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Haiti Lawyers File Lawsuit Against the Illegitimate Haiti Government For Requesting Invasion Into Haiti In Violation of Haiti Constitution

On November 6, 2023, Èzili Dantò's Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network and Evel Fanfan's *Actions of Organizations Motivated for a Haiti Ruled by Law* (AUMOHD), filed a lawsuit against the unelected and *de facto* Ariel Henry Haiti Government for requesting foreign troops be deployed to Haiti in violation of the Haiti Constitution and Haiti sovereignty.

See the original complaint in French, registered at the High Court of Port-au-Prince, No. I 3970329 (PDF of original filing) and the English translation at ezilidanto.com.

The Haitian Constitution prohibits in its article 263.1 the existence of other Armed Corps on the national territory. Haiti has had more than 10 different international interventions in the last decades. Each brought more disenfranchisement for the Haitian people, left more arms, more violence, and more human rights violations, including contaminated UN soldiers killing more than 10,000 Haitians with cholera, poisoning Haiti's waterways, and making one million Haitians sick. No reparations have ever been made for these international crimes.

Ariel Henry and his government are not duly elected and have no constitutional mandate or legal capacity to request foreign troops on Haitian soil. This is a high crime under the Haitian Constitution.

The Haitian lawsuit proposes two solutions that the international community and *de facto* Haiti government have at their disposal to counter the paramilitary death squads without bringing more violence and foreign military into Haiti:

• Enforce United Nations Resolution 2653, which calls on UN member states to stop the arms trafficking coming from foreign lands into Haiti for use by the right-wing paramilitaries. These death squads heavily depend on arms trafficking, primarily from

the United States and, to a lesser extent, the Dominican Republic. Haiti does not manufacture weapons.

- Compliance, by these powers, with UN Resolution 2653 is a legal Haiti solution rather than the imperial solution that violates Haiti's sovereignty.
- These death squads are financed by the wealthy, white Syrian-Lebanese Haiti oligarchs who remain invisible to the media. Most are already sanctioned by Canada, the United States, and the UN for financing "gangs" and thus for financing death, terror, and murder in Haiti. The Ariel Henry government and members of his PHTK political party have also been named by UN reports for financing this violence.
- Instead of violating the Haiti and Kenya constitutions, the lawyers who filed this case in Haiti propose that the *de facto* Haiti authorities (along with the governments of Canada, the United States, and the Dominican Republic) take prosecutorial actions and mobilize their enforcement authorities. They recommend not just imposing toothless sanctions on these wealthy businessmen and Haitian politicians for their role in financing terror, dispossession, rape, and murder but call for issuing arrest warrants and promptly apprehending these criminal businessmen and financiers of terror in Haiti against the impoverished Haitian people.

These two solutions are the Haiti-led answers to support the human rights and sovereignty of the Haitian people, not illegal invasions to uphold imperial plunders and an illegal Ariel Henry government.

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