

HAITI SNAPSHOTS (2)

NOTES FROM THE HAITIAN INDEPENDENT MEDIA

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August 24 2022. From Planet Press

The file on president Jovenel Moise's assassination on July 7, 2021 is no longer a hot topic in Haiti; Walter Wesser Voltaire, the latest judge in charge has not been heard from since the invitation extended to Judge Luckner Desir to take over from him.

The Center for Analysis and Research for Human Rights now invites the dean of the Port-Au-Prince County Court, Bernard Saint Ville to nominate a new judge in order to pursue the investigation on the assassination and reminds him that the 3 months' delay lawfully allotted to Judge Wesser Voltaire to investigate this case expired on August 20, 2021.

We remind our readers that Judge Wesser Voltaire is the 5th one to take this case.

August 28 2022. From Tande Koze.

The attorneys from the Port-Au-Prince Public Prosecutor's Office are unable to go to court. The main office is under pressure from the gangs of the Village De Dieu neighborhood. The attorneys publicly decry the number of valuable, honest lawyers and professors who have been kidnapped and executed. It seems there is an intent to destroy those who want the good of the country and would like to reform its institutions.

August 2022. From Unewsht/Noticias Caracol.

Captain Germàn Revera confessed to the police investigators that the goal of the mercenaries was indeed to assassinate President Moise, not to arrest him as was first stated. He adds that the then newly fired Prime Minister, Claude Joseph (the first to be designated in a tweet by the U.S, as transition Prime Minister, then was dropped in favor of the assassinated President's choice, current PM Ariel Henri) promised the assassination commando that all would be taken care of at the highest level after the president's death but then betrayed them afterwards when the deed was done and they were arrested.

June 2023. From U.S Under Secretary of State, Brian Nichols.

Nichols reports that 11 people now face charges in the U.S, in connection with the assassination of Haitian president Jovenel Moise.

September 4, 2022. From Tcheko Pep La.

According to Dimitri Herard, head of security for assassinated President Jovenel Moise, the ex-Haitian President Michel Martelly (Sweet Micky) who designated Moise as his successor, issued the order to leave open the gate of Moise's residence in order to give the mercenaries easy access.

Herard insists that a police unit was sent to assassinate him at the county jail of Croix Des Bouquets to stop him from revealing more about the assassination. Herard declares in a recording smuggled to the reporter that on December 31 2021 an escape attempt was reported where no prisoner actually escaped but during which about 20 prisoners lost their lives. They were shot in the head in the prison yard after the chiefs regained control. Herard goes on to say:

During a police operation in a jail where the prisoners are not armed the guards usually use rubber bullets or tear gas; these guys came in with heavy artillery, each packing up to 3 weapons of the kind we are not used to seeing in the hands of policemen. They were also wearing hoods over their heads and faces and we were not used to seeing such attire on guards. We are able to pass this message to a radio announcer we know.

We learned that these individuals were mercenaries or gang members from Florida who were met at the Port-Au-Prince airport in cars with official license plates and were put up at the Plaza Hotel upon their arrival in Haiti. They were paid one million U.S dollars in cash to enter the jail and use the escape attempt as a means to camouflage their mission which was to kill me, Dimitri Hérard in my jail cell. Since this incident we have not been let out of our cells, water is passed to us through the bars. We are being pressured to revolt so they have a reason to eliminate us. We ask you to spread this message to those who are able to intervene in our favor at the level of the embassies and Human Rights organizations.

(T.N.) And he never was heard from again.

February 15, 2023. From Select News.

The attorney Yvon Pyram was just murdered by bullets this morning in Thomasin while driving his car. Mr. Pyram was a member of the law office Expertus which represents Ms. Martine Moise, widow of the assassinated president, in her search for justice.

August 22, 2022. From Scoop FM.

Haiti Central Bank announced an injection by the State of 150 million U.S dollars into the Haitian economy.

The economist Edy Labossiere adds that the central bank is acting on orders from the oligarchy which controls the market and is responsible for lowering the value of the U.S dollar to alleviate the pressure from the huge street demonstrations taking place this summer. The economist denounces the private sector for taking over the role of the State and calls on the authorities to play their role as market stabilizers.

August 23, 2022. From Scoop FM.

Ex-Senator Moise Jean-Charles, leader of the political party Pitit Dessalines led a huge crowd in a chant calling for burning the banks if the rate of exchange between the U.S dollar and the Haitian gourdes is not lowered.

August 24 2022. From Radio Tele Metronome.

Ex-senator Moise Jean Charles who has been leading massive street demonstrations in Port-Au-Prince demanding de facto Prime Minister Ariel Henry's departure, has given an ultimatum to the Haitian banking sector threatening to burn the banks if the rate of the U.S dollar is not lowered to 80 Haitian gourdes/1 U.S dollar.

August 22, 2022. From Neg Konsey La. Fun fact.

Four days ago the street rate was 152 gourdes to one U.S dollar. The banks' rate was 127/1.

Today the street rate is 90 to 100 gourdes to one U.S dollar. The banks' rate is 125/1

These people always make a game of what should cause us to weep.

August 22, 2022. From Scoop FM.

As a result of the huge street demonstrations this summer, the rate of exchange for the U.S dollar is steadily falling. The invisible hands that run the economy are artificially depreciating the U.S dollar and no one knows where it will stop. Transfer offices are not changing money, preferring to wait and see how far it will drop.

According to the business sector who has lived through this scenario several times, the manipulators of the economy have arbitrarily dropped the dollar rate before, causing those not in the know to lose their businesses a few weeks later, when the dollar is made to rise again.

August 24, 2022. From Le Nouvelliste. (Editorial)

Many are outraged by the incendiary discourse of Moise Jean-Charles (ex-Haitian senator, ex big wig from President Aristide's political party Lavalas- flash Flood- who segued into his own political splinter group, the Pitit Dessalines – Dessalines' Children- Political Party). As if he were the cause of Haiti's misfortune. Those same people do not say one word about the local elements who are producing in Haiti a permanent class of impoverished citizens with generalized grievances, who have nothing to lose and are always ready to be someone's hit force for destruction, so that the country is always on the brink of collapse, revolution. As a politician Moise Jean Charles is exploiting a current reality.

...It is a question of exposing all types of violence as should be done without bias in the face of all terrorism: Violence of State terrorism, of colonialism and imperialism, clan terrorism of the dominated and of the oppressed. Many condemn the violence of sedition in the street but keep silent on the violence issued from cupidity, from exploitation, from the corruption of the powers that engender it.

I am talking here of the handful of powerful who make great profit from the current state of unease they are creating in our country, the flibusteurs of our country. If the good people of our country denounce only the violence in the street, they don't see that there is the violence of hunger, the violence of injustice, violence of the big eater, violence of gang sponsorship, violence of uprooting. If those in power refuse to fulfill their responsibilities in order to reshuffle their deck of cards without cheating, there will be screams in the house of dreams.

August 2022. From Planet Press/ tande koze. / Ex-senator Eddy Brisseaux.

President Jovenel Moise's assassination outrageously benefitted the PHTK (President Jovenel Moise and ex-president Sweet Micky's Party – Haitian Party of the Shaved Heads – a neo-Papa Doc power; Sweet Mickey having been Baby Doc's friend). Do you think it makes sense that none of the heads of this party, although linked to this assassination by the judges in charge, have ever been interrogated or detained? They are still enjoying the positions granted to them by the great elector for our country, the United States of North America. The great power which organized the last elections, now has organized a meeting of the usual suspects: foreign diplomats from France and Canada and other Core Group members, to decide who will be the

candidates at this next election and how much each would be paid for campaigning. Something that had already been done in 2006 and 2010.

This time our great electoral college decided that Moise Jean-Charles will lead with 36% on the first round, Michel Martelly (Sweet Micky) would jump ahead on the 2nd round; yes, that thief who stole his Party's money, who was one of the thieves of the Petro Caribe funds, who gave all the country's wealth to Bill Clinton and the oligarch families (Their names I'm not afraid to say...), yes that thief is to lead by 26%.

Now here is the trap from the intelligent boys of the U.S State Department. Now that I'm announcing it, they might amend it: They are poised to catch us in the same bamboozle they set up for Mirlande Manigat when she was persuaded to run against Sweet Micky in 2010.

They are planning as usual to conduct a survey which will reveal that Moise Jean-Charles is ahead, so he will agree to participate in the next elections, so he takes the lure and becomes candidate. Now comes the second round between Moise Jean-Charles and Sweet Micky and as it had previously been done, surprise! Sweet Micky jumps ahead. Familiar territory. Third round, Laurent Lamothe, another thief who used to be Micky's Prime Minister, who is also implicated in the Petro Caribe pillage, who has become rich enough to pay big lobbyists in Washington D.C. Last week the great electorate for Haiti decided that Laurent Lamothe will get 24%. After him, Reginald Boulos; a man who like Lamothe has no popularity but spends a lot of money in Washington where he was last week as a matter of fact.

Next chosen, a young Haitian living in the U.S, Jude Elie, yet unknown but who also has his entries and contacts in Washington D.C, is to get 20% of the votes in this planned popularity survey. From the entire republic! And Haitians don't even know this guy. Next the small fry; Wilson Jeudi, an ex-Mayor of the Delmas neighborhood in Port-Au-Prince, gets 19%. Jerry Tardieu a representative in the current House is slated to get 16% and Maryse Narcisse of the Lavalas Party, only gets 5%, but Moise Jean-Charles used to be a member of the Lavalas Party.

