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PRESS RELEASE

# "Death of Mr. Mario JOSEPH: Haiti loses a celebrated human rights defender"

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It is with deep sadness that the **Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (BAI)** announces the death of Mr. **Mario JOSEPH**, which took place on March 31, 2025, as a result of a car accident.

# A celebrated defender of justice!

An emblematic figure and member of the **Port-au-Prince Bar, Mr. JOSEPH** dedicated his life to the fight for human rights, bringing hope for thousands of victims of injustice. As Director of the **BAI** for nearly 30 years, he has led major legal battles, helping to shape a Haiti that is more just. His unwavering commitment to the most vulnerable brought him national and international recognition.

# An immortal legacy

"The passing of **Mario JOSEPH** leaves a void that cannot be filled," states the **BAI**. "His courage, his integrity, and his passion for justice will continue to guide our work. We pledge to continue his mission."

The **BAI** extends its deepest condolences to his family, his colleagues, his clients, and the entire **human rights** community. Public commemorations and funeral will be organized in the coming days. Details and information concerning the funeral and commemorations will be communicated at a later date.

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