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I. INTRODUCTION

For several years, Haiti has been in a very precarious security situation. No day passes without registering at least one person killed by gunfire. All segments of the population are affected by this insecurity and it also affects those who are called to serve and protect.

This fact was so highly alarming to the National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH) that during the period from the 19th of February until the 19th of March 2016, an investigation was initiated regarding the attacks on agents of the Haitian National Police (PNH).

The objectives of this investigation were to count cases of police officers who were victims of the widespread insecurity in the country, to observe the behavior of officials of the PNH and judicial actors in the handling the cases of victims, and to assess the the impact of these attacks on the police force and the Haitian people.

The following report presents the results of this investigation.

II. METHODOLOGY

As part of this survey, RNDDH met with:

- Law enforcement agencies;
- Judicial authorities;
- Officers of the PNH;
- Some family members of fallen officers;
- Members of the Association of Women Victims of Policemen in Service (AFPOVIF);
- Members of the public.

III. STATISTICS

For the period from January 2015 to March 2016, RNDDH counted seventy two (72) cases of victims who were PNH officers. Of the total, thirty-four (34) were shot dead, twenty-six (26) received gunshot wounds, five (5) were beaten with stones, four (4) were beaten by bandits. In addition, one (1) police officer sustained stab wounds and one (1) other stabbed to death. One (1) last officer was wounded in unclear circumstances.

The following table presents information concerning these cases.

Tableau - Policiers victimes

#	Date	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	ASSIGNMENT	DETAILS	LOCATION
1.	3 January 2015	Jean Jacques	Junior	A4	Service Maritime et de Navigation d'Haïti (SEMANAH)	Killed by gunshot	Rue Biassou Delmas 31
2.	9 January 2015	Jean Baptiste	Gasley Guerly	A1	Ancien CBIM	Killed by gunshot	Santo 6
3.	10 January 2015	Antoine	Rony	A1	Direction de l'Administration Pénitentiaire (DAP)	Killed by gunshot	Route de l'Aéroport
4.	18 January 2015	Louis-Charles	Julerme	A1	Corps de Brigade d'Intervention Motorisée (CBIM)	Wounded by gunshot	Brochette 99
5.	20 January 2015	Beldant	Ricardy	B1	Direction Générale de la PNH	Wounded by gunshot	Delmas 10 -18
6.	21 January 2015	Georges	Gregory	A2	Direction de l'Administration Pénitentiaire (DAP)	Killed by gunshot	Delmas 32
7.	29 January 2015	Jeanty	Felder	A1	Direction Centrale de la Police Routière (DCPR)	Killed by gunshot	Fontamara 27
8.	31 January 2015	Carries	Noé	B1	Inspection Générale de la PNH	Wounded by gunshot	Carrefour-Feuilles
9.	5 February 2015	Seide	Raymond	A3	Commissariat Canapé-Vert	Wounded by stones	Champ de mars, Zone Ethnologie
10.	9 February 2015	Andre	Ravelin Yves	A4	Commissariat de Pétion-ville	Wounded by knife	Route Neuf Cite Soleil
11.	9 February 2015	Decerme	Josué	A3	Direction Générale de la PNH	Wounded by gunshot	Cité Soleil
12.	13 February 2015	Louis	Emmanuel	A3	-	Wounded by	Carrefour

						gunshot	
13.	13 February 2015	Thermitus	Telinor	A2	Ministère de la Justice et de la Sécurité Publique	Killed by gunshot	Delmas 31
14.	20 February 2015	Duperoi	Jean Robert	A1	Commissariat Delmas	Wounded by gunshot	Simon Pelé
15.	22 February 2015	Beaubrun	Allande	A4	Commissariat de Malpasse	Stabbed to death	Thomassin
16.	21 March 2015	Pierre	Wisnit	A4	Service Départemental de la Police Judiciaire - Nippes (SDPJ - Nippes)	Killed by gunshot and died after from injuries	Santo 15
17.	13 April 2015	Jean Pierre	Pierre Johnson	A1	Sous Commissariat de Grande Ravine	Killed by gunshot	Carrefour, Brochette
18.	26 April 2015	Joseph	Evens	A2	Sous Commissariat de l'HUEH	Assaulted	HUEH
19.	1er May 2015	Pierre	Geneste	A4	Commissariat Malpasse	Wounded by gunshot	Ganthier
20.	6 May 2015	Emmanuel	Dukens	A2	Direction Centrale Police Administrative (DCPA)	Killed by gunshot	Building 2004 - Piste de l'Aviation
21.	6 May 2015	Jean	Pois Jean Fednor	A3	Direction Générale de la PNH	Killed by gunshot	Tabarre 27
22.	7 May 2015	Joseph	Apollon	A3	Sous Commissariat des Orangers	Killed by gunshot	Rue Grande Plaine, Nan Rakèt, Croix des Bouquets
23.	9 May 2015	Estime	Eddy	A1	Direction de l'Administration Pénitentiaire (DAP)	Assaulted	Croix des Bouquets
24.	9 May 2015	Clergeus	Jameson	A2	Direction Centrale de la Police Routière (DCPR)	Assaulted	Croix des Bouquets
25.	13 May 2015	Jean Yves	Godany	A1	Brigade de Lutte Contre le	Wounded by	Martissant