Just watch and see when the time comes how these polls will be rolled for the three chosen main candidates. Our herders are preparing us for a hurried election, they are going to show us that this election is incredibly credible, since Moise Jean-Charles, today's great leader of street demonstrations, a guy who knows how to whip up the masses as a man of the people, is ahead, with Sweet Micky in 2nd place and 10 points between them.

Like Mirlande Manigat in 2010, Moise Jean-Charles, on the strength of this survey will let himself be persuaded to pose his candidacy for the presidential race, making the elections look good but what he doesn't know is that the great elector the U.S, who is running these surveys, has already decided the score before the survey even happens, the same way it happened in 2006.

And in 2010, when Bill Clinton decided it had to be Sweet Micky for President because the latter had already given his wife Hillary's brother Mr. Rodham, the contracts to manage the gold

mines in the north of Haiti. The then retiring president, Aristide's so called twin, René Preval, was trying to choose Jude Celestin as his successor but that was a no go in favor of Sweet Micky. All the other candidates withdrew from the elections in protest of these shenanigans, putting the international in hot water. Their Haitian lackey, Edmund Mueller went to see Mirlande Manigat, telling her she was in second place according to their polls, and if they got Jude Celestin out of the race, she would move to first place in line and did she want to lose this opportunity. They would pressure Rene Preval, the departing president, to drop his man Celestin from the running, leaving her to face Sweet Micky, whom everybody knows is a joker that no one would take seriously, so don't refuse this Presidency offered to you on a silver platter.

This is how the diplomats spoke to Mirlande Manigat, the only credible candidate in 2010, the only person in these elections with serious credentials and a viable plan to move the country in a direction that would be good for it. She became the lure dangled by the international, to attract the other candidates back into the electoral pond for a race she finally lost, because the Clintons, our great electors, had already made their deal with Sweet Micky whom they gave us as president.

August 9th 2022. From Metronome Radio/ Corvington En Direct – commentator Guerrier Dyesel.

The CNN journalist riding with officers of the national police in an armored vehicle through a Port-Au-Prince gang's territory during an operation, made it known to all that the police only possessed one such vehicle. The journalist also remained very superficial in his report about gang control over the Haitian nation by not following the chain of command linking the gangs to U.S-backed institutions such as the political parties in power and the missionary churches.

August 2022. Parience Press.

An important Vodou ceremony was performed at the crossroad of Delmas 31. Many people in Haiti are blaming the vodou priests and priestesses for the insecurity that is destroying the country, saying that they are selling power points to the bandits to protect them against the police's bullets. One of the Houngans (Vodou priest) present at this ceremony declared:

This is a way to provoke another "rejete" movement where all the Christian converts are marching calling themselves soldiers of Christ, destroying our temples and killing our people; We suffered in the same way, the "dechoukaj" (uprooting) movement of 1987; today we are not taking another rejete or another uprooting. We Vodouists are the ones who gave birth to this nation and today we are uniting all the forces to fight what is causing the present state of

this country. Give the young police officers who are willing to die to stop this plague, the weapons and training they need to face bandits who are better armed, better paid and have better intelligence. These bandits are making political deals with the higher ups in the police, the big family guys with billions are holding the guns and ammo for their protégés. It is the built in inefficacy of the police that is rendering them powerless. Remember when the young officers conducted an operation in Village de Dieu (neighborhood containing one of the most well known gang-military bases), they radioed for reinforcement and it was their own high ranking officers at the Criminal Search and Investigation Bureau who failed to send them support.

We the Vodouists, swear 7 times 77 times 7 times that this plot the church is hatching to set us up again as a scapegoat for the current state of affairs, will not succeed this time. The Spirit exposes their acts for all to see, the Spirit reveals all the pimples on the Church's ass. It is the Church that is charged with bringing in weapons and ammo. The entire population knows this now. We Vodouists don't have franchises at the customs office, we do not bring in containers. Those who are responsible for bringing in the weapons and ammo, those who do not give the young police people the support they need, are responsible for the insecurity in this country.

We called the gathering today, a reunion of all the Vodou organizations in the country to make this ceremony in order to celebrate our ancestors' fight to liberate this country. It is a mystical ceremony for a mystical country, not a political rally. It is to unite all those of us who wish to promote a better future for our country, to encourage whatever positive activity is taking place among us Haitians. We fail to develop as a nation because the population is ignorant of their own history, their own origins. Now the forces in our country which impose a system that is sinking us must be revealed.

August 24/ 25, 2022. From Tande Koze.

Containers arriving in Haiti addressed to the Episcopal church were found to be filled with weapons and ammunitions. Father Frantz Cole, an episcopal priest was arrested for having direct contact with gang leader Izolan 5 Segonn (Five Seconds Isolator) from Village De Dieu, Port-Au-Prince. From October first last year to today, more than 100 containers were discharged by customs to the Episcopal Church. The heavy artillery and ammunitions at the hands of these gangs who call themselves armed groups, cannot be cleared by just anyone, one must have influence to get these weapons into the country. They use the Church's influence to get the weapons in, and the Church then washes its hands of its own priests. Father Desiré is still at large and being hunted down.

A number of Episcopalian priests were fired by the Church for money laundering through the Church coffers for the benefit of gang members.

Anti-gang police action is made difficult by high-ranking officers sending information to the gangs through the air waves via public announcements on the radio to warn them of impending police raids in their respective neighborhoods.

Meanwhile, Moïse Jean-Charles who has been leading massive demonstrations where demonstrators incited to burn banks and places of business were killed by police, has denied having any ambition to participate in the next elections but continues to call for a general county wide uprising and the departure of de facto Prime Minister Ariel Henry. Jean-Charles also said he did not call for the crowds to burn the banks, but that people who are not eating, who cannot pursue their activities in a country under gang lock-down and cannot send their kids to school, cannot be blamed either for targeting the establishments.

Another ex-senator is also calling for a general mobilization towards county wide demonstrations against the indifference of the Haitian State. It is announced for September 7 2022. Gesnel Cassis declared:

“You can’t lower the U.S dollar and at the same time raise the price of goods. Those guys inject so many millions U.S into the Haitian economy (because that is all they know how to do these days) that they are seriously decreasing our nation’ reserves. Today, in spite of these injections, if you go into the streets and try to buy U.S dollars you won’t find any. These injections lower the dollar temporarily, but the backlash causes it to climb even higher because even with these artificial boosts the economy is still stagnating.

Our struggle is not just to lower the dollar or stop insecurity, it is to change those people who keep giving us these same disastrous results. We want capable people at the head of our nation. We need a political agreement where everyone concerned assumes their responsibilities. This struggle is for change, for the engagement of civil society, for those who say this is our country we won’t leave. The street massacres by police, by gangs, must be brought to judgement, the thieves of the Petro Caribe funds must be judged, the cadavers we step over every day will not be forgotten, those who are forced to abandon their houses need a State that can create the conditions permitting them to return. Stop taking the transfers sent in dollars to the poor by their families in the U.S, give them their money in dollars.”

August 26 2022. From Le Nouvelliste.

The Bank of the Republic of Haiti announced new provisions for bringing foreign exchange transactions back to the formal sector. Banks and transfer offices are required to pay international transfers in Haitian currency. Funds can be transferred in U.S dollars to beneficiaries who have savings accounts in dollars but only for sums of less than U.S 1000.00.

August 25, 2022. From Voice of America, re-issued in Haiti by V.O.A/ Creole- Washington D.C

The U.S office of National Security organized a press conference in Miami on August 24 to inform us of the steps being taken to staunch the flow of weapons from the U.S to Haiti. The special agent in charge of N.S.A investigation in Miami, Anthony Salsburry reports a huge increase in trafficking of illegal arms between the U.S and Haiti. This news comes after several weeks of gang fighting in Port-Au-Prince which forced thousands of people to flee their homes and caused hundreds to be killed and maimed.

August 26, 2022. From Le Nouvelliste. Press release.

We the members of the Haitian Employers Association, are reminding the political and economic leaders of the country of their obligation to set up measures for addressing the extreme deterioration of the socio-economic situation of ordinary Haitian citizens.

We appeal to the business sector to respect their fiscal and legal responsibilities, to the State and tax authorities to fulfill their obligations to collect customs duties and taxes in order to mobilize these considerable resources for the benefit of the National Police so it can effectively combat the growing gangsterization of the country that is causing the impoverishment of the middle class and radicalization of the poor. We appeal to the State to adopt sound management of public funds, we exhort the political class to transcend their conflicts and stop holding the country hostage to their partisan interests in order to find common ground and address 1) the fight against terror from armed gangs and restoring of security. 2) the return to constitutional order by reestablishing the structures guaranteeing a credible electoral process.

All our citizens should raise their voices to denounce the paralysis of our political sector in the face of their responsibility toward addressing the increasing insecurity.

For the committee, (signatories)

August 21 2022. From the United Nations.

