

Mercenaries detained in Haiti admit responsibility for assassination



Jovenel Moïse was assassinated last July when a paramilitary commando broke into his home in the early hours of the morning. | Photo: File

Bogota, August 19 (RHC)-- Several Colombian ex-military men imprisoned in Haiti accepted their responsibility in the assassination of the president of that country, Jovenel Moïse. In a Colombian television report, the mercenaries admitted they were hired and trained to carry out the action last July 7th

at the president's residence in Port-au-Prince.

The TV report was based on 15 hours of audio recordings in which four of those involved narrate their version of what happened that morning and in the hours following the assassination.

According to the accounts, it was a former official of the Haitian Ministry of Justice who gave one of the Colombian ex-military officers the order for the operation that ended with the assassination of Moïse and the serious wounding of his wife, Martine Moïse.

The mercenaries said that the instructions were to kill any and everyone in the presidential house, including the policemen and the president's security team.

The information published by the Colombian media indicates with names and surnames, who shot President Moïse.

It was reported that the assault on Moïse's residence lasted about half an hour and that after assassinating the president, the mercenaries searched for money and valuables.

The assassination of Moïse was committed, according to investigations, by a commando of 26 mercenaries who broke into the presidential residence without encountering any resistance from the security forces guarding the president.

According to the most recent police data, 44 persons are in custody, among them 12 members of the police, as well as 18 Colombians, mostly retired military personnel, and six Haitians, three of them naturalized U.S. citizens.

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