

He said he was shocked to find that the government is keeping a low profile on this issue while at the beginning, former general Hérard Abraham, who is now the interim Minister of the Interior, had made it one of his priorities.

Turneb Delpé also commented that he opposes what he called the occupation of the country by foreign troops.

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The U.S. Ambassador to Haiti states that the April 6 agreement will facilitate the holding of good elections in the country

Port-au-Prince, April 7, 2004 -(AHP)- U.S. Ambassador to Haiti James Foley stated Tuesday that the accord on the transition process reached between the Latortue government and elements of the ex-opposition coalition will facilitate the holding of good elections in the country.

Mr. Foley asked the other parties including the Fanmi Lavalas Political organization to sign the document because the next elections will be open to all parties.

The U.S. ambassador also welcomed the fact that the political parties came to an agreement, he said, to hold these elections in 2005.

These elections constitute an element of stability and confidence for the country, he observed.

Mr. Foley promised technical and financial support from his government toward the organization of the elections.

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Soldiers of the multinational force free a police officer arrested by the rebels in Gonaïves

Gonaïves, April 7, 2004 -(AHP)- The soldiers of the multinational force deployed in Gonaïves intervened Tuesday in the populist community of Raboteau to free a police officer arrested by the former rebels of Gonaïves.

The members of the international force also said they were looking for Ti Will, one of the leaders of the Front, following the discovery of a vehicle belonging to the group that was filled with illegal weapons.

Another leader of the Front, Butteur Matayer, refuted the accusations against Ti Will, saying that Ti Will had intervened to obtain the release of the police officer who was in the custody of the population.

The French soldiers also seized more than ten illegal weapons through this operation.

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