

**National Human Rights Defense Network  
(RNDDH)**



**Murders, Rapes, Looting, and Arson in Carrefour and Gressier Under the  
Indifferent Gaze of the New State Authorities**

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## **I. Introduction**

1. For several months, the violent acts recorded in the communes of Carrefour and Gressier have captured the attention of the Haitian population. This situation, which has been brewing since 2021 and worsened in 2023 and 2024, has had enormous consequences on the lives of those living in the aforementioned communes in particular, and in the southern departments in general.
2. Alerts and pleas for help have been issued by various civil society organizations as well as by the media. However, the state's interventions to regain control of Carrefour and Gressier remain insignificant compared to the scale of the terror imposed by the armed gangs.
3. The National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH), which, as part of its monitoring program, has observed and continues to observe the escalation of violence in these two (2) communes, feels it is its duty to share with those interested the data collected on the ground regarding this situation.

## **II. Methodology**

4. For the completion of this monitoring and denunciation work, the RNDDH – in addition to compiling data from the Haitian press regarding the armed attacks recorded in Carrefour and Gressier – conducted interviews with:
  - Police and judicial authorities of Carrefour and Gressier;
  - The interim executive agent of Gressier;
  - The interim executive agent of Léogâne;
  - Officials from the civil protection office in Gressier;
  - Leaders of feminist, human rights, and youth organizations located in Carrefour: Òganizasyon Fanm k ap Konbat pou Lavi Miyò (OFAKOLAM), Jeunesse Combattante (JECO), and Nègès Mawon;
  - The Gressier coordinator of the Rassemblement des Madan Sara d’Haïti (RAMSAH);
  - Relatives of victims as well as the victims themselves;
  - Residents.

## **III. Background and Previous Events**

5. On June 1, 2021, a conflict involving the armed gangs of Village de Dieu, Grand Ravine, and Tibwa, respectively led by Johnson ANDRE alias Izo 5 Second, Renel DESTINA alias Tilapli, and Christ-Roi CHERY alias Krisla, broke out. Thousands of families living in Martissant as well as in part of Fontamara were forced to abandon their homes, businesses, and schools, which subsequently closed their doors. Initially, public transportation was completely paralyzed. Subsequently, for several months, vehicles that dared to travel this route were hijacked or chased by armed bandits, and the occupants were kidnapped and subjected to cruel, inhuman, and degrading acts. Women and girls were systematically raped.
6. In July 2021, a toll booth was set up in Fontamara by gang leader Christ-Roi CHERY, also known as Krisla. It was communicated to road users that the amount paid to the armed gang members was actually a tax that ensured the protection of the population against the actions of the Grand Ravine and Village de Dieu gangs. A few months after the installation of this toll booth, initially criticized but quickly accepted by the population, the Port-au-Prince to Carrefour route, as well as routes to the greater south, began to operate somewhat regularly, but remained very difficult and especially dangerous.
7. Gradually, throughout 2022, other toll booths were set up along the road from Port-au-Prince to Carrefour by other armed gangs who realized that Christ-Roi CHERY, alias Krisla, was making a lot of money through this extortion system.
8. Between 2022 and 2023, other armed gangs, seeing the communes of Carrefour and Gressier as lucrative due to their connection between Port-au-Prince, the Palms region, and the geographical departments of the greater south, sought at all costs to control the Mariani market and slaughterhouse. They began to sporadically attack the populations of these communes. In 2023, these attacks intensified, and some armed gangs claimed responsibility for them. These include:
  - Beliose LOUIS JEUNE, alias Bout Ba, operating in Mariani, who is an ally of Renel DESTINA, alias Ti Lapli, one of the leaders of the Grand-Ravine armed gang;
  - Shadbir Rooster JOSEPH, alias Peter, a former police officer, Agent II, suspended on August 26, 2023, for abandoning his post; Stanley JOSEPH, alias Choopy gwo madanm; Kervens LUMA, alias Dalou, operating in Bizoton 51; Sanel JEAN, alias Mikmik, and Cleovens DEGAZON, alias My Man, all allies of Christ-Roi CHERY, alias Krisla, who himself operates in Fontamara and Carrefour;
  - Marc Arthur PIERRE, operating in Rivière Froide and its surroundings, as well as in Haut Brochette.
9. The intensification of these attacks in November and December 2023 led to murders, mass rapes, the burning and destruction of homes, and the mass exodus of the population. The

RNDDH then interviewed relatives of those murdered or missing. Here are some of the collected details:

- On November 1, 2023, Phélicienne DIEUSTIN was at home when armed gang members invaded Mariani. Her niece's husband, who lived with her, along with the niece, suggested that she flee. She insisted on retrieving some personal items. She was murdered, and her body was burned along with her house;
- On November 1, 2023, Gracilien FRANÇOIS, aged fifty-five (55), was at home when armed men from Grand-Ravine invaded the Ti Source area, part of the Carrefour commune. He was shot twice, once in the head and once in the sternum. His body was later burned inside the house, according to his daughter, S.F.;
- On November 1, 2023, police officer Junior BERLUS was murdered in Mariani by armed gang members;
- On November 1, 2023, Martial LORJACQUES, aged sixty-five (65) and father of four (4) children, was at home when armed gang members invaded Mariani. Accompanied by his niece, L.P., he fled and is now missing;
- On November 2, 2023, between 12:00 and 1:00 PM, Rosemonde BOUCHE, aged forty-three (43) and mother of three (3) daughters, was shot in the head. She was in Mariani at the time of the armed gang's invasion;
- On November 6, 2023, in the afternoon, Sildamize NOËL, aged fifty-five (55) and mother of six (6) children, was shot while attempting to flee with her daughter, B.A., aged twenty-nine (29), when armed gang members led by Beliose LOUIS JEUNE, alias Bout Ba, caused panic in Bò Dlo, Mariani. B.A. does not know what happened to her mother's body;
- On November 30, 2023, in Mariani, police officer Mackensen JEAN FRANÇOIS was shot dead during clashes between the police and armed gang members. He was assigned to the Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of Order (UDMO);
- On December 25, 2023, the body of Elie BLAISE<sup>1</sup> was found at his home in Mahotièrè 75, in the Carrefour commune. He was a former deputy.

