

# *Dominican Republic calls for international support for dialogue in Haiti*

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**Dominican soldier guards border with Haiti, which has been closed since the murder of the Haitian president.**

Santo Domingo, July 18 (RHC)-- The Government of the Dominican Republic reiterated this Sunday its call to the international community to contribute as much as possible to the creation of a favorable environment for internal dialogue in Haiti, necessary to overcome the current crisis.

The pronouncement comes as foreign powers and the United Nations (UN) turned their backs on Haiti's interim Prime Minister Claude Joseph, who has been at the helm of the country since the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse ten days ago.

The representatives in Haiti of the United Nations, the Organization of American States (OAS) and the European Union and a group of six ambassadors, including that of the United States, showed their support for Ariel Henry as prime minister in a communiqué.

The doubts in Moïse's succession arise because Ariel Henry was appointed Prime Minister last July 5, in the last decree signed by the President two days before his death, but he was not sworn in, so Joseph continued at the head of the Government, with the support of the Police and the Army.

The questioned coalition, accused of interference and known as Core Group, encouraged Henry to continue the mission of creating a consensual and inclusive cabinet, and expressed the wish that the political, economic and civil society actors support the authorities to reestablish security.

They also insisted on the organization of 'fair, transparent and credible' legislative and presidential elections as soon as possible, as well as ensuring that all citizens receive adequate state services.

The communiqué of the Core Group, created in 2004 with the United Nations Stability Mission in Haiti, was received with suspicion by social actors who warn about the historical intervention of the international community in the internal problems of the country.

On the other hand, in its exhortation, the Dominican Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed its concern for the crisis that overflows the constitutional framework, unleashed after the assassination of President Moïse.

In a communiqué, it expressed its sympathy "with the voices from Haiti calling for a great national dialogue to provide an answer to this deep political crisis and spiral of violence it is going through".

It also reaffirmed its conviction that there is no "Dominican solution to the Haitian situation", as well as its attachment "to the principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of other States and respect for the Inter-American Democratic Charter, especially with regard to the participation of citizens in decisions concerning their own future.

Meanwhile, the company which owns the luxury private jet, registration HI-949, in which the Colombian mercenaries who assassinated the Haitian president on July 7 were flown, is said to be linked to the Dominican politician Gonzalo Castillo, former presidential candidate for the Dominican Liberation Party (PLD).

According to the investigation published by the Colombian newspaper "El Tiempo", the ownership of the device is one of the clues handled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the United States, since the security company which hired the Colombian mercenaries has its headquarters in Miami.

A photograph shows the Haitian doctor Christian Emmanuel Sanon, considered the "mastermind" of the assassination, on the steps of the plane, property of the company Helidosa S.A. Together with Sanon appear in the photograph a Colombian ex-military, Arcángel Pretelt Ortiz, and the Ecuadorian Walter Veintemilla, also a key player in the organization of the assassination.

Pretelt's name appears in the documents of the company CTU Security LLC, contracted in Miami, along with that of Venezuelan Antonio Intriago, also included in the photograph.

CTU organized the recruitment and shipment of the Colombian ex-military personnel and the lodging of the group in a luxurious hotel in Santo Domingo, where the doctor Christian Sanon, Antonio Intriago and the Haitian ex-senator John Joel Joseph met.

On the other hand, the Haitian police issued a search warrant on Saturday for a Haitian businessman based in Canada, as a new suspect in the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. The man was identified as Ashkard Joseph Pierre, whom the police consider very dangerous and is wanted on charges of murder and armed robbery.

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