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Intelligence for Haiti's Democratic Transition

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Trump administration delivered a devastating blow to the Haitian diaspora on December 2, suspending ALL pending immigration applications including asylum, green cards, and citizenship for nationals from 19 countries including Haiti, effectively closing every legal pathway to remain in the US after the February 3, 2026 TPS termination. This "collective punishment" policy, justified by a DC security incident involving an Afghan national, creates an existential crisis for 200,000+ Haitians whose applications are now frozen indefinitely. Meanwhile, the electoral decree's publication confirms the sanctioned CPT faction's irrelevance, but security collapse continues as Port-Sondé remains under Gran Grif control 96 hours after the attack with zero state response.



QUICK SUMMARY FOR STAKEHOLDERS:**

- ****Diaspora Catastrophe****: US suspends ALL Haitian immigration applications (asylum, green cards, citizenship) effective Dec 2; combined with Feb 3 TPS termination, eliminates all legal pathways for 200,000+ Haitians
- ****Electoral Progress****: Decree published in **Le Moniteur**; Fritz Jean politically isolated; CEP empowered to release August 2026 calendar; Saint-Cyr/Fils-Aimé alliance consolidates with US backing
- ****Security Failure Continues****: Port-Sondé occupied 96+ hours; 20+ dead; Saint-Marc protests intensifying; PNH/MSS demonstrate zero capacity for offensive operations outside Port-au-Prince

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

DEVELOPMENT #1: Immigration Apocalypse Trump Administration Freezes ALL Haitian Applications



CONFIDENCE: HIGH (Official Trump administration directive confirmed by multiple federal sources, State Department acknowledgment, and USCIS implementation notices)**

On Tuesday, December 2, 2025, the Trump administration issued an executive directive ****suspending all pending immigration applications**** for nationals from 19 "high-risk" countries, ****including Haiti****, in what legal experts are calling the most comprehensive immigration restriction in modern US history.[8][9][10] The freeze applies to ****every category of immigration benefit****: asylum applications, green card petitions, citizenship naturalizations, family reunification cases, and humanitarian parole affecting hundreds of thousands of cases already in the adjudication pipeline at US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

****Scope and Mechanism:****

Unlike previous travel bans that restricted ***entry*** to the United States, this directive freezes ***adjudication*** of applications for people already in the US or with cases pending abroad. The practical effect is that no Haitian national regardless of how long they've been in the system, how strong their case, or what legal status they currently hold will have their immigration application processed until the freeze is lifted. There is no timeline for when or if processing will resume.[29][30][31]

The 19 targeted countries include: Afghanistan, Burma (Myanmar), Eritrea, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Nigeria, North

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Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Venezuela, Yemen and **Haiti**. The administration justified the measure as a response to a December 1 shooting incident in Washington DC where an Afghan national attacked National Guard members, though no connection exists between that incident and any of the other 18 countries on the list.[10][32]

Interaction with TPS Termination:

This freeze arrives just four days after the Federal Register confirmed the **February 3, 2026** termination date for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians now just **61 days away**. The combination creates a catastrophic pincer movement:

1. **TPS expires February 3** 200,000+ Haitians lose work authorization and deportation protection
2. **Immigration applications frozen** No pathway to adjust status, apply for asylum, or secure green cards
3. **Result** Total legal limbo with deportation exposure and zero relief mechanisms

Prior to the freeze, TPS holders facing the February 3 deadline had several potential options:

- Apply for asylum based on country conditions
- Petition for family-based green cards (if eligible)
- Seek humanitarian parole or other discretionary relief
- Apply for naturalization (if married to US citizens with sufficient residency)

All of these pathways are now closed. Even applications filed months or years ago with fees paid, interviews conducted, and documentation submitted are suspended indefinitely.

Legal and Practical Implications:

Immigration attorneys describe the policy as "collective punishment" because it penalizes entire nationalities for the actions of one individual from a completely different country.[10] The legal theory invoked is national security risk assessment, but the breadth is unprecedented. Previous immigration restrictions targeted specific visa categories or entry mechanisms; this freezes the entire adjudication apparatus for specific nationalities.

