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The U.S. Consulate reduces its numbers of personnel in Haiti. Airline executives are dissatisfied with the revenue figures for their flights to Haiti

Port-au-Prince, June 28, 2005 (AHP)- The U.S. Consulate has once again decided to cut the numbers of its personnel in Haiti. The decision follows the lynching of one of its employees in a Port-au-Prince neighborhood. Sources close to the U.S. Embassy insist there is no connection between the lynching and the staff cuts.

However this action taken by the Consulate is having an impact on requests for visas to the U.S. as the time now required for receiving appointments is growing longer.

Other diplomatic missions are in the process of taking similar action.

At the same time, airline companies are complaining that their flights to Haiti are no longer profitable; travelers are choosing to postpone their vacations to Haiti this year or are selecting other destinations.

Airline officials are also complaining of shortfalls of hundreds of millions of dollars. According to some generally reliable sources, they might be compelled to make some difficult decisions if nothing is done to end the insecurity in Haiti.

In addition, many Haitian families have decided to leave the country for good due to the climate of violence and insecurity.

A great number of schools might also find their populations seriously reduced over the next school year for the same reasons.

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