



# **POLITIK AYITI | ONE-STOP INTELLIGENCE BRIEF**

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*Intelligence for Haiti's Democratic Transition*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The November 30 electoral decree deadline expired without publication as the fractured CPT failed to sign the document, rendering the August 30, 2026 election timeline mathematically invalid and exposing the "Haitian-led solution" as functionally dead. Over the same weekend, Gran Grif gang forces launched their second massacre in Port-Sondé within 14 months, killing approximately 12 civilians and maintaining control of the town for 48+ hours despite PNH claims of territorial gains. With the TPS termination date locked at February 3, 2026—just four days before the CPT's constitutional expiration—Haiti now faces a predictable governance vacuum and potential mass deportation crisis with no electoral pathway forward.

**MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS**

**DEVELOPMENT #1: Electoral Decree Deadline Expires—Transition Roadmap Collapses**

As of Monday morning, the November 30 deadline for publishing the electoral decree passed without action, as the Conseil Présidentiel de Transition (CPT) failed to sign the document submitted by the Provisional Electoral Council (CEP) on November 14.[1][2]

The Breakdown:

The decree was blocked by the CPT's internal fracture between the "majority" faction (Gilles/Leblanc/Jean) and Prime Minister Fils-Aimé's allies. Sanctioned member Fritz Alphonse Jean remains defiant despite US visa revocations, using the decree as leverage in his power struggle with the PM.[3][4]

Operational Consequence:

The CEP's calendar, which scheduled the first round of elections for August 30, 2026, is now technically invalid. The CEP explicitly stated its operational timeline was "dependent on the publication of the decree within the allotted timeframe." [1] Without the decree, voter registration cannot begin, the mandatory 30% women candidate quota cannot be enforced, and diaspora voting logistics cannot be implemented.

Prime Minister's Failed Maneuver:

PM Fils-Aimé convened an emergency Council of Government on Friday, November 28, attempting to "accelerate" the review and bypass CPT obstruction.[2] However, legal authority to publish the decree rests exclusively with the Presidency (CPT), not the Executive. The PM's maneuver exposed his inability to act unilaterally despite international backing.

Three February 7 Scenarios:

With elections now impossible before the CPT's constitutional mandate expires on February 7, 2026, Haiti faces three outcomes:

PM Decree Governance: Fils-Aimé governs by decree with US/OAS backing, effectively dissolving the CPT

CPT Extension: International community brokers unconstitutional extension beyond February 7

Governance Vacuum: CPT expires with no succession plan, triggering constitutional crisis

None involve democratic elections.

Strategic Significance:

The deadline's expiration without even a public CPT statement confirms complete institutional collapse. The Presidential Council cannot coordinate basic administrative functions, much less organize elections. For international partners who invested diplomatic capital in the CPT model since April 2024, this represents the definitive failure of the "Haitian-led transition."

**DEVELOPMENT #2: Gran Grif Launches Second Port-Sondé Massacre—12+ Dead, Town Still Under Gang Control**

Heavily armed Gran Grif gang members launched a large-scale attack on Port-Sondé (Artibonite) over the weekend of November 29-30, marking the second major massacre in the town within 14 months.[5][6]

Casualties and Current Status:

Local official Guerby Simeus confirmed "nearly a dozen deaths" (approximately 11-12 victims) as of Monday

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morning, including women and children. The death toll is expected to rise as bodies are recovered from burned homes.[6][5]

Critically, gang members remained in control of the town as of Monday morning. Simeus noted that "no additional police had arrived" despite the attack lasting over 48 hours, leaving residents trapped with no state protection.[6]

**The Devastating Pattern Repeats:**

This attack marks the second time Gran Grif has massacred Port-Sondé civilians. On October 3, 2024, the gang killed over 100 people in the same town, forcing mass displacement.[7] The fact that Gran Grif could return 14 months later and conduct another coordinated massacre—then hold the territory for 48+ hours—demonstrates catastrophic failure by both the Haitian National Police (PNH) and the Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission.

**Mocks PNH's Friday Victory Claims:**

The attack occurred just 48 hours after the PNH's November 29 press conference claiming territorial gains, including reducing downtown Port-au-Prince gang control from 32% to 20.89%.[8] Gran Grif's ability to conduct a massacre 70 miles north of the capital while the PNH celebrated "progress" exposes the fantasy underlying official security assessments.

**MSS Defensive Posture Fails Rural Zones:**

The Kenyan-led MSS mission operates under Rules of Engagement (ROE) that limit operations to defensive patrols in Port-au-Prince. The force lacks the mandate, resources, or tactical flexibility to conduct offensive operations against gang bases like Savien (Gran Grif's stronghold) or protect rural food corridors in Artibonite.[7]

**Humanitarian Crisis:**

Port-Sondé residents are fleeing toward Saint-Marc for the second time in 14 months, creating a new displacement wave. The Artibonite region is Haiti's agricultural heartland—continued gang control of these routes will manifest as food price inflation in Port-au-Prince within 2-3 weeks.