					Trafic des Stupéfiants (BLTS)	gunshot	
26.	16 May 2015	Caleb	Galiote	A1	Unité Départementale pour le Maintien de l'Ordre - Ouest (UDMO - Ouest)	Assaulted	Mariani
27.	17 May 2015	Mondelus	James	A1	Corps d'Intervention pour le Maintien de l'Ordre (CIMO)	Wounded by gunshot	Brochette 97, carrefour
28.	18 May 2015	Fortune	Wadson	A4	Commissariat Delmas	Wounded by gunshot	Canapé-vert
29.	23 May 2015	Simon	James	-	Sous Commissariat Martissant	Wounded by gunshot	Martissant 4
30.	23 May 2015	Joseph	Wendy	A1	Unité de Sécurité Présidentielle USP)	Wounded by gunshot	Martissant 4
31.	25 May 2015	Jean	Ebens Fendy	A1	Commissariat de Port-au-Prince	Wounded by gunshot	Route des Railles California Club
32.	25 May 2015	Leclerc	César	A2	Unité Départementale pour le Maintien de l'Ordre - Ouest (UDMO - Ouest)	Wounded by gunshot	Grand Ravine
33.	4 June 2015	Vincent	Jean Julien	A2	Commissariat de Port-au-Prince	Wounded by gunshot	Cazeau Sainte Philomène
34.	21 June 2015	Emile	Walcker	A3	-	Wounded by gunshot	Simon, Cité Soleil
35.	3 July 2015	Baltimore	Jonas	A4	Commissariat de FondsVerettes	Killed by gunshot	Clercine 2
36.	3 July 2015	Petiotte	Raphael	A1	Swat-Team	Wounded	Canaan
37.	9 August 2015	Larrieux	Musset	A4	Commissariat de Port-au-Prince	Wounded by stones	La Saline
38.	19 August 2015	Francois	Steeve	A1	Commissariat de la Croix des Bouquets	Wounded by gunshot	Pont Beudet

39.	2 September 2015	Lorquet	Shmir	A1	Unité Départementale pour le Maintien de l'Ordre - Ouest (UDMO - Ouest)	Wounded by stones	Arcahaie
40.	4 September 2015	Orel	Junior	A2	Unité Départementale pour le Maintien de l'Ordre - Ouest (UDMO - Ouest)	Wounded by gunshot	Marose - Petit-Goave
41.	14 September 2015	Occil	Edouard	A1	Commissariat de Cité Soleil	Killed by gunshot	Carrefour Drouillard
42.	14 September 2015	Barnave	Porcenat	A1	Commissariat de Cité Soleil	Killed by gunshot	Carrefour Drouillard
43.	6 October 2015	Pierre	Moise Padael	A2	Brigade d'Opération et d'Intervention Départementales (BOID)	Wounded by gunshot	Delmas 83
44.	1er October 2015	-	-	-	-	Killed by gunshot	Route Piste
45.	7 October 2015	Pierre	Bergenon	A1	Corps de Brigade d'Intervention Motorisée (CBIM)	Killed by gunshot	Ruelle Alerte
46.	11 October 2015	Rosemond	Yvenson	A1	Commissariat de Port-au-Prince	Wounded by gunshot	Fauché, Grand Goave (sur une plage)
47.	14 October 2015	Etienne	Wilbert	A1	Académie Nationale de police	Killed by gunshot	Delmas 24
48.	17 October 2015	Jean	Guillaume Walkings	A3	Unité Départementale pour le Maintien de l'Ordre (UDMO)	Killed by gunshot	Delmas 10
49.	7 November 2015	Cétoute	Jimmy	A1	Prison Civile de la Croix des Bouquets	Killed by gunshot	Rue des Remparts
50.	9 November 2015	Coq	Jean Ralph	A1	Sous-Commissariat de Fort Tournon	Killed by gunshot	Mon Repos 48 Carrefour

51.	12 November 2015	Jeune	André Moïse	A4	Commissariat de la Croix des Bouquets	Killed by gunshot	Croix des Missions
52.	16 November 2015	Haspil	Frantz	A2	Prison civile de Port-au-Prince	Killed by gunshot	Delmas2
53.	18 November 2015	Duclervil	Dieuseul	A4	Unité Départementale pour le Maintien de l'Ordre (UDMO)	Wounded by gunshot	Bois neuf, Cité Soleil
54.	20 November 2015	Joseph	Joël	A2	Direction de l'Administration Pénitentiaire (DAP)	Wounded by gunshot	Martissant 2A
55.	23 November 2015	Jean Marc	Edvard	B3	Direction Départementale de l'Ouest (DDO)	Wounded by gunshot	Delmas 95
56.	24 November 2015	Pierre	Gueder	B3	Corps d'Intervention pour le Maintien de l'Ordre (CIMO)	Sustained head injuries from stones	Delmas 95
57.	25 November 2015	Saintil	Johny	A1	Unité de Sécurité Générale du Palais National (USGPN)	Wounded by gunshot	Simon 1, Cité Soleil
58.	9 December 2015	Alexis	Elius	A4	Prison Civile de Port-au-Prince	Killed by gunshot	Pont Rouge, Zone Chancerelle
59.	23 December 2015	Pierre	Daniel	B1	Direction Centrale Police Judiciaire (DCPJ)	Killed by gunshot	Delmas 31
60.	6 January 2016	Lorame	Cansky	A4	Unité Départementale pour le Maintien de l'Ordre - Saint Marc (UDMO - Saint Marc)	Killed by gunshot	Bas Gros Morne, Saint Marc
61.	10 January 2016	Pierre	Alain	A1	-	Wounded by gunshot	Carrefour
62.	26 January 2016	Thomas	Jean Ristil	A1	Commissariat Croix des bouquets	Killed by gunshot	Zone pont de la Croix des missions
63.	2 February 2016	-	-	-	-	Wounded by gunshot	Aéroport

