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Former President Jean-Claude Duvalier arrived back in Haiti in January 2011. His return, after 25 years in exile, has awakened painful memories for survivors and families of victims of the human rights violations committed during his presidency. Between 1971 and 1986, hundreds of Haitians – including journalists, trade unionists, and those deemed to be political opponents of the Duvalier government – were forcibly disappeared or extrajudicially executed. Many others were tortured, arbitrarily detained or forced into exile. These widespread and systematic violations were crimes against humanity.

The preliminary indictment of Jean-Claude Duvalier by the judicial authorities in Haiti offers a golden opportunity to end the cycle of impunity and help restore the rule of law in the country. The Haitian government must now demonstrate the political will to bring to justice Jean-Claude Duvalier and other state officials under his command and to ensure that victims and their families can at last obtain the truth, justice and reparation to which they have a right.

Image: Les Zombis de Fort-Dimanche (Haïti), 2008.
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Please sign and send this postcard to the President of Haiti, Michel Martelly

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Dear President,

I am writing to you to express my hope that your government will ensure that all grave human rights violations committed under the government of Jean-Claude Duvalier are promptly, thoroughly and impartially investigated. You have stated your wish to “positively influence the course of Haitian history and put an end to the vicious circle that has overwhelmed it for more than three decades”. Bringing to justice those responsible for grave violations will help to break this circle and restore the rule of law in Haiti and, in so doing, help protect the fundamental rights of Haitians now and in the future.

I therefore urge your government, with the assistance of the international community, to ensure that the judicial authorities are empowered to investigate the human rights violations committed during Jean-Claude Duvalier’s rule and prosecute those responsible. In this way, your call for “justice for all” can start to become reality.

Yours respectfully,

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**President
Son Excellence Monsieur Michel Martelly
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Image: Casernes Dessalines military barracks (1983). Located next to the Presidential Palace in Haiti. It was used during the rule of Jean-Claude Duvalier as a detention and interrogation facility for political prisoners. © Amnesty International
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