The U.N announces the release of an emergency fund of 5 million dollars for humanitarian aid in Haiti where violence between armed bands is trapping 1.5 million people in different neighborhoods and causing them to be unable to get supplies. This is also the case for people living in the towns outside of Port-Au-Prince, the entrances and exits to the capital having been blocked by the various gangs whose military bases are deployed there, stopping all vital commerce between these towns and Port-Au-Prince and causing mass exodus from the provinces and the country.

December 13, 2022. From Radio Tele Galaxie.

Protests against the presence in the port of Jeremie (one of Haiti's main towns in the southern peninsula) of U.S hospital boat USAS Comfort. Demonstrators ask for military aid against the armed gangs instead of humanitarian aid.

August 22, 2022. From Production 509 Haiti.

During demonstrations downtown Port-Au-Prince, Production 509 gives the microphone to the demonstrators.

#1. It has been 231 years since our ancestors here revolted against their condition. Today through the embassies of the rich countries who are out to put us back into slavery, we're telling the U.S well prepared but badly calculated, we're telling the French well set up but badly calculated we're telling them we're going to break this State they have imposed on us, this system they are forcing down our throats, so that the Haitian diaspora can come home to invest in the country the little money they have saved from their life's labor. So we too can be allowed to invest in our own country without having these thieves be the only ones allowed to do so. Those ones who control the country's customs revenues, the only ones allowed to import steel, to import cement. Today we are breaking open the manipulations of this thieving State and with this we break open all that is wrong with a country given over to bad governance.

#2. Me? I'm not here man, I'm not at the demonstration, just trying to take care of my affairs. These people want to burn and break; then what will be left of a country that is already broken?

August 29, 2022. From Production 509.

#1. We do not agree with burning banks or the gas pumps. Those guys who own the pumps are also enduring a situation that is chaotic and unfair to most of us. We want a conscientization of the individual so they can understand the relationships between the various forces of disorder: The politicians, the police, the gangs, the oligarchy, the international, who all represent the face of corruption.

#2. They take all the U.S dollars that are sent to us from our families overseas and they hoard them for themselves, then inject Haitian money into the economy. The transfer offices, the banks have no dollars to give us; they do not give us the dollars that are ours but the gang leaders post themselves on social media showing off piles and piles of neatly stacked and banded U.S dollars. Gangs hold up the gas from the pumps for them, then sell us contraband gas at an exorbitant price then police arrest us for having contraband. We're here to say no to these practices.

August 25, 2022. From Tande Koze.

According to a report from the anti-corruption league, Leon Charles, Ex-General Director of the National Police, has been charged with embezzling more than 15 million gourdes from the funds earmarked for the families of police officers killed in the line of duty. Will he be made to answer for his crimes? As of now, to be continued...

August 26, 2022. From Tande Koze.

The Government Commissioner, Attorney Sauveur Verisaint was arrested on August 25 and charged with association with a taxi driver known to be an influential member of the Gran Grif (Great Claws) gang of the Savien region and of using his authority to have said taxi driver released from jail. Also a case to be continued...

A policeman killed in the line of duty in Savien died from not receiving the 2 bags of blood needed to save his life. If a police officer is wounded in the exercise of his function, must he die from the lack of support from his own institution?

The Martissant Gang of leader Ti Makak (Little Monkey) is now operating full force in the Laboule area, thanks to the opening by the authorities of the once disaffected road directly linking the seaside community to this mountain community. The gang is causing a lot of damage and loss of life. Police inspector Danny Toussaint was killed there earlier this month and now it is ex Lavalas senator Yvon Buisset who was burned alive along with his driver when the gang members set fire to his car. It is said by those in the know that the ex-senator had used the Ti Makak gang members for his own purposes and that today he met with retaliation.

August 20, 2022. From the signatories of the Montana Accord.

One-year anniversary speech of the members of the accord and proposal that was signed by representatives of the Haitian civil society on August 30, 2021.

At a time when the country's mourning has been made blacker with cadavers sown by increasing gang violence and by government repression of demonstrations against this 3rd version of the PHTK Power (Haitian Party of the Shaved Heads- Sweet Micky's party), we are marking the first year anniversary of the accord informally named Montana, which was the result of more than a year of dialogues and exchanges between the majority of social and political forces within Haiti. The accord itself is a consensus among several organizations and political parties with different agendas but which still managed to reach an agreement toward one objective: To create the democratic mechanism needed for a transition to a different path.

Now Haiti has a governing body, put in place by the December 11, 2021 allies, which accepted to serve the population as interim heads of state, a service they are being paid for and whose failure the entire country is aware of today. We are seeing more murders, more rapes, more kidnappings, more hunger, more political repression, with imprisonment and executions of militants who are asking for change. Montana does not share with the present power structure the responsibility for the acceleration of the country's degradation. These adversaries are extremely powerful within as well as outside the country, they represent the historical dominators who have brought us to our present state. Montana proposes a transition arrived at together so that it is not a foreign tweet imposing on us the leader of their choice, but our own social and political forces creating a framework enabling us to choose leaders who will effect the transition. We are now at the last phase which is one of negotiations for a political leadership respectful of the basic principles of a democratic republic. We are standing up for another kind of governance in accordance with the changes that are necessary. Peasants, workers, all the popular fronts, Vodouists, Catholics, Protestants, artists, unionists, teachers, students, Haitians in the private sector, the diaspora, youths, produce sellers, small entrepreneurs, stand together behind a national alternative to extirpate our country from chaos. Long live Haiti!

October 12, 2022. From Radio Magik 9. Panel Magik interviews Haitian historian, Professor Georges Michel.

Interviewer. Dr. Michel the current government just announced their decision, after a meeting of the ministers to authorize Prime Minister Ariel Henry to solicit from the international a specialized military intervention to help solve the problem of insecurity, which is aggravating the humanitarian crisis, and causing a resurgence of cholera.

GM. I'll take a historical approach...What we are living now is a direct result of Mr. Bill Clinton's intervention to bring back his friend and associate President Aristide in 1994. The problem is that Clinton is an inveterate anti-militarist who pressured Aristide into crushing the Haitian military with the common place liberal argument that small countries like ours do not need an army, even though he knew the pentagon had plans to refurbish the Haitian military. We are now living the direct result of this dispersing of our army. In a 1995 article, that was reissued by the *Nouvelliste* in 2005, I took position against the suppression of our armed forces and predicted the rise of gangs such as we have now. At the time Aristide henchman Father Adrian came to threaten me as well as my wife and children and forced me into exile.

The situation with the gangs I had predicted, presented itself in 2003/2004, but the U.N military forces on the ground at the time intervened to correct the it back then. Because of President Martelly's (Sweet Micky) imbecility the government let the foreign mission leave in 2017 without carrying out their plan of refurbishing the Haitian army.

The special envoy to Haiti in 2021, Mr. Daniel Foote had told President Biden a military intervention was needed in view of the degenerating security situation in Haiti, but Biden

thought he could avoid it and delegate other countries who also balked. This caused Mr. Foote to resign. Neither President Jovenel Moise, nor the current Prime Minister Ariel Henry wanted to activate the foreign intervention scenario, mostly because they don't want the Whites to come and order them around and especially don't want them putting their noses too publicly into the business of the Haitian power structure.

The Prime Minister finally succumbed to pressure and called for foreign intervention when on October 17, 2021, while he was putting a wreath of flowers on Dessalines' tomb, the gang leader Barbecue made him run away so fast he lost a shoe. Faced with such a spectacle everyone of course becomes aware that Ariel Henry wasn't commanding anything and that it is the bandits who have the upper hand. These Haitian terrorists are using guerilla tactics. It's no secret that a police force is not trained in guerilla warfare. That a military force is needed to respond to a military situation. We no longer have such a force just like we no longer produce enough food to meet our nation's needs, so we are in the uncomfortable situation of having to import both. If you look at recent events, February 27, 2020, for example when police went into Village the Dieu to swarm the bandits they were routed by those bandits. The same thing happened on March 18, 2021; the police was again crushed by the gang of Village De Dieu. They fed the young policemen's bodies to the dogs.

I'm not telling you anything new when I say that Jovenel Moise wanted the gangs in place because the gangs, as usual would help his Party set up the next elections the way they wanted it to go, with the strengthening of the statute toward more of a dictatorship-like power, through the changes in the constitution in the form of that referendum the foreigners want to impose; the gangs would continue to help them all terrorize the people, prevent them from demonstrating against the power structure, against the referendum, stop them from continuing to demand an accounting of the stolen Petro Caribe funds. On June 1st 2021, the terrorist gangs took possession of the strategic neighborhood of Martissant, the southern entrance to Port-Au-Prince, chasing people from their homes. Many working in banks, in grocery stores, in markets, lost their means of subsistence, all of Martissant was crushed and the entire southern peninsula is now held hostage.

It's not normal that no one can leave Port-Au-Prince by car through Martissant, it's not normal that a gang leader blocks an entire country's access to fuel, that gang leaders attack and take over police stations, but it's happening with greater and greater frequency. It's an undeclared war, under the table.

In 2010, I found in a drawer at the seat of government, a project from the U.S embassy to send a mission of experts to Haiti to evaluate our military needs. That same afternoon I was fired and we lost all hope for that mission to take place. The project went the way of so many projects which were never reconstituted. In 2019, Donald Trump offered President Jovenel Moise military aid to combat the armed groups but Jovenel benefited from the gangs' presence and didn't see any need to get rid of them.

