

# Haiti: Commemoration of February 29, 2004 Coup d'Etat: Canada Owes Haiti More Than Apology, Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal, New Glasgow NS

Speaker Mario Joseph

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*As we approach the 10th anniversary of the February 29, 2004 Coup d'Etat that toppled Haiti's democratically-elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide, hundreds of Canadians, across the country, have signed a letter of apology to Haiti for the role they say Canada played in the violent overthrow.*

*University of Ottawa Professor of Economics Michel Chossudovsky says the Canadian Government should, in fact, face legal action for the part it played in the Haitian 2004 Coup d'etat, " a crime against humanity" ([plus que des excuses](#) - AUDIO Excerpt of Bouyon Rasin, Feb 23, 2014 Interview, in French)*

In the online Letter of Apology ( [www.apologytohaiti.ca](http://www.apologytohaiti.ca) ), the authors cite [Records of the Canadian Parliament](#) which show that on March 10, 2004, ten days after the coup, Conservative MP Stockwell Day, then-foreign affairs critic for the opposition, declared in Parliament:

"... we have an elected leader Aristide. We may not have wanted to vote for him... But the (Canadian) government makes a decision that there should be a regime change. It is a serious question that we need to address. That decision was based on what criteria? We must have this discussion...This was clearly a regime change. Whether we like to admit it or not, we took part."

Haiti solidarity actions, commemorating the Coup d'etat are held in several Canadian cities, this week.

<http://canadahaitiaction.ca/content/speaking-tour-canada-haitian-human-rights-defender-mario-joseph>

Haiti's most prominent human rights defender, Attorney Mario Joseph, will speak in:



- Montreal: [Sunday, Feb. 23, 4 pm \(en français\)](#), 10007 rue Parthenais, organized

by CUMAJ and Haïti Action Montreal; and [Thursday, Feb. 27, 7 pm](#), 1212 rue Panet (anglais et français), organized by Haïti Action Montreal, others.

- Toronto: [Monday, Feb. 24, 7 pm](#), at U of T, 45 Willcocks St. (New College). Organized by Toronto Haiti Action Committee.
- Ottawa: Friday, Feb. 28 (Press Conference @ 11 am – Videotron Press Room, 25 Laurier Ave., Gatineau, & Discussion @ 7 pm, 233 Gilmour St., one block west of Elgin. Organized by Akasan, Kozayiti/Ottawa Haiti Solidarity Committee, others. Info: Contact Jean Saint-Vil (613) 482-2549

A closing Haiti Solidarity event will take place in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia: Saturday March 1, a protest organized by The Atlantic Regional Solidarity Network



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