10. Also, in November and December 2023, several women and girls were collectively raped. Here is an example: On November 18, 2023, around 11:00 AM, B. T., aged twenty-four (24), was insulted, beaten, and raped by two (2) individuals who broke into her home. This incident

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<sup>1</sup> **Le Nouvelliste**. "Assassination at His Home of Elie Blaise, Former Deputy of Carrefour, December 26, 2023." [Le Nouvelliste](#).

occurred when armed gang members led by Beliose LOUIS JEUNE, alias Bout Ba, invaded the Mariani area.

11. Numerous houses were also looted and set on fire. Such was the case for the home of L.P. On November 1, 2023, she, aged forty (40) and mother of three (3) children, was at home with her family when armed gang members descended on Mariani. Her house was set on fire.

12. Amidst all these sporadic attacks, toll booths have multiplied. Today, between Portail Léogâne and Gressier, the RNDDH has counted no fewer than twelve (12) toll booths:

- 1st Avenue Bolosse
- Martissant
- Fontamara 27
- Fontamara 43
- Macaco
- Diquini 63 near the entrance of Carrefour City Hall
- Carrefour, near Carrefour Cemetery
- Mariani
- Merger, near the Adventist Church of Merger
- Merger, in front of the Compassion of Jesus School in Merger
- Lambi
- Colombier 9, commune of Gressier

13. Between January and July 2024, the security situation in Carrefour and Gressier completely deteriorated. It has since been characterized by the presence of armed gang members in the streets, markets, sports clubs, and bus stations. They neither hide nor conceal their firearms. They conduct sporadic raids, steal, rape, kidnap, kill with impunity, and extort the population of these two (2) communes.

14. Reports of mass rapes are increasingly being made. Since the beginning of armed attacks in Rivière Froide, armed gang members have been breaking into homes in search of women and girls whom they abduct and take away to abuse for several days. For example, some survivors have reported being kidnapped from their homes and taken to a place where several naked men, already aroused, were waiting for them. They were raped by several of these men.

15. In addition to the three (3) armed gangs terrorizing the communes of Carrefour and Gressier, led respectively by Beliose LOUIS JEUNE alias Bout Ba, Christ-Roi CHERY alias Krisla, and Marc Arthur PIERRE, a new gang has emerged, led by Charlemagne DORIN alias Ti Bebe. He is the leader of the 103 Zonbi gang operating in Gressier and is allied with James AUGUSTIN alias Bougòy, one of the leaders of the Grand-Ravine gang.

16. The armed attacks carried out from January to July 2024 in Carrefour and Gressier are now incalculable. However, the violence reached an unprecedented peak in February and

April 2024. It was only after the attacks of April 2024 that the armed gangs imposed a system of daily toll collection in the markets of Arcachon 32, Decatus, Dèyè Pòs, Dorismond, Duvalier, also known as Mache Kafou, and Sous Kowosòl. Even though academic activities had resumed before the end of the 2023-2024 school year and commerce began to function again, tension remains very palpable, and several other attacks have occurred.

17. Additionally, the state institutions in Carrefour and Gressier have always been targets for armed gangs. The attacks on these institutions are also countless. Here are a few examples:

- On April 18, 2024, the Carrefour Police Station, also known as OMEGA, was attacked by armed gangs led by Christ-Roi CHERY, alias Krisla. Since then, the police station has been non-functional. The main gate, which remained open for some time without any police presence, is now completely closed.
- On the night of May 10 to 11, 2024, the Gressier<sup>2</sup> Police Station was attacked, and the vehicles parked in the station's yard were set on fire. On June 30, 2024, the police station<sup>3</sup> was attacked again, and the building was set on fire. During this second attack, at least twenty (20) people were murdered.
- Since May 10, 2024, following the initial attacks in the commune, the Peace Court of Gressier has not been operational, according to the presiding judge, Pierre Miven NORDE, with whom the RNDDH spoke.
- On May 11, 2024, the premises of the Gressier Town Hall were attacked by armed members of the 103 Zonbi gang. They looted the premises and set fire to trucks parked in the yard of the building, according to the interim executive agent of the commune, Jean Vladimir BERTRAND, with whom the RNDDH spoke.
- On May 11, 2024, armed gang members set fire to the building housing the civil protection offices in the commune of Gressier, also according to the interim executive agent, Jean Vladimir BERTRAND.
- On June 22, 2024, during a monitoring visit, the RNDDH noticed that the Saint-Charles Substation was not operational. The doors were locked. However, this did not prevent the armed gang members from setting it on fire on July 2, 2024.
- Until July 2024, the Carrefour Civil Prison was operating at a reduced capacity, with restrictions on inmate visits. However, due to constant threats and a reduction in the number of officers assigned there, on July 17, 2024, the prison population, which was

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<sup>2</sup> **AlterPresse**. "Armed Gangs Have Taken Over the Police Station in Gressier." [AlterPresse](#)

<sup>3</sup> **Haïti Infos Pro**. "Gressier: At Least Twenty People Killed, the Sub-Station Occupied by Bandits." **Haïti Infos Pro**.

estimated at one hundred fifty-five (155) inmates<sup>4</sup>, was transferred to another facility, according to the official in charge of the penitentiary center with whom the RNDDH spoke.

