was murdered in Gran Chimen;

121. Marie Nicole JACQUET, forty-two (42) years old, sister of L.H., did not currently have time to flee when armed bandits invaded the area. She was killed in her house located not far from her sister's house;

122. Eliphète JASMIN, a neighbor of E.L., was shot in the left side and died instantly;

123. Djusmailove JEAN, aged fifteen (15), was at her parents' house when bandits broke into the house, and severely beat her before raping and murdering her. Her corpse was burned along with the house;

124. Dodo JEAN, twenty-seven (27) years old, was living with his wife and their seventeen (17) month-old daughter when bandits broke into his house. They raped his wife in his presence and then murdered him;

125 Guiva JEAN BAPTISTE, sixty-five (65) years old, lived with his daughter and grandchildren in Source Matelas. On November 29, 2022, during the attack, he did not currently have time to flee. Currently having high blood pressure, he asked his daughter to leave him and run away with the children. The bandits burned him alive with the house;

126. Célianie JOSEPH, forty-two (42) years old and mother of three (3) children, was killed. Two (2) of her children are also missing: Evelyne LOUISSAINT, eleven (11) years old and Carline LOUISSAINT, four (4) years old;

127. Eric JOSEPH, forty (40) years old, as well as his daughter Ninise AUGUSTE, born on April 28, 1998, have been missing since the raid by armed bandits in Source Matelas. Eric JOSEPH was the father of four (4) children;

128. Jeff JOSEPH, thirty-eight (38) years old, lived at home with his wife and child. Armed bandits broke into their home on the night of November 28-29, 2022. He tried to prevent them from raping his wife. He was murdered;

129. Oni JOSEPH, thirty-six (36) years old and father of three (3) children was murdered;

130. Philippe JOSEPH, sixty-five (65) years old, was at home with his wife K. S. and their five (5) children when bandits broke into his house and took him away. He never returned home;

131. Jean André LEON, thirty-four (34) years old and father of five (5) children, was at home the night of the attack when bandits broke into his house and took him away by force. Since then, his family has not heard from him;

132. Onav LEON, sixty (60) years old and father of eight (8) children, lived in Source Matelas. He fled on November 29, 2022, and was never seen again by his family;

133. Dieudelin LOUIS, twenty-eight (28) years old, did not have time to flee during the attack of November 29, 2022. He was killed and his body was burned;

134. Amos MACENA, forty-five (45) years old and father of six (6) children, was at home on November 29, 2022, when armed bandits broke in, raped his wife and killed him. Amos MACENA who, at the beginning of the rapes, had wanted to oppose them, was decapitated in the presence of his wife and his corpse was set on fire;

135. Violette MANASSE, thirty-nine (39) years old, and her husband Emmanuel VALSE, forty-five (45) years old, were burned to death in their house while their children were at the neighbor's house at the time of the attack. The eldest O.V. has since been forced to take care of her four (4) brothers. Violette MANASSE and Emmanuel VALSE were parents of five (5) children;

136. On November 29, 2022, Gérard MARETTE, aged forty-four (44), who had gone out to do his work, never returned home. He was the father of four (4) children;

137. Elima MENELAS, born in 1971 and father of five (5) children, lived with his wife and children. Armed bandits broke into his house, tied him up, and took him away with them. He was never seen again by his family;

138. Hermane MEXIL, forty-eight (48) years old and father of a three (3) year old boy, was murdered during the night of November 28-29, 2022, after he was forced to witness the gang rape of his wife, L.H. The remains of Hermane MEXIL were burned inside his house;

139. Peterson MOISE, twenty-three (23) years old, was killed;

140. Willy MOÏSE, born on June 16, 1971, and father of two (2) children was shot in cold blood in his home by bandits who then set fire to his house;

141. Arose NOEL, thirty (30) years old and mother of two (2) children was trying to flee from Source Matelas the night of the attack when she was shot and died on the spot;

142. Adline PAULINE, forty-five (45) years old, and her husband Fritzner PIERRE, fifty-two (52) years old, were murdered in Source Matelas. On November 29, 2022, Adeline PAULINE and her only daughter F.P., twenty-two (22) years old, were fleeing the conflict zone when they arrived at Grand Chemin and were dragged into an old house by heavily armed men.

Three (3) men raped Adline PAULINE. Afterward, because she begged them not to rape her daughter, they coldly shot her and then raped F.P. anyway;

143. Jean Miguel PIERRE, forty-four (44) years old, was murdered and then his body was burned in his house where the bandits had set fire. Jean Miguel PIERRE was the father of two (2) children;

144. Jean Reynald PIERRE, thirty-two (32) years old, was living with his sister T-L. P., when on the evening of November 29, 2022, five (5) bandits broke into their house. Three (3) of them beat Jean Reynald PIERRE while the other two (2) raped his sister. Afterward, they took Jean Reynald PIERRE away, despite T-L.P.'s pleas;

145. Couasmine PIERRE LOUIS, sixty-six (66) years old, her son-in-law Anous MORTIME, forty-three (43) years old, and her granddaughter Withny MORTIME, twelve (12) years old were all murdered in their home;

146. On the evening of November 29, 2022, Lamercie PIERRE-LOUIS was riddled with bullets in her home while she was interposing herself between the armed bandits who wanted to rape her daughter;

147. Phénise PHENISCAR, fifty (50) years old, and her husband Antoine PERICLES, sixty (60) years old, were killed in their home. They were the parents of five (5) children;

148. David RAYMOND, forty-five (45) years old, was trying to escape on the evening of November 29, 2022, in the company of his spouse M-M.D. and their three (3) children when he was shot. He died;

149. René THELIMOND, thirty-seven (37) years old refused to leave the house at the beginning of the attack. He was murdered. His wife L.G. currently had time to flee with their four (4) children;

150. Jamesley THEODORE, thirty (30) years old, lived in Source Matelas with his family. On November 29, 2022, he left for work and since that day, his family has not heard from him. He was the father of two (2) children;

151. Yvrose VOLMA, aged fifty (50), and Bénito SAINT-LOT, aged twenty-five (25), respectively aunt and partner of M.V. have never been seen by their relatives since the invasion of the area by armed bandits;

152. Robenson JEAN, forty-five (45) years old and father of three (3) children, lived in Source Matelas. On the night of November 28 to 29, 2022, he was trying to escape with his wife W.E. and children when they were intercepted by armed bandits. He was shot and his body burned in the presence of his wife, who was then raped by three (3) armed and hooded bandits;

153. Four (4) armed and hooded men entered the house of Elie JEAN FRANÇOIS, thirty-seven (37) years old. Two (2) of them took him with them, while the other two (2) remained behind and raped the forty-two (42) year-old spouse of the victim, O.M., in the presence of his two (2) children.

C. Women and girl's victims of gang rape

154. During the night of November 28-29, 2022, at least twenty-six (26) women and three (3) girls were raped: Ten (10) of the victims are between the ages of nineteen (19) and twenty-three (23). Nine (9) women are between the ages of twenty-nine (29) and thirty-nine (39). Seven (7) are between forty (40) and forty-five (45) years old.

155. A.J. was born on December 31, 2002, and is the mother of a one (1) year old boy. She was running away when she was intercepted by two (2) armed bandits who raped her one after the other;

156. A.M., born in 1982, was trying to run away when she was intercepted by armed bandits. Three (3) of them raped her;

157. Adeline PAULINE, forty-five (45) years old, was raped by three (3) armed bandits before being executed. F.P., her only daughter, was also raped, aged twenty-two (22).

