

At least four young people have been killed at Corridor Bassia: the police are suspects in the incident

Port-au-Prince, January 19, 2005 (AHP)- At least four youths were killed and several homes of members of Populist Organizations were set on fire during a vast police operation conducted Tuesday at Corridor Bassia, on Félix Street in Port-au-Prince.

Residents of these populist districts charged that officers of CIMO (The specialized Unit for Intervention and Maintaining Order) as well as attachés had summarily executed the youths before setting several homes on fire.

One of the youths was killed as he returned from work at the National Port Authority, said local residents.

The mother of Clairmond Déricé, one of the young people killed on Félix Street, accused the police of having carried off the body of her son.

The families of the other victims denounced the executions which have become almost a daily routine in the populist districts. They also criticized what they called the complicit silence of some human rights organizations with regard to these killings.