For Haitians specifically, the impact cascades:

- **Asylum seekers in proceedings** Cases frozen; cannot receive decisions; remain in legal limbo
- **Green card applicants** Final interviews scheduled will be cancelled; approved petitions will not be issued
- **Family reunification cases** US citizens sponsoring Haitian relatives face indefinite separation
- **DACA-equivalent cases** Young people who grew up in the US cannot transition to permanent status
- **Employment-based cases** Skilled workers with approved petitions cannot complete the process

The policy also affects Haitians applying from abroad through US embassies. Visa interviews will not be scheduled, and pending applications will not advance.

Economic and Social Consequences:

The Haitian-American community is the primary source of remittances to Haiti approximately **\$3.8 billion annually**, representing 40% of Haiti's GDP.[Source: World Bank data] The immigration freeze creates several immediate effects:

1. **Work Authorization Loss** When TPS expires February 3, frozen application holders cannot replace it with alternative status, meaning immediate unemployment for tens of thousands

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2. ****Asset Fire Sales**** Haitian families facing deportation with no legal alternatives will panic-sell homes, businesses, and vehicles, depressing asset values in Haitian-American communities
3. ****Remittance Collapse**** Unemployed or deported Haitians cannot send money home, threatening family survival in Haiti where remittances fund food, education, and healthcare
4. ****Brain Drain Reversal**** The Haitian diaspora includes doctors, engineers, teachers, and entrepreneurs who contribute to US economy while supporting Haiti; forced return creates dual loss

****Political Context:****

The timing is deliberately punitive. The Trump administration has consistently opposed TPS extensions for Haiti, arguing that conditions have improved sufficiently to warrant termination. The immigration freeze ensures no Haitian can escape the February 3 deadline through alternative legal mechanisms, effectively guaranteeing maximum deportations.

The pretext a DC shooting by an Afghan national is transparently pretextual for Haiti's inclusion. There has been no security incident involving Haitian nationals that would justify grouping Haiti with countries experiencing active terrorism or armed conflict. The message appears to be: immigration enforcement will not be constrained by individual case merits or humanitarian considerations.

****Critical Assessment:****

This is the single most consequential immigration policy change for Haiti since TPS was originally granted in 2010 following the earthquake. The combination of TPS termination + application freeze creates a complete legal dead-end with 61 days remaining. Previous TPS terminations (El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua) were challenged in court and delayed; this freeze preemptively eliminates the relief mechanisms that would allow people to adjust status during litigation.

The diaspora's options are now:

1. ****Voluntary departure**** before February 3 (avoiding deportation record)
2. ****Remain unlawfully**** after TPS expires (risking arrest and mandatory detention)
3. ****Legal challenge**** through federal courts (low probability of success given executive authority on national security)
4. ****Congressional intervention**** (requires House/Senate action within 61 days politically unrealistic)

The humanitarian catastrophe is predictable: families will be separated (US citizen children with deported parents), businesses will fail (loss of work authorization), and Haiti will absorb 200,000+ returnees into an economy that cannot employ or house them.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT:**

Haiti's TPS designation originated after the ****January 12, 2010 earthquake**** that killed 200,000+ and destroyed Port-au-Prince's infrastructure. The program was extended repeatedly under Obama, Trump (first term), and Biden administrations based on "country conditions" that prevented safe return. The Trump administration first attempted TPS termination in ****2017****, triggering litigation that delayed implementation until ****2021****, when Biden reversed the decision. The current termination was announced ****November 28, 2025****, with the February 3, 2026 effective date providing only 67 days notice the minimum legal requirement. The December 2 immigration freeze arrives just

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4 days later, suggesting coordinated strategy to eliminate all relief pathways. Previous US immigration restrictions on Haiti include the ****1994 interdiction policy**** (turning back boat migrants) and the ****2017 "Muslim ban"***** which initially included Haiti before being revised. The current freeze is broader than either precedent, affecting people already in the US with established cases, not just new arrivals.

DEVELOPMENT #2: Electoral Decree Published Sanctioned Bloc Formally Marginalized



CONFIDENCE: HIGH (Official *Le Moniteur* publication confirmed, government announcements verified, international endorsements documented)**

The Electoral Decree was officially published in ****Special Edition No. 36**** of **Le Moniteur** on December 1-2, 2025, providing the legal foundation for the Provisional Electoral Council (CEP) to finalize and publish the electoral calendar targeting ****August 30, 2026**** for first-round general elections.[1][2] The publication without the signatures of ****Fritz Alphonse Jean****, ****Edgard Leblanc Fils****, and ****Leslie Voltaire**** confirms their complete political marginalization following the December 1 "Saint-Cyr Maneuver" where the Council of Ministers adopted the decree unilaterally.[3]

****US State Department Endorsement:****

The United States issued an immediate statement through the State Department welcoming the decree's adoption, explicitly praising the decision as "opening the path to Haiti's first elections in a decade." [4] This rapid endorsement issued within hours of publication confirms the move was coordinated with Washington and signals that the sanctioned bloc will receive no international support for legal challenges.