158. C.P., thirty-four (34) years old, awakened by the crackling of automatic weapons and the screams of her neighbors, was about to flee in the company of her husband and their three (3) children when they were surprised by the armed bandits. C.P. was raped in the presence of her spouse and children. Afterward, she was ordered to leave her husband behind, whom she has never seen since;

159. Djusmailove JEAN, aged fifteen (15), was at her parents' home when bandits broke into the house, and severely beat her before raping and murdering her. Her body was burned along with the house;

160. E.L., thirty-seven (37) years old, was raped by three (3) armed bandits wearing hoods; her husband P. S., forty (40) years old, was shot in the right thigh on November 29, 2022, as he fled with his wife E.L. and their two (2) children;

161. J.B., born on January 17, 1990, was severely beaten, and then raped by four (4) armed individuals who broke into her home;

162. J.L., born on September 6, 1979, was at home with her husband. Some individuals broke in and began to beat them. Subsequently, three (3) of them raped her.

163. On November 29, 2022, L.H., aged forty-two (42), mother of three (3) children, including one (1) little boy she conceived with Hermane MEXIL, was raped by several armed bandits, in the presence of her children and her spouse, who was subsequently executed. L.H.'s brother was shot as he fled.

164. M.C., aged twenty-two (22), was at home with her mother, her younger brother Wadly CESAR, and her one-year-old son, when men knocked on the door, asking them to open. M.C. refused. They fired at the lock and went inside. They forced everyone in the house out. M.C. and his family members were running away when they met another group of bandits who ordered M.C. to undress. Three (3) of them raped her;

165. Woke up on the night of November 28 to 29, 2022, because of the heavy gunfire from automatic weapons, M.D., aged thirty-six (36), fled with her three (3) children. On the way, she was intercepted by several armed bandits who blindfolded her two (2) older children before raping her;

166. M.P., aged 17, and Y.T., aged 16, two cousins, were raped by the armed bandits. M.P. fell unconscious during the attack. Y.T., who escaped after the rapes, does not currently have any news about her cousin;

167. N.A., born on August 30, 1983, was at home the night of the attack during which armed men broke into her house. They killed her husband Jeff JOSEPH in her presence. Three (3) of them also raped her;

168. N.B., nineteen (19) years old, was eight (8) months pregnant when on November 29, 2022, armed men entered her home. Four (4) of them raped her before telling her to run away. They set fire to her house;

169. N.P., twenty-two (22) years old, was raped by three (3) armed bandits after they murdered her mother Lamercie PIERRE-LOUIS who begged them not to rape her daughter;

170. N.S., twenty (20) years old, had given birth to twins four (4) months before the attack. On the night of November 28 to 29, 2022, while fleeing, she and her partner Mackendy ETIENNE were each carrying one of the twins. N.S. was intercepted by bandits who raped her. Her partner and the baby, Thuesdaylie ETIENNE, who was currently with him were murdered. A fire was also set in their house;

171. In Gran Chimen, four (4) armed men wearing balaclavas entered the house of O.M., who is currently 42 years old. Two (2) of them took her husband Elie JEAN FRANÇOIS. The other two (2) stayed in the house and raped her in the presence of her two (2) children;

172. O.V., aged twenty-two (22), lost her father and mother during the attack on November 29, 2022. She was also raped by four (4) armed bandits;

173. R.B-A., age twenty-three (23), was at home when armed bandits entered the house and killed her younger brother Raroul BIEN-AIME. Three (3) of them then raped her so violently that she currently had great difficulty sitting and walking properly;

174. R-M. L., aged thirty-five (35), was sleeping peacefully at home with her husband Harnold ESPERANCE, and their four (4) children when suddenly, armed men entered the house. They tied up Harnold ESPERANCE and raped R-M.L. After raping her, they spit in her vagina in order to humiliate her even more. Then, they decapitated Harnold ESPERANCE before throwing his remains into the fire they had set in the house;

175. S.L., twenty-three (23) years old, was raped by several armed individuals before being forced to witness the murder of her husband;

176. S.P-L., aged forty-three (43), was at home when she heard automatic gunfire. As she fled, she ran into three (3) young men who, according to the victim, could have been her own sons. They took turns raping her. Her house was subsequently burned down;

177. T-L.P., a twenty-nine (29) year-old mother of two (2) children, was raped in her home;

178. On the night of November 28 to 20, 2022, T.B., thirty-four (34) years old and six (6) months pregnant, was alone with her children, as her husband was unable to return home due to the panic situation in the area. Around 23:00 hours, she wanted to flee with her children. She was intercepted by five (5) armed bandits. Four (4) of them raped her in the presence of her children;

179. V.J.L., born on December 26, 2000, lived with her husband and daughter. Armed bandits entered their home. Two (2) of them raped her and then took her husband away;

180. On the night of November 29, 2022, W.E., age thirty-six (36), was at home with her spouse and their children. While attempting to flee because of the armed attack, they were all intercepted by heavily armed men who killed her spouse Robenson JEAN before burning him in her presence. They also beat their children. Afterwards, three (3) men raped her one after the other;

181. Y.D., born on April 9, 1981, was at home when the bandits entered her house. Five (5) of them raped her in the presence of her children. They then ordered the victim to run away.

D. Injured Persons

182. Godvence HONORE, twenty-eight (28) years old, lived with his sister L.H. in Gran Chimen. On the day of the attack, armed bandits broke into his house. As he was fleeing, he was shot in the right arm;

183. Louna PIERRE was at home when the thugs set fire to her house. She managed to save her five (5) children who were with her. When she opened a door, she was burned in the head. Her children are scattered among friends;

184. Marie Edithe POLEUS, aged fifty (50), was in her house with her six (6) children when the armed bandits invaded the area. As she was fleeing, she fell and broke her two (2) legs;

185. Jean-Pierre SAINT-LEGER, thirteen (13) years old, was shot in the right leg. He was shot as he was fleeing with his four (4) siblings and his mother K.S. His father was taken away by the gunmen and their house was burned down;

186. Peterson SEVERE, forty (40) years old, was shot in the right thigh while fleeing with his wife E.L. and their two (2) children.

MASSACRE AT BEL-AIR

187. From February 27 to March 5, 2023, yet another massacre was perpetrated in Bel-Air. Bandits from the Krache Dife base led by Gady JEAN alias Pèse, accompanied by armed gangs' members of G-9 an Fanmi, and Alye decided to attack the neighborhoods of upper Bel Air controlled by Kempès SANON.

188. Kempès SANON is an escaped prisoner. He was incarcerated in the Croix des Bouquets Prison for kidnapping followed by kidnapping for ransom with the promise of release,

robbery, and armed robbery. Since his escape from prison on February 25, 2021, he returned to Bel-Air and established himself there.

189. He is portrayed as a negotiator, bridging the gap between the abductees and the armed bandits. His status as a prison escapee gives him a certain respect in the community. In addition, he regularly receives money from government authorities. Finally, he is a bulwark for the population of Bel-Air because of his position on Saint Martin Street. Indeed, thanks to (or because of) him, Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue and the armed gang members of the coalition he leads, cannot cross to attack Bel-Air.

190. RNDDH has been provided with several versions explaining this umpteenth armed attack in Bel-Air. The most likely ones are the following:

191. For some residents and several victims that RNDDH met in the context of this massacre, this umpteenth armed attack was perpetrated to take control of Upper Bel-Air from Kempès SANON. Kempès SANON, presented as a protégé of Rosemila PETIT-FRERE, regularly receives large amounts of money. As a result, he is overshadowing other armed bandits, particularly from the Krache Dife base, who once benefited from this special treatment.