- The Carrefour Peace Court is operating at a reduced capacity and only when the security situation in the area permits. The officers of the Haitian National Police (PNH) who were assigned there are absent.

#### **IV. Summary of Attacks on Lives and Property**

18. The toll of human and material losses recorded in Carrefour and Gressier since January 2024 is enormous. Combined data from the press, field visits, and victims who approached RNDDH have allowed the identification of at least sixty-six (66) people who were murdered or went missing between January and July 2024. Among them were four (4) officers of the Haitian National Police (PNH), fifteen (15) women, one (1) minor, and twelve (12) elderly individuals aged sixty (60) to over eighty (80) years old.

19. Information gathered by three (3) organizations based in Carrefour, namely Òganizasyon Fanm k ap Konbat pou Lavi Miyò (OFAKOLAM), Jeunesse Combattante (JECO), and the feminist organization Nègès Mawon, along with complaints received by the RNDDH, also report forty-six (46) women and girls who were victims of sexual violence.

20. Hundreds of houses were looted, set on fire, or occupied by armed gangs. Several vehicles were stolen, as well as numerous goods.

##### **a) Murdered or Missing Persons**

21. Here are the details regarding the circumstances of the murders or disappearances of the sixty-six (66) identified victims:

22. On January 20, 2024, in Bizoton 53, around 2:00 AM, Philizena JEUNE, aged forty-two (42) and mother of five (5) daughters, was at home when she was shot in the neck and died as a result.

23. On February 5, 2024, two (2) people were killed by armed gang members in Lagrenade<sup>5</sup>, a locality in the commune of Carrefour.

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<sup>4</sup> Directorate of Penitentiary Administration (DAP). "Report on the Movement of the Prison Population, Thursday, July 4, 2024.

<sup>5</sup> Le Nouvelliste. "Attack by Bandits on Neighborhoods in Carrefour, Deaths and Displacements Recorded." [Le Nouvelliste](#).



24. On February 5, 2024, armed gang members led by Marc Arthur PIERRE stormed Source Corossol, Morne Sinai, Haut Brochette, Desmichel, Jérusalem, and Morne Taillefer, all of which are localities within Rivière Froide, the 11th communal section of Carrefour. Several houses were set on fire, and at least two (2) people were murdered.

25. On February 5, 2024, in Rivière Froide, Cérom MONDELUS, aged fifty-three (53), was returning home when he was shot in the head. He worked in the distribution section of the Rhum Bouvil company.

26. On February 6, 2024, in Mariani, Monbien JOSEPH, aged seventy (70), left his home to flee an armed attack. Since then, his family has had no news of him.

27. On February 6, 2024, around 3:00 PM, armed gang members attacked Mariani 2. Madame Labon GEFFRARD, aged fifty-eight (58), was at home when her house was set on fire, according to the statements of her daughter, W. S., who is thirty-seven (37) years old and the mother of three (3) children. W.S. has not seen her mother since.

28. On February 6, 2024, Jacques LATOUCHE, aged thirty (30) and father of two (2) children, went missing. He left his home early in the morning to attend to his income-generating activities but never returned.

29. On February 6, 2024, in Mariani 2, Jean Robert MICHEL, aged fifty (50) and father of two (2) children, was taken by armed gang members. He has been missing since.

30. On February 9, 2024, in Carrefour, a voodoo priest known as Yves and his fifteen-year-old (15) daughter were killed by armed gang members.

31. On the evening of February 22, 2024, in Mahotièrè 85, Gerto CADET, an officer of the Haitian National Police (PNH) assigned to the Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of Order (UDMO), was murdered. Six (6) other people were also killed that night. The body of police officer Gerto CADET was taken away by the armed gang members.

32. On February 25, 2024, between 2:00 and 3:00 PM, Camabouey CASNOR, aged seventy-seven (77), was at home with his family when armed gang members stormed the area. He was shot in the abdomen. He succumbed to his injury on the way to the hospital.

33. On February 27, 2024, Marie Mithé LAURENT and Olin ISAAC were on their way home in Mariani 10, in a locality called Mon Désir, when they were murdered. They had left their home on November 3, 2023, to escape the violence of armed men who had invaded Mariani at that time.

34. On March 8, 2024, in Do Karyann, a locality of Carrefour, Auguste DESIR was murdered. He was a pastor at the Tabernacle of Grace Church, located in Waney 93.

35. On March 21, 2024, around 10:00 PM, in Rivière Froide, Carrefour, Eveline GERTIS, aged thirty-seven (37), and her partner, Decius DESSULMI, were murdered. The gang members then raped S.L., the niece of Eveline GERTIS, before setting fire to the house where they lived.