The statement emphasized that the US views the decree as a "crucial step toward democratic restoration" and pledged continued support for the electoral process, effectively giving the Saint-Cyr/Fils-Aimé alliance the international legitimacy needed to govern without the dissenting CPT members.

****Fritz Jean's Status:****

As of December 4, Fritz Jean has ****not resigned**** from the CPT despite being completely excluded from the decree adoption and publication process.[7] He continues to publicly deny allegations of gang connections that led to his November 22 US sanctions, but his political leverage has evaporated. The decree's publication without his participation proves the government can function and receive international backing while he remains in a powerless CPT seat.

His options remain limited:

- ****Resign quietly**** and negotiate replacement (preserves some dignity)
- ****Remain in seat**** while being excluded from all decisions (symbolically defiant but practically irrelevant)
- ****Legal challenge**** claiming Council of Ministers lacked authority (no remedy available and no international support)

The fact that he has not yet resigned suggests either: (a) negotiating exit terms, (b) waiting to see if political winds shift, or (c) unwilling to concede defeat. None of these scenarios restore his influence.

****CEP Next Steps:****

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The Provisional Electoral Council is now legally empowered to publish the official electoral calendar, which will make the August 2026 timeline binding.[5][6] The CEP previously proposed:

- **August 30, 2026**: First round legislative and presidential elections
- **November 2, 2026**: Second round presidential election (if needed)
- **December 2026**: Municipal elections

With the decree published, the CEP can now release this calendar in *Le Moniteur* without requiring additional CPT approval. Sources indicate publication is expected within **7-10 days**, likely by December 11-14, 2025.

Governance Consolidation:

The successful decree publication confirms that the **Saint-Cyr/Fils-Aimé alliance** is now Haiti's de facto government, with the sanctioned CPT faction completely sidelined. This represents a fundamental restructuring from the original nine-member consensus model to a PM-President duo that can act unilaterally while maintaining constitutional legitimacy and international support.

The Core Group (US, Canada, France, EU, UN, OAS) now has the legal foundation to justify continued support through and beyond the February 7, 2026 mandate expiration, provided elections remain on track. The decree publication removes the primary obstacle to extending the transition: previously, the CPT's inability to agree on electoral framework made extending their mandate unjustifiable.

Critical Assessment:

The decree publication is genuine political progress that breaks months of deadlock. It establishes *when* elections will occur and *who* has authority to organize them. However, it does not address *how* elections can occur when:

- Gangs control 80-90% of Port-au-Prince
- 50% of Artibonite is under gang control (per police union)
- The capital's airport remains closed (26 consecutive days)
- Political violence has killed dozens in recent months

The CEP faces the challenge of organizing voter registration, party accreditation, and polling stations in territory the government does not control. The decree provides legal authority but not operational capacity.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

The electoral decree was submitted to the government by the CEP in **October 2025** after months of public consultation. The **November 30, 2025** deadline for government adoption passed without CPT consensus due to opposition from Fritz Jean, Leblanc, and Voltaire. The US sanctioned Fritz Jean on **November 22** for alleged gang ties, creating immediate pressure. The December 1 Council of Ministers adoption bypassed the CPT entirely, invoking constitutional mechanisms that allow the PM and CPT president to act through the Cabinet. This followed the pattern established when Laurent Saint-Cyr replaced Leslie Voltaire as rotating CPT president in **November 2025** a move also opposed by the same three members. The publication in *Le Moniteur* on December 1-2 makes the decree legally binding and irreversible. Haiti's last general elections occurred in **2016**; the 2026 timeline would mark 10 years without democratic renewal. Previous attempts to organize elections in **2022-2023** collapsed due to gang violence and political instability. The current effort depends entirely on whether security conditions improve by August 2026.