**DEVELOPMENT #3: Dual Deadline Convergence Locked—TPS February 3 + CPT February 7**

The US Federal Register officially confirmed that Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti will terminate at 11:59 p.m. on February 3, 2026, creating a mathematically locked four-day convergence with the CPT's constitutional expiration on February 7, 2026.[9][10]

**The Predictable Crisis Window:**

February 3, 2026 (11:59 PM): TPS designation ends, triggering potential deportation proceedings for 350,000+ Haitian holders

February 7, 2026: CPT constitutional mandate expires without elections

Four-Day Window: Mass deportation orders converge with governance vacuum

**Diaspora Legal Mobilization:**

Immigration attorneys and advocacy groups are filing emergency injunctions this week in US federal courts (Southern District of Florida, District of Massachusetts, Southern District of New York), arguing that deportations violate the non-refoulement principle.[11] Their evidence:

US State Department's Own Assessment: Level 4 "Do Not Travel" advisory due to "kidnapping, crime, civil unrest"

No Functioning Airport: Toussaint Louverture International remains closed to commercial aviation following November 23 gunfire incident[12]

International Consensus: UN, OAS, and humanitarian agencies assess gang territorial control at 80-90% of Port-au-Prince

**Economic Impact:**

With the February 3 deadline confirmed, diaspora communities are entering defensive financial postures. Haitian TPS holders are reducing remittance flows, hoarding savings, and liquidating non-essential US assets. This will manifest as economic contraction in Haiti throughout Q1 2026, as remittances account for approximately 25-30%

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of GDP.

### Currency Stability Misleading:

The gourde remains stable at 130.64 HTG/USD as of Monday,[13] but this reflects paralyzed economic activity rather than confidence. The triple shock—electoral failure, Port-Sondé massacre, TPS termination—has not yet been priced into currency markets. Expect devaluation pressure in January 2026.

### IMPACT RATING: 10/10 - CRITICAL FAILURE

Rationale: Monday, December 1, 2025 confirms the total collapse of Haiti's democratic transition. The missed November 30 deadline proves the CPT cannot perform basic administrative functions, much less organize elections. The Port-Sondé massacre—with gang forces holding the town 48+ hours without PNH response—exposes catastrophic security failure and makes a mockery of official "territorial gains" claims. The locked February 3-7 dual deadline creates a predictable, unavoidable convergence crisis where 350,000 potential deportees face return to a country with no functioning government, no elections, and gangs controlling 80-90% of the capital. These are not theoretical risks—they are operational realities with published dates and confirmed casualty counts.

### IMPLICATIONS BY STAKEHOLDER

International Organizations (UN, OAS, NGOs)

Immediate Actions Required:

US State Department Response: Issue public statement condemning CPT's failure to publish decree within 24 hours—signal shift in US position toward PM decree governance model or alternative framework

MSS Mandate Reassessment: Convene emergency UN Security Council session this week to address Port-Sondé massacre and MSS Rules of Engagement failure—current defensive posture allows massacres in rural zones while mission guards Port-au-Prince

February 7 Contingency Planning: Begin coordinating response protocols for CPT mandate expiration—determine whether international community backs PM decree governance, brokers CPT extension, or prepares for vacuum

Reality-Based Security Assessments: Disregard PNH's "20% gang control" claims and base operational decisions on verifiable indicators (airport closed, WFP logistics shifted to Cap-Haïtien, displacement patterns, casualty counts)

Recommended Decision: Acknowledge CPT failure publicly; signal support for PM decree governance as interim solution with conditions (human rights monitoring, anti-corruption safeguards, timeline for genuine elections once security permits); demand MSS mandate expansion to offensive operations against gang bases

### Businesses

Immediate Actions Required:

Abandon August 2026 Planning: Any business continuity plans based on "elections in 2026" must be scrapped immediately—electoral timeline is mathematically impossible, revise scenarios to prolonged transition (2+ years) or February breakdown

Food Supply Chain Crisis: Gran Grif's 48-hour control of Port-Sondé threatens Artibonite food corridor—diversify supply routes through northern corridor (Cap-Haïtien), stockpile essential commodities, hedge against 20-30% price inflation in Q1 2026

Airport Closure Indefinite: Week 3 of no commercial flights to Port-au-Prince—expat staff remain trapped, coordinate with embassies for chartered evacuation contingency, assume no resumption through end of 2025

Currency Devaluation Preparation: Gourde stability is artificial (paralyzed activity, not confidence)—expect Q1 2026 shock when TPS remittances reverse and February crisis hits, hedge HTG exposure aggressively

Recommended Decision: Shift all operational planning to "extended crisis" baseline; maintain capital lockdown

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indefinitely; accelerate northern corridor infrastructure investments; prepare 30-40% food price inflation scenarios; establish emergency extraction protocols for international personnel

### Political Actors

#### Immediate Actions Required:

PM Fils-Aimé Empowerment Window: The CPT's failure creates political space for PM to announce decree governance with international backing—expect announcement within 72 hours, likely with US/OAS public support

