

URGENT ACTION

CAMP RESIDENTS ATTACKED, MORE AT RISK

A woman was killed after municipal agents opened fire in order to remove street sellers from the road in proximity of a makeshift camp for displaced people in Port-au-Prince. Two other camp residents were injured by the police. Camp residents fear further violence by the municipality and the police.

On 26 September, armed municipal agents from the Delmas' Streets Control Brigade (Brigade de Contrôle des Rues, BRICOR) intervened to prevent street sellers from occupying a public road. They were selling goods in the area located beside the Acra Adoquin Delmas 33, a makeshift camp for displaced persons left homeless by the January 2010 earthquake, in the municipality of Delmas – metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti.

Following the street sellers' resistance, the agents started firing gunshots indiscriminately. One bullet reached **Carline Jean**, a resident of the camp and a mother of six young children, killing her on the spot. According to a member of the camp committee, as the camp residents started protesting in the streets following the violent attack, the police dispersed the demonstration by throwing tear gas and firing live ammunition. Another woman, **Janvier Cloraine**, and a one-year-old child, **Vilon Guery**, are reported to have been injured by bullets.

According to data from the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the Acra Adoquin Delmas 33 camp is home to more than 15,000 people. Camp residents fear that other incidents might occur if the municipal agents and the police carry out similar operations.

Please write immediately in French or your own language:

- Calling on the authorities to immediately and independently investigate the killing of Carline Jean and the injuries suffered by two other camp residents, to make the results public and to bring those found responsible to justice;
- Expressing concern for the use of firearms by members of the Delmas' Streets Control Brigade and for the alleged excessive use of force by the police.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 12 NOVEMBER 2014 TO:

Mayor of Delmas

Wilson Jeudy
Mairie de Delmas
Delmas 33, Rue Charbonnière #69
Port-au-Prince, Haïti
Email: mairiedelmashaiti@gmail.com,
mairiedelmas509@hotmail.com

Salutation: Monsieur le Maire / Dear Mayor

General Inspector of the Haitian Police

Ralph Stanley Jean Brice
Inspection Générale de la Police
Nationale d'Haiti
Delmas 2, route de Delmas
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Email: jbriceralph@yahoo.fr

Salutation: Monsieur l'Inspecteur général / Dear General Inspector

Minister for Human Rights and the

Reduction of Extreme Poverty
Roseanne Auguste
33, Boulevard Harry Truman
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Email: rosanne.auguste@primature.ht

Salutation: Madame la Ministre / Dear Minister

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In April 2013, residents of Camp Acra Adoquin Delmas 33 suffered from threats of eviction and an arson attack. Following the protests initiated by the residents after the attack, police from Delmas 33 police station arrested two of the protestors and beat one of them, Civil Merius, so brutally that he died because of his injuries in police custody. The other arrested man, Darlin Lexima, was released without charge the next afternoon, and told Amnesty International that he had been beaten in police custody (see UA 98/13 <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR36/008/2013/en>). Despite a judicial complaint filed by the Haitian human rights organisation Défenseurs des Opprimés (DOP) and multiple calls from Amnesty International, there is no evidence suggesting that a judicial investigation has been initiated. At the end of August, the General Inspector of the Police told Amnesty International delegates that the police internal investigation had yet to conclude.

According to the IOM, by the end of June 2014 there were 28,134 households or 103,565 individuals still living in makeshift camps following the devastating 12 January 2010 earthquake which left more than 200,000 people dead and some 2.3 million homeless.

More than 16,000 internally displaced people living in makeshift camps have been victims of forced evictions. Amnesty International documented that the Delmas' Streets Control Brigade (Brigade de Contrôle des Rues, BRICOR) was involved in many of the forced evictions occurred in the municipality of Delmas.

Name: Carline Jean (f), Janvier Cloraine (f), Vilon Guery (m) and other residents of Acra Adoquin Delmas 33
Gender m/f: both

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