64.	9 February 2016	Lyonel	Prévilon	A3	Unité de Sécurité Présidentielle (USP)	Killed by gunshot	Delmas 75
65.	12 February 2016	Dume	David	A2	Direction Centrale Police Routière (DCPR)	Killed by gunshot	Martissant 7
66.	17 February 2016	Placide	Jean Louis	A4	Poste de Police - Canaan	Killed by gunshot	Rue de la Liberté, MUPANAH Champs de Mars
67.	27 February 2016	Lenord	Daniel	-	Corps des Pompiers Junior III	Killed by gunshot	Route de l'Aéroport
68.	2 March 2016	Audain	Damus	A4	Direction Centrale de la Police Routière (DCPR)	Wounded by gunshot	Carrefour Aviation
69.	2 March 2016	François	Gerald	A2	Direction Centrale de la Police Routière DCPR)	Killed by gunshot	Boulevard Harry Truman - Zone Théâtre National
70.	8 March 2016	Cius	Wilkenson	A2	Direction Générale de la PNH	Killed by gunshot	Nazon
71.	18 March 2016	Jean	Jocelyn	A2	Direction de l'Administration Pénitentiaire (DAP)	Killed by gunshot	Cap-Haïtien
72.	18 March 2016	Mezilas	Jean Ronald	A3	Prison Civile de Carrefour	Killed by gunshot	Route des Railles - Carrefour

Among the fallen officers :

- ✓ Twenty-two (22) were assigned in different police stations and sub-stations of the country
- ✓ Nine (9) were agents of the *Directorate of Prison Administration* (DAP) assigned in different prisons in the West
- ✓ Seven (7) were part of the *Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of Order* (UDMO)
- ✓ Five (5) were assigned to the *Central Directorate of Traffic Police* (DCPR)
- ✓ Four (4) were assigned to the *Directorate General of the Haitian National Police* (DGPNH)
- ✓ Three (3) belonged to the *Corps of Motorized Intervention Brigade* (CBIM)
- ✓ Two (2) were members of the *Corps of Intervention for the Maintenance of Order* (CIMO)
- ✓ Two (2) were assigned to the *Presidential Security Unit* (USP)
- ✓ One (1) was assigned to the *General Security Unit of the National Palace* (USGPN)
- ✓ One (1) was assigned to the *General Inspectorate of the PNH*
- ✓ One (1) was assigned to the *Central Directorate of Police Administration* (DCPA)
- ✓ One (1) was assigned to the *Central Directorate of Judicial Police* (DCPJ)
- ✓ One (1) was assigned to the *Department of Judicial Police Service - Nippes* (SDPJ - Nippes)
- ✓ One (1) was assigned to the *West Departmental Direction Office* (DDO)
- ✓ One (1) was assigned to the *Brigade for the Fight Against Drug Trafficking* (BLTS)
- ✓ One (1) was assigned to the *Ministry of Justice and Public Security*
- ✓ One (1) was a member of the *Brigade of Operation and Departmental Intervention* (BOID)
- ✓ One (1) was a détaché to the *Maritime and Navigation Service of Haiti* (SEMANAH)
- ✓ One (1) belonged to the *SWAT Team*
- ✓ One (1) belonged to the *Fire Brigade Junior III*
- ✓ One (1) was assigned to the *National Academy of Police* (ANP)

For the five (5) others, RNDDH does not have information about their assignments.

Among the fallen officers, RNDDH has identified five (5) inspectors, fourteen (14) fourth agents, nine (9) third agents, fifteen (15) second agents, twenty-five (25) first agents. The rank of four (4) agents who were murdered, could not be determined by RNDDH.

In addition, only Cansky LORAME and Jocelyn JEAN were killed respectively in the departments of Artibonite and North. The other officers were all attacked in the West department, or in the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince, Delmas, Carrefour and Pétionville, or in remoter towns such as Croix des Bouquets, Arcahaie, Grand - Goave, Petit-Goave, Ganthier, Gressier, etc.

In most cases, the PNH are victims of armed attacks perpetrated by unidentified individuals circulating on motorcycles without license plates.

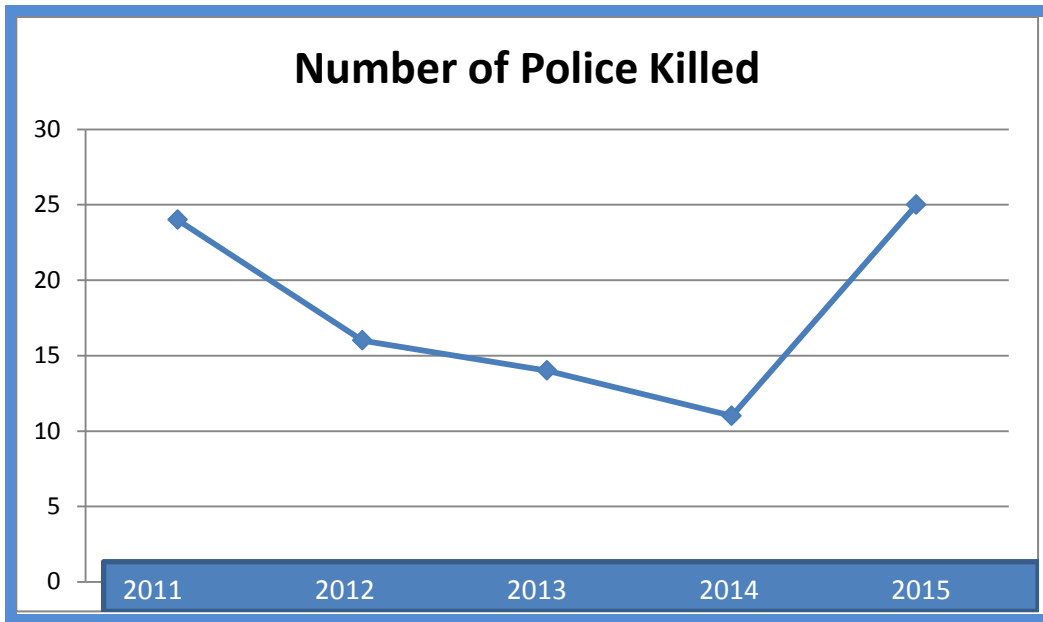
Comparative Statistics

A comparison of data by RNDDH shows an upward trend of murder cases of PNH officers today in 2006.

