

December 10th, 2018 : the Bureau des Avocats Internationaux and allies, a Day of reflection upon the human rights' situation in Haiti

To mark the international day consecrated to reflecting on the situation of human rights in the world, about 10 organizations of the Civil Society from below will analyze the indifference of the MOISE-CEANT administration towards the different acts of massive human rights violations. Those are systematically perpetrated against the people living in popular/precarious areas or originating from modest social categories. This event will take place this Monday, December 10th 2018, starting at 9:00 AM at the Bureau des Avocats Internationaux's BAI office.

Indeed, the Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (BAI), in its primary mission is to defend the rights of the most deprived, the inalienable, imprescriptible and inherent rights of the human person, in particular those of the victims of State terrorism, of cholera imported by the United Nations Mission for the Stabilization in Haiti (MINUSTAH), women and girls who are victims of rape and sexual assault, will organize a day of reflection of the situation of Human Rights in Haiti. This day will also be dedicated to reflecting upon the situation of the families relocated from their homes in Pèlerin 5 following the State violence against them which led to their forceful expulsion to the neighboring village of Monsieur Jovenel MOISE, the situation of the people relocated from la Saline following the State massacre that took place November 13th, 2018 in La Saline, the situation of the victims of the arson in series of public contracts in the city centre and the situation of the small merchants of the common of Pétion-Ville, looted, beaten and killed by the officers of the town hall.

This day will be organized in accordance with several organizations including the Collective of the victims of Pèlerin 5, Konbit Ayisyen pou Lojman Altènatif (KAYLA), the Movement of freedom and equality of Haitians for the Brotherhood (MOLEGHAF), Coordination for the development of the 15 blocks of Canaan (CODE 15), Baz Popilè Petyon-vil, Fòs Popilè Jalouzi, organizations of victims of cholera (from Lachapelle, Saut-d'eau, Boucan-Carré, de Mirebalais...), OCCFED, and the theatrical group Palto Vanyan which will perform for this occasion.

Many activities will take place as part of this day:

there will be notably a conference/debate on the following themes: "the question of enforced expulsion faced with the right to housing in Haiti", "from the popular mobilisation to a State massacre: a massacre to demobilize" and "the social housing problematic in Haiti". Testimonies of victims from Pèlerin 5, la Saline, Canaan, of cholera, small city-center merchants and from Pétion-Ville will be held; and a press briefing will also take place from 12:30 PM.

The organizers of this Day are considering taking resolutions, at the end of the event, to fight together against massive human rights violations or the acts of State terrorism that particularly target the poor in the popular neighbourhoods and rural areas.

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