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The PNH spokesperson confirms that the home of some members of the family of interim Justice Minister Bernard Gousse has been attacked: Mr. Gousse says he is ready to confront those who are upset with him  
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Port-au-Prince, March 23, 2005 (AHP)- Haitian National Police (PNH) spokesperson Gessy Comeau Coicou confirmed Wednesday that an attack was carried out against the home of members of interim Justice Minister Bernard Gousse's family.

During a press briefing, Mme. Coicou announced that a level 4 police officer was killed in that attack. An investigation has been launched, she said, into this incident.

Earlier Wednesday morning she was questioned about suggestions that the attack was related to the open conflict between the demobilized soldiers and the interim government. Ms. Coicou declined to respond to that question.

For his part, Mr. Bernard Gousse indicated that those behind the attack are people who are not happy with the work he has done at the Ministry of Justice. He affirmed that he is ready to face them.

"One must not attack the people who are working with me, instead one must confront me directly", said Mr. Gousse.

At her news briefing, the PNH spokesperson also confirmed that an officer from APENA (National Penal Administration) was killed Tuesday evening in the Port-au-Prince suburb of Carrefour as he was returning home.

Another police officer and his wife were killed Sunday evening in Port-au-Prince.

Gessy Comeau Coicou also reported that four people were arrested in Puits Blain. These individuals were involved, she said, in Saturday's abduction of Mme. Luisette Arnoux, owner of a club in Pétion-Ville.

These four who were arrested were part of a group of 14 people who escaped from prison, according to Ms. Coicou.

Two firearms were confiscated during the operation, she reported.

The PNH spokesperson appealed to the public to collaborate with the police to counteract the work of criminals.