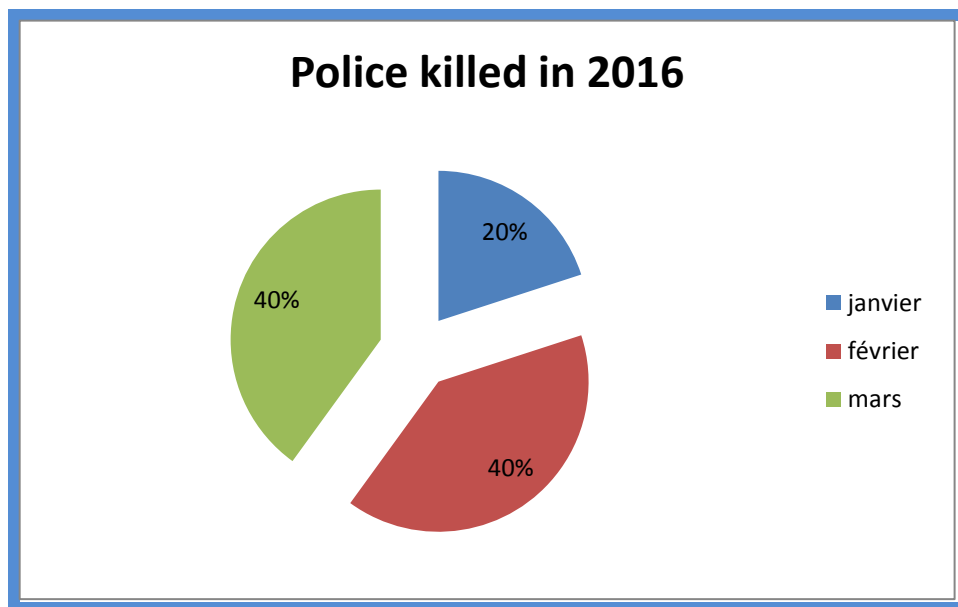
Year	Number of Police Killed
2011	24
2012	16
2013	14
2014	11
2015	25
Mars 2016	10
Total	100

According to this information, during the period from 2011 to 2015, ninety (90) police officers were murdered, nearly two (2) police officers per month.

The graphical representation of murder cases over the last five (5) years from 2011 to 2015 is shown here :



Only for the period from January to March 2016, ten (10) police officers are murdered, more than three (3) officers per month, doubling the trend compared to the policemen killed from 2011 to 2015.



IV. DETAILED INFORMATION RELATING TO POLICE KILLED

Here are some non-exhaustive examples, relating exclusively to cases of police officers murdered during the period covered by this report.

1. On 3 January 2015, Junior JEAN JACQUES, A4, assigned to the ***Service and Maritime Navigation of Haiti*** (SEMANAH), father of a five (5) year old girl was assassinated in Biassou Street, Delmas 31.
2. On 9 January 2015, Gasley Guerly JEAN BAPTISTE, A1, was shot dead in ***Santo 6***. He had left his post beginning in October 2011. In the case of this murder, the PNH arrested Georgy THOMAS.
3. On 10 January 2015, Rony ANTOINE, A1, was killed on Airport Road. He was an agent of the ***Directorate of Prison Administration*** (DAP). In this case, Guerlande INNOCENT, Gesner CASSEUS, Hernso DELOUIS, Claudisson MACENAT, Janvier REGINALD were arrested. On 13 October 2015 the case was transferred by the prosecution. The magistrate Jacques CONSTANT Hermon was selected to lead the investigation of this case.
4. On 21 January 2015, Gregory GEORGES, A2, assigned to the ***Directorate of Prison Administration*** (DAP), was shot dead in Delmas 32. Following his assassination, the PNH arrested Mackenson GEFFRARD alias Angelo and Michelet SAINT JULIEN.
5. On 29 January 2015, Felder JEANTY, A1, was shot dead in Fontamara 27. He was assigned to the ***Central Directorate of Traffic Police*** (DCPR). In this case, Rosemond JEANTY was arrested. 28 January 2016, a year later, the case was transferred to the Office of the Investigative Judge, Al Duniel DIMANCHE.
6. On 13 February 2015, Thelinor THERMITUS, A2, then assigned to the ***Ministry of Justice and Public Security***, was shot dead in Delmas 31. The police investigation led to the arrest of Keddy CHARLES alias Ti Doudou, Aceac John STAFFORD alias Papouche, Sebastien SAINT SURIN, Roberson PASCAL and Judith PHILIDOR.
7. On 13 April 2015, Johnson JEAN PIERRE, A1, was assassinated in Brochette, ***Carrefour*** on his way to the ***Assistant Commissioner of Grand Ravine***, his place of employment. He was the father of a two (2) year old boy. He was eligible for the training of ***Brigade Unit Operation and Departmental Intervention*** (BOID), which would make him eligible to

enter their ranks. In this case, three (3) individuals were arrested, Almonor WALKINGS alias Ti Baby, Laura Frantz HARRY et Merlande ELISEE alias Mèmène were arrested. The file has not been sent to the Office of Investigation for investigation.

