

Lavalas activists have for their part accused certain sectors of the former opposition to Aristide of banding together to exterminate the grassroots masses. They also denounced what they termed the complicit silence of MINUSTHA and some quarters of the international community who are doing nothing, the activists say, to stop the spiral of violence and lies to which they are being subjected.

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Lawyers for the Lavalas members of Parliament who were arrested at the studios of Radio Caraïbe say their clients are the victims of a vast political plot

Port-au-Prince, October 5, 2004 (AHP)- Reynold Georges, one of the attorneys representing the Fanmi Lavalas members of Parliament who were arrested Saturday at the studios of Radio Caraïbes, said Tuesday that their clients are the victims of a vast political plot put together by people from circles craving power and vengeance.

Senators Yvon Feuillé, Louis Gérald Gilles and former Deputy Rudy Hérivaux were all arrested inside the station at rue Chavannes immediately following the broadcast of a political program in which they had taken part.

During a news conference, Reynold Georges accused the group of 184, which is part of the interim government, of being the driving force behind the political persecution that has been launched against activists and high-level leaders of Fanmi Lavalas.

He stated that his clients were abducted by the interim government which is in a panic over the dimensions of the demonstrations by Fanmi Lavalas.

Mr. Georges also asked the provisional government to shed light on a series of cases such as the discovery of the beheaded bodies of police officers discovered in some parts of Port-au-Prince.

He also criticized the statements of interim President Boniface Alexandre, who claimed that the arrest of the Lavalas members of Parliament, even though they were carried out without a warrant, are somehow legal, despite the fact that the acts they are alleged to have committed were carried out by third parties some 48 hours before the Parliamentarians were arrested.

Mr. Mario Joseph, another attorney for the Lavalas members of Parliament, also said that these arrests were part of a contrived political scheme which has nothing to do with the pursuit of justice.

According to Mr. Joseph, the case the interim government is bringing utilizing against his clients in a self-serving manner is entirely lacking in any logical consistency.

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Prince Pierre Sonson and attorney Gérard Gourgue denounce the arrests of the three Fanmi Lavalas Parliamentarians

Port-au-Prince, October 5, 2004 (AHP)- One of the leaders of MODEREH, the former Lavalas member of Parliament Prince Pierre Sonson, on Tuesday denounced the method utilized by the police in arresting the