

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REACTION

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Amnesty International reaction to Jean-Claude Duvalier's arrest in Haiti

In response to the arrest of Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier in Haiti, Amnesty International's Senior Advisor and Haiti expert, Javier Zuñiga, said:

"The arrest of Jean-Claude Duvalier is a positive step but it is not enough to charge him only with corruption."

"If true justice is to be done in Haiti, the Haitian authorities need to open a criminal investigation into Duvalier's responsibility for the multitude of human rights abuses that were committed under his rule including torture, arbitrary detentions, rape, enforced disappearances and extrajudicial executions."

Javier Zuñiga, Special Advisor at Amnesty International, currently in London, and Gerardo Ducos, Haiti researcher at Amnesty International, currently in Port-au-Prince, are available for comment.

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