

Kidnapping attempt of State University Rector Pierre Marie Paquiot: questions about the sectors involved in kidnappings

Port-au-Prince, June 7, 2005 (AHP)- Armed individuals tried Tuesday to kidnap State University of Haiti Rector Pierre Marie Paquiot, in the area of Nazon.

Pierre Marie Paquiot had time to run away, leaving the vehicle he was driving. The kidnappers took the rector's vehicle as well as his cell phone and other important documents.

Several questions are asked about the sectors involved in this type of activity that is in full expansion in the Haitian capital. For some people, the authors of these kidnappings can only be residents of populist districts since, they said, they go towards these districts after their crimes.

However, the testimonies of many persons who were kidnapped tend to prove that there would not only have people from poor districts involved in kidnapping and that the houses of detention would not all be in those districts. "I was held in a luxurious place where I was missing nothing, a young woman who was kidnapped for two days at the end of May declared.

A studio owner declared for her part that "they are competent people who speak French fluently ». A student said that "my main kidnapper was a man who spoke English and who was making sure that his partners did me no harm". A college student who was kidnapped last Friday said that her kidnappers were good people. "They are my friends, and they continue to call me on the phone", she declared, adding that they were very interested in their money.

However, all the people who were kidnapped do not seem to have received the same treatment. A professional declared that the people who kidnapped him kept him in a stinking place and lived in such utter destitution that if we do nothing to help the poorest, peace and security will not be for tomorrow.

A political man said last month that he was taken to Bel-Air where those who kidnapped him were very angry about the fact that most of the population is called chimères. The individuals who abused the people who were kidnapped can only be Chimères, they said.

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