

Haitian opposition leader says it's time for revolution



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"I am not asking you to carry firearms. Buy machetes to lead the revolution," the 55-year-old former senator told Haitians during a massive march, which began on Champ de Mars and headed toward the U.S. embassy.

"The time for revolution has come," the Pitit Dessalines politician said, radically rejecting the interference of the United States and other countries in the internal affairs of Haiti.

The police fired an overwhelming amount of tear gas at the protesters and Moise, who suffocated and had to be treated urgently by his family and friends. "Your grace period is over. Haiti is a great people. We are not your backyard," the leftist leader said in front of the U.S. embassy, where he warned that Prime Minister Henry "will never sleep soundly if he doesn't resign."

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