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## **Haiti: The killing of Air France chief executive highlights level of insecurity in Haiti**

Didier Mortet, Air France chief executive in Haiti is the latest victim of the high levels of violence which have cost the lives of hundreds of civilians since the uprising in February. Didier Mortet, was shot dead by three men on a motorcycle as he approached his home in the capital Port-au-Prince.

"The availability of weapons and the climate of impunity continue to fuel insecurity and human rights violations in Haiti, as measures to stop this are nowhere to be seen," said Amnesty International.

"The Haitian interim government has been dragging its feet: after 100 days in power, there are still no signs of the urgently needed disarmament program or any real attempt to apprehend escaped prisoners and known human rights violators," Amnesty International said. "All human rights violations must be fully and impartially investigated regardless of the nationality or political view of the victims or perpetrators of abuse."

After the failure of the Multinational Interim Force (MIF) to establish and maintain security and public order throughout Haiti, and to disarm and disband armed groups, responsibility lies now with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, MINUSTAH. Since it took over from the MIF, on 1 June, the MINUSTAH has an urgent and explicit mandate to support the transitional government and Haitian human rights institutions in promoting and respecting human rights, to assist in the reform and strengthening of the judiciary and with disarmament programs. Amnesty International hopes that they will fulfil their mandate.

**For more detailed information of the current human rights situation in Haiti, please see "Haiti: Breaking the Cycle of Violence - A last chance for Haiti?"**  
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