Interviewer. So There is a constant instrumentalization of the gangs for political ends.

G.M. Absolutely but in 2022 we have reached a convulsive point. We have now a concentration of the armed bands in the capital with several leaders at their heads. They include 3 elements:

1. The gang sponsors. Those who financed them at the beginning, who distributed weapons and ammunition.
2. The gangs' clients. Those who use the gangs for their own political end, the governments such as Aristide's, Sweet Micky's, Jovenel's for example.
3. The gang leaders who now have become independent contractors also taking care of their own business in an autonomous fashion.

Interviewer. In the metropolitan region of the capital, we have the southern exit blocked, the northern exit blocked, entrance to the interior blocked, strategic installations such as gas terminals and ports occupied by gangs. So the government of transition in place right now can be said to have failed.

G.M. They do not have the means to control these groups which use guerilla tactics, are better armed, have access to millions of U.S dollars and are now extending their territories to the towns in the interior of the republic. Whether it is Jovenel or his Prime Minister Ariel, the heads of State are not too interested in being hindered from doing whatever they are doing under cover of the gangs' warfare. The Haitian political class are used to traitorous accords; signing accords which they have no intention of respecting. Read the September 11th Accord with the international, which put Ariel Henry in place. The main points of that accord have never been realized including the 2021 presidential assassination inquiry. Look at the Montana Accord. It is so wide ranging that it becomes beside the point, not that I'm criticizing these people's integrity, it's just too ambitious. Anyway, an interim government would have 2 missions: First establish security and regain control of the territory, second, organize elections and third, get out and give the elected government its mandate to do its work. Through all these theoretical meanderings, there should be a political accord and all that means nothing if the bandit problem is not resolved. As we saw in Liberia, in Somalia, here we could see a gang leader named Little Monkey become president and would this bother the usual suspects?

May 26, 2023. From the Nathan Stewart Show, a political commentator.

Michel Martelly (Sweet Micky) was much more intelligent as a president than Jovenel Moise vis à vis the hungry men of politics. These people need to be fed by the top man to be pacified. Martelly did just that, he shared the power with them. He concocted the El Rancho Accord with them and took K-Plume (head of Kid, Confederation for Democratic Unity, a rival political party) as Prime Minister at one time. Once he did that, didn't you notice that all those angry dogs

calmed down? K-Plume is an old rat who knows all the secrets; he called the dogs to him and proceeded to carry out social appeasement.

Those politicians are a bunch of hungry dogs. Jovenel was not aware that these guys in place around the central power have to be fed by it. He insisted on fighting them, he appropriated the State as his own and refused to share the power with those guys who are greedy dogs sniffing the ground around the central power for bones to suck on. It's nothing new, they have always been greedy (he laughs). That's why these guys didn't let Jovenel continue to rule while Sweet Micky got to finish his five-year term.

Don't you see the minute Jovenel was assassinated, all these guys rallied around Ariel Henry, a prime minister chosen by Jovenel but who knows how the game is played. All these dogs who had been barking up Jovenel's tree are now acting like small doggies at the feet of Ariel. They find the bones he throws them and go back into their holes, while under Jovenel, they all came out of their holes, rabid as ever.

February 2023. AyiboPost. Interview of Michèle Oriol (Haitian Sociologist)

The level of insecurity we are facing today represents a new phenomenon that is affecting the lives of all those living in Latin America. We can link this to the following issues:

The liberalization of markets by the Haitian equivalent of the Chicago boys, promoted policies that destroyed agricultural life in Haiti, causing a mass exodus to the towns where people found no work and no support. The huge population growth in the towns restricted access to food, water and means of making a living. The change of lifestyle from country life to city destroyed social, familial and moral points of reference, causing people to lose their links to a community in which they are known and inviting criminalization.

During the period of the Medellin and Cali cartels Haiti became an oft used place of transit for all drug trafficking and by consequence, trafficking of weapons and ammunition. The spectacular crimes we witnessed at the apogee of these cartels were manifestations of wars between cartels that had their repercussions in our country being as it was a middle point within the trajectory of international trafficking towards the U.S which is the greatest world market for drugs. When the trafficking was rerouted through Mexico, that relieved somewhat the pressure on Haiti, although a certain quantity of drugs still passed through with all the implications for the Haitian members of the drug network and their international counterparts. Today we get more and more deeply inserted into this international criminal network.

Our institutions were always at least partially implicated in this criminality, but today the proportion of people within our institutions who are implicated is such that the State could be said to be in a mode of disappearance. No part of our institutions is outside the international criminal network today. It has ties in every layer of society. Many traditional pillars of our economy have been bankrupted, agricultural production has been lowered to an unsustainable

level, small-scale manufacturing of local products no longer functions, the most important contributors to the Haitian economy no longer have any revenues. Many people in the middle classes, as well as the lower classes are making up for this lack by entering into criminality for survival.

The political class, issued from the urban or rural, middle or lower middle class, from which most of our candidates at all levels of power arise, often sets up security teams recruited from elements of society who are already involved in criminality and known in the community as such. Ex-convicts, deportees exported to Haiti from the U.S prison system, ex police officers and other people of ill repute are the elements this political class chooses as members of their security teams. The kinds of people who are easily corruptible, who will not hesitate to kill a troublesome opponent. These teams are the points of departure of many of today's armed groups. Some members of the gang Koko Rat San Ras (Pussy of Rat Without Kin) who are now taking possession of Petite Rivière de l'Artibonite in the central northern region of the country, used to be members of a candidate's security team and were instrumental in the success of his election campaign. After entering the political arena, the candidate brought these elements with him to Port-Au-Prince where they swelled the slum population, forming alliances with others in the same circumstances. This is one way the gangs actively deploy themselves in the towns. No social class remains outside of this scenario.

March 29, 2023. From Super Return International. Re-issue of an interview of a D.E.A agent.

Gustavo Gavilia Rivero was the brain of the Medellin Cartel. He grew up with Pablo Escobar, started in the coke business and developed contacts all over the world for cocaine distribution sending loads through Mexico, Panama and did a lot through Haiti. This was in the mid 80's. They had high up contacts in Haiti and when later Jean Bertrand Aristide became president, he also received loads from Pablo Escobar destined for Miami. We have enough evidence to have indicted him then, but we got a call from the Clinton White House at the time telling us we will not be indicting him.

March 2023. Address to President Aristide from Guy Philippe (Ex-senator, ex presidential candidate for the National Front of Reconstruction of Haiti, former Tonton Macoute and Haitian Police Chief).

President Aristide, you are one of the main instruments of the crushing of our country. When trying to come back after being ousted from power in 1991, even though you still were receiving the county's presidential salary and could have organized a normal resistance since you had so many supporters, you chose to ask the U.S to place a criminal embargo which accelerated the economic downfall of the Haitian people.

Even though you had no authority, as chief of State to do so, you arranged with Clinton to crush the Haitian army and invited the American Whites to enter the country with 24,000 marines because you didn't have the balls to defend your power. You destroyed our army and paved the way to this gang insecurity we are faced with today.

You and Rene Prével, your designated successor, concocted the structural adjustments those before you had never attempted: you sold the Haitian cement company to Enarol, you sold the National flour mills, the Haitian telephone company. Economically you crushed everything that represented the main manufacturing sector of our country. You continued the favoritism which caused the small clique of bourgeois to get all the loans, all the bank guarantees, so that today they have control over the whole country. It was you who continued and increased their control over the State Customs Office, further weakening national production, you who brought Haiti to its knees begging your American friends, who profited from it. You continued with a vengeance the trend to sell our country out to the Whites.

You should not forget the disorder you created by allowing the raiding of the Haitian Cooperatives' funds, your wheeling and dealing in the 2000 elections. It was you, President Aristide who became the first gang leader of Haiti when you started arming all these young men and women from the slums so you could structure your Red Army. Do you remember? you are the one who came up with this scheme.

March 21, 2023. From the U.N Human Rights Statement.

531 dead, 300 wounded, 277 kidnappings. Conservative estimates as of this date. Operation Tornado launched by the police has so far brought very few positive results. Insecurity reigns in the entire country.

April 11, 2023. From the Haitian Civil Society Collective, formal letter to Ariel Henry.

Mister Prime Minister, The Haitian civil society, through a collective of its associations would like to draw your attention to the approach we have elaborated for coming to terms with the cruel and destructive phenomenon of State insecurity which threatens the future of our country.

All your government's attempts to protect the citizens' life and their property have failed miserably, costing a great number of our police force their lives. The reasons for this failure are diverse but the government of which you are the head has had to raise the white flag of capitulation by sending a cry for help to the international community for armed intervention, while the Ministry of Justice recommended that the citizens take their right to self-defense into their own hands.

At this dangerous crossroad of our lives as a people, the civil society has decided to engage itself and proceed with a collective individual defense at the national level. Our project consists of putting in place, as soon as possible a Crisis General Staff consisting of 5 members recruited from the Haitian armed forces, the General Directorship of the National Police and 3 known

personalities from the civil society. These individuals whose names will be revealed to the public after an internal electoral process, will be chosen for their expertise, competence, and experience in matters of security and maintenance of public order, their proven loyalty to the nation and personal commitment to contribute to a solution to the thorny problem of State insecurity.