8. On 6 May 2015, Jean Pois Jean FEDNOR, A3, was assassinated in Tabarre 27. In this case, Nixon CHARLES and Fritznel CHARLES alias Djo were arrested by the PNH.
9. On 7 May 2015, Joseph APOLLON, A3, assigned to the sub-station of Orangers, Commune de la **Croix des Bouquets**, was shot dead by gunmen while he was in the **Grande Rue Plaine** located in **Nan Rakèt**, not far from a cock fighting arena. His funeral was handled by the PNH.

In this case, two (2) individuals were arrested: Dieuson SAINT PREUX Obama alias, Jean Gardy AUGUSTE alias Obama. Moreover, Louismond LOUIS was detained. However, it should be noted that the record of Dieuson ST PREUX alias Obama has not been forwarded to the Office of the Investigating Judge who is investigating the case.

10. On 3 July 2015, Jonas BALTIMORE, A4, father of three (3) children, assigned to the **Station of Fonds-Verettes**, was assassinated. He had just picked up a letter from his medical insurance in order to allow one of his children to see a doctor and had reached **Clercine 2**, when he was attacked by unidentified gunmen.

The funeral of the victim, conducted July 11, 2015, was taken care of by the family of the deceased with the assistance of the PNH.

11. On 14 September 2015, Officers Occil EDWARD and Porcémat BARNAVE two (2) First Agents assigned to the **Station of Cité Soleil**, were killed by gunmen in **Carrefour Drouillard**. In the case of this double murder, nine (9) arrests were made.

The wake and the funeral of the victims were taken care of by the PNH. Moreover, according to family members, three close to Porcémat BARNAVE were promised appointments to the PNH.

Three (3) individuals known as Peterson BRIOL, Dava COLIN, and Elie LEVEQUE were implicated in this case transferred to the Prosecutor's office on 12 October 2015. The Magistrate Ramoncite ACCIME is responsible for investigating the file.

12. On 7 October 2015, Pierre BERGENON, A2, assigned to the **Brigade of Motorized Intervention Corps** (CBIM), was killed in **Ruelle Alerte**. Father of four (4) children, two (2) girls. He was visiting one of his children at 2^{ème} **Avenue Bolosse** and when returning home he arrived at **Ruelle Alerte** where heavily armed individuals riddle him with bullets.

The funeral was held on 24 October 2015. It was supported by the PNH. In addition, the Directorate General of the PNH has given the spouse of the fallen officer, the sum of twenty five thousand (25,000) gourdes.

The file was transferred, on 14 January 2016 to the Office of the Investigating Judge, Jean Wilner MORIN. Two (2) individuals were charged. They were Kendy JOSEPH alias Commandant, Marc Arthur CHARLES alias Ti Marco. They are two (2) members of the **Base Pilate**

13. On 14 October 2015, Wilbert ETIENNE, A1, assigned to the **National Police Academy**, was assassinated in **Delmas 24**. The day of his murder, he had gotten on his private motorcycle and had to make a bank transaction at the **Banque Nationale de Credit** (BNC) when gunmen riddled him with bullets before he could deposit the money in his possession.

His funeral was 22 October 2015, was covered by the PNH who also informed the family of the **Directorate General of PNH's** decision to provide the victim's family with compensatory payment for the next six (6) months.

The case was transferred to the Office of the Investigating Judge, Bredy FABIEN of the **Court of First Instance of Port-au-Prince**. One (1) individual, known as Sonson SYLFRAN is implicated in the assassination of the aforementioned officer.

14. On 16 October 2015, Walkings JEAN GUILLAUME, A3, assigned to the **Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of Order** (UDMO) was mortally wounded by gunfire while he was playing in front his house with his little six year old son and a playmate. Rushed to **Hospital Bernard Mevs**, he succumbed to his numerous injuries.

31 October 2015, the funeral of Walkings JEAN GUILLAUME agent was held. The PNH granted the family a contribution of seventy five (75,000) gourdes. Colleagues collected for them in order to offer a contribution to the family of the officer. Moreover, the **Western Departmental Direction**

Office (DDO) offered the family the sum of forty-five thousand (45,000) gourdes.

In this case, Fritzner JEAN BAPTISTE was arrested.

15. On 7 November 2015, Jimmy CETOUTE, A1, assigned to the **Civil Prison of Croix des Bouquets**, was shot dead in **Portail Saint Joseph**. He was the father of four (4) children.

Regarding this case, Panucci CASSEUS and Reginald VEDRINE, Evens JEAN LOUIS, Ernst FRANCOIS, Hénock ARISTIL, Lackson DELVA, Alitus DESULME, Esemé SAVIL Enel JEAN AND Junio EVEARD were arrested. The file is still at the Prosecutors at the Court of First Instance of **Port-au-Prince**. However, the substitute Government Commissioner, known as Kenzy JOSEPH confirmed to RNDH that there are only two (2) people in prison in connection to this case, and they are Panucci CASSEUS and Reginald VEDRINE.

16. On 12 November 2015, Jeune André MOISE, A4, assigned to **Croix des Bouquets Station of Traffic Service** was killed on the road to Clercine by an unidentified gunmen. The victim was driving a PNH motorcycle and was in uniform when he was shot several times.

The funeral of the deceased was taken care of by the PNH.

17. On 16 November 2015, Frantz HASPIL, A2, father of four (4) children age seven (7) to eleven (11) years old, assigned to the Archives Service of the **Civil Prison of Port-au-Prince** was assassinated by gunshot in **Delmas 2**.
18. On 9 December 2015, officer Alexis ELIUS, A4, assigned to the Registry of the **Civil Prison of Port-au-Prince**, was assassinated at **Pont Rouge**, near the **Chancerelles Hospital**. He was the father of eight (8) children, four (4) girls.