192. On this particular point, RNDDH spoke with Rosemila PETIT-FRERE who denied the allegations made against her and stated that she does not know Kempès SANON. She also stated that she currently has no connection with the Base Krache Dife.

193. She added that at the time of the last hostilities recorded in Bel-Air, she was not in Haiti. She had left the country on March 1, 2023, on an Air Transat flight to Montreal for serious health reasons and only returned to the country on March 22, 2023. Finally, she wished to emphasize that these allegations greatly affect her very precarious state of health.

194. For other residents, this umpteenth armed attack was perpetrated because agents of the Haitian National Police (PNH) provided Kempès SANON with firearms and ammunition to sell to them. The deal did not go through as planned, as Kempès SANON currently had tried to double-cross them. Several police officers joined forces to attack Kempès SANON's base and eliminate him.

195. Finally, a third category of people we met believes that the recent armed attack on Bel-Air from February 28 to March 5, 2023, is purely and simply political, as the authorities in place decided to use their armed gangs, members of the coalition led by Jimmy CHERIZIER, alias Barbecue, to amplify the perception of violence in Haiti and to bring the international community to follow up on the requested military intervention.

196. To carry out this attack, Emmanuel ISRALON alias Manno 90, Wilson ISRALON alias Tazan and Jonas CAMILLE alias Koby, all former residents of Bel-Air, joined forces with Jimmy CHERIZIER alias Barbecue of G-9 an Fanmi e Alye to attack Bel-Air. It should be noted that Emmanuel ISRALON wanted to become the kingpin of Bel-Air but the population was opposed to this and chased him out of the area. Emmanuel ISRALON, alias Manno 90, then took refuge in Solino.

197. Three (3) PNH armored tanks were currently given to the G-9 bandits. According to a previous agreement, these tanks were to spend at least five (5) days in Bel-Air. It was a denunciation of their presence on the scene, corroborating the rumor that the PNH was fighting alongside the armed bandits, that led them to withdraw.

198. On the evening of February 27, 2023, Kempès SANON was rescued by his allies from Grand-Ravine and Village de Dieu, namely Renel DESTINA alias Ti lapli and Johnson ANDRE alias Izo 5 secondes. They sent him soldiers, weapons, and ammunition in order to confront the armed bandits of the G-9 an Fanmi e Alye who, for their part, were once again supported by the PNH.

199. Violent confrontations were currently carried out on rue Macajoux, rue Tiremasse, ruelle Mayard, rue des Césars and rue des Fronts-Forts. Another attack carried out in the afternoon of March 1, 2023, passed through Delmas 24 and Carrefour Paillant, not far from Candio Street.

200. In addition, all the shelters that were in the camp called Teren Pè, located in a space in Corridor Bastia, in front of the Church of Saint-Michel, were burned. The residents of this camp had to take refuge in Solino, Fort National, and Poste Marchand.

A. Reconstruction of the facts

201. For seven (7) days, armed attacks, raids, and sporadic shootings followed one another, causing heavy human and material losses.

202. On the night of February 27, 2023, alone, fourteen (14) people surprised by the armed attack in question were assassinated, four (4) of whom were presented as being armed bandits belonging to the Krache Dife base. Among them was the right-hand man of Kempès SANON, Obenson LAGUERRE, alias Jordan. Five (5) other armed criminals in the ranks of the Bel-Air gang were injured;

203. On February 28, 2023, shortly before noon, twenty (20) people were killed. Twenty-one (21) people were captured and then taken by force to the Krache Dife base. One of them was able to escape and the other twenty (20) were coldly executed. In addition, fifteen (15) other people were seriously injured;

204. On the afternoon of March 1, 2023, at approximately seventeen (17) o'clock, a new attack against the upper Bel-Air was carried out. As mentioned above, the assailants passed through Delmas 24 and Carrefour Paillant not far from the alley Candio. During this attack, five (5) people were murdered at Corridor Bastia, not far from the Saint-Michel Church. Two (2) merchants were shot and wounded. In addition, Kempès SANON was shot in his right hip.

205. The next day, on the evening of March 2, 2023, armed bandits led by Kempès SANON, in retaliation, set fire to a refugee shelter located in Corridor Bastia in front of the Saint-Michel Church. At least fifteen (15) people who were there were currently burned alive. Several others were injured. In addition, several raids resulting in other deaths were carried out simultaneously against the neighborhoods of Solino, Delmas 24, Avenue Poupelard,

Nazon, and Caravelle, by armed bandits from Village de Dieu and Grand Ravine, grouped together under the name of Team Ascenseur.

206. On March 3, 2023, throughout the day, PNH agents accompanied by members of G-9 an Fanmi e Alye, carried out interventions in different neighborhoods of Upper Bel-Air. During these interventions, several armed bandits from the gang led by Kempès SANON were killed. At least fifty (50) people, including seven (7) women accused of being in a relationship with Kempès SANON, were taken away by force. They never returned home. On the same day, in Tiremasse Street, at least twenty (20) other people were burned to death inside their homes.

207. On March 4, 2023, armed bandits from Team Ascenseur killed ten (10) people in Corridor Bastia before attacking Nan Belo, where they burned down four (4) houses belonging to people close to the official Base 90 led by Emmanuel ISRALON alias Ti Manno 90. A voodoo temple was also burned. In the afternoon, with the help of PNH agents, the Official Base 90 repelled the assailants of Team Ascenseur.

208. On March 5, 2023, at approximately 3 pm, armed criminals from Wharf Jérémie, commune of Cité-soleil, led by Micanor ALTES or Monel FELIX alias Roi Micanor member of G-9 an Fanmi e Alye, came to reinforce their acolytes, under the name of Back-up Sans Plaque. They currently have assassinated at least twenty (20) people in Domòn and on Rue Saint Martin Extended. Then, they broke into Mayard alley where they set fire to the houses of the residents as well as to the Oasis de la Foi Christian Church. In addition, women who were attempting to flee were captured and raped. RNDDH was able to interview two (2) of these women.

209. The death toll from these seven (7) days of attacks is enormous: One hundred and forty-eight (148) people were killed or are missing. Three (3) people were wounded by bullets. At least two (2) women have been victims of repeated gang rapes. Sixty-two (62) houses were burned down, and twenty-six (26) other houses were looted and/or vandalized, four (4) vehicles were set on fire and three (3) others were stolen by armed bandits.

B. Persons Murdered

210. As mentioned above, one hundred and forty-eight (148) people have been murdered or are missing. The following is information on the circumstances under which they were murdered.

