

**A PPN leader denounces the persecutions suffered by Lavalas activists and questions the role of the killers of the police officers**

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**Port-au-Prince, October 6, 2004 (AHP)-** Georges Honorat, a senior official of the PPN (National Populist Party), spoke out Wednesday to denounce what he termed a campaign of repression launched in recent days against supporters of Fanmi Lavalas in the populist districts.

Georges Honorat presented a list of Lavalas activists who have been victims of acts of violence. He said he finds this situation unacceptable and intolerable.

Georges Honorat called on all sectors that are rising up against Fanmi Lavalas supporters to re-assess their positions and stop persecuting Haitians because of their political opinions.

The PPN leader also spoke out against the accusations made by the authorities against Lavalas activists who have been denounced by the police in connection with the killing of police officers.

He urged those who would like to see the truth told in this matter to carry out an investigation that would determine who are the perpetrators of such acts.

"Who are the armed men who fired their guns to sabotage the demonstration of September 30? Who are the armed men who murdered the police officers and cut off the heads of two of them", asked the PPN leader.

And as if in response to his own questions, he recalled that last month there was a dispute between the police and the demobilized forces during which three demobilized soldiers were killed.

Georges Honorat recalled that the leaders of the demobilized forces had promised to avenge these killings by the police.

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**The Haitian Association of Journalists for the protection of the Rights of Persons in Detention denounces the handling of the situation of terror that is developing in the country**

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**Port-au-Prince, October 6, 2004 (AHP)-** Officials of the organization named the Haitian Association of Journalists for the protection of the Rights of Persons Held in Detention expressed the view Wednesday that the interim government has done a poor job of handling the situation of terror that is developing in Haiti.

Two directors of the organization, Carlos Aris and Roods Fonrose, deplored the difficult situation in which residents of some of the populist districts are living, such as Cité Soleil and Bel-air.

All activities have been completely brought to a standstill for the past week in these neighborhoods where at least two people have been killed in police operations.

According to the officials of the Haitian Association for the protection of the Rights of Persons Held in Detention, the authorities should listen to all sectors in order to have a better idea of their needs.

Carlos Aris and Roods Fonrose also criticized the attitude of government officials who have decided to arrest senior officials of Fanmi Lavalas without a warrant and inside the grounds of a radio station.

"Fanmi Lavalas represents a powerful voice in the country; the authorities should negotiate with the leaders of the party and seek out common ground", they declared.

In addition, they condemned the interim government's policy of exclusion that works against the underprivileged masses.

Mr. Aris and Mr. Fonrose urged the interim government to get its act together and rather than acting impulsively, think carefully before acting in order to avoid plunging the country deeper into the abyss.