The wake and the funeral was held on 18 and 19 December 2015, with the financial support of the PNH. In addition, the officer's spouse had received a contribution from the **Civil Prison of Port-au-Prince** towards organizing the vigil.

19. On 23 December 2015, the Municipal Inspector Daniel PIERRE, assigned to the **Central Directorate of Judicial Police (DCPJ)**, was shot dead in

Delmas 31. His young daughter who was also in the vehicle he was driving, was injured in the attack.

The PNH arrested Jean Robert JEAN NOËL, Maxo VELIX alias Chen Kap Jape, Réginald DUCLEUS alias Timòpis, Mosner PIERRE et Richard MERCIDIEU. The case was transferred to the Office of Investigating Judge, Jeudilien FANFAN on 3 February 2016. The Investigating Judge said he had started with this criminal investigation.

20. On 6 January 2016, Cansky LORAME, A4, father of two (2) young children, head of the **Departmental Unit for the Maintenance of Order** (UDMO), based in **Saint Marc** was shot dead on **National Road # 1**. He was at the head of a group of ten (10) police officers heading to **Gonaïves**. When, he arrived at **Gros Morne**, he noticed a crowd. Thinking it was individuals who were arguing, he got off the vehicle and approached the group. He was shot by what was actually armed bandits holding the population ransom. That same day, twenty-one (21) people were arrested. They were all released the next day on 7 January 2016.

In this case, on 14 January 2016, the head of the Commissariat of **Saint Marc**, John Joas SIDNEY, extended an autopsy request to the Prosecutor at the **Court of First Instance of St. Marc**. The authorization was granted and a correspondence was quickly sent by the aforementioned Prosecutor to the **Forensic Institute of the Hospital of the University of State of Haiti** (HUEH).

Today, the file is at Office of Investigation of Judge Cinat BERNADIN awaiting the autopsy report to continue the investigation.

The care of the funeral which took place on 19 January 2016, was provided by the **Directorate General of the PNH**.

21. On 26 January 2016, Thomas JEAN RISTI, A1, assigned to the Traffic Department of the **Commissioner of the Croix-des-Bouquets**, father of a two-year old boy was found near the **Croix des Missions Bridge**. The funeral was organized by the PNH who told the family they will receive compensatory checks for the next three (3) months.

Officer Thomas JEAN RISTIL file was transferred to the Dean's Office at the Court of First Instance of **Croix des Bouquets** on the 7 March 2016. At the time of the investigation, the Investigating Judge was not yet designated.

Four (4) individuals are implicated in the assassination of the aforementioned are Gevenson Zouga ESPIEGE, Palcy Widley DILIGENCE Carlos EDISON and Peppytho SENATUS.

22. On 9 February 2016, Lyonel PREVILON, A3, was shot dead in ***Delmas 75***. The police investigation led to the arrest of Frantzdy SIMEON alias Gustalove, Jorbely SOUFFRANT, Loubys SOUFFRANT and Jean Hilaire MONTILUS.

23. On 12 February 2016, David DUME, A2, assigned to the ***Central Directorate of Traffic Police*** (DCPR), was riddled with bullets in ***Martissant 7*** on his way to work. He was riding a PNH motorcycle.

On 27 February 2016, his funeral was held with a contribution from PNH, of about seventy-five (75,000) gourdes.

24. On 17 February 2016, Jean Louis PLACIDE, A4, assigned to Canaan checkpoint, a member of the ***Station of Croix-des-Bouquets***, succumbed to his injuries after gunmen opened fire at him, near the ***Museum of National Pantheon of Haiti*** (MUPANAH) at ***Champ Mars*** near the National Palace. He had to make a bank transaction after which he went to the ***Champs de Mars*** to pick up his children from school. He was the father of three (3) children, two (2) boys. They are age, respectively five (5) years, three (3) years and three (3) months.

27 February 2016, the funeral of the victim was conducted by his family. However, the PNH was charged with the payment to the mortuary and at the time of this inquiry had not fulfilled its commitments.

Today, the file is at the Prosecutors at the Court of First Instance ***Port-au-Prince***. In this case, five (5) individuals were arrested in connection with the killing. They are Innocent DESIMAUZ alias, alias Lorigène DESIMAUZ Canibal, Stevenson PIERRE, John Kelly JOSEPH, and Henry MALHERBE alias Pouchon.

V. COMMENTS ON FUNERAL ORGANIZATION OF KILLED OFFICERS

In many cases, the funeral costs of the murdered officers were covered by the Directorate General of the PNH, often to the tune of seventy five thousand (75,000)

gourdes. However in situations where the family took responsibility of more costly funeral arrangements the 75,000 gourdes was provided as a contribution.

However, treatment given to deceased officers has not been the same across the board. RNDDH found that the financial contribution of the Directorate General of the PNH was also reduced to twenty-five thousand (25,000) gourdes in some situations, while in others, the families' of killed officers did not receive a penny for the funeral.

These categories have been identified by RNDDH. Thus, for two (2) officers of the same rank, serving in police stations in the metropolitan area, for two (2) riddled with bullets by unidentified gunmen, for two (2) father's of young children; the treatment is not standard. Some examples :

1. The funeral of first agent Thomas JEAN Ristil was organized by the PNH on the 2 February 2016.
2. The funeral of first agent Peter BERGENON on the 24 October 2015, had been partially supported by the PNH. In addition, the PNH had given the spouse of fallen officer, the sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) gourdes.
3. The funeral of fourth agent Jonas BALTIMORE on the 11 July 2015. It was fully supported by the family of the deceased.