211. Since February 28, 2023, Aline BRINA, fifty-eight (58) years old, left her home but never returned. The victim, who resided on Tiremasse Street, was a street vendor and mother of five (5) children;

212. On February 28, 2023, Robenson CADESTIN, an ice water vendor, forty (40) years old, and father of one (1) daughter, thirteen (13) years old, was killed on Tiremasse Street while returning home. His only daughter Junise JOSEPH is missing since that day;

213. On February 28, 2023, Marcelin CLERVEAU, twenty-nine (29) years old, went to work at a school located near the Capitol. He never returned home. Local residents told the victim's family that they had currently seen his body lying in a pool of blood on Tiremasse Street;

214. On February 28, 2023, at the time of the attack, Jeannette GUERRIER, over sixty (60) years old, was at home on Tiremasse Street. She was sick and could not run for her life. She was killed by the armed bandits and her body was burned with her house. The victim was the mother of two (2) children;
215. On February 28, 2023, Rémy GUSTIN left his home. He never returned;
216. On February 28, 2023, Guerson HERARD, born February 15, 1992, was reported missing. The victim was a mechanic and worked at the Airport crossroads. On the day of his disappearance, he had left his home around seven (7) o'clock in the morning to go to work;
217. In the afternoon of February 28, 2023, Robert HERTILUS, born on December 28, 1987, was killed while returning home on Tiremasse Street. The victim was a cell phone repairman and worked in downtown Port-au-Prince;
218. On February 28, 2023, Peterson HILAIRE, born on May 2, 1996, was killed in his home and his corpse was burned along with his house. Peterson HILAIRE believed that if he took shelter in his home instead of fleeing and risking being intercepted by armed bandits, he would currently have his life;
219. On February 28, 2023, twenty (20) year-old Dergeline JEAN left for school. She was at the Lycée Daniel Fignolé. Since then, her family has currently had no news of her;
220. On February 28, 2023, Schidson JEAN PIERRE, born on June 11, 2011, was sleeping at home on Tiremasse Street when hostilities broke out. His mother, who was not present, was unable to return home. The fire was set by the armed bandits. Schidson JEAN PIERRE was burned to death. The next day, his remains were found by his mother;
221. Gregory JEANTY, thirty-two (32) years old, a motorcycle cab driver, was trying to return home on the night of February 28, 2023, when he was killed by armed bandits;
222. On February 28, 2023, Mickenson JOSEPH, forty-one (41) years old and the father of three (3) children was killed on Tiremasse Street while on his way home. The victim was a street vendor selling soft drinks;
223. On February 28, 2023, around noon, Widmaer JOURDAIN, fifty-three (53) years old and father of four (4) children, was part of a group of people who were filling their buckets with water on Rue Rouille when suddenly, armed bandits from the Krache Dife base invaded the area. They captured Widmaer JOURDAIN and took him to the headquarters of the aforementioned base. His relatives have not heard from him since;
224. On February 28, 2023, Chrismène LISEME, aged about 50, was killed in her home on Tiremasse Street and her body was burned along with her house. The victim was trying to take her identity documents and those of her children before leaving when the armed bandits set fire to her house;
225. On February 28, 2023, Nadine LOUIS, thirty-two (32) years old and mother of two (2) children, went to sell at the Nan Gerit market in downtown Port-au-Prince. Since then, her family has currently had no news of her;

226. On February 28, 2023, Josué NELSON, twenty-two (22) years old, was killed in Corridor Bastia as he was leaving his home to go about his business. The victim was a motorcycle cab driver. His body was set on fire along with his motorcycle;

227. Since February 28, 2023, Daceny NERVIL, sixty-two (62) years old, has been missing. He was a traveling merchant, father of seven (7) children, and lived on Tiremasse Street;

228. On February 28, 2023, Alex OCCELIEN, aged about fifty (50) and father of four (4) children was killed at his home in Corridor Bastia. His body was burned along with his house;

229. On February 28, 2023, Sonson PAUL, twenty-seven (27) years old, was at home at Carrefour Paillant, in Innocent Lane. Since that day, his family currently has no news of him;

230. On February 28, 2023, Chricius PHILIUS, forty-seven (47) years old, left his house and never returned;

231. On February 28, 2023, Joanès PHRAGEA, born on December 31, 1992, left his house around 7:00 a.m. He never returned home. He never returned home;

232. On February 28, 2023, Guyto ROSEMOND was sitting with his son in front of their house where he usually sells his goods. Guyto ROSEMOND's son had retired for a few minutes to get a drink of water inside when bandits invaded the area. From where he was sheltering, he saw the bandits capture his father. Guyto ROSEMOND was murdered;

233. On February 28, 2023, Joel SAINT CYR, thirty-three (33) years old, a motorcycle cab driver, left for work. Since that day, his family has not seen him again;

234. On March 1, 2023, at the time of the attack, Mérés ALEXANDRE, sixty-five (65) years old and father of seven (7) children, was at home on Tiremasse Street. Living with a motor deficiency, he was unable to escape. Since that day, his family has not seen him again;

235. On the morning of March 1, 2023, Verlicio APPOLEON, an eighty-five (85) year old man, left his home to go downtown. He never returned;

236. On March 1, 2023, Elder BAZILE, sixty-six (66) years old and a men's shoe salesman at the carrefour de l'Aéroport, was on his way home, accompanied by a comrade. When he arrived at Delmas 24, armed men asked him if he knew Manno 90. For currently having affirmed that he knew him, he was assassinated. His comrade was currently allowed to continue his journey;

237. On March 1, 2023, Marie Denise BELLAME, sixty-three (63) years old, was burned to death in her home. Her daughter, with whom she lived, did not currently have time to leave the house with her;

238. On March 1, 2023, Benet BONET, aged twenty-nine (29), was stabbed to death in the presence of one of his sisters in Corridor Bastia. His corpse was later burned;

239. On March 1, 2023, Maxène CADET, forty-eight (48) years old and father of three (3) children, was shot and killed on Tiremasse Street. According to his family, he was killed by a shot from an armored tank of the PNH;

240. On March 1, 2023, Romilia CHARIUS, seventy (70) years old, and Wilfrid CHARIUS, forty-five (45) years old, mother and son respectively, were trapped in their house located on Tiremasse Street, which went up in smoke

241. On March 1, 2023, Mackendy CLERGE, born on March 18, 2010, and his brother Jerry CLERGE, born on June 26, 2017, were burned alive in their home in Corridor Bastia. The first was a schoolboy in the 6th fundamental year and the second in the 1st fundamental year;

242. On March 1, 2023, Elise DICADI, aged fifty-two (52), mother of four (4) children, went downtown where she was conducting her commercial activities. She never returned;

243. On March 1, 2023, Fabienne DORMEUS, thirty (30) years old and mother of two (2) children was killed in Corridor Bastia while returning from work. She was employed at the industrial park of SONAPI. Her body was burned;

244. On March 1, 2023, Alky EDOUARD, forty-five (45) years old, was killed. He was a street vendor. He was in Sans Fil when he was shot in the head;

245. On March 1, 2023, Kendy EXANTUS, born on October 8, 2001, was captured at his home in Nan Bélo. He was taken to the Krache Dife Base located in Dèyè Lakwa, where he was killed;

246. On March 1, 2023, Fignol FANFAN, fifty-five (55) years old, went out to pursue his commercial activities in the city center. He never returned home;

247. On March 1, 2023, Jackson FRANÇOIS, sixty (60) years old, was burned alive in his home on Tiremasse Street. He was suffering from heart failure. He was unable to escape during the attack;

248. Since March 1, 2023, Dorcéus FRAYMONT, aged eighty (80), has left his house and has never returned, according to what is reported by his sister;

249. On March 1, 2023, Junior GAY, a forty-two (42) year-old motorcycle cab driver and father of four (4) children, was killed in Corridor Bastia on his way home. His body was burned and his motorcycle was stolen by his killers;

250. On March 1, 2023, Junior GILLES, forty-five (45) years old and father of two (2) children, was killed on his way to the Croix-des-Bossales market. The victim was a vegetable vendor;

251. On March 1, 2023, Robenson GILOT, born on January 8, 1988, and father of two (2) children was murdered. The victim was selling alcohol at the Carrefour Paillant;

252. On March 1, 2023, Nanotte GEORGILLES, a resident of Cabaret, came to visit a friend on Tiremasse Street. She was burned inside her friend's house when he was not even there;

253. On March 1, 2023, Ednel JULES, eighty-two (82) years old and father of twelve (12) children, went out and never returned home since that day;

