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**Position of the *Bureau des Avocats Internationaux* (BAI) on the socio-political situation of the country**

The *Bureau des Avocats Internationaux* (BAI), in the context of its mission to defend the marginalized populations, especially the Victims of Cholera of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), as well as women and girls who are victims of rape and sexual harassment and victims of repression for exercising their civil rights, is carefully following the evolution of the country's socio-economic crisis which unleashed a popular mass uprising against the extreme right "*Tet Kale*" regime from July 6 to July 9, 2018 and is continuing today.

We should remember that the popular uprising took place shortly after the Moise-Lafontant administration decided to raise gas prices once again. The decision is not out of line with several other criminal decisions the government has already taken, such as the criminal government budget of 2017-2018, opposing the minimum wage increase for factory workers, burying the report of the PetroCaribe scandal, trampling on justice, firing more than 1000 people in OAVCT, etc.

BAI recalls that the Moise-Lafontant administration has always taken these criminal decisions with much arrogance, and especially with indifference and contempt of the legitimate protests of the population. At times, they treat the people like a joke, as with telling them about the fuel price rise, when they don't raise the minimum wage, and when they fire people in public administration: it is good for the people, it is the government's love for the people that makes it act against them so. While on the other hand they create more opportunities for the elites' business, that already do not pay taxes, smuggle and have import tax exemptions, to prosper. For example, the Moise-Lafontant administration took advantage of the people's passion for soccer and through no bid contracts, purchased hundreds of flat-screen TVs from elite businesses, and under the pretext of the country's infrastructure problems, tens of millions of US dollars of heavy construction equipment, when the state could have acquired the equipment from the National Center of Equipment (CNE).

The BAI salutes the political maturity of the Haitian people who understand that the trademark of this government, especially the extreme right *Tet Kale* regime, is to defend the interests of the Syrian-Lebanese bourgeoisie against the marginalized population. This of course creates additional misery and suffering amongst the disadvantaged majority, who fully understand what this "squeeze and suck" system of the bourgeoisie and the rotten government means.

BAI is surprised to see the Moise-Lafontant administration, the bourgeois anti-national merchants, and some shameless intellectuals who are enabling the "squeeze and suck" system of Petion, continue to pretend and ignore the reality of social inequality, when what they want is to make people believe that there are hidden hands behind the population's rebellious movement against this system of massive social exclusion. This is done with the perpetuation of a false narrative: the people are not really in misery, there is not really massive unemployment, there is not really a healthcare problem, the population's children can go to school free of charge, and there is no hunger.

BAI condemns the cynical behavior of the shameless intellectuals and traditional politicians who continue to ignore the real complaints of the masses, and attempt to dismiss the anger and frustration of people who have been exploited for more than 200 years. These agents must understand that an unstable society that is based on violence, hunger, and misery, will inevitably produce even more chaos and destruction.

BAI understands that those who benefit from the “squeeze and suck” system would never care to try to understand the reasons why the people use these radical methods to make their claims, when we consider that this is a system that is on such a road to ruin that we need to rebuild from scratch.

In this way, BAI will close by asking the Haitian people to resist these ideologies that make them think that protests equal violence and keep mobilized to defend their rights, to fight for social change and to live as the human beings in a society without repression. We ask progressive lawyers and human rights organizations who fight with the oppressed, such as BAI, who believe in respecting Article 28 of the Constitution that guarantees the respect and freedom of public liberties, to provide legal assistance to all victims of state actors who target engaged citizens and activists in the poor neighborhoods to repress the people’s rebellion against this right-wing, extremist, “Tèt Kale” regime.

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so their brands could sell hundreds of flat-screen TVs, without bidding, Pretending the country's infrastructure problem they profit to do business with the elites, they buy heavy duty material for several tens of millions of US dollars in their Companies. while instead, the state could've picked up CNE heavyweight materials.

Bai correctly salutes the political maturity of the Haitian people who understand the fabric of the government of the country, especially the extreme regime, which defends the interests of the Lebanese bourgeoisie against the marginalized population. Which, therefore, creates more misery and suffering by the majority and the disadvantaged mass. We also salute those who understand what this compression system involves with the bourgeoisie and the rotten government.

BAI is additionally surprised to see the Moise-Lafontant administration, the bourgeois anti-national merchants and some shameless intellectual continue to push the crucial squeezing system of Petion and continue pretended to ignore the reality of social inequality, and make people believe that there are hidden hands behind the populations rebellion movement and against the massive social exclusion system. With the false narrative that the people are not in misery, it's not true, it does not matter, the children of the people can go to school free of charge and that there is no hunger.

BAI condemns the cynic intellectual behavior of traditional politicians who continue to create chaos and tempt the anger and frustration of people who were exploited for more than 200 years. These agents must understand that a society based on the violence, hunger, and misery is the fertilizer to sprout even more chaos and destruction.

The BAI understands that those who benefit from the system would never have the precaution to understand the reasons why the people used this radical method to make their claims when we consider this system to be turbulent.

In this way, BAI closes, by asking the people to resist the ideologies that make them think that protests mean violence, and stay mobilizing and defend the rights they have to fight for social change to live as a human being in a society without solidarity. We ask progressive advocates and lawyers of human rights organizations such as BAI, who believes in respecting Article 28 of the law that guarantees the respect and freedom of public liberty, provide legal assistance to all victims of the state's wartime acts and of the government, in the popular neighborhoods against militants and citizens engaging in combating the people's rebellion against the extremist's regime.

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For example, the Moise-Lafontan administration took advantage of the people's passion for soccer to bring business to the elites, so their brands could sell hundreds of tall flat-screen TVs, without considering the country's infrastructure problem into account, and instead made the bourgeois tens of millions of massive green dollars, while instead, the state could've picked up CNE heavyweight materials.

BAI properly salutes the mature political mindset of the Haitian people who understand the fabric of the countries government, especially the extreme regime, that defends the interests of the Lebanese bourgeoisie against the marginalized population. Which, therefore, creates more misery and suffering to the majority and mass race. We also salute those who understand what this squeezing system entails with the bourgeoisie and the rotten government.

BAI is additionally surprised to see the Moise-Lafontant administration, the bourgeois anti-national merchants and some intellectual entrepreneurs water down the press, and continue the squeezing system to push the press system to continue to pretend to ignore the reality of social inequality, and make people believe that there are hidden hands behind the populations rebellion movement and against the massive social exclusion system. With the false narrative that the people are not in misery, it's not true, it does not matter, the children of the people can go to school free of charge and that there is no hunger.

BAI condemns the cynic intellectual behavior of traditional politicians who continue to create chaos and tempt the anger and frustration of people who were exploited for more than 200 years. These agents must understand that a society based on the violence, hunger, and misery is the fertilizer to sprout even more chaos and destruction. The BAI understands that those who benefit from the suck and pull system never have the precaution to understand the reasons why the people used this radical method to make their claims when we consider this system to be turbulent.

In this way, BAI closes, by asking the people to resist the ideologies that make them think protests are violent, and instead to mobilize and defend the rights they have to fight for social change instead of people in a society without solidarity. We ask progressive advocates and lawyers of human rights organizations such as BAI, who believes in respecting Article 28 of the law that guarantees the respect and freedom of public liberty, provide legal assistance to all victims of the state's wartime acts and of the government, in the popular neighborhoods against militants and citizens engaging in combating the people's rebellion against the extremist's regime.

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