36. On April 15, 2024, around 2:00 PM, Marie France ETIENNE, aged thirty-one (31), was shot in the back. She was in Mariani, in front of her house, during a gunfight between the Bout Ba gang and the Haitian National Police (PNH).

37. On April 18, 2024, in Carrefour, armed gang members led by Christ-Roi CHERY, alias Krisla, kidnapped two (2) PNH<sup>6</sup> officers. They were released a few hours later. On that day, at least seven (7) people who were playing dominoes were killed.

38. On May 4, 2024, between 9:00 and 10:00 AM, in Mariani, Maxo DELCY, aged twenty-five (25) and father of two (2) children, was riding a motorcycle when he was intercepted by armed gang members and coldly murdered. Maxo DELCY was a moto-taxi driver.

39. On the afternoon of May 10, 2024, Eliane ATHIS, aged forty (40) and mother of five (5) daughters, was at home when armed gang members stormed her house, located not far from the Gressier Market. Her daughter, R.P., aged twenty-five (25), found her dead, shot in the abdomen. The house was then set on fire.

40. On the morning of May 10, 2024, Asseny CHARLEMAGNE, aged seventy-five (75) and father of three (3) children, left his home to attend to his activities. One (1) of his children discovered his body on a pile of garbage in Lambi 3.

41. On May 10, 2024, Franck BAZILE, aged fifty-four (54), went missing. He resided in Kabrach, in the commune of Gressier.

42. On May 10, 2024, Rézol JEAN BAPTISTE, aged twenty-five (25), was murdered in Gressier. He was attempting to flee the fury of armed gang members who were attacking the area. He lived at number 8 in the FLN district.

43. On the evening of May 10, 2024, in Bwa Boko, a locality in Gressier, Wilson JEAN, aged forty (40), was murdered, and his body was burned inside the house of his cousin, with whom he lived.

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<sup>6</sup> **Télé Pluriel.** "Headline News: Day of Terror on Thursday, April 18, 2024, in Carrefour. Armed Gangs Attacked the Police Station Commonly Known as Omega. At Least 7 People, including 2 Police Officers, Were Killed in Waney 93. Several Neighborhoods in the Commune Were Targeted by the Bandits." [Télé Pluriel](#).

44. On May 10, 2024, in Quatre Gendarmes, Gressier, Nesly DUMORNAY, a fifty-two (52) year old father of one (1) child, was killed at his home. The victim was blind and could not escape during the attacks by armed gang members.

45. On May 10, 2024, between 3:00 and 4:00 PM, in Bò Lanmè, located not far from the Gressier Police Station, Rose-Mita DORIVAL, aged fifty-three (53), was at home with her two (2) underage granddaughters, B.F. and D.P., aged fifteen (15) and fourteen (14) respectively, when she was murdered in front of her granddaughters. The granddaughters were then collectively raped by armed gang members.

46. On May 10, 2024, Spencer BOSIEUX, aged twenty-nine (29) and father of one (1) daughter, was at the Gressier Market with his partner, C.F., when gang members led by Beliose LOUIS JEUNE, alias Bout Ba, stormed the area. A shootout with the police ensued, during which Spencer BOSIEUX was shot in the head.

47. On May 11, 2024, around 8:00 AM, in Bateau, a locality within the commune of Gressier, Mireille JOSEPH, mother of eight (8) children, was at home when armed gang members from Grand Ravine invaded her neighborhood. A shootout with the police followed, during which Mireille JOSEPH was shot in the back and died from the injury.

48. On May 11, 2024, around 8:00 AM, Bakenson BELFORT, aged twenty-seven (27), was with his family in Bateau, in the commune of Gressier, when he was shot in the head and died from the injury.

49. On May 12, 2024, in Kabrach, in the commune of Gressier, Miriel JEAN, aged sixty-five (65) and father of four (4) children, was murdered by armed gang members.

50. On May 12, 2024, around 9:00 AM in Bwa Boko, Gressier, Dieunette MARCELIN, aged seventy-eight (78) and mother of four (4) children, was trying to retrieve some of her goods at the Gressier Market when she was shot. She succumbed to her injuries at the Sainte-Croix Hospital in Léogâne, according to her relatives interviewed by the RNDDH.

51. On May 13, 2024, between 12:00 and 1:00 PM, in Bwa Boko, near the Gressier Market, the body of Malia LAFLEUR was discovered at her home by her niece W.L., who was gang-raped on that day. Malia LAFLEUR was fifty-one (51) years old.

52. On the night of May 13, 2024, in Côte-Plage 20, in the commune of Carrefour, police officer Danas JEAN, assigned to the Motorcycle Intervention Brigade (BIM), was killed<sup>7</sup>. Several other people present at the scene were also shot and wounded.

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<sup>7</sup> **AlterPresse.** "Haitian National Police (PNH) Agent III Danas Jean Was Shot and Killed on the Evening of Monday, May 13, 2024, in Côte Plage 20, in the Commune of Carrefour." [AlterPresse](#).

53. On May 14, 2024, in Merger, Jean Michel Berthony LUXAMAR, aged sixty (60), was killed by armed gang members. Information about this murder was reported to the victim's only son by a neighbor. The body of Jean Michel Berthony LUXAMAR could not be recovered.

54. On May 15, 2024, Joseph METELLUS, a mechanic aged forty-eight (48), was supposed to go to Gressier with a friend to fix a vehicle that had been entrusted to them. When he did not arrive, his sister, G.P., went to the location where the vehicle was supposed to be repaired and learned that gang members had murdered her brother and his friend and burned their bodies.

