

sectors in the next elections.

He pointed out that in several regions of the country Fanmi Lavalas activists have had to go into hiding to escape, he said, the repression carried out by armed groups.

In other regions such as Saint-Michel de l'Attalaye, Lavalas activists have been tortured with razor blades before being murdered and then buried in mass graves, he said.

Gilvert Angervil also recalled that the homes of several Lavalas leaders including Yvon Neptune and Jonas Petit have been looted and demolished by supporters of the new government. This is what has driven them to take cover or to leave the country.

The head of the transition government, Gérard Latortue, had announced that the Provisional Electoral Council tasked with organizing general elections at the end of 2005 would be set up this week.

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The political Platform that was formerly in the opposition continues to call for the dismissal of the 14 Senators that remain in office

Port-au-Prince, April 12, 2004-(AHP)- A member of the Group of 184, André Lafontant Joseph, said Monday that the refusal of the Senators who continue to carry on working to resign from their elected offices risks harming the process of transition that is being put in place following the sudden departure of President Aristide on February 29.

André Lafontant Joseph pressed the parliamentarians to leave as rapidly as possible and to return any property belonging to the State that they may be using.

"because we are engaged in a process of national reconciliation, we are ready to grant them a political amnesty, but they should know that they are not members of Parliament", asserted Mr. Joseph.

Another spokesperson for what was until recently the opposition, Evans Paul, asked the Senators who remain in office to follow the example of Dany Toussaint who has resigned.

"They are not Senators because they do not exercise any oversight over the members of the government of Latortue", declared Evans Paul.

According to Mr. Paul, the Parliamentarians should distinguish between the title and the functions of a Senator.

The KID party leader considered that it is abnormal for these sitting Parliamentarians to continue to enjoy certain privileges related to their office.

For his part, Fanmi Lavalas spokesperson Gilvert Angervil denounced what he called maneuvers orchestrated by supporters of the government against the elected Senators remaining in office.

According to Gilvert Angervil, those who are attacking the Senators are acting inconsistently because they continue to enjoy the benefits of action taken by the senators.

He cited as an example the fact that the former President of the Court of Cassation, Boniface Alexandre, who became the provisional president of Haiti on February 29th was ratified by the Senate of the Republic.