Haiti today must declare war to those who freely and openly practice torture, murder, rape, massacres, kidnappings, banditism, terror, carnage, destruction and arson of public as well as private property, assassination of so many of our compatriots and thus are endeavoring to annihilate the nation itself. The high command of this Crisis General Staff, with the support and trust of the population will be responsible for finding and utilizing all means judged necessary to lead the combat and pursue the terrorists inside their deepest hiding places until they are rendered incapable of harming, so that life in Haiti can resume its normal course.

We are informing you that this Crisis High Command General staff will need, in order to exercise its function, to benefit from immunity, autonomy of thought, action and management without tutelage, for the duration of its mandate which should end as soon as legitimately and constitutionally elected officials are sworn into their functions as a new government.

It is expected that the dispositions you will take toward us will serve to indicate your good will and desire to give our country a chance to get out, by our own means, from under the sway of the terrorists.

In the name of the numerous organizations of the engaged Civil Society, we pray you will receive our most patriotic salutations.

Signed: Collective for authentication/Civil Society Organizations

Signatories.

May 26, 2023. From AyiboPost. By Jake Johnston and Widlore Merancourt.

Prakazel "Pras" Michel, former star of The Fugees band is accused of embezzling more than 20 million U.S dollars from Jho Low, the Malaysian business man at the center of the IMBD scandal, and of using illegal "nominees" to funnel some of this money into Barrack Obama's 2012 reelection campaign. Michel was found guilty of fraud and influence peddling by a Miami Florida Court.

Dan Friedman, covering the trial for Mother Jones last month, reports:

Michel testified he used 800,000.00 of these moneys to reimburse "his Haitian Friends" for 40,000 dollar donations they made to attend a June 2012 fundraiser in Miami which was co-hosted by singer Mark Anthony and another in September. He said he spent the rest of the 20 million "at my discretion."

Who are the Haitian friends of Pras Michel?

The US government called to the stand Randall Toussaint, president of Panexus SA, a Haitian construction company; his campaign donations amounted to 40,000 dollars to the Obama Victory Fund. Panexus as a company, took off after the 2010 earthquake and won some of the largest reconstruction projects in Haiti, such as the Port-Au-Prince airport. In 2013, Panexus received a 17million dollar contract from the U.S State Department to build 2 prisons in Haiti and received funding from the Overseas Private Investments Corporation.

The other Panexus co-founder, Gilbert Hippolyte who also donated 40,000 dollars to the Obama Victory Fund on June 28,2012, said, in an interview with a local paper that his favorite leaders were President Obama and President Martelly (Sweet Micky). Both Toussaint and Hippolyte are also co-owners of Paret Petroleum, a company which obtained exploration permits for several oil blocks in Haiti under the Martelly administration. Paret Petroleum is a joint venture with Caribbean General Trading, a Florida based company run by Rudy Moise who unsuccessfully ran for U.S congress in 2010. He campaigned for Sweet Micky and the Haitian president returned the favor by supporting Moise's 2nd bid for congress against Frederica Wilson in 2012. Moise was appointed Ambassador Plenipotentiary by Sweet Micky.

Joel Rousseau, a Miami night club promoter associated with Paret Petroleum also donated 40,000 dollars to the Obama Victory Fund on the same day as Hippolyte and another 35,000 in September.

In 2020 Trump fundraiser Elliot Broidy pleaded guilty of conspiring with Pras Michel and testified that he and Michel made huge profits in their efforts to convince the Trump administration to drop its investigation of the IMBD scandal.

Rousseau, Toussaint and Hippolyte all have a direct relationship with Pras Michel and were photographed with him and Wyclef Jean at Michel's birthday party. The Haitian-American actress Claudine Oriol also appears in one of the photos. She also donated 40,000 dollars to the Obama Victory Fund. Michel produced a documentary titled "Sweet Micky for President," directed by Ben Patterson of Onslot Productions, who also donated 40,000 dollars to the Obama Victory Fund on August 31, 2012.

Michel confessed in court to have donated about 800,000 dollars to that fund through various nominees and claims he did not know this practice was illegal. Prosecutors presented a letter Michel had sent to friends to whom he had repaid their political donations.

February 16, 2023. From Tribune News 7.

During a CARICOM (Caribbean Community and Common Market) meeting in the Bahamas this Wednesday, the Prime Minister of that country, Philippe Edward Davis, who doesn't mince his words, stated that the U.S politicians have played an important role in the armed violence which has been unleashed in the Caribbean and notably in Haiti.

2021. From AyiboPost. The Petro Caribe Report.

This report shows a huge illegal operation which implicated several State institutions in Haiti, some private companies both local and international and some Haitian government bookkeepers and auditors. The anti-corruption public team from the Haitian Senate released a report on 2017, on the management of the Petro Caribe funds. Public pressure in the form of massive demonstrations demanding an accounting of these funds was a hallmark of these times, as they are of present times.

Many highly placed public figures including both President Jovenel Moise and Sweet Micky vehemently protested against this report and insisted that the Court of Public Accounting take over the file, rather than have the parliament send the file directly to the Department of Justice.

Under persistent public pressure the Court of Public Accounting did release a report on the use of the Petro Caribe funds and once again those named in the report erupted. Sweet Micky declared that it was a political maneuver to strengthen the population's demands for then president Jovenel Moise to depart, as his term had expired. By then Moise had dissolved the Haiti house of Representatives and most of the Senate.

The report presents the audit of contracts for projects undertaken by the Haitian State from September 2008 to September 2016.

January 2017 to June 2019 is the audit of ¾ of the Haitian Government projects paid for by the Petro Caribe funds which were released, through 14 resolutions voted on for the execution of these projects, by a council of ministers. These funds were rolled, as we say, under 3 presidents and 6 governments.

The result of the audit featured the list of institutions and the projects assigned to them, the list of individuals who are to answer to evidence of bad management, and finally the court's general recommendations with recommendations for each institutions.

The Court of Public Accounts found evidence of embezzlement, improperly executed projects, release of different sets of funds for the same project, release of funds before a project was approved, funds spent without a signed contract and no paperwork to justify spending.

One of the project in the North which implicated Jovenel Moise, was named but with no paperwork related to it. The construction of the Les Cayes airport was never finished though funds were disbursed for it. Neither was the public market at Fond Tamara.

Construction of a bridge in the Grande-Anse projected to cost 5 million dollars shows a disbursement of 9 million with zero justification. Same thing for Marigot.

The road between Miragoane and Petite Rivière de Nippes was given through a contract, to Vorbe and Sons. It was to be completed in one year but it took 3 years. The contract was signed before the project was approved by the council of ministers and cost 6 million dollars more than what was approved. Result: a contract of 26 million dollars, assigned to a company and approved with no bidding. Same for the road from Saint Marc to Gonaives. The Haitian State spent 78 million dollars without taking official bids.

(T.N.) I translated many details for those people who always ask me: but how can they make money from such a poor country? Who makes money? How?

March 2023. From Le Journal de Montreal.

Justin Trudeau wants to spend 100million to “help” Haiti. As horrible as her situation is, a painful conclusion is evident: Haiti cannot be saved from the outside.

The money distributed will be embezzled by the foul individuals you’ve put at her head. Sending an international force would have the usual results: A free for all involving the international community. Let the Haitians deal with their own problems.

The money you mean to assign to the Haitian Police force for better weapons? The weapons the well- connected traffickers of all ilk bring in for their troupes on the ground, will be even more powerful.

How to eradicate the culture of corruption which also serves the interests of the international community?

Haiti is at risk of falling completely in the hands of these gangs of bandits that use institutions to carry out their trafficking...this could last forever.

February 16, 2023. From Radio Canada Info.

Ottawa will send ships to Haiti international waters to patrol its maritime borders in order to staunch the flow of Haitian refugees and in the framework of the fight against insecurity.

March 23, 2023. From Michèle Bennett Duvalier (Baby Doc’s ex-wife). (Tweet)

Beloved Haiti, the Canadian pleasure cruise ships sent to patrol our bay, stop the refugee exodus and fight insecurity have finally left. Result:

Not having the balls to hunt big game such as gang leaders Ti Lapli (Little Rain), Ti makak (Little Monkey) Ti Mepri (Little Contempt) inside the Haitian territorial waters (as if gangs operated there), those happy fellows who proposed to stop the refugees headed for the U.S and Canada,

have departed with a load of our very good rum Barbancourt for their Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the charming ambassador of sanctions, the playboy.

March 23,2023. From Radio Metropole.

The population marched last night with the police officers who still believe they can make a difference. They carried small flames which were the only thing visible in the total darkness of our night. They clashed their machetes and cried their resolve to support the well intentioned members of the police force to take the gangs down. The night of the long knives is at hand.

March 23,2023. From Ashley Laraque (Political analyst, army veteran)

Compatriots, the Canadian Colonel clearly explained that, engaged for the moment in the Ukraine, with a people who share their phenotype, Canada would in no way consider to risk the lives of its soldiers to resolve a problem in Haiti whose consequences do nothing but affect, in a positive way, their need for both cheap labor and high-grade employees.

The French ambassador for his part does not mince his words to express France's refusal to intervene in a situation for which no means are available to resolve.