55. On May 15, 2024, between 3:00 and 4:00 PM, on Rue Saint Tilus, Merger, Jameson JOSEPH, aged twenty-five (25) and father of one (1) daughter, was murdered by a group of gang members from the 103 Zombi gang. Jameson JOSEPH, accompanied by his cousin B.T., was on a motorcycle trying to flee when, in front of his cousin, the gang members shot him in the head before setting both his body and the motorcycle on fire.

56. On May 15, 2024, around 11:00 PM, in Ti Sitron, in the commune of Gressier, Lucson JOSEPH, aged twenty-two (22), was murdered at his home, and his body was burned. His cousin, H.J., aged twenty-seven (27), who lived with him, managed to escape.

57. On May 16, 2024, Sainte Thérèse SAINTIMA, aged eighty (80) and a coffee vendor, and Kénol BESSA, aged forty-five (45) and a vendor of mobile phone recharge units, were shot and killed. The victims had a stall in front of the Carrefour Market and were there at the time of the incident.

58. On May 17, 2024, around 12:00 PM, Yvette BIROTTE, aged fifty-four (54) and mother of three (3) children, was at home with her partner when she heard cries for help. She decided to leave and attempted to flee but was shot dead by armed gang members.

59. On May 19, 2024, on Rue des Quatre Gendarmes, Gressier, Camela CHERY, aged fifty-one (51), was shot multiple times while attempting to flee her neighborhood.

60. On May 20, 2024, around 11:00 PM, in Kay Mason, near the Gressier Police Station, Louis JEAN BAPTISTE, aged sixty-four (64), was tied up before being killed. His body was burned along with his house, which the gang members set on fire. It is worth noting that, following a stroke, Louis JEAN BAPTISTE, who lived with his niece E.J.B., was no longer able to move on his own. His niece, who was present at the beginning of the incident, had to flee without being able to help him.

61. On May 21, 2024, around 6:00 AM, Cedieu NOËL, aged sixty (60) and father of five (5) children, was murdered at his home in Segressier, in the commune of Gressier. Cedieu NOËL's body was discovered by his daughter, S.N., who was herself gang-raped by armed gang members.

62. On May 21, 2024, in Dorian, Gressier, armed gang members stormed the home of L.C., aged thirty-four (34), and assaulted him and his partner. L.C. fled with his partner, leaving behind his eighty-three (83) year old grandmother, Resia BENOIT, who could no longer move due to a previous stroke. On May 24, 2024, three (3) days after the incident, L.C. returned home and found his grandmother dead.

63. On the night of May 28, 2024, in Gressier, Jeanne Maguilna CHARLES, aged seventy-five (75) and mother of two (2) children, was at home with her daughter during an attack by armed gang members. Her daughter fled alone, unable to assist her mother, who could not move without help. The body of Jeanne Maguilna CHARLES was discovered shortly afterward. She lived near the Gressier Peace Court.

64. In May 2024, in Bwa Boko, Gressier, Pastor Wilson, a vendor and member of the Rassemblement des Madan Sara d'Haïti (RAMSA), was murdered by armed gang members who accused him of being a police informant.

65. On the evening of June 30, 2024, in Gressier, Frantzy NELSON, alias Baresi, was murdered at his home by heavily armed gang members who invaded his house and shot him multiple times. His vehicle was also set on fire. Frantzy NELSON, alias Baresi, was a well-known football coach.

66. On the morning of July 1, 2024, in Gressier, Francin JEAN was killed. The victim was a minibus driver and was on his way to Jacmel to deliver goods that had been entrusted to him. He was also transporting a few passengers. His body was set on fire.

67. On the afternoon of July 4, 2024, in Carrefour, two (2) police inspectors, Yves NORD and Lozama THELEMAQUE, were murdered. Several other people were also killed that day.

## **b) Women and Girls Victims of Sexual Violence**

68. As previously mentioned, at least forty-six (46) victims of sexual violence have been recorded, including three (3) minors.

69. From February to July 2024, the feminist organization Nègès Mawon, based in Carrefour, provided support to one (1) minor and one (1) woman who were victims of sexual violence during armed attacks. These are:

- A.J.L., aged seventeen (17)
- M.H.M., aged twenty-eight (28)

70. From March to July 2024, JECO recorded and supported three (3) women who were victims of sexual violence related to armed attacks. These are:

- K.C., aged fifty-seven (57)

- W.C., aged thirty-three (33)
- E.M., aged twenty-eight (28)

71. For the period from May to July 2024, the organization OFAKOLAM recorded eleven (11) cases of sexual violence related to armed gang attacks. These are:

- F.B., aged twenty-seven (27)
- S.S.T., aged twenty-eight (28)
- A.T., aged thirty-one (31)
- M.T., aged thirty-four (34)
- G.P., aged forty-two (42)
- M.K.H., aged forty-three (43)
- K.A., aged forty-four (44)
- C.C., aged fifty-two (52)
- C.M., aged fifty-four (54)
- A.V., aged fifty-four (54)
- M.C.G., aged fifty-nine (59)

72. On July 20 and 21, 2024, PNH officers conducted an operation in Monvil, a locality in Gressier, during which twenty-three (23) women who had been kidnapped by armed gang members were freed. According to the interim executive agent of the commune, Jean Vladimir BERTRAND, with whom RNDDH spoke, fifteen (15) of these women were raped by at least four (4) men each. These survivors had been abducted while traveling in vehicles headed toward the greater South.