The approach of the PNH is not oriented towards an approach based on human rights and human dignity.

In addition, it should be noted that often the families of the victims did not know where to go to seek financial support. Incidentally, the procedures are not clearly outlined before hand and it is after the events where parents learn the Directorate General of the PNH provides assistance for funeral arrangements.

This behavior is contrary to Article 41 of the *Special Statute establishing the Common Provisions Applicable to Active Officials of the National Police of Haiti, which states that "When death occurs in the circumstances of Article 37 of this Statute, the actual funeral costs and possibly the transport costs of the body to the gravesite requested by the family are fully supported by the administration." (Article 37 deals with the officials and trainees wounded during a police mission)*

VI. NOTES ON CHECK RECOVERY

Several families of murdered officers and those this report concerns were able to recover victim's checks. In this regard, it is worth noting three (3) important points:

1. For some families, the checks are received for several years while for others, officers inform families of the PNH's decision to not issue checks for a few months.
2. Following the murders, checks are easily recovered. But over the months, the relatives of the victims are struggling to recover them.
3. In many cases, spouses of murdered police officers are forced to have sexual relations with officials to qualify for checks of their deceased husbands. It has even been reported to RNDDH that for many of these women it was clearly stated ; ***sex or no checks***.

In addition, the reception of spouses whose husbands have been killed, is completely unacceptable. At any given time, they are told that it is a favor being done for them. Many times, they are reminded it is not a line item in the national budget.

It should also be noted that the spouses of killed officers receive checks written out to their husbands. It is only after a long process that some will receive checks written out to them. However, the name transfer can take up to six (6) months and they must make arrangements to to meet their needs and their children's needs. Frequently in these cases, the children are kept at home, unable to go to school due to financial reasons.

Yet in the *Special Statute Establishing the Common Provisions Applicable to Active Officials of the National Police of Haiti*, there is a section entitled *Social and Medical Support*. According to Article 47 in this section, ***"The children of killed police officers in the line of duty or in the course of performing their duties receive scholarships under conditions set by the Minister of Justice "***.

VII. NOTES ON DEATH INSURANCE

Death insurance is not effective. To date, the relatives of thirty-five (35) murdered police officers mentioned in the report have not received reimbursement of expenses.

However, Article 10 on Social Guarantees and Insurance, Title IV of the Personnel Handbook of 6 February 1996, deals with special provisions of the Act of 12 October 1982 on the general statute of Public Function as applicable to the transitional title, of the Haitian National Police. This article stipulates that ***"the Civil Service Agent benefits from an insurance system established by the State and gives the entitlement to reimbursement of expenses incurred by diseases and accidents. This insurance also covers the case of death."***

VIII. NOTES ON RECORD MONITORING AT THE POLICE AND JUDICIAL LEVELS

Of the thirty-five (35) murdered officer's records, covered by the survey, fifteen (15) are already being treated at the ***Central Judicial Directorate of the Police*** (DCPJ) and were transferred to the Judiciary for required follow-up. At least fifty-five (55) individuals were arrested. Of these, nine (9) are formally charged and seven (7) others have their files in the Prosecutor's office.

At the Judicial level, RNDDH could trace twelve (12) records. Among them, four (4) are still at the Prosecutors near the Courts of First Instance concerned, eight (8) were transferred to the Investigation Office. Of these twelve (12) cases, two (2) are being processed by the Court of First Instance of the ***Croix-des-Bouquets*** and ten (10) other are being processed by the Court of First Instance in ***Port-au-Prince***.

IX. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The investigation conducted by RNDDH confirms the thesis that insecurity is clearly increasing in the country.

It demonstrates the vulnerability of PNH officers because often when attacked by unidentified armed individuals, they are killed or seriously injured.

It also reveals the extent of armed gangs and their meticulous organization. Indeed, members of these gangs are heavily armed, they travel by motorcycle, which ensures their high mobility, especially when there is traffic, and they recognize police officers.

This is why the behavior of authorities involved in the handling of cases of officers who are victims has specifically caught the attention of RNDDH

Concerning the Behavior of the Police Institution

When it comes to police officers injured or killed, either by knife, stones, baton, or other objects ; the police trivialize those cases and they are not transferred to the judicial authorities.

Agents of DCPJ are called to investigate the files of killed officers, to to their utmost to investigate and arrest individuals involved in these cases. However, police investigations have difficulty succeeding.

In the case of killed PNH officers, police are trying to provide financial assistance to parents and relatives. However, this financial assistance not exceeding seventy-five thousand (75,000) gourdes, is a pittance, is not uniform and is positioned more as a favor than a right. In effect, police authorities give different treatment to the parents and spouses of victims who were police officers. Thus, for some killed officers, funeral expenses are fully covered by the Directorate General of the PNH and compensatory checks are promptly paid to parents and spouses while for other officers, the Directorate General of the PNH has little to no involvement, frequently making promises which it does not intend to honor.

This behavior suggests that there is preferential treatment based on prior relationships of parents and family members to the authorities prior to the officer's murder.

In addition, there is no explanation to the relatives of fallen officers, the Directorate General of the PNH can decide whether or not to continue to pay the checks.

With this treatment, it is mostly the children of fallen officers who are the victims and are unable to continue with their primary studies.