At this point our Prime Minister, shocked out of his gourd, suddenly remembers the existence of a national army. It would be beneficial if he also recovered a sense of coherence and grant the effective means to refurbish our forces of law and order; considering that it would be indecent to continue to force a high command force of octogenarians, who have deserved their retirement and honors for their sacrifice made to reconstruct an institution vital to the nation.

The Haitian Military Association, the only one without equal, dating from 1904, and of which I have the honor of being a member, has ceaselessly promoted the modernization of our army and its affectation to precise and specialized missions to stave off the hideous spectacle of our downfall. We have taken steps to outline the need to take charge of our at-risk youth, to provide deviants with a framework of support and to effectively monitor the private security companies.

Unfortunately, neither the current Prime Minister nor the assassinated President have listened to our entreaties, they both elected to hear the instigators of chaos, national as well as international. The times are critical but we persevere in our belief in a happy disappointment, since the refusal of our international friends to use force against the gangs is forcing us to look within our own ranks for the competences our situation demands.

Compatriots, let's heal from the illness that consumes us: defeatism or indifference, and these sempiternal accords which highlight our disagreements. Let us conceive of and reconstruct the country we want for our children...it's not too late and despair has no place here.

March 23, 2023. From Tet a Tet. Jean Emmanuel Pierre interviews Michèle Montas.

JEP. Michèle Montas, Ex-spokesperson for the U.N General Assembly President, then #2 Civil Servant at the U.N at the time of the war in Darfour, the struggle for Human Rights in Afghanistan; for several years the chief editor of the U.N Radio. A Columbia University graduate, who is known throughout Haiti as a fearless and brilliant journalist working for decades at Radio Haiti alongside her life partner, our beloved and regretted Jean Dominique, who was assassinated on April 3, 2000 by political gangs, during the Aristide/Préval Power. After an assassination attempt on her own life which killed her friend and driver, she went into exile.

JEP. As a high-level U.N civil servant, what is your reading of Isabel Salvador as Director of Foreign Affairs at the U.S embassy to replace Ellen Lalime?

MM. Difficult to say if the arrival of a woman from Latin America to replace Ms. Lalime, a U.S citizen, signifies a real change. I want to underline that the mandate for the U.N mission in Haiti has never changed; the present U.N mission in Haiti is a civilian one whose main function is to advise the Haitian Government on political stability and governance. For whoever is heading this mission, this mandate touches upon multiple issues of great importance today: Justice department reforms, reinforcement of police professionalism, promotion of an inter-Haitian dialogue and of reforms at the level of eventual elections, of prison conditions. Among the elements of this mandate figures a support at the national level, of violence reduction.

The section Ms. Lalime and now Ms. Salvador is heading has been established since 2019 and is not the military mission which spent 13 years in Haiti, (having replaced the U.S occupation of marines brought in by Aristides' return). The mission preceding Ms. Lalime's was headed by Susan Page who was recalled on demand from Jovenel Moise's government because she criticized it on the issues of Human Rights and she exposed in particular, the themes of justice and settling of scores in the situation of accounting for the Petro Caribe funds. We are talking of Susan Page who was recalled by the U.N for fulfilling her mission, having submitted a report on Human Rights in Haiti during the presidency of Jovenel Moise.

By this I want to underline that there is a possibility of acting in a larger manner while respecting the mandate that is given, which, in this case, is a prescriptive counselor's mandate and permits a certain leeway.

Susan Page's successor at the US embassy, Ellen Lalime, would not have won a popularity contest in Haiti. She is perceived as having brought an active support to the de facto government of Jovenel Moise, then to the controversial interim Prime Ministry of Ariel Henry. She was criticized for having undermined the long winded efforts of the Haitian Civil Society towards real change, using Haitian solutions. She was also greatly criticized for her position, considered by Haitians to be partisan, in favor of the G-9 Federation of Gangs which is now at war with the P-9, another amalgam of armed groups spreading terror in the capital.

The current dialogue which is practically at an impasse, between political parties, civil society, de facto government considered illegitimate by the majority of Haitians, and which has proven worthless in matters of Haitian homeland security, is lost as well, in the vacuum created by the absence of Parliament and other solid institutions. For this present changing of the guards to Ms. Salvador, we'll just have to wait and see if something will change.

JEP. As representative of the General Secretary of the U.N, what is the true power of a Ms. Lalime or a Ms. Salvador at the US embassy?

MM. A sufficient margin must exist at least to insure that this time we'll get something other than what we had with Ms. Lalime.

JEP. Michèle, when we look at the international community we notice a definite hesitation waltz over the question of armed intervention, as if everything had been put on ice. However, we get the impression the bandits are reinforced within this hesitation dance the international community is performing, to use Jean Dominique's words, with a Yanvalou (a Haitian traditional Vodou dance) dynamic, and which could be read as a resolve from the core group not to intervene and to let terror spread in the capital and elsewhere.

MM. At the level of the international community, the idea of a military intervention seems to have been replaced with other U.S initiatives such as the creation of a coalition which would head a military operation no one from the international core group now wants to direct.

The position of most groups within our civil society is that support is needed at the level of institutions, that we need a political solution before a security solution. The December 21 Accord with the internationals, which gave us Ariel Henry as interim leader is not recognized by 8 political parties without which there cannot be elections.

The government took from the Montana group the notion of an interim power but co-opted it by arbitrarily declaring Ariel Henry the head of this transitional government, emptying out in this way, the intent of the Montana group which was to impose a system such as the U.S one of checks and balances, that would control the executive. Ariel Henry seems to be intent on continuing to direct the transition government while giving the impression that control

mechanisms are in place; a shaky impression in view of the dominant number of judges (8 to be exact) he appointed at the supreme court.

JEP. In violation of the constitution, by the way. We seem to be facing an accomplished fact; that Ariel Henry is following a plan in line with the International decision makers.

MM. Definitely applying the plan of keeping the practically absolute power he has been enjoying thanks to the so called Accord of December 11, 2021. The question of elections was, I think reviewed and corrected by the ensemble of Core Group countries (The US, France, Canada, Germany, Spain, the EU, Brazil, the UN and the Organization of American States) which realize that none is possible in the present situation.

As far as the project dear to Jovenel Moise, of changing the constitution to conform to his U.S patrons' wishes, we wonder how it will be changed and by whom? The fact being that our present government is illegitimate and that a solid political basis to push this project forward is non-existent, I fail to see how this is to be done. We do get the impression that many things are happening under the table, of which we have no knowledge, we only see the manufactured deterioration on the ground.

The perspective must be above all Haitian and the work, in the hands of Haitians. Of course we do need international support and they do need something from us too. We do need for the U.S to seriously address with more than words, the flood of automatic weapons and ammunition to Haiti. The gangs are better armed and better paid than the Haitian Police, but I'm convinced that although there is a high degree of corruption within this institution, it retains enough healthy elements at its core determined to move things in the right direction.

June 2, 2023. From Le Nouvelliste. By Frantz Duval.

U.S Secretary of State Anthony Blinken announces U.S sanctions against Haitian ex-Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe, for corruption. He was found to have embezzled at least 60 million U.S from the Petro Caribe fund. The Haitian justice system has never pursued, indicted or charged anyone cited in the Petro Caribe file.

A Miami Florida Court also condemned Rodolphe Jaar to life imprisonment for having aided the group of Colombian mercenaries to obtain weapons in order to carry out the assassination of President Jovenel Moise. Jaar pleaded guilty and accepted to cooperate with the on-going investigation. He is the first person to be charged in the matter.

Another first: U.S Under-Secretary of State, Brian Nichols announced that he had met with the Montana Accord group and urged that the Haitians from all sides overcome their differences and reach a large political consensus to organize elections and improve security.

(T.N) It seems the U.S State department which had been ignoring the Montana group for the most part of these past 2 years after the assassination, has now come to realize that nothing can happen without them).

January 22, 2020. From Ann Ede Yo Information.

The Dominican Republic Ministry of the Interior and of the Presidency, the Police and the legal advisor to the President, ordered the seizure of ex-Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe's 3 houses and 4 bank accounts, totaling more than 50million U.S dollars after having proven that these moneys and properties had been acquired through criminal activities.

June 4, 2023. From Anba Mapou Vodou A. By Norluck Dorange.

The U.S sanctions against Laurent Lamothe declare him undesirable on U.S territory and confirm his having embezzled at least 60million appropriated from the Petro Caribe fund allocated by Venezuela to the Haitian State, for restoring infrastructure and social programs. He was found to have used his position of power to privatize these funds, thus contributing to the political instability and gang insecurity in Haiti today. Blinken's statement also intimated that this was only the beginning.

Lamothe was Prime minister for 2 years under Sweet Micky. When the U.S State Department forced Sweet Micky to fire him for his improprieties in 2014, the sum that was then circulated in Washington as the amount he had stolen was more like 300million. No problem, He became a high level advisor to Jovenel Moise. He had previously distinguished himself as a bandit in Senegal during the presidency of Abdou Laye with whose son he conspired to make easy money on the back of the Senegalese people with the decision to tax all telephone calls to Senegal from the diaspora. He was declared persona non grata there. He was thrown out of the Ivory Coast, under President Laurent Gbagbo for proposing this same criminal scheme. in Haiti, having found in the Tet Kale Party (Shaved Heads) more amenable associates than in Africa, he pushed the same telephone scheme successfully for a time.