73. For its part, the RNDDH interviewed several women and girls who reported being raped. Here are the circumstances under which eighteen (18) of these victims of sexual violence were assaulted by armed gang members:

74. On February 2, 2024, in Carrefour, K.C. and W.C., mother and daughter, aged fifty-seven (57) and thirty-one (31) respectively, were gang raped.

75. On February 9, 2024, in Carrefour, M.E., aged twenty-eight (28), was a victim of rape.

76. On February 20, 2024, in Mariani, around 11:00 PM, M.T., aged twenty-seven (27) and mother of three (3) children, was gang-raped, beaten, and insulted in her home, where her assailants had broken in. During the attack, M.T. lost consciousness. Today, she cannot say how many individuals assaulted her. Upon regaining consciousness, she fled. A few days later, she learned that her house had been occupied by squatters.

77. On March 21, 2024, around 10:00 PM, S.L., aged twenty-three (23), was in Rivière Froide, Carrefour, when armed individuals stormed the house where she was living, insulted her, beat her, and then gang-raped her. It should be noted that S.L. was living with her aunt, Eveline GERTIS, aged thirty-seven (37), her aunt's partner, Dessulmi DECIUS, and their

child. When the armed gang members arrived at the house, they murdered Eveline GERTIS and Dessulmi DECIUS and then raped S.L. She subsequently fled, taking the couple's child with her. The next day, she learned that the armed gang members had set fire to the house shortly after she escaped.

78. On April 5, 2024, in Mon Repos 36, L.D., aged forty-five (45), was kidnapped at 9:00 AM. She was taken to the Mariani Slaughterhouse, where she was held captive for more than four (4) hours, interrogated, insulted, beaten, and then repeatedly raped before being released by her assailants.

79. On April 16, 2024, M.P., aged forty-eight (48), was returning from Gressier when the public transportation vehicle she was in was intercepted by armed gang members and directed into an alley. They ordered all the passengers to get out and raped all the young women. Subsequently, four (4) of the armed gang members raped M.P. and beat her before allowing her to leave with the other survivors.

80. On May 10, 2024, L.B., aged twenty-nine (29), was returning from her activities and heading to Lambi when she was intercepted in Mariani, where she was raped by armed gang members.

81. On May 10, 2024, between 12:00 and 1:00 PM, in Bò Lanmè, near the Gressier Police Station, two (2) minors, B.F. and D.P., aged fifteen (15) and fourteen (14) respectively, were gang-raped by armed gang members. Rose-Mita DORIVAL, the grandmother of the teenagers, aged fifty-three (53), was murdered in the presence of the minors, according to their mother, J.F. Their house was also set on fire

82. On May 10, 2024, between 1:00 and 2:00 PM, in Quatre Gendarmes, C.T., aged thirty-three (33) and mother of three (3) children, along with her sister V.H., born on October 27, 1999, both of whom were living with their uncle Nesly DUMORNAY, aged fifty-two (52), decided to flee due to the arrival of armed gang members. They took refuge at a mutual friend's house, where each of them was raped by two (2) armed gang members. Their uncle, Nesly DUMORNAY, was blind. They had to leave him behind in the house and do not know what happened to him.

83. On May 10, 2024, B.B., aged thirty-four (34), was at home when she was raped by an armed individual. She became pregnant as a result of this rape. It is worth noting that B.B. had previously lived in Martissant and had to abandon her home due to armed conflicts, seeking refuge in Gressier.

84. On May 10, 2024, a thirty-year-old (30) pâté vendor, well-known in her area by the nickname "Komè," who ran her business near the Gressier town hall, was gang-raped by armed members of the 103 Zombi gang.

85. On May 12, 2024, in Santo 12 in the commune of Gressier, W.L., aged thirty-two (32), was raped by three (3) armed gang members in the presence of her mother, L.D. Following this gang rape, which she witnessed, L.D. suffered a cardiovascular attack that left her paralyzed on her left side.

86. On May 13, 2024, between 12:00 and 1:00 PM, in Bwa Boko, near the Gressier Market, W.L., aged twenty-seven (27) and mother of two (2) children, was raped, beaten, and insulted by two (2) armed individuals. This occurred when she returned home to retrieve clothes for herself and her children and to check on her aunt, Malia LAFLEUR, with whom she lived. W.L. discovered the body of her aunt, who was fifty-one (51) years old.

87. On May 21, 2024, around 6:00 AM, S.N., aged thirty-eight (38) and mother of three (3) children, was at her home in Segressier, in the commune of Gressier, when three (3) armed individuals insulted, beat, and raped her. She had fled the previous evening, on May 20, 2024, and had only returned home to retrieve some personal belongings and check on her father, Cedieu NOËL, aged sixty (60), whom she had to leave behind when she fled. She was surprised by the armed gang members who raped her and found her father's lifeless body. He had five (5) children.

88. On the night of June 24, 2024, in Maracania, in the commune of Carrefour, A. J-L., a minor aged seventeen (17), was raped by armed bandits.

### **c) Injured Persons**

89. From January to July 2024, several people were injured, either by gunfire, stabbing, or during their attempts to flee. The RNDDH was able to speak with three (3) of them:

90. On May 10, 2024, in Waney 87 prolongée, armed gang members demanded that Raymond Michelet JEAN, a moto-taxi driver, give them his motorcycle. Fearing for his life, he attempted to resist and then fled. He climbed over a wall and fractured his left foot when he jumped to the ground.