254. On March 2, 2023, due to the heavy gunfire and the use of tear gas tubes by the armed bandits, the mother of Nadine GEORGES, born on December 8, 2022, was trapped in her

home with her baby. Afterward, she took refuge in the home of a relative in Fort National. It was this person who told her that her daughter was not breathing anymore. Nadine GEORGES died of asphyxiation;

255. Since March 1, 2023, Franck NEZY, thirty-nine (39) years old and father of four (4) children, has left his home. His wife currently has no news of him;

256. On March 1, 2023, Viergelie PANTALEON, eighty (80) years old, mother of three (3) children, sick, lived on Tiremasse Street. She died of burns inside her house;

257. Since March 1, 2023, Fedeline PHILIZAIRE, a twelve (12) year old girl, has been missing. According to the testimonies of her relatives, she had fled her home at the same time as other members of her family, but each had taken a different direction. The family currently has no news of her;

258. On Wednesday, March 1, 2023, Guerline REMISLA, born in 1997 and a ninth-grade student at the Lycée Daniel Figolé, was at her home on rue Tiremasse in Corridor Brequet when the armed attack took place. She did not currently have time to escape. She was taken away by the gunmen who killed her and then burned her body;

259. Céjuste SANON, born on January 1, 1980, and father of two (2) children, has been missing since March 1, 2023. On that day, he had left his home at dawn to go about his daily activities. He was a shoemaker and worked in downtown Port-au-Prince. His family has currently had no news of him since;

260. Since March 1, 2023, Paul SAINT-VIL, born on May 18, 1988, and father of six (6) children, has been missing. He was a motorcycle cab driver and worked in the wireless station. He resided at Tiremasse street;

261. March 1, 2023. Hibert SIMILIEN, forty-two (42) years old and father of two (2) children, went out to pursue his activities. He never returned home;

262. On March 1, 2023, Magdala VOLMAR, forty-one (41) years old and mother of one (1) child, tried to flee the attack on Tiremasse Street. She was killed by the armed bandits near the Saint Michel Church. The fire was set to her body;

263. On March 2, 2023, Yvenson BELIZAIRE, twenty-four (24) years old, who lived in the Plaine du Cul-de-Sac, visited his mother on Rue Tiremasse. He was at her house when he heard gunshots and tried to escape. When he arrived at Sans Fil, he was shot in the head. His body was dragged through the streets, under the helpless gaze of his mother, who was never able to recover it;

264. On March 2, 2023, Jackson CADET was shot in the head while at home;

265. On March 2, 2023, Ordeler DELZI, age seventy-five (75) and father of two (2) children, was at his home in Fort National, near the Church of Saint Michael, at the time of the attack. His house was burned down. His family currently has no news of him;

266. Since March 2, 2023, Gligue DORVAL, sixty (60) years old, has been out of the country. He has never returned;

267. Jean Roody ETIENNE, twenty-two (22) years old, was at home when the bandits accused him of being an armed bandit and murdered him, in the presence of his sister who, for her part, was saved;

268. On March 2, 2023, Marie Maude FILIAS, forty (40) years old and mother of two (2) children was killed. Her body was burned. She lived in Corridor Bastia;

269. On March 2, 2023, Gary GASPARD, born on May 27, 1998, and father of two (2) children, was trying to return home on Tiremasse Street when he encountered armed bandits. They took him with them. His older brother tried several times to get in touch with him. An unknown person finally picked up the victim's phone and informed him that he killed Gary GASPARD himself;

270. On March 2, 2023, Jeannot JOSEPH, a motorcycle cab driver, forty-two (42) years old, was shot in cold blood in Corridor Bastia by armed bandits who had intercepted him in the company of a woman. The latter was currently asked to continue her journey. The body of the victim and his motorcycle were currently set on fire;

271. On March 2, 2023, Roland JOSEPH, a 46-year-old father of three (3) children, was about to return home when the attack took place. He was shot in the chest. He was a motorcycle cab driver. He died on the way to the hospital;

272. Wilny JOSEPH has been missing since March 2, 2023.

273. On March 2, 2023, Vanaïssa JOVELUS born November 11, 2018, was sleeping at her home on Tiremasse Street Extended when the attack took place. Her mother had time to flee with her two (2) other children, smaller than Vanaïssa JOVELUS. As for her, she died of burns inside the house;

274. On March 2, 2023, Elienne LAFOREST, seventy-two (72) years old and mother of three (3) children was killed while returning from the market of Carrefour Paillant. Her body was burned;

275. On March 2, 2023, Banès MERTYL, sixty-three (63) years old and father of two (2) children, was at his home on Rue Tiremasse Extended when bandits attacked the area. Since then, his family has not heard from him;

276. On March 2, 2023, Odette MERVEILLE, sixty-four (64) years old and mother of two (2) children, was at home on rue Paillant at the time of the attack. She did not want to run away. She was killed and her body was set on fire;

277. On March 2, 2023, Desnel PIERRE, born on September 5, 1975, and father of four (4) children, went to work. He was a motorcycle cab driver. Since then, he has never returned home;

278. On March 2, 2023, Junior PIERRE, born on February 16, 1981, and father of one (1) six (6) year old girl, was killed while on his way home in Corridor Bastia. The victim was a motorcycle cab driver;

279. Since March 2, 2023, Michelet PIERRE, thirty-four (34) years old and father of four (4) children as well as his cousin Hérold PIERRE, thirty-seven (37) years old, has been reported missing. They lived in Corridor Bastia and were selling telephone recharge units;

280. On March 2, 2023, Eddy SAINT FORT, thirty-nine (39) years old and father of two (2) children, was killed and his body burned by armed bandits. He lived in Corridor Bastia;

281. On March 2, 2023, Dickens SURPRIS, born on July 13, 2001, was killed not far from his residence while returning home to Corridor Bastia. That same day, his sister Yvonne SURPRIS, born on September 14, 2009, was reported missing. She had left her home to flee the hostilities;

282. On March 3, 2023, Richardson ALPHONSE, born on March 16, 2003, went out to buy water in a nearby street. He was living in Sans Fil across the street from the Church of Saint Michel, where he was shot in the neck. He died immediately. His body was dragged through the streets before being burned;

283. On March 3, 2023, Mackenson BELLE-FLEUR, a bricklayer, was captured at his home on Tiremasse Street and taken to the Krache Dife Base headquarters. He never returned. Mackenson BELLE-FLEUR was forty-six (46) years old and the father of four (4) children;

284. On March 3, 2023, Bétina CASSEUS, born on November 3, 1996, was murdered on Tiremasse Street while trying to get away from the conflict. While running, she was hit by a projectile and died instantly; the armed bandits burned her body;

285. On March 3, 2023, Lovenet CHARLES, eighteen (18) years old, was murdered in Corridor Bastia. The victim had the opportunity to escape the day before with his aunt to take refuge at Fort National. He returned home the next day to retrieve his identity papers. He was murdered. Lovenet CHARLES was a student in the ninth fundamental grade;

286. On March 3, 2023, Emmanuel CHERY, thirty-eight (38) years old and father of two (2) children, went to the conflict zone to see where his father-in-law was. He never returned;

287. On March 3, 2023, Martha CIDEUS, born on January 4, 1977, was killed while at home in Tiremasse street in the Koridò Brekè zone. The house was set on fire, with her body inside;

288. On March 3, 2023, Chantal COICOU, twenty-two (22) years old, a cook in a community restaurant located in Bel-Air, was killed in her home in Koridò Brekè. Her body was set on fire;

289. On March 3, 2023, Beatrice DESIR, thirty (30) years old and mother of one (1) three (3) year old girl was murdered, and her body burned down along with her house. The victim resided at Tiremasse street;

