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HAITI Extrajudicial Execution

Ronald PIERRE

Jance PIERRE

Henri ELIASSIN

Fear for Safety

Dr. Fernand HACHETTE, economist

Jean-Pierre JOSUÉ

Saintil ALCIDOR

Gérald MICHEL

and all other members of the Projet Association d'Education des
Pasteurs pour le Développement (PAEPD), Project
Association of Education of Clergymen for Development

Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the safety of all members of the PAEPD. Several, including Jean-Pierre Josué, Saintil Alcidor and Gérald Michel, have been subjected to threats and harassment. Dr. Fernand Hachette was also nearly arrested. Amnesty International's fear for their physical safety is heightened by the killings in late 1993 and early 1994 of three PAEPD members, Ronald Pierre, Jance Pierre and Henri Eliassin, in circumstances suggesting that they were extrajudicially executed.

The PAEPD, which has 59 members, is an association that aims to provide professional and educational training for young people from Cité Soleil, a suburb of Port-au-Prince, and some rural areas. It also provides reading and writing instruction for adults.

According to reports, since September 1993 PAEPD members have been particularly targeted by armed men in civilian clothes, believed to be members of the security forces. On 16 September Ronald Pierre was arrested in Cité Soleil; when he refused to provide the addresses of other members of the PAEPD he was killed. On 30 September Saintil Alcidor was arrested, but managed to escape after his arm was broken by his abductors. On 5 December Jance Pierre was killed in Cité Soleil and on 28 December Gérald Michel was beaten. On 28 January 1994 Henri Eliassin was killed in Cité Soleil. On 29 January 1994 a group of armed men attempted to arrest Jean-Pierre Josué, the President of the PAEPD, and another man, Dr. Fernand Hachette, who happened to be at a meeting with Jean-Pierre Josué at the time. The two men managed to resist being taken away.

In November 1993 an application for asylum was made by members of the PAEPD at the International Organization for Migration (IOM). As far as Amnesty International is aware, no interview dates have been set as yet.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

President Aristide was due to return to power on 30 October 1993, according to the 3 July 1993 agreement signed by him and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, General Raoul Cédras. However, this did not happen and there has been no indication of any other firm date being set for President Aristide's return. General Cédras and Police Chief Michel François are effectively ruling the country. As the date when President Aristide was to

have returned drew nearer there was a marked upsurge in human rights violations, including the killings of Aristide supporter Antoine Izméry and Justice Minister Guy Malary. President Aristide's supporters continue to suffer widespread threats and attacks.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in French or English or in your own language:

- expressing concern at reports that three members of the Projet Association d'Education des Pasteurs pour le Développement (PAEPD), Ronald Pierre, Jance Pierre and Henri Eliassin, were killed in circumstances suggesting extrajudicial executions;
- expressing concern that other members of the PAEPD, including Jean-Pierre Josué, Saintil Alcidor and Gérald Michel, as well as Dr. Fernand Hachette, have reportedly been subjected to threats and harassment;
- urging that steps are taken to guarantee the physical security of all members of the PAEPD;
- urging prompt and impartial investigations into these allegations, that the findings be made public and that those found responsible be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO

Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces:

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 Commandant-en-Chef des Forces Armées d'Haiti
 Grand Quartier Général des Forces Armées d'Haiti
 Rue Geffrard
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Chief of National Police:

Monsieur le Lt.Colonel Michel FRANÇOIS
 Chef de la Police Nationale
 Grand Quartier Général de la Police
 Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Telegrams: Chef, Police Nationale, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Salutation: Monsieur le Lt. Colonel / Dear Lt. Colonel

Anti-gang investigation and research service:

Monsieur le Capitaine Joanis JACKSON
 Chef du Service d'investigation et de recherches anti-gang
 Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Telegrams: Chef du Service d'investigation et de recherches anti-gang, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Salutation: Monsieur le Capitaine / Dear Captain

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Newspaper (weekly):

Haiti en Marche

173 N.W. 94 St

Miami
FL33150, USA

World Health Organization

Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS)
25 rue Fernand C. Vert
Port-au-Prince
Haiti

and to diplomatic representatives of Haiti accredited to your country

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