

Haiti characterized by murders, fires and kidnappings, on the eve of the elections announced for the end of this year.

The CARLI made a list of unhappy events that marked the month of May 2005. The organization notably mentioned the judgement of the Court of Cassation on May 3rd, breaking without appeal the sentence given on November 10, 2000 by the Criminal Court of Gonaïves with jury against individuals accused in the Raboteau massacre, including Castera Cenafils, Caretane Nady, Fénelon P. Gasner, Amazan Jean Libert, Mondélus, Jacques Ebel, Charles Théomats, Jean Pierre and Joseph Pierre.

Kidnappings and kidnapping attempts, murders of civilians and policemen, the criminal fire of the public market Tête Boeuf and of the police station Portail Saint Joseph where over 10 persons were killed and merchandises evaluated to several thousands dollars were destroyed.

The CARLI also mentioned in its report the massive repatriation of several hundreds Haitians living in the Dominican Republic, a flagrant violation of human rights and of the bilateral agreements signed by both governments in 1999.

The international community is very worried about the situation, the CARLI declared, naming several sectors and personalities, including OAS General Secretary José Miguel Insulza, Prime Minister of Quebec Jean Charest, members of the parliamentarian assembly of French Speaking countries, and diplomats in Haiti who expressed their strong preoccupation about the situation in Haiti.

The CARLI says that lasting solutions must become the priority for the restoration of the State's authority and the end of generalized anarchy. "The use of blind violence on vulnerable social classes must be prohibited, the human rights organization declared.

Over twenty persons were killed Saturday in the populist district of Bel-Air during a raid by the national police and the Chinese contingent of the CIVPOL.

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A prisoner who was recently released from the Central Prison of Port-au-Prince makes revelations on the deadly events of December 1st, 2004 at the National Penitentiary

Port-au-Prince, June 7, 2005 (AHP)- A prisoner who was recently released from the National Penitentiary for absence of charges, Abner François, declared Tuesday that close to a hundred prisoners were killed during the December 1st, 2004 events in the largest prison of the country.

Political activist Abner François, who was arrested on October 2nd, 2004 as he was protesting against Lavalas parliamentarians' arrest, made those declarations during the show « Ann Pale », on Radio Solidarité.

It was a horrible scene, Mr. François said. He declared that he saw masked policemen shoot point-blank on helpless people. Abner François denied the declarations of the police and the former NCHR that is now the National Network of Defense of human Rights (RNDDH), according to which only 7 prisoners were reportedly shot by masked policemen called by prison officials to repress prisoners who were demonstrating against their bad imprisonment conditions.

He also denounced the incarceration of the ambulance driver of the General Hospital's morgue who gave the right information to the MINUSTAH, according to him.

Neither the investigation by the MINUSTHA or the one the police claims it had led have been published

7 months after the tragedy. The UN mission had decided to postpone the publication of its investigations because of the fact that there were enormous differences between the number of people killed counted by the mission and those counted by the police. The PNH allegedly managed to convince the MINUSTHA that the ambulance driver who was arrested had misled them.

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