290. On March 3, 2023, Louina DOXCY, nineteen (19) years old, a student in the ninth grade, was captured and taken to the Krache Dife Base. Having lost her right foot during the earthquake of January 12, 2010, the victim could not escape at the time of the attack;

291. On March 3, 2023, Samson FILS-AIME, born on March 31, 1965, and father of six (6) children, was able to escape from the Bastia Corridor with members of his family to take

refuge in Fort National. On March 7, 2023, he returned home to retrieve his identity documents as well as those of his children. He was killed by the gunmen who set fire to his body;

292. On March 3, 2023, Jean FRANÇOIS, twenty-one (21) years old and a student at Nouveau Secondaire IV, (NSIV) was captured while fleeing. He was taken to the headquarters of the Krache Dife Base and never returned;

293. On March 3, 2023, Raveline JOSEPH, age twenty-nine (29), and Gabriel PETION, age eighty-six (86), were captured and killed by armed bandits. They were in their house when the bandits invaded the area. They did not have time to escape;

294. On March 3, 2023, at the time of the attack, Ema LORSEME, a fifty-six (56) year-old mother of seven (7) children, was at home on Tiremasse Street, at the entrance to Mariela Lane. Sick in the foot, she did not have time to run away. She was burned alive inside her house;

295. On March 3, 2023, Madeleine MAGNANT, born on June 8, 1963, and mother of three (3) children was killed in her home on Tiremasse Street. The fire was set in her house. The victim was suffering from Alzheimer's disease, according to her relatives;

296. On March 3, 2023, at the time of the attack, Mickerlange NOEL, born on December 5, 1993, was at home on Tiremasse Street. Since then, her family has no news of her;

297. On March 3, 2023, Ednel PETION, thirty-two (32) years old and father of two (2) children, left for work. He was trying to return home when he was killed;

298. On March 3, 2023, Betty SAINT-LOUIS, thirty-five (35) years old, was accompanied by her three (3) year old niece Tarah. They were trying to leave their home on Tiremasse Street to go to safety when they encountered bandits on their way. The bandits did not hesitate to kill them both (2);

299. On March 3, 2023, Johnny SAINT-VIL, thirty-two (32) years old, was killed in his home on Tiremasse Street. His body was burned;

300. On March 3, 2023, Endjy TOUSSAINT, born on August 22, 1995, was across the street from his home on Tiremasse Street, at the home of a lady known as Ravine. Heavily armed men entered the house and took Endjy TOUSSAINT to Delmas 2, along with four (4) women, including Ravine. Endjy TOUSSAINT was murdered and then chopped into small pieces. No one knows what happened to the women;

301. On March 4, 2023, Roubly CELESTIN and his cousin J.A. were trying to save an elderly woman who lived in their neighborhood in Saint-Michel when they were surprised by armed men wearing hoods. They murdered Roubly CELESTIN and then allowed J.A. to leave. On the same day, Jacquelin ARMAND, two (2) years old, son of J.A., was burned to death inside his house, while his mother was away;

302. On March 4, 2023, James MAURICE, and his cousin G.P.R. were in a hallway in Saint Michel when James MAURICE was shot in the head. He died on the spot. G. P. R. narrowly escaped;

303. On March 4, 2023, Jimmy was decapitated in the presence of his mother, near the Church of the Mountain of Olives and the Dieubon Garage. His head was taken away by one of the gunmen and his remains were set on fire;

304. On March 3, 2023, Mackendy PHILIDOR visited his children before returning home to Tiremasse Street. Having never heard from him, the mother of his children, after trying to reach him by phone, went to his house on March 5, 2023. She only found the ruins of the house where Mackendy PHILIDOR lived as well as the charred bones of two (2) bodies;

305. On March 5, 2023, at approximately 9:00 a.m., Rooby CASSEUS, twenty-nine (29) years old, was hit by a projectile while he was in Corridor Bastia. He died and his body was set on fire;

306. On March 5, 2023, Louis CHARLES, who had abandoned his home with his daughter, returned to pick up some personal belongings. He never returned;

307. On March 5, 2023, Jérôme GEORGES, fifty-eight (58) years old and father of four (4) children, locked himself in his home in Bel-Air, zone Saint Combe, to escape the fury of armed gangs. His house was set on fire;

308. On March 5, 2023, Wadson JOSEPH, born on November 20, 1966, and father of three (3) children, was at his home in Bel-Air when the armed attack took place. He was shot in the head and his house was set on fire, with his body inside;

309. On March 6, 2023, Stanley Ascalon MOULIN, thirty-two (32) years old and father of one (1) child, was in Corridor Saint Combe, Bel-Air. He was attempting to flee when he was intercepted by armed bandits who set fire to him and his motorcycle;

310. On March 7, 2023, Jean Clarens Steevenson PRINVIL, born on July 21, 1997, and father of one (1) boy, was attempting to return to his home on Tiremasse Street. On the way, he was intercepted by armed men who took him to Corridor Bastia where he was decapitated and then set on fire. Subsequently, the bandits placed his head next to his charred remains, recorded a videography of it, and circulated it on social media;

311. On March 8, 2023, at the time of the attack, Ceralia DENIS, eighty-four (84) years old and mother of six (6) children, was at home on Tiremasse Street, in the Corridor Bastia zone. Very old and sick, she could not walk. At first, two (2) people tried to help her, but because the bandits were shooting all around the area, they dropped Ceralia DENIS off in front of a house and then fled. The house was set on fire and Ceralia DENIS sat there until she died;

312. On March 8, 2023, at the time of the attack, Yvio JOSEPH, fifty-one (51) years old, was at his home in Nan Brequet, on Tiremasse Street. While attempting to flee, he was murdered not far from Tiremasse Street. His body was recovered by his relatives;

313. On March 9, 2023, Termiel ELISEE, born on January 9, 2003, was shot in the head while crossing Carrefour Paillant;

314. On March 9, 2023, several people fled from Tiremasse Street to Fort National. Arriving near the Montagne des Oliviers church, the men were forced to stay and fight alongside the bandits of the gang led by Kempès SANON. Those who, like James OSCAR, - aged nineteen (19) and a craftsman by profession - opposed this order, were captured, and then murdered;

315. On March 10, 2023, Sonson FENELUS, sixty-one (61) years old and father of six (6) children, was at home on Tiremasse Street in the Nan Brequet zone when his house was set on fire. Since that day, his family has not heard from him;

316. On March 12, 2023, Myckelson HUBY, twenty-five (25) years old and father of one (1) child, tried to return to his home on Tiremasse Street to retrieve some personal belongings. He was intercepted by armed bandits and killed. His body was set on fire;

317. Since March 16, 2023, Alexandre BIEN-AIME, born on April 3, 2020, has been missing. At the time of the attack, he was staying with his aunt in Bel-Air;

318. On March 16, 2023, Rosette FRANÇOIS, sixty-four (64) years old and mother of five (5) children, was at her home on Tiremasse Street at the time of the attack. Since that day, her family has not heard from her;

319. Aldofi OSSE, aged thirty-five (35), father of three (3) children and a motorcycle cab driver, was living at Rue Tiremasse with his family. He was at home when heavily armed men invaded the area. He and his family fled their home. He took his wife and children to the upper Bel-Air. The same day, he returned home to retrieve some identification and belongings. He was intercepted by armed bandits. His wife tried to reach him on her cell phone. Finally, an unknown person picked up the phone and told him that his spouse was already dead;