91. On May 13, 2024, in Kabrach, in the commune of Gressier, between 3:00 and 4:00 PM, J.R.J., aged twenty-eight (28), was shot in the left ankle. He was taken to a health center in Léogâne before being transferred to Médecins Sans Frontières in Tabarre.

92. On May 21, 2024, around 5:00 PM, Lucson CINE, aged thirty-four (34), who was injured in his right hand, head, and mouth, was taken to a health center in Léogâne.

### **d) Houses Looted, Burned, or Squatted / Vehicles and Goods Stolen**



93. From January to July 2024, hundreds of houses were looted, burned, or squatted by armed gang members. For example, in Bwa Boko, a locality in Gressier, all the houses where police officers lived, as well as those nearby, were looted and burned. The same happened to the house of the presiding judge of the Gressier Peace Court, Pierre Miven NORDE, and the house of substitute magistrate Ecelyne Boyard.

94. The RNDDH spoke with homeowners and/or tenants. Here are some examples:

95. Ochima JOSEPH, aged thirty-six (36) and father of three (3) children, lived in Nan Gode, in the commune of Gressier. He was at work when his house was set on fire.

96. Glanise RAYMOND, aged forty-four (44) and mother of three (3) children, is a street vendor. On March 22, 2024, she was returning from her activities when a friend warned her of the presence of armed gang members in the locality of Sapotille, advising her not to go home. Three (3) days later, she learned that her house had been set on fire.

97. On May 3, 2024, in Melier, in the commune of Gressier, the house of Lucner GUERRIER, father of three (3) children, was set on fire. The car of a friend, which was in his possession and parked in his yard, was stolen by armed gang members.

98. On May 10, 2024, in Gressier, Marie Carmelle BONAVENTURE, upon hearing gunshots in the area and cries for help, fled with one (1) of her sons and injured her right leg. Later, she learned that her house had been set on fire. It is worth noting that Marie Carmelle BONAVENTURE had settled in Gressier after being forced to flee her home in Fontamara 27 in 2021.

99. On May 10, 2024, in Colombier 9, in the commune of Gressier, armed gang members broke into the home of J.L.D.L.O., aged fifty-five (55) and father of five (5) children. They fled, and the gang members looted the house and took everything.

100. On May 11, 2024, in Colombier 9, in the commune of Gressier, armed gang members broke into the home of J.J.B., aged forty-five (45) and father of two (2) children. They looted his house and his business, taking advantage of the situation to steal a white Nissan Frontier double-cab vehicle, registered AA-60154; a red Dayun motorcycle; and a 9mm Glock 40 pistol, serial number j&p. His mother, S.C., aged eighty-six (86) and mother of eight (8) children, lived with him. Traumatized by the attack, she suffered a stroke, according to the doctors who examined her, which left the left side of her body paralyzed.

101. During the numerous armed attacks in Gressier, more than two hundred (200) Madan Sara lost all their capital. For example, on the night of May 10-11, 2024, all the Madan Sara who had stored their goods in the Gressier market in preparation for the market day on Saturday, May 11, had to flee the area. They were unable to retrieve their goods.

102. In June 2024, according to the Rassemblement des Madan Sara d'Haïti (RAMSAH), four (4) Madan Sara coming from Port-au-Prince with newly acquired goods were kidnapped in Gressier by the 103 Zombi gang. They were held in a house near the Gressier Police Station. On the first day of their captivity, the driver was allowed to leave with the vehicle they had been traveling in. The women were later released but were unable to recover their goods.

103. After the assassination of Francin JEAN<sup>8</sup> on July 1, 2024, the armed gang members dug two (2) cavities at the front and rear of his vehicle to prevent it from being recovered, according to the administrator of the Association des Propriétaires et Chauffeurs d'Haïti (APCH) with whom the RNDDH spoke.

104. In addition to this, several vehicles and goods were also stolen by armed gang members. For example:

- On July 21, 2024, a driver operating the Port-au-Prince-Léogane route was stopped in Gressier by armed gang members who ordered all the bus passengers to leave without taking any of their personal belongings from the bus.
- On July 22, 2024, in Gressier, armed gang members stole a Forward truck, registered TM-27328. They demanded and obtained the truck's registration card and key from the driver before letting him go.

## **V. Current Situation in Carrefour and Gressier**

105. The police and judicial authorities are completely overwhelmed by the situation in Carrefour and Gressier. They are merely witnessing these two (2) communes plunging inexorably into total violence.

106. The few police interventions since the start of the armed attacks, such as those on August 10-11, 2024, have not been sufficient to restore peace and security, particularly in Carrefour, which is now surrounded by armed gang members led by Renel DESTINA alias Ti Lapli, Johnson ANDRE alias Izo, Christ-Roi CHERY alias Krisla, and Beliose LOUIS JEUNE alias Bout Ba.

107. In these two (2) communes, fear is palpable as the armed gang members become increasingly arrogant. They move around day and night in vehicles equipped with police sirens, wearing police uniforms, and brandishing their firearms. They ensure that terror is maintained within the population by continuously attacking and threatening their lives and property. For example, on August 6, 2024, the 103 Zombi gang invaded part of the Monvil locality in Gressier, stealing livestock and motorcycles from residents. A moto-taxi driver who

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<sup>8</sup> RNDDH. "Francin JEAN: See page 10, paragraph 63 for information related to the circumstances of his assassination.

refused to hand over the motorcycle he had just signed a contract for with the owner was shot in the abdomen and later succumbed to his injuries.

