
Fanmi Lavalas appeals for the release of the political prisoners and the arrest of those responsible for summary executions as necessary before it will consider participation in elections

Cap-Haitien, April 25, 2005 , (AHP)- The Fanmi Lavalas Political organization appealed once again to the interim authorities to release all the political prisoners, arrest those responsible for summary executions and stop the political persecution, before the party will start to envisage participating in new elections.

Former Deputy James Desrosins, who led a delegation of the coordination unit of Fanmi Lavalas to Cap-Haitien made this statement of the party's position at a news conference.

"if all of the conditions are met, Fanmi Lavalas will take part in the elections", declared the former member of Parliament. He reaffirmed that Fanmi Lavalas remains the strongest and most popular party in the country despite the machinations of all sorts.

The supporters of Fanmi Lavalas announced that a demonstration will be held on May 1st in the country's second city to call for the return of democratic order and justice for the victims of Cité Soleil and the other populist districts in Haiti.

At least 20 people from Cité Soleil were killed last week during joint operations of MINUSTAH and the national police.

The head of the Moroccan UN military contingent affirmed that all the victims were gang members killed during armed confrontations.

But several residents of the Cité and directors of human rights organizations have said that it was instead civilians who were killed during indiscriminate raids.