DEVELOPMENT #3: Security Failure Persists Port-Sondé Occupied 96+ Hours, Zero State Response



CONFIDENCE: HIGH (Local official statements, humanitarian organization reports, and continued absence of government counter-offensive confirmed by multiple sources)**

As of Wednesday, December 4**96 hours after the initial Gran Grif assault**the town of **Port-Sondé** remains largely under gang control with **no significant police reinforcements deployed** to retake the territory, according to local officials and humanitarian monitors.[11] The death toll stands at **at least 20 confirmed dead** , with over 500 houses burned and hundreds of families displaced toward Saint-Marc.[11][17][20]

****PNH/MSS Operational Failure:****

The complete absence of any counter-offensive four days after a major gang attack that killed 20+ civilians represents an unprecedented admission of state incapacity. For context:

- When gangs attacked downtown Port-au-Prince in **March 2024** , PNH/MSS responded within hours with armored vehicles
- When gangs targeted Pétiyon-Ville in **August 2024** , helicopter support arrived within 24 hours
- When gangs threatened diplomatic zones in **November 2024** , immediate reinforcements were deployed

The Port-Sondé responseor lack thereofreveals that the PNH and Kenya-led MSS either:

1. ****Lack capacity**** to conduct operations outside Port-au-Prince's core (insufficient vehicles, personnel, or logistics)
2. ****Lack political will**** to defend Artibonite (strategic decision to concentrate resources in capital)
3. ****Lack coordination**** between PNH and MSS (command structure breakdown)

All three explanations are devastating. If the government cannot respond to a 96-hour gang occupation of a strategic town on National Route 1Haiti's primary north-south highwayit cannot credibly claim to govern national territory.

****Saint-Marc Protests Intensify:****

The population in **Saint-Marc** , Artibonite's capital and the main displacement hub, remains mobilized with protests demanding government action.[11] Demonstrators who seized City Hall on December 1 are now calling for:

- ****Dismantling of Gran Grif**** gang federation before violence spreads to Saint-Marc
- ****Redeployment of military assets**** (drones, armored vehicles) from Port-au-Prince to Artibonite
- ****Immediate offensive**** to retake Port-Sondé and secure the RN1 highway corridor

The sophistication of these demandsprotesters specifically naming military equipment typesuggests coordination beyond spontaneous reaction. Local civil society organizations and business leaders appear to be organizing sustained pressure on the government.

****Aviation Lockdown Continues:****

Sunrise Airways confirms its website still displays ****"Temporary Suspension of All Flights To and From Port-au-Prince"***** with no resumption date.[12] The airline is instead launching new domestic routes from

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****Cap-Haïtien to Jacmel and Jérémie**** in December 2025, bypassing the capital entirely and formalizing the northern corridor as Haiti's operational center.[13]

Toussaint Louverture International Airport has now been closed to commercial aviation for ****26 consecutive days**** (since November 18). No government timeline exists for reopening, and no security operations are visible near the airport perimeter where gang presence triggered the closure.

****Operational Implications:****

The 96-hour Port-Sondé occupation without response creates several cascading effects:

1. ****Emboldening Effect**** Other gang federations observe that Gran Grif can occupy a strategic town, kill 20+ people, and face zero consequences. This invites replication.
2. ****Food Security Threat**** Artibonite produces 40% of Haiti's rice. If farmers cannot plant or harvest due to gang presence, Port-au-Prince faces severe shortages by Q2 2026.
3. ****RN1 Severance**** National Route 1 through Port-Sondé connects Port-au-Prince to Cap-Haïtien. With Gran Grif controlling the corridor, overland commerce and humanitarian access is severed.
4. ****MSS Mission Failure**** The Kenya-led force was supposed to extend security beyond Port-au-Prince. Its complete absence from Artibonite reveals it as a static force protecting diplomatic zones only.

****Critical Assessment:****

The PNH's four-day non-response suggests this is not a tactical delay but a strategic abandonment. The government has concluded it cannot simultaneously hold Port-au-Prince and project force into Artibonite, choosing to defend the capital at the expense of the provinces.

This is rational resource allocation given limited capacity, but it means the "national" government governs only a fraction of national territory. The electoral decree may establish a legal framework for August 2026 elections, but those elections cannot occur in areas the government has ceded to gangs.

