

Haiti: Constitutionally Elected Prime Minister arrested by US Puppet Regime

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Yvon Neptune Arrested, June 27, 2004

Last week, the Constitutionally appointed Prime Minister of Haiti, Yvon Neptune, courageously came out of hiding after his initial first statement demanding an investigation of the Coup D'état back in early March, 2004 and publicly denounced the systemic political repression of the Haitian people by the un-elected Latortue U.S.-backed regime.

This morning, Sunday, June 27, 2004, at 10:00 am, Yvon Neptune, Haiti's legitimate Prime Minister was arrested by the imported U.S. dictator, Gerald Latortue.

Meanwhile, the likes of Jean Tatoune and Guy Philippe, who have murdered countless Haitian civilians, roam Haiti freely, administering "justice" and being referred to by the un-elected Gerald Latortue, as "freedom fighters." Meantime, the U.S. authorities in Haiti, along with their imported, un-elected and truly corrupt and intolerant new regime, continue urging all of Haiti's resisters and true freedom lovers to accept their rule by force and might as a "fait accompli;" to accept impunity and lawlessness; to remain silent and accepting as foreign troops and un-elected "Haitian" representatives in Haiti sanction the manacling of 5-year old Haitian children, jailing of 69-year old grandmothers; to remain quiet and passive as they totally gut and destroy the bicentennial commemorations, foster an unparalleled climate of fear and insecurity in Haiti; fleece Haitian laborers; to remain quiet as Latortue and Gousse jail countless Haitian civilians with no legal warrants against them, as in the case of the ever honorable Minister Yvon Neptune.

Doing his legal tenure, President Aristide was constantly being accused of human rights violations by people with suspect agendas such as the Jesse Helms/Roger Noreiga State Department within the U.S. government and their Haitian technocrats, funded business elites, by bitter ex-Lavalas sell-outs, death squad mercenaries, bitter disbanded army and FRAPH paramilitaries murderers. Now these fascists are in power in Haiti and the human and civil rights debacle they had accused the People government about, is no longer manufactured. It's real. Thousands upon thousands more Haitians have died in the last few months and millions upon millions have been subjected to systemic, state-sponsored political repression and arrests under this illegal, US-backed regime and their murderous death squads and illegitimate police than under all the People's elected governments of the past ten years.

The Haitian Lawyers Leadership strongly denounces the continued political repression of the masses of Haiti's peoples. For, despite the lies the mainstream media has propagated, everyone in the know, understands that "Lavalas" in Haiti is synonymous with "Haitian self-

determination” and the Haitian poor’s “people-power”, not facists-rule-by-force-chimere-power.

Rule by the gun and bullet and by terror, arbitrary, capricious and mostly warrant-less jailings, are, as these last unendurable months in Haitian life have clearly proven, the realms of Latortue, Gousse, the former-opposition, Jean Tatoune, DEA-suspected drugdealer and convicted murderer Guy Philippe and traditional un-electable business elites, such as, sweatshop kingpin, Andre Apaid, Jr.

The Haitian Lawyers Leadership denounces the repression of Lavalas supporters by the business elites, their death squads, re-constituted army officers and, as supported and tolerated by U.S. regime-change policymakers, NCHR and the Haiti Democracy Project. We call on freedom loving people worldwide to denounce this new arrest and especially appeal to U.S. Congress members, the Black Caucus, CARICOM, the African Union and the OAS to continue to push to investigate these arrests, these systemic and state-supported human rights violations in Haiti and the Coup D’etat’s continued repercussions, especially as evidenced today by the arrest of Yvon Neptune for doing his job as the Prime Minister of the then free Republic of Haiti in February before the Coup D’etat and foreign occupation.

We urge everyone from the Network to contact their representatives, the U.N. and Ambassador Foley to denounce the arrest of the only legitimate Prime Minister of Haiti and to demand the immediate release of all political prisoners as well as for the U.S. to stop supporting death squad leaders and un-elected Prime Ministers. We also ask that everyone write to their local and national media <http://capwiz.com/wa/dbq/media/> or <http://www.americanreview.us/mediadd.htm> about the political persecution and arrest of Yvon Neptune and the continued political repression and silencing of the true Haitian freedom fighters and democracy supporters in Haiti.

When you write to the media, U.S. Congress, CARICOM and the OAS, give the example of the arrest of Prime Minister Yvon Neptune, So Ann, the illegal home invasion/arrest at the home of the Mayor of Milo; the illegal disbanding and killings during the May 18, 2004 demonstration; the 3,000 Haitians killed by the death squads in their head long run to rule Haiti by the gun; the inestimable property destruction; countless internal refugees in hiding for fear of the sort of arrest we see with this Yvon Neptune persecution. Urge that CARICOM stand firm in not recognizing the Latortue government and in denouncing these grave, illegal and unconscionable attempts to re-enslave the Haitian public through dictatorship.

Urge that OAS begin its investigation of the massacre of Haiti’s democracy by a tiny, un-electable opposition along with their well-armed outside forces and death squads now ruling Haiti and imprisoning any and all peaceful resisters and the Haitian people’s duly authorized defenders of Haitian sovereignty.

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“Men anpil chaj pa lou” is Kreyol for – “Many hands make light a heavy load.”

See, The Haitian Leadership Networks’ 7 “men anpil chaj palou” campaigns to help restore Haiti’s independence, the will of the mass electorate and the rule of law. See, <http://www.margueritelautent.com/pressclips/haitianlawyers.html> ; <http://www.margueritelautent.com/campaigns/campaigns.html>

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