320. Regina LOUIS, thirty-two (32) years old, was at home on Tiremasse Street, in the Georges Corridor zone, with her four (4) month-old baby Valancia. She was preparing food for her when armed men invaded the area with an armored vehicle. Regina LOUIS and Valancia were both killed (2) and then their bodies were set on fire;

321. Jean Fritz CELESTIN, fifty (50) years old, was the father of two children and his wife was nine (9) months pregnant at the time of the events. They all lived in Corridor Bastia. Jean Fritz CELESTIN had gone out in the morning to carry out his activities. Upon his return, he was intercepted at Fort National, not far from the Capitol cinema, and was murdered. His corpse, which remained on the pavement for several days, was eaten by dogs;

322. Michael BELANTIN and Nathalie BELANTIN, respectively twenty (20) and thirty (30) years old, were burned to death in their sister's store located in Corridor Bastia. The latter had gone to pick up her children from school. Their mother Villecia BELANTIN, aged sixty-four (64), died on March 25, 2023, of a seizure at La Paix Hospital, after learning that her two (2) children had been killed;

323. Dieuseul PHILIDOR was murdered on Tiremasse Street while attempting to return home.

324. Nesly JOSEPH was killed, and his decomposing body was found on Tiremasse Street. Subsequently, his body was buried by his relatives in Nan Vital;

325. Jean Ephésien LAMBERT, fifty-seven (57) years old, did not live in the same house as his daughter. Having learned that his daughter was alone, he tried to go to her house. Jean Ephésien LAMBERT never arrived at his destination;

326. Yvette SERAPHIN, aged eighty (80), died following a heart attack caused by automatic weapons fire during the attacks in Bel-Air;

327. At the time of the attack, Betty SAINT-LOUIS and her sister Y. D. were hurrying to get some belongings and to leave the area. Suddenly, tubes of tear gas were thrown into the house. Y.D. quickly fled with her three (3) year old niece, thinking that Betty SAINT-LOUIS would join them. After a few hours without any news of the latter, Y.D. called Betty SAINT-LOUIS on her cell phone and an unknown person picked up the phone and told her that her sister had been captured, killed, and then burned;

328. Clarens ANTOINE, twenty-one (21) years old, lived in Anglade Alley. After taking refuge at Fort National, he attempted to return home. He was captured and decapitated. His remains were charred;

329. Since a hypertensive crisis that left him weakened, Cadet SAINT-CHARLES had been living with a physical disability at the home of his daughter who had taken him in. On March 3, 2023, he was alone at home under the supervision of a neighbor while awaiting the return of his daughter and grandchildren. Cadet SAINT-CHARLES was burned alive inside the house;

330. N.M., thirty-three (33) years old and mother of a little girl was not at home when she learned that another conflict had broken out in Bel-Air. She rushed to her home on Tiremasse Street to evacuate her mother. However, she arrived too late, having found three (3) charred bodies at the scene. She believes that they are the bodies of her mother Marie Louise PAUL, her cousin Nadia, and the daughter of the latter, Achelineda, one (1) year and four (4) months old;

331. In Corridor Bastia, several people are currently missing: Sergo LOUISSAINT, fifty-seven (57) years old, Lenette LEOLIEN, thirty-five (35) years old, Elie ALPHONSE, thirty-five (35) years old) Harold HENRILUS, fifty (50) years old, René LAINE, fifty-three (53) years old, Luc EUGENE, sixty-four (64) years old and Olson JOSEPH, forty-seven (47) years old.

C. Female victims of gang rape

332. As mentioned above, at least two (2) women were currently gang raped. The circumstances they reported to RNDDH were as follows:

333. N.M, thirty-three (33) years old and mother of a young daughter, had just seen the ruins of her house and the dead bodies of her mother Marie Louise PAUL, her cousin Nadia and the latter's daughter, Achelineda, aged one (1) year and four (4) months, when, on her way back to Place Sainte Anne, she was intercepted by armed bandits who held her captive for five (5) days and raped her each day, in turn;

334. On the afternoon of February 28, 2023, A.V., a twenty-eight (28) year-old mother of two (2) children, went to buy food for her children. She was intercepted by three (3) armed individuals who raped her one by one.

D. Persons wounded by gunfire

335. RNDDH recorded three (3) people injured by gunfire. These were.

336. Michel-Ange FORTERIE, born on June 26, 1976. On March 3, 2023, he was shot in his right hand on Tiremasse Street while trying to flee the hostilities;

337. Obelson COLAS, born May 14, 1980. On March 5, 2023, at approximately 3:00 p.m., he was shot and wounded on Rue des Fronts Forts;

338. Ronaldo ADOLPHE was born on August 29, 1974. On March 11, 2023, he was shot in his right foot while standing on the porch of his house on Tiremasse Street with his spouse and children.

X. CURRENT SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY SINCE THESE MASSACRES

339. At the time of the publication of this report, the security situation in the West Department in particular, as well as in several cities in the country, remains very worrisome.

340. Armed attacks by armed bandits have never ceased. At the same time, since April 24, 2023, there has been a lynching of armed bandits by the population, an operation known as Bwa Kale. Indeed, it all began that day when a public transportation bus was intercepted by the Haitian National Police (PNH) with fourteen (14) individuals who had weapons and ammunition on board.

341. The rumor quickly spread that they were going to assist the armed bandits who, since the night of April 23-24, 2023, had been attacking Debussy, a neighborhood located in upper Turgeau.

342. With the help of social networks, the news of the lynching spread quickly, and several members of the population, most of them armed with firearms, machetes, and tires, began to search for armed bandits, their relatives, or anyone suspected of having links with them, in order to lynch them.

343. In addition, in the four (4) localities where the massacres described in this report took place, the situation is tense or borderline explosive.

A. At the Artistic Village of Noailles

344. In December 2022, some artisans returned to the Noailles Art Village. A few have resettled there, while others have simply retrieved their tools and work materials that were not burned or taken away by the armed bandits.

345. The vast majority of artisans have abandoned Noailles. They have scattered to several areas. Some have currently reconstituted their workshops in other cities in the capital or some provincial towns. Many of those who had lost their workshops took refuge in the Dominican Republic where they resumed their activities.

346. The Artistic Village of Noailles, as it was before the massacre of October 12-17, 2022, no longer exists. It is no longer frequented by visitors or by lovers of handcrafted iron products.

347. In addition, the security situation at the Noailles Art Village has not improved much. Although some citizens have the impression that the armed groups that were fighting each other have come to an understanding, armed bandits are moving freely in the area. Automatic gunfire is often heard, and to avoid being mistaken for armed bandits, artisans are currently required to carry an identification card, proving that they belong to the artisanal sector.

B. In Savane Pistache

348. Savane Pistache is one of the localities where the situation is, as mentioned, explosive. Indeed, since April 25, 2023, a new armed attack has been recorded in Carrefour Feuilles, both in Savane Pistache and in other neighboring localities. Already, there are reports of several people being murdered.

349. While armed bandits attacked the Carrefour-Feuilles area, individuals presented as armed bandits were lynched by the population.

C. A Source Matelas

350. In the months following the massacre at Source Matelas on the night of November 28-29, 2023, calm has never returned to the area. Rumors of new armed attacks have never stopped circulating. And, as if to give credence to these rumors, five (5) months after this night of terror experienced by the population of Source Matelas, on April 19, 2023, a new massacre was recorded there.

351. During the sporadic attacks that have since been recorded, armed bandits have attacked the civil prison of Cabaret, where women and girls in conflict with the law are incarcerated.

352. More than one hundred people were currently killed this time. Many houses were burned. And, to save their lives, members of the population were once again forced to take refuge elsewhere.