Concerning the Behavior of Judicial Actors

Judicial authorities do not appear to be concerned with the clearly increasing insecurity in the country. However, this increase can also explained by several of the decisions they have made. Also, Judiciary actions often undermine the efforts of the PNH:

- ✓ Many armed individuals involved in wrongdoings were detained by the PNH and then quickly released in suspicious circumstances by the judicial authorities.
- ✓ Influential members of armed gangs are not kept in prison. The trial on 17 April 2015 resulted in the release of the leader of ***Gang Galil***, namely Woody ETHEART alias Sonson La Familia and Renel NELFORT aka Renel

The Reef, by the Criminal Court of **Port-au-Prince** presided by Judge Lamarre BELIZAIRE without the assistance of a jury.

- ✓ In December 2014, former President of the Republic, Joseph Michel Martelly, granted presidential pardon to many criminals on the basis of their membership to powerful armed gangs. Among the beneficiaries of this decision, some had not been yet convicted and others were former prisoners who had escaped.

The general deterioration of security and the increase in cases of systematic murders of PNH officers coincide with the release of these individuals; members of armed gangs.

It is therefore clear that PNH officers are victims of the prevailing impunity in the country, fueled by the behavior of certain Judges and political authorities who are content denouncing the attacks on PNH officers without taking any real steps to respond proportionately to these attacks.

In addition, when in emblematic cases nothing is done, we fail to prevent the criminal chain in society. RNDDH recalls these cases that were in the headlines and that were highly talked about in Haitian society.

1. Angelo PIERRE-LOUIS, assigned to SWAT TEAM, was riddled with bullets on 23 February 2012 in ***Martissant 17***.
4. Serge CASSEUS, assigned to the ***Deputy Commissioner of Fortouron***, was riddled with bullets in ***La Saline*** on 12 March 2012, by unidentified armed individuals on three (3) motorcycles.
3. Upasse PIERRE, assigned to the personal security of the Senator of the Republic, Jn Rodolphe JOAZILE was murdered on 16 April 2012, in ***Delmas***.
4. Walky CALIXTE, assigned to the ***Central Directorate of Traffic Police*** (DCPR) was murdered 17 April 2012 in ***Martissant***.
5. Jean Hilaire MILOT, assigned to the ***Penitentiary Administration Department*** (DAP), was murdered on 24 April 2012.
6. Jean Ernest RENE assigned to the ***Deputy Commissioner of Croix des Bouquets***, was murdered in ***Carrefour*** on 7 May 2012, near the ***Deputy Commissioner of St. Charles***.

7. Officer Jean Richard Hertz CAYO was gunned down 2 May 2013 after his appearance at the Office of the Investigating Judge about the circumstances surrounding the murder of officer Walky CALIXTE.

The judicial investigation of cases of murdered police officer sit around collecting dust. Files spend several months at the Prosecutors before being transferred to the Judges' offices. After investigation, these records are sent to the Tribunal, empty without evidence, without *corps du délit* or a body of evidence.

For example, on 21 September 2015, Jolès JOLY is judged by the Criminal Court of **Port-au-Prince** without jury assistance for the fatal shooting of policeman Wilson JEAN.

Seriously wounded by gunfire during an attack on him in May 2011, while he was near the **Librairie Henry Deschamps**, located in **Grand Rue**, Wilson JEAN had time to respond and administered two (2) bullets in his assailant, who was hit in the foot.

The brothers of the man who attacked the police officer rushed the attacker to the **Hôpital Médecins Sans Frontières of Delmas 33**, where he was treated.

During the criminal hearings, the brother of the accused understood Jolès JOLY was actually in the hospital because of the bullets in his foot based on the information at the criminal hearing.

However, there was no link established between the accused and the murdered policeman. No weapon was presented to the court. The record of the body and the victim's autopsy report had not been sent. Even a ballistic study of the gunshots projectile had not been performed, nor was there an attempt to match the bullet in the foot from the deceased police officer's gun.

The investigation was trivialized by the Judiciary. The prosecution represented by Judge Gerard NORGAISSE, was unable to prosecute due to lack of evidence. ***The accused was released and the murdered policeman's record, definitively classified.***

The Impact of these Attacks on the Police Force and the Population.

Psychologically, the police force is ill. Officers of the PNH working in such an atmosphere of resignation where they expect at any time they can be victims as well, and where there is little doubt today that they are a main target for gun men.

The Haitian population considers itself in grave danger. The PNH officers called to protect the country are themselves the victims of insecurity. The population has affirmed they are ready to defend themselves. At this stage, RNDDH reminds everyone of the increased lynchings, across the country, of individuals suspected of reprehensible acts.

Moreover, many citizens believe that the Haitian government is unable to control the movement of firearms in the country. This inability feeds yet more insecurity. Indeed, armed gangs, demobilized soldiers, relatives of the various governments that have succeeded at the head of the country, etc. are holders of firearms, which constitute a serious threat to the stability and security of the country. However, the security issue is an important matter that must be dealt with the sense of seriousness, particularly when it comes to the possession of firearms.

Finally, RNDDH highlights in red ink, for the period covered by this report, thirty-five (35) police officers were murdered. If nothing is done to stop this tragedy by the authorities concerned, they inevitably intend the extermination of PNH officers.

With the foregoing, RNDDH recommends the authorities concerned to:

- ✓ Set a new security strategy to eradicate the phenomenon of insecurity in the country;
- ✓ Conduct serious criminal investigations around cases of victims who are police officers and severely punish the offenders;
- ✓ Set up a real structure to receive the family's of fallen officers in dignity due to every person ;
- ✓ Standardize the support provided to parents and spouses of fallen officers;
- ✓ Increase funeral expenses granted to families of fallen officers;
- ✓ Make effective the social benefits allocated to those entitled of fallen officers;
- ✓ Require that motorcycles are registered and licensed for sale;
- ✓ Require that affected public transport motorcycles are clearly identified and categorized;
- ✓ Implement an effective policy of disarming the gangs and armed groups in the country.