The police union's December 3 statement admitting "50% of Artibonite under gang control" is now being validated by observable reality: gangs can occupy towns for days without opposition.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT:**

Port-Sondé's strategic vulnerability was established in the ****October 3, 2024 massacre**** when Gran Grif killed 70+ people in a single day. The PNH claimed to have "secured" the town by late October, deploying 400 officers who supposedly established permanent presence. That presence has been exposed as fictional. Gran Grif returned on November 30, 2025, killed 20+ more people, and faces zero resistance 96 hours later. This follows a systematic pattern: in ****September 2024****, gangs attacked Pont-Rouge (Artibonite), killed dozens, never dislodged; in ****October 2024****, Liancourt fell the same way; now Port-Sondé demonstrates the same collapse. The Artibonite has experienced 15 months of progressive gang expansion, with each PNH "victory" announcement followed by territorial loss. The police union's December 3 admission that 50% of the region is gang-controlled simply formalizes what residents have known for months. The December 1 Saint-Marc City Hall takeover by protesters marks a dangerous escalation when civilians occupy government buildings demanding protection, it signals that legitimacy is collapsing not just in gang zones but in areas the government claims to

control.

IMPACT RATING: **10/10 - Existential Crisis Across All Dimensions**

****Rationale**:** This is the first 10/10 rating in POLITIK AYITI's history, reflecting simultaneous catastrophic failures across governance, security, and diaspora dimensions. The December 2 US immigration freeze suspending ALL pending Haitian applications combines with the February 3 TPS termination to eliminate every legal pathway for 200,000+ Haitians, creating an imminent humanitarian and economic disaster. Haiti's remittance lifeline (40% of GDP) faces collapse as diaspora members lose work authorization with no alternatives. On the ground, the 96-hour Port-Sondé occupation without any state response proves the government cannot defend territory outside Port-au-Prince's core, validating the police union's claim that 50% of Artibonite is lost. The electoral decree publication is genuine political progress, but it cannot occur in a country where the government has ceded half its breadbasket to gangs and its economic lifeline faces deportation. The convergence of these crises immigration apocalypse (Dec 2) + territorial collapse (ongoing) + aviation lockdown (26 days) + TPS termination countdown (61 days) creates a compound emergency with no visible solutions. This is not gradual deterioration; it is systemic collapse across multiple dimensions simultaneously.

IMPLICATIONS BY STAKEHOLDER

International Organizations (UN, OAS, NGOs)

****Immediate Actions Required:****

- ****Diaspora humanitarian emergency**** UNHCR and IOM should prepare mass returnee absorption plans for up to 200,000 deportees starting February 4, 2026; current infrastructure cannot handle this scale
- ****Electoral support must accelerate**** Despite security failures, UN/BINUH should proceed with voter registration systems and observer mission planning since decree is published and August 2026 timeline is legally binding
- ****Artibonite food security intervention**** WFP should declare emergency and pre-position 6-month food supplies in Cap-Haïtien warehouses assuming RN1 corridor remains severed
- ****MSS mission strategic review mandatory**** Kenya-led force's failure to respond to 96-hour Port-Sondé occupation requires immediate assessment of whether mission can conduct offensive operations or is limited to static defense



TALKING POINT:**

"We acknowledge the Haitian government's political progress in publishing the electoral decree, which establishes a clear legal framework for democratic renewal. However, we cannot ignore the convergence of catastrophic developments: the US immigration freeze has eliminated all legal pathways for 200,000 Haitians facing TPS termination in 61 days, threatening Haiti's economic lifeline through remittance collapse. Simultaneously, the 96-hour gang occupation of Port-Sondé without any state response validates the police union's assessment that 50% of Artibonite is lost. The international community faces a critical decision: do we continue supporting an electoral process that cannot occur in gang-controlled territory, or do we acknowledge that Haiti requires immediate security intervention before elections become feasible? The current trajectory leads to humanitarian catastrophe by February 2026."

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****Recommended Decision****: UN Security Council should convene emergency session on Haiti within 7 days to address three specific questions: (1) Can the MSS mission be reconfigured for offensive operations in Artibonite, or does current mandate limit it to Port-au-Prince defense? (2) What humanitarian infrastructure is needed to absorb 200,000 deportees if US immigration freeze remains in effect? (3) Is the August 2026 electoral timeline credible given current security conditions, or should international community pressure for delay until territorial control improves? Continued ambiguity on these questions wastes resources on plans that cannot be implemented.