108. In addition to the toll booths, these armed gang members have also established a system of daily extortion in six (6) markets located in Carrefour, and they visit households to set the amount to be paid by each household, generally based on the business or other income-generating activities of the household members.

109. The RNDDH spoke with municipal authorities in Gressier and Léogane who stated that efforts are underway to relocate victims of insecurity from Gressier, who had taken refuge in Anacaona Square in Léogane, to the unfinished Léogane Courthouse building.

## **VI. Comments and Recommendations**

110. Since June 1, 2021, after Martissant fell under the control of armed gangs, the commune of Carrefour expected to fall into violence as well, unless the state intervened. Since no intervention took place, Carrefour and Gressier have, since the end of October 2023, been gripped by unprecedented armed violence, characterized by massacres and armed attacks carried out by gangs that have surrounded Carrefour. This violence is also characterized by rapes and gang rapes, thefts, looting, house fires, the loss of capital by merchants, and the mass displacement of the population from these two (2) communes. The situation worsened in 2024, as evidenced by:

- From January to July 2024, numerous armed attacks took place. Many people were murdered or went missing. The RNDDH spoke with relatives of sixty-six (66) victims who described the horror they experienced or were told about by witnesses. Four (4) PNH officers and fifteen (15) women and one (1) minor were among the victims. Twelve (12) of these victims were aged sixty (60) to over eighty (80) years old.
- Dozens of women and girls were gang raped. The RNDDH traced forty-six (46) survivors, including three (3) minors. Some of these victims were raped in their homes and had to flee after witnessing the murder of a relative. Others were kidnapped from their homes and taken to places where they were greeted by mostly naked men, already aroused, who were waiting to gang-rape them for hours or even days. During these rapes, the women and girls were also interrogated, severely beaten, and insulted.
- Dozens of people were injured either by gunfire, stabbing, or while fleeing.
- Hundreds of houses were looted, burned, or squatted. Homeowners and tenants who spoke with the RNDDH stated that they lost everything. Vehicles were stolen or burned.
- Goods were stolen or destroyed. At least two hundred (200) Madan Sara lost all their capital during these events. They lost all their goods, which were either stolen by armed gangs or destroyed during the armed attacks in Gressier.
- Twelve (12) toll booths were set up from Portail Léogane to Gressier, and the armed gang members established a system of daily extortion in at least six (6) markets:

Arcachon 32, Decatus, Dèyè Pòs, Dorismond, Duvalier (also known as Mache Kafou), and Sous Kowosòl.

- State institutions such as the peace courts and police stations in these two (2) communes, the Gressier town hall, and the civil protection office have been severely affected by these acts of violence.

111. Armed gang members wear police uniforms, move around with their firearms in vehicles and motorcycles equipped with police sirens, and demand regular payments from residents, with the amount set according to the number of people in the targeted houses who work or engage in income-generating activities.

112. Police interventions to regain control of these two (2) communes are very rare and have so far yielded no results.

113. At the highest level, the newly established state authorities, namely the nine (9) members of the Transitional Presidential Council (CPT) and the members of the Higher Council of the National Police (CSPN), chaired by Prime Minister Gary CONILLE, merely denounce the armed attacks in Carrefour and Gressier while promising to issue instructions to restore order and security. If these instructions were issued, they have yet to produce any results.

114. It should also be noted that the current administration claims that security is a priority for them. However, the CPT and the government absorb a large part of the police force to ensure their personal and family security. Additionally, they authorize the expenditure of several million US dollars to renew their fleet of vehicles, while the police institution struggles to find less than three hundred thousand (300,000) US dollars to repair its service vehicles and armored vehicles.

115. The agents of the Multinational Security Support Mission (MMAS), present in Haiti since June 25, 2024, do nothing to assist the population suffering from the actions of armed gangs, even though their mission is to help restore security and peace in the country in general, and particularly in the West and Artibonite departments, which are particularly affected by the armed gang phenomenon.

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116. In the face of inaction by the PNH, CPT, CSPN, and MMAS, the armed gangs are gaining confidence and arrogance, expanding their territory. For example, while the number of victims in Carrefour and Gressier is in the hundreds, the communes of Cabaret, Arcahaie, Ganthier, and Fonds-Parisien are also descending into violence.

117. The Haitian population continues to suffer from the systematic violation of their fundamental rights to life, security, physical integrity, mental integrity, private property, and freedom of movement. It is no surprise that the hope this population had placed in these new authorities and the arrival of MMAS agents is already beginning to fade.

118. Given all of the above, the RNDDH recommends that state authorities:

- Certify and equip the PNH with the adequate means to confront the armed gangs spreading terror in Carrefour and Gressier;
- Regain control of the police and judicial institutions in these two (2) communes;
- Track down the armed gangs and initiate public action against them;
- Try and condemn the armed gang members involved in the armed attacks in Carrefour and Gressier;
- Provide financial and psychological assistance to the victims of Carrefour and Gressier;
- Work toward restoring the minimal conditions of peace and security that would allow displaced families to return to their homes;
- Put an end to the waste of the state's scarce resources.