

**Haitian ex-soldiers urged to wage guerrilla war against UN**

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[Announcer] The spokesman for the demobilized soldiers in Hinche has condemned the operation that Minustah [UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti] soldiers carried out against the former soldiers' barracks in Petit-Goave on Sunday [20 March] to force them to leave the building. Joseph Jean-Baptiste asked his colleagues to remain mobilized in order to respond to this attack. Correspondent Jackson Ortelat reports as follows:

[Ortelat - recording] The demobilized soldiers in Hinche strongly condemn the way the Minustah soldiers attacked the military bases in Petit-Goave and Terre-Rouge, where some of them were killed and many others wounded. They criticize the [Gerard] Latortue government, which, according to them, has sold the country to foreigners.

[Jean-Baptiste] This is a big blow to the Haitian people as well as the Haitian Armed Forces [FAd'H]. Minustah, which was supposedly a peacekeeping force, has turned into a war force, because it is now attacking our military bases. I am therefore sending an urgent message to all the Haitian military bases throughout the country asking them to adopt a guerrilla attitude. I want all of you to dress in civilian clothes, to carry your weapons and to stand alongside the people. I believe that the people are with us wherever we are. If the people do not stand with you in some places, then you should form a mountain guerrilla group. In places where you have the support of the people then you should form an urban guerrilla group and shoot at anybody that bothers you.

The current government is made up of people who have sold their country. They are just the foreigners' servants. The foreigners put them in power and give them orders. So, what they have done is not just against the Haitian armed forces but against the Haitian people as a whole, all the people who fought for changes to take place in the country, and for peace and security to prevail in the country. Anyway, this de facto government will definitely get a response from the Haitian army.

[Ortelat] The demobilized soldiers in Hinche are carrying their war weapons and are ready for attack. Meanwhile, tension is high in this town, where the streets are barricaded with burning tyres in protest at the government's decision to use Minustah to disarm the demobilized soldiers.

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