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**Lawyers for Father Jean-Juste accuse the interim government of trampling the rights of their client and of looking for an excuse to keep him in prison**  
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Port-au-Prince, October 20, 2004 (AHP)- Reynold Georges, the leader of the Alliance for the Liberation and the Advancement of Haiti (ALLAH party) reaffirmed Wednesday that the rights of Father Gérard Jean-Juste have been trampled, even if his case is now before an investigating judge.

Attorney Reynold Georges pointed out that under the law a detainee must be brought before the appropriate judge within a maximum of 48 hours, while in this case, Father Jean-Juste has been imprisoned for eight days.

Mr. Georges signaled his intention to serve notice within the next few days on provisional President Boniface Alexandre, interim Prime Minister Gérard Latortue and all other persons involved in the illegal arrest and detention of Father Gérard Jean-Juste.

"We will teach them a lesson", snapped the leader of ALLAH, adding that these men will wind up in prison one of these days.

Mr. Georges stated that the accusations made against the priest are without any foundation. Father Jean-Juste is accused of furnishing weapons to those who are perpetrating the violence in Haiti.

But, his lawyers point out, not a single weapon was found when the arrest was made.

Mr. Reynold Georges once again denounced "the arrest of Senator Yvon Feuillé and all the other Haitians who are being persecuted for their political beliefs".

Attorney Mario Joseph also denounced the arrest and prolonged detention of Father Gérard Jean-Juste.

According to Mr. Joseph, the judicial system has never been so dependent upon the Executive Branch as it is under the current interim government.

He deplored that the lawyers had tremendous difficulties simply getting a justice of the peace to go to make a finding that Father Gérard Jean-Juste is indeed in a situation of prolonged detention.

Mario Joseph said that the authorities have filed no charges whatsoever against the priest. It is only now that he is in detention that they are searching for some grounds to justify his arrest, just as they have done with other Haitians who have been illegally arrested, such as the well-known singer Ti Paille and attorney Reynold Pierre.

He also detailed the contradictions that have appeared between the statements of the Minister of Justice, Bernard Gousse and the spokesperson for the Haitian National Police, Jessy Cameau Coicou.

One of them said he had proof that Father Jean-Juste was involved in the latest violence. The other said instead that the police did not intend to arrest him and that it was just a matter of going to him to enable the police to ask him questions regarding his knowledge about the recent violence.