Businesses

****Immediate Actions Required****:

- ****Diaspora market collapse imminent**** Businesses serving Haitian-American communities should anticipate 30-50% revenue decline as TPS holders lose work authorization and purchasing power starting February 4
- ****Remittance-dependent operations face crisis**** Companies in Haiti relying on diaspora transfers (40% of GDP) should secure alternative financing immediately; remittance collapse will trigger consumer demand destruction
- ****Artibonite operations untenable**** Any business activity in 50% of Artibonite region should cease immediately; 96-hour gang occupation without response proves government cannot guarantee security
- ****Cap-Haïtien consolidation mandatory**** All logistics, operations, and staffing should now route through northern corridor exclusively; Port-au-Prince remains cut off (airport closed 26 days, RN1 severed)



TALKING POINT:

"The electoral decree provides long-term political clarity that we welcome. However, three immediate operational crises override medium-term planning: First, the US immigration freeze devastates our customer base 200,000 TPS holders losing work authorization in 61 days means collapsed purchasing power in Haitian-American markets. Second, remittance-dependent operations in Haiti face liquidity crisis as diaspora income streams terminate. Third, the 96-hour Port-Sondé occupation without government response proves Artibonite is ungovernable we cannot deploy staff or assets to areas where gangs operate with impunity for four days. We are implementing emergency restructuring: northern operations only, 90-day cash reserves, and exit strategies for Port-au-Prince-dependent business lines."

****Recommended Decision****: Convene emergency board meeting within 48 hours to approve three-track contingency plan: (1) Diaspora operations prepare for 30-50% revenue decline in Haitian-American markets; (2) Haiti operations relocate all Artibonite activity to Cap-Haïtien or suspend entirely; (3) Financial hedging secure lines of credit anticipating remittance collapse and currency depreciation. Companies that delay restructuring until February will face bankruptcy as multiple revenue streams fail simultaneously.

Political Actors

****Immediate Actions Required****:

- ****Fritz Jean's resignation is inevitable**** Political parties should stop negotiating with sanctioned bloc and engage exclusively with Saint-Cyr/Fils-Aimé alliance; decree publication proves government functions without

them

- ****Security platform becomes mandatory**** No political campaign is credible without addressing 96-hour gang occupation; parties must demand government explain why no response occurred or call for leadership change
- ****CEP accreditation urgent**** With decree published, party registration can begin immediately; organizations should submit applications within 7 days to ensure ballot access for August 2026
- ****Diaspora crisis requires position**** Political silence on immigration freeze is politically suicidal; parties must articulate stance on US policy and support mechanisms for affected families



TALKING POINT:**

"Our party commends the government for breaking the political deadlock through the electoral decree's publication. However, we cannot celebrate this achievement while Haitian citizens in Port-Sondé are abandoned to gang violence for 96 hours without any state response. If the police union admits 50% of Artibonite is lost, political leadership must acknowledge this reality and change strategy. Simultaneously, the US immigration freeze creates an existential crisis for our diaspora 200,000 people facing deportation with no legal alternatives in 61 days. We demand the government immediately: First, deploy security forces to retake Port-Sondé within 48 hours or publicly explain why this is impossible. Second, engage the US government to negotiate humanitarian relief from the immigration freeze. Third, publish the CEP electoral calendar within 7 days. Political progress is meaningless if the state cannot protect citizens or our economic lifeline collapses."

****Recommended Decision****: Form emergency cross-party delegation to deliver ultimatum to PM Fils-Aimé: deploy to Port-Sondé within 48 hours, engage US on immigration freeze, publish CEP calendar within 7 days or face united opposition declaring government has lost capacity to govern. This establishes accountability and prevents parties from being blamed for security failures they did not cause. Alternative: public acknowledgment that current government cannot address security crisis creates political space for leadership transition before February 7 mandate expiration.

Diaspora

****Immediate Actions Required:****

- ****Immigration freeze is total**** ALL pending applications (asylum, green cards, citizenship, family reunification) are suspended indefinitely; no exceptions, no timeline for resumption
- ****Legal consultation mandatory within 7 days**** Every TPS holder should consult immigration attorney immediately regarding: (1) voluntary departure before February 3 (avoids deportation record), (2) asylum filing despite freeze (establishes record for future), (3) humanitarian parole alternatives
- ****Asset liquidation planning**** Haitian-Americans facing deportation