

More than 50 killed in gang clashes in Haiti

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Port-au-Prince, July 12 (RHC)-- The mayor of the Cité Soleil commune, in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, Joël Janéus, reported more than 50 dead and at least a hundred wounded as a result of the confrontation between armed gangs, which began last Friday.

Janéus said, quoted by Le Nouvelliste, that "the number has increased. There are at least 52 dead, including some 40 in the camps of the opposing groups, G-9 and G-Pep". He also stated that among the dead are young people who had no links with the gangs.

As for the number of wounded, so far, he said that there were 110 and that "most of them are members of the population fleeing the fighting." The official added that several wounded are in serious condition.

The mayor added that the residents of the village report that the water service is being affected, as well as several products of the basic family basket.

In view of the situation, the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (Binuh) deplored the latest clashes between armed gangs that caused terror in the areas of Bas Delmas, Croix-des-Missions, Santo, Tabarre, as well as in the commune of Cité Soleil.

Gang warfare has intensified in Haiti in recent months, with fighting so far leaving some 200 people dead, half of them civilians, and more than 30,000 displaced.

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