



## Resistance Initiative Against the Forced Evictions of IDPs

### Declaration

We, the committees of Camps Imaculée Déplacée, Kozbami, Barbancourt 2, Toussaint Louverture, and Teren Toto Carradeux, the Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (BAI), Bri Kouri, Batay Ouvriye, Université Populaire, and Force for Reflection and Action on Housing (FRAKKA):

We thank everyone – the groups, institutions, organizations, camp committees, and particularly the population of internally displaced persons (IDP) – for their collaboration and participation that allowed us to realize a series of activities from January 8-12, 2011.

On the occasion of commemorating the first anniversary of the January 12th earthquake, we – the camp committees, institutions, organizations, and IDPs – who cannot forget, continue to denounce:

- The criminal behavior of the Haitian government, which has done nothing to improve the situation for the victim's of last January 12<sup>th</sup>, who live in conditions not even fit for animals. While they threw \$29 million at sham elections, we had already denounced them before November 28, 2010.
- Waste by the Haitian government and NGOs who collected more than \$2 billion for the victims of January 12<sup>th</sup>. In the year that followed the earthquake, they continued to construct a masquerade they call provisional shelter – a way for the money to be used that does nothing sustainable for the country.
- The threats of forced evictions in camps, including Camps Mezyan, Barbancourt 2, Toussaint Louverture and Benediction in Carradeux, Canaran, Henfrazza, and Evangelical Alliance (in Adoken on Delmas 33), among others.
- Repression by Magistrate **Yvon Jérôme** and the police of the people living in Camp Dikini 63, behind the office of the Mayor of Carrefour, while the magistrate is supposed to be the commune's principal government agent protecting victims. It is criminal behavior.
- The Haitian Red Cross, which forced victims of January 12<sup>th</sup> in Camp Toussaint Louverture in Carradeux to leave the land they occupied – a way for them to defend the interests of the landowners and the rich against the interests of the vulnerable poor.
- The genocide being committed by the puppet government, the rich, and the international community, particularly through its occupying force, MINUSTAH, which carried the disease of cholera to this country causing even more harm to the poor majority.
- The police who assist purported landowners in their illegal repression, threats, and forced evictions of those living in camps.

For we cannot forget, we continue to mobilize to defend our rights. Therefore, we – as a coalition of camp committees, institutions, and organizations – call for:

- The government to implement the recommendations of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on forced evictions of IDPs

- The government to construct decent housing to give the victims of January 12<sup>th</sup> as mandated by Article 22 of the Constitution.
- The government to declare the land of Toto in Carradeux as public land to permit the construction of decent housing for the displaced persons living on there.
- Camp committees to continue to defend the interests of all the people living in the camps.
- All groups, institutions, and organizations in the popular sector to join in the fight to force the occupying forces of MINUSTAH to leave the country.
- The United Nations to provide reparations to all victims suffering from cholera brought by MINUSTAH.
- The justice system to arrest all of those who commit violence against the victims of January 12<sup>th</sup> who are living under tents.

Finally, we will recall that the year 2011 is the year to STAND UP. Let us gather strength to continue to mobilize to change our corrupt, puppet government controlled by the rich and international imperialists.

We must strive to defend our rights. It is the duty of each and every citizen.

Port-au-Prince, January 12, 2011

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