We hope that when the other thieves' names come out in the open, the Haitian State or failing that, the concerned citizens within Haiti and in the diaspora will insist that the Tet Kale Political Party be made to answer for their crime.

The naming of the criminals involved in the Petro Caribe scandal started during the last 3 years, with Canada, then the Dominican Republic and now the U.S has joined in. The U.S State Department finally admits that the Tet Kale (Sweet Micky's) Party chose to criminalize the Haitian Nation to put an end to the popular demands concerning the Petro Caribe scandal, by setting up parallel networks to provide weapons and ammunition to gangs installed in the ghettos to break up the core of the popular mobilization front whose slogan is "Where is the

Petro Caribe Money?”. The Tet Kale Party were also cited for getting a cut on gang kidnapping booty. Many more members of the Tet Kale Party have now been found by Canada and the U.S to be involved in the financing of gangs, but since Sweet Micky has such powerful godfathers in the U.S, many don't believe that proceedings will be brought against him.

December 28,2022. Caribbean News Network.

The Haiti Sanctions Regulation enters into force.

The U.K introduced sanctions to target criminal actors, gangs and their financiers whose actions are causing instability in Haiti.

November 20, 2022. Radio Canada. Louis Blouin.

Canada introduces sanctions against the Haitian Ex-President Michel Martelly (Sweet Micky) and his Ex- Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe for participating in the financing of armed gangs.

May 2023. From Boukante Info. Spokesperson of the Debloke Peyi (Unlock the Country) Popular front.

It's true that Moise Jean-Charles is a roll-me-on-both-sides, a political turncoat but we cannot agree with those people whose silence was bought by the Ariel Henry power structure. Those who never raised their voices when everyone was in the streets protesting the rising price of gas, of food, of the dollar; when demonstrators were getting killed by police, gang massacres reddening the streets they kept silent on the atrocities, but they are quick to say Moise Jean-Charles stole 23million dollars, while they themselves are reaping the price of their silence at the trough of the Sate. Great thieves should not point fingers at small thieves. They too must be questioned about how much they made. This movement right here, they can leave to us, they can go lend a hand somewhere else, leave to the population the task of deconstructing a man like Moise, of extending this present movement into the political Bwa Kale (Woody at The Ready) which will unmask Moise's acceptance of that 23million dollars and using it to place his own people inside the ministries so that they, in turn, can carry off piles of money.

All this would have never come to light if the Unlock Haiti Movement had not come out on May 15 to question the silence of the political turncoat Moise Jean-Charles, so-called man of the people, on the occasion of the latest demonstrations against Ariel Henry. Moise Jean-Charles, a so-called popular leader already has primed a woman from Okay (important town in the Southern Peninsula of Haiti) to be nominated by Ariel Henri to the CEP as Minister, for Jean-Charles' benefit. Yes, the same guy who was threatening to burn the banks is now riding in a

Land Cruiser the Central Bank put at his disposal and has become a consultant -don't ask me in what capacity- at this same bank.

These are the kinds of people we believe should become the object of a political Bwa Kale (Woody at the Ready) to be launched as soon as possible. While the population is engaged in flushing out the gang members but reaching only the small fry, it is right that they should kill those bandits who have always killed people with impunity; but also pursue those people who are putting weapons and ammo in the hands of these assassins who are terrorizing the entire population; these sponsors and gang clients too, the Woody at The Ready Movement needs to unmask, all those also who come in opportunistically at the head of the masses, then turn coat and amass more money from all the State coffers for doing nothing good.

If the Justice Department is inactive, then let the population do what is to be done so we can combat what we are up against. It would be unacceptable to us if people who decide such things at the highest levels would dare decide to place a guy like Moise Jean-Charles in the position of president of this country under the pretext that he is popular. The abscess has burst once and for all and there is no possible reconstruction for Jean-Charles and his ilk. Don't forget he comes from the Lavalas Party (Ex-President Aristides' Party), and this is how Lavalas like all Political Parties, operates: The head of the Party is everything; the other members must walk in step. This is why Moise Jean-Charles formed his own party, Pitit Dessalines, of which he is king. Today we can ask the question: "Where are the senators, assemblymen, representatives of Lavalas?" They are all integrated into the present power structure, they are all swimming in money.

They all send the militants to fight in the streets and take bullets, but at the top echelons these guys all get along; Aristide with Sweet Micky, Ariel Henry with Moise Jean-Charles and some gang leaders too, thrown into the dinner party mix. It is this hypocrisy that we are asking the Press to help us unmask so we can begin to play this game of politics differently.

We will take a series of steps to unveil the Political Parties which have accepted money from the Fund for Financing Political Parties. Before the next elections there will be inquiries on this matter to force these guys to explain how these moneys were spent. Everyone thinks there are no consequences, no reparations but we want to bring to light the machinations of those people who are participating in the crushing of our country under violence where people are killed, people have to flee, people have lost businesses thanks to these so called leaders whose followers lose life and limb while their children are kidnapped and assassinated in their own neighborhoods. We are organizing properly and within the law. We cannot continue to allow impunity.

June 13, 2023. Message from Fritz Deshommes, Dean of the State University of Haiti on the occasion of the CARICOM consultations on Haiti, taking place in Jamaica on June 11 to 13.

I am happy the heads of State in the CARICOM (Caribbean Community and Common Market) feel the need to organize this conference as a reaction to the chronic instability, despair, socio-economic break-down, loss of State and of all points of reference, that Haiti is experiencing as a nation in 2023.

What happened to us?

Haiti is the Native Taino, Hatwey, known as the first guerillero

Haiti is the Taino chief Henri, who inflicted their first defeat to the invading Spanish Haiti is the Haitian Toussaint Louverture who abolished Slavery, Haiti is the Haitian Jean-Pierre Boyer who abolished slavery in the Dominican Republic. Haiti is the greatest abolitionist of the American Continent or the world.

On the eve of this CARICOM encounter in Jamaica which may prove to be historical, it is important to remind oneself of this. Haiti reminds the world that in spite of the nefarious acts of our most perverted sons, she is not the only one responsible for the state in which we find ourselves. Haiti is often placed in situations where she cannot make her own choices with regards to who her leaders are, to her election results, her programs and projects. Haiti's citizens are not always the main actors or beneficiaries of the acts of corruption and of the grand trafficking that takes place in her name.

Today Haiti needs to reassert that she has her own projects, her own programs, hopes and ambitions which are most often thwarted. To fulfill them Haiti needs the support of sister nations. In this context CARICOM could play a major role, CARICOM could add its voice to ours and infuse those still smarting from 1804 (date of Haiti's birth as an independent Nation) with respect, for our desire to live in dignity and decency. CARICOM could be the interface between those who will lock us up within their assistanceship and those of us who are ready to roll up our sleeves and work for ourselves through our own effort. CARICOM with its States, its chief of States, its professionals, can stand up today in favor of Haiti just as Haiti stood up for America, the Caribbean and humanity.

June 13, 2023. From the Jamaican Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Hon. Kamina Johnson Smith.

I am confirming we are aware that the Sun Auto car dealership in Port-Au-Prince, was set ablaze last night and ransacked by criminal gangs. The Consulate of Jamaica was located on the premises. We express our sympathies to the owners of the dealership and to our Honorary Consul. We advise the public that our consular services will be suspended indefinitely... We express our affirmation that the government of Jamaica in these circumstances has hardened

our resolve to play a part in supporting all efforts to return Haiti to the peace and prosperity which she and her people deserve.

June 13, 2023. From Le Nouvelliste.

On the night of June 13, the Sun Auto dealership which housed the Honorary Consulate of Jamaica was attacked, looted and set on fire. This attack occurred while an important meeting of the Haitian Political class with CARICOM was taking place.

June 16, 2023. From Radio Metropole. Editorial.

Who owns Haiti? CARICOM or the OAS (Organization of American States)?

Is this an attempt to sabotage the Jamaican encounter on the crisis in Haiti? On the last day of this conference the account appears of a visit by Ms. Martine Moise to the seat of the OAS in Washington D.C. The widow of the assassinated president Jovenel Moise seems to take the counterpart of the Jamaican summit which ended in a kind of compromise between the two main Haitian political protagonists, Prime Minister Ariel Henry and the Montana group; a tentative plan to set up an executive Power composed of a Presidential College and a National Unity Government as well as the formation of a follow-up committee which includes representatives of CARICOM.

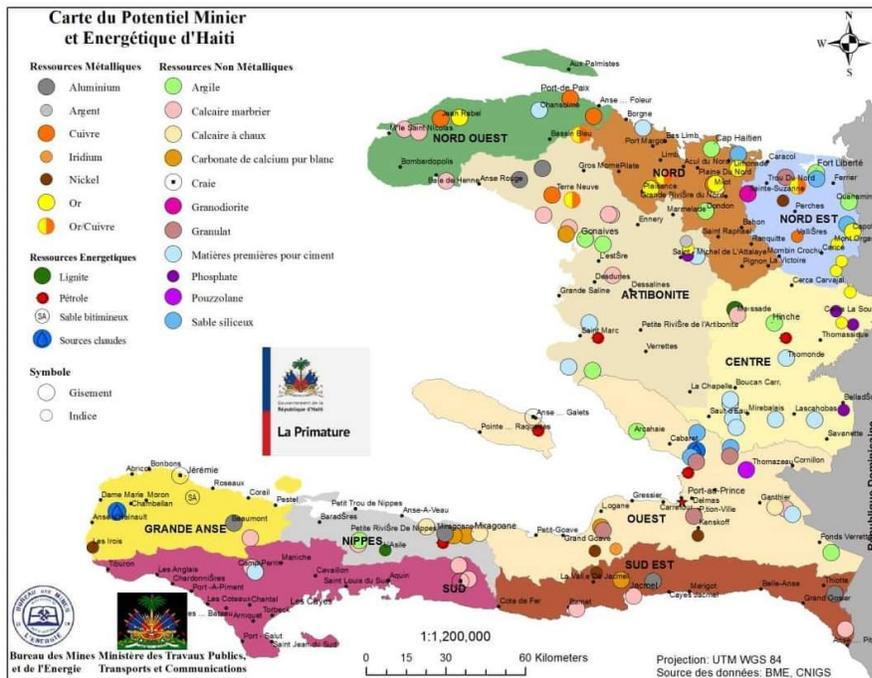
Now on June 16 comes a dispatch, through the General Representative of the OAS, from Ms. Martine Moise where she states her position on the Haitian crisis. The deceased President's widow says she believes the resolution of the crisis must include the nomination of a new Prime Minister and a government of consensus which includes personalities who are not implicated in the assassination of President Moise, or associated with any gangs.

Who is speaking here? The widow, or is the General Secretary of the OAS, Louis Salmagro, speaking through her? Is the OAS in competition with CARICOM for the management of the Haitian crisis? Does Haiti carry that much importance? Apparently more than the Haitian protagonists themselves seem to think, as they return from Jamaica, shooting each other in the foot as usual.

What else does Ms. Moise say? Probably taking her cue from the General Secretary, she calls for the UN to nominate a special court similar to the one set up after the assassination of the Lebanese Prime Minister, in order to judge the deceased President's assassins. All this while the trial of the men recently accused of the Moise assassination is taking place in a federal court in Miami. The US inquiry is continuing with regards to the other cases of the individuals involved in the assassination.

Does Ms. Moise not believe in U.S Justice? Too bad for her because the U.S doesn't recognize the judgement of the International Penal Court to which she refers. This leads us to think that it is an attempt on the OAS General Secretary's part to recuperate the Haiti dossier that is slipping away from him towards CARICOM, by using the widow who is clueless.

So the Haitians with no idea of their country's real importance to these forces, back from Jamaica, with one thing on their mind: Foreigner don't meddle, have not yet realized that the foreigner is in fact the master of this game and that the fight between Haitians is of no consequence to them as what concerns them is the fight between the great international entities. Which sauce will spice us up? OAS, CARICOM UN, or Core Group? Or who else? Who knows...



CAPTIONS TO MAP (see photo).

THIS IS HAITI

Map of the potential mining and energetic wealth of Haiti

From the Bureau of Mines and Energy, Haitian Ministry of Public Works

METALLURGICAL RESOURCES:
RESOURCES

(Dark gray) Aluminum

(Light gray) Silver

(Orange/red) Copper

(Light orange) Iridium/Lithium

(Red/brown) Nickel

(Yellow) Gold

(Yellow/orange) Gold/Copper

ENERGETIC RESOURCES:

(Dark green) Lignite

(Dark red) Petroleum

(SA white) Bituminous sand

(Blue w/triangle) Hot springs

Symbols:

(Big circle) Vein

(Smaller circle) Indication

NON-METALLURGIC

(Light green) Clay

(Pink) Marbled limestone

(Yellow/pink) Lime

(Dark orange) Calcium Carbonate

(White w/dot) Chalk

(Magenta) Granodiorite

(Light pinkish brown) Granulate

(Light blue) Cement Composite

(Dark purple) Phosphate

(Bright purple) Pouzzolane

(Medium blue) Silicate Sand

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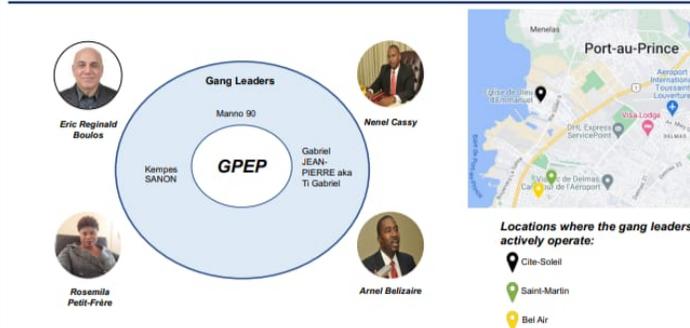
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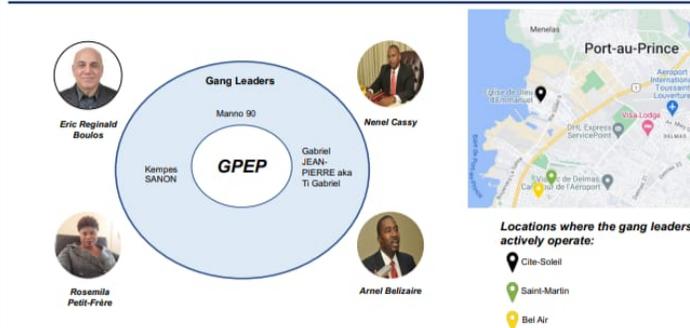
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MEANWHILE BACK AT THE OK CORRAL

March 20,2023. From Jah B Feray. (Tweet)

Isolan 5 Segonn (Isolator 5 Seconds), gang leader from Village de Dieu, who calls himself Mafia Artist, who is kidnapping, killing, stealing, who has been blocking access to the entire Southern Peninsula for 3 years, just received a plaque from YouTube in congratulation for having 100,000. views of his music video and Rap song.

Excerpts of song (translated from Haitian Creole):

Macoutes you don't need to put a knife to their necks

I'm a youth with a .38 on the skull skin of little ones

I burry people I destroy people

Sometimes I think that I'm the Jesus

I finish plucking you I'll taste your blood

When I'm done with my demon that's how I take my pleasure

Gang life's my life they know I don't miss when I shoot my bullets

God on this earth knows me as Lucifer

When I'm crazed I make my AK ring

Christ I scare you for the artist I'll kill I'm a Lucifer

Crime for play I don't play/ guys know I can't miss

With anyone I know giving me beef

When we meet I'll fucking fuck them with my gun

I'll finish killing your Dad then I'll kill you too

And afterwards I'll eat your heart and drink your blood in cold blood

I call the demon he says he's hungry he needs some blood

I butcher people's flesh to sell

I don't let anyone reduce me to silence

I let my weapons speak for me

(TN). Thanks YouTube for encouraging the psychological aspect of the physical warfare we are suffering.

September 21,2021. From Historian Jean-Joseph P. Yvon Théroné. Fun Fact.

Did You know that General Yacinthe Moise who was Toussaint Louverture's nephew died on July 7, 1801, shot full of bullets, with his wrist and leg broken and one of his eyes blinded?

His uncle General Toussaint Louverture, Governor of Saint Domingue (the French's name for present day Haiti), gave the order to execute General Moise because the latter did not agree with his uncle's decision to let the big White plantation owners retain control of their plantations. Jacinthe Moise was of the opinion that these lands should be redistributed among the Haitians and he led a rebellion in the North against his uncle.

Seven generations later, on July 7th 2021, Jacinthe Moise's great-great-great-grandson, President Jovenel Moise, died shot full of bullets, with his wrist and leg broken and one of his eyes blinded.

Things are not simple.

History is on perpetual replay mode

2023: American Airlines and JetBlue, the only airlines still serving Haiti, raised the price of tickets tenfold. A ticket to Haiti can be found on sale for \$200. A ticket out of Haiti to the U.S. costs up to \$3,600.

A Haitian who has sold everything to buy a ticket to participate in the Biden two year visa humanitarian program will be obligated to worse financial conditions.

2023 Progressive activist Maxwell Frost the newly elected Central Florida U.S. Congressman is a twenty-six year old Haitian American.

2021. A Haitian woman, Claudine Gay, has been appointed as first Black president of Harvard University.

2021. Biden administration appoints Haitian Woman Carine Jean Pierre as Press Secretary.

2021. Biden Administration appoints daughter of ex-Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe (now declared persona non grata in the U.S for fraud and association with Haitian gangs) as White House Liaison to the World Bank Caribbean Office. (TN) don't know if she's still there or what she's done so far.

June 6, 2023. From Tasting Table.

Haitian restaurant Kann, in Portland Oregon, wins the 2023 James Beard Best New Restaurant Award.

May 1, 2023. Haitian one-star white rum, Barbancourt won the US Beverage Testing Institute Gold Medal for 2023. This is one of several medals won by Barbancourt Rums over the years.

Sunday June 18, 2023. CONCACAF Futbol Championship. Mexico VS Haiti Match (Video Highlights.) Guaranteed to make you smile.

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Figure 1:Grann Brijit. Painting by Andre Pierre