353. On April 29 and 30, 2023, members of the population of Sources Matelas, accompanied by residents of other localities in Cabaret and Arcahaie, decided to hunt down the armed bandits and lynch them.

354. At least seven (7) individuals were lynched on April 29, 2023. Three (3) others were lynched on April 30, 2023. Some members of the population were currently injured by gunfire.

355. In retaliation, on May 3, 2023, gang leaders Biguel CHERY alias Big-C, Source Matelas, Jean Auguste CHERISME alias General Bogi, Titanyen, Mackès ALEXIS, Lafiteau, accompanied by Jeff LAROSE Canaan, attacked residents of Source Matelas. At least five (5) people were killed. They are:

- Annette FELIX, fifty-two (52) years old
- Julienne Victor, twenty (20) years old
- Christophe Dumé, eighteen (18) years old,
- Bernadette Aubourg, twelve (12) years old,
- Sylvio FLEURIMOND.

D. At Bel-Air

356. Since the last massacre recorded in Bel-Air, the situation remains tense. Members of the population who had been forced to flee are afraid to return home with all the rumors of new attacks in the works.

357. The few people who had tried to return to their homes were forced to return to the shelters. The vast majority of the population of Bel-Air is therefore in camps, on empty lots, exposed to the cold, the lack of food, and all sorts of abuses.

358. They, therefore, chose to remain in the shelters rather than face the violence they had recently experienced, especially since the automatic weapons fire never stopped.

XI. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

359. Upon taking office, de facto Prime Minister Ariel HENRY inherited a worrying security situation. He turned it into an explosive situation characterized by the indiscriminate violence of armed gangs which, knowing that they are protected and untouchable by him, continually attack the civilian population.

360. Indeed, since the second half of 2021, this explosive security situation has been manifested by frequent abuses, including massive violations of the rights to life, security, and the physical and psychological integrity of the population.

361. Armed attacks, raids and massacres during which murders, mass rape of women and girls, gunshot and stabbing wounds, house fires, vehicles and other property are recorded:

Armed bandits have never been so active. They reveal to what extent they lead the country, alongside state authorities.

362. Between April 2022 and April 2023, among the many bloody events recorded in the country, the RNDDH counted nine (9) large-scale massacres. They are considered as such because of the number of victims, the duration of armed attacks suffered by the civilian population and/or the seriousness of the abuses committed. Of these major massacres, five (5) were committed in 2022 and the other four (4) from January to April 2023:

- La Plaine du Cul-de-sac from 24 April to 6 May 2022, at least one hundred and ninety-one (191) people were murdered, and nineteen (19) women at least raped. Seventeen (17) of them were subsequently executed;
- Cité Soleil, from 7 to 17 July 2022, at least three hundred (300) people were murdered, fifty-three (53) women and girls were raped;
- Artistic Village of Noailles, from October 12 to 17, 2022, at least nineteen (19) people were murdered and at least thirty (30) houses and/or craft shops were set on fire;
- Savane Pistache, from November 10 to 30, 2022, at least three (3) people were murdered, and two (2) minors were raped collectively. Twenty-three (23) houses were vandalized, sixty-one (61) were burned and sixty-four (64) vehicles including motorcycles, private cars, and public transit vehicles were burned;
- Source Matelas, on the night of November 28 to 29, 2022, at least seventy-three (73) people were murdered. Twenty-six (26) women and three (3) girls were raped.;
- Bel-Air, from February 28 to March 5, 2023, one hundred and forty-eight (148) people were murdered or are missing. Three (3) others were shot, and two (2) women were gang raped and raped repeatedly. At least sixty-two (62) houses were burned, and twenty-six (26) other houses were looted or/and vandalized. Four (4) vehicles were stolen and three (3) were burned.

363. The massacres perpetrated in Savien in February 2023, in Cité Soleil^v from April 14 to 19, 2023, and in Source Matelas since April 19, 2023, have not yet been documented by RNDDH. Likewise, the investigations related to the armed attacks recorded since April 25, 2023, in Carrefour-Feuilles and several other localities in the West Department, have not yet been conducted.

364. However, for the six (6) massacres documented by RNDDH, at least seven hundred and thirty-four (734) people were murdered, an average of one hundred and twenty-two (122) people per massacre, and one hundred and five (105) women were victims of gang rape, for the most part, an average of seventeen (17) women and girls' victims of rape per massacre.

365. During these armed attacks, raids, and massacres, the public force never intervened to protect the population. For their part, the state authorities have never done anything to accompany the victims. Moreover, if in the early days of his government, the de facto Prime

Minister Ariel HENRY, with his fingertips, denounced and condemned the acts of violence to which the Haitian population is subjected, he quickly put an end to these statements.

366. It is under these dramatic circumstances that on March 6, 2023, the Minister of Justice and Public Security, Emmelie PROPHETE MILCE, invited the population to defend themselves against armed bandits, without taking into account the damage that such incitement could cause. And precisely, taking her at her word, since April 24, 2023, and as already mentioned, the population has begun, in the face of the inaction of state authorities, a hunt for bandits, through a movement called Bwa Kale. To date, more than one hundred individuals have been lynched. Threats are also directed at those who speak out against this new form of violence, which risks tipping the country definitively into chaos.

367. On May 1, 2023, on the occasion of Agriculture and Labor Day, the de facto Prime Minister, Ariel HENRY, joined the movement without committing himself to take concrete measures to put an end to it and secure the general population. For their part, members of the population believe that the Police + Population pair has given, for only a few days more results in the fight against banditry, than all other police operations.

368. However, the RNDDH notes that immediately after the speech of the de facto Prime Minister Ariel HENRY, the PNH tanks that were posted at strategic points in Savane Pistache and Martissant, to stem the attacks of armed gangs against these populations, were recalled.

369. The RNDDH strongly condemns the massacres perpetrated by armed bandits.

370 RNDDH believes that the ease with which armed criminals attack the Haitian population can only be explained by the protection they receive from state authorities. This protection is characterized by the impunity they enjoy since they are never sought or prosecuted by the authorities concerned. This protection also takes the form of gifts of weapons, ammunition, and large sums of money.

371. Today, therefore, it is not surprising that the Department of the West is completely under the control of armed bandits and that they want to expand their territory to other geographic departments of the country.

372. RNDDH emphasizes to everyone that the mob, armed with machetes and few firearms, cannot overcome the banditry that the state authorities have currently had for several years as a system of governance. It must always be remembered that the bandits were armed by those who have to protect the Haitian population, with political and electoral objectives. Consequently, the will to eradicate this phenomenon of state banditry that is currently taking place in the country must be political.

373. RNDDH protests against the state authorities who hide behind the Bwa Kale movement to bring the population to eliminate the links they have with the armed individuals who sow terror among the population and prevent justice from being brought to them.

374. RNDDH believes that the state authorities must immediately take the necessary measures to put an end to all forms of violence to which society is subjected because no

democratic society based on the respect and realization of human rights can currently have this spiral of violence as its foundation.

375. Based on the above, RNDDH recommends that the authorities concerned:

- Put an end to the reign of impunity by conducting a process of certification of all the prosecutors' offices of the country's courts of first instance and by removing all corrupt prosecutors;
- Put an end to the protection of armed bandits;
- Put public action in motion against armed bandits who sow terror in the country;
- Try and condemn the armed criminals involved in all the massacres recorded in the country since 2018;
- Adopt immediate measures to put an end to the ongoing spiral of violence in the country;
- Provide financial and psychological assistance to victims of massacres and armed attacks.

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