Fritz Jean's Endgame: Jean's defiance directly caused deadline failure—he faces overwhelming pressure to resign, but may calculate that forcing CPT collapse serves his interests (avoids legitimizing PM's authority)

Post-CPT Positioning: Political parties must abandon electoral campaign planning immediately and position for governance continuity negotiations—question is not "who wins 2026 elections" but "what governing structure replaces CPT on February 7"

Opposition Mobilization Risk: Deadline failure may trigger protests/general strikes by opposition groups demanding CPT resignation—prepare for "pays lock" scenarios in coming weeks

Recommended Decision: Signal public support for PM decree governance as least-bad option; demand Fritz Jean resignation to salvage CPT credibility; prepare for non-electoral transition to permanent government; focus on governance legitimacy (international recognition, operational capacity) rather than electoral legitimacy

### Diaspora

#### Immediate Actions Required:

File Legal Challenges This Week: Immigration attorneys must submit emergency injunctions to federal courts immediately—Port-Sondé massacre strengthens non-refoulement arguments (US cannot deport to active war zone where gangs hold territory for 48+ hours without police response)

Evidence Documentation for Legal Cases: TPS holders should compile comprehensive evidence packages: (1) State Department Level 4 advisory, (2) Airport closure documentation (no deportation logistics possible), (3) UN gang control assessments (80-90%), (4) Port-Sondé massacre timing and casualty reports

Community Legal Defense Fund: Organize coordinated fundraising for multi-jurisdiction litigation strategy—individual cases are weak, but class-action injunctions targeting 350,000-person cohort with unified evidence creates stronger legal position

Financial Defensive Posture: Begin strategic asset preservation—DO NOT liquidate US property prematurely (legal challenges may delay deportations 6-12 months), but prepare contingency funds for legal fees, family support, and potential emergency returns

Recommended Decision: File injunctions in Southern District of Florida (Miami), District of Massachusetts (Boston), and Southern District of New York this week; coordinate with national immigration advocacy organizations for amicus briefs; leverage Port-Sondé massacre as evidence of unsafe conditions; prepare media campaign highlighting deportation-to-war-zone contradiction

### WHAT TO WATCH NEXT

CRITICAL: US State Department Response (24 Hours)

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What to Monitor:

Public Statement on Deadline Failure: Will State Department issue condemnation of CPT's inability to publish decree? Or maintain diplomatic silence?

Signals on PM Support: Any indication that US will back PM Fils-Aimé governing by decree as alternative to failed CPT?

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Sanctions Escalation: Will US impose additional measures on Fritz Jean faction for obstructing transition?

Binary Outcomes:

If Strong Condemnation: Signals US abandoning CPT model, empowers PM decree governance

If Diplomatic Silence: Suggests US still attempting to broker CPT internal compromise (unlikely to succeed)

Immediate (24-48 hours)

Port-Sondé Death Toll Revision - Bodies still being recovered; if toll reaches 20+, international outcry will intensify pressure for MSS offensive mandate

PNH Counter-Offensive? - Will police attempt to retake Port-Sondé after 48-hour gang occupation? Or concede territory permanently?

CPT Internal Statement - Will Presidential Council issue any public explanation for missing deadline? Silence confirms institutional death

This Week (Dec 2 - Dec 8)

Core Group Emergency Session - US, Canada, France, Brazil, EU, UN, OAS must coordinate response to CPT failure and Port-Sondé massacre—expect meetings in Port-au-Prince or Washington by Friday

Diaspora Legal Filings - TPS injunction lawsuits expected in federal courts (Miami, Boston, New York) citing Port-Sondé massacre and airport closure as evidence

PM Decree Governance Announcement - If Fils-Aimé moves to govern by decree, expect formal announcement with international backing by end of week

Gourde Market Reaction - When will currency price in triple shock (electoral failure + massacre + TPS crisis)?

Currently stable at 130 HTG/USD but lag is temporary

Sunrise Airways Negotiations - Any indication of security measures enabling flight resumption? Or complete stalemate through December holidays?

Strategic (Through February 7, 2026)

Post-CPT Governance Framework Decision - International community must choose by mid-December: support PM decree governance, broker CPT extension, or prepare for vacuum

TPS Legal Timeline - Federal courts typically take 4-6 weeks for emergency injunction hearings; expect preliminary rulings in January 2026

MSS Mission Future - Kenya's mandate discussion in early 2026; Port-Sondé massacre may accelerate withdrawal if offensive ROE not granted

Food Security Crisis - Gran Griff control of Artibonite corridor will manifest as Port-au-Prince food price inflation by mid-December; WFP emergency distributions likely

Key Inflection Point: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 - The US State Department's response (or lack thereof) to the missed electoral deadline will determine whether Haiti transitions to PM decree governance with international support, or descends further into institutional paralysis. The CPT has proven incapable of basic governance—the question is whether international partners acknowledge this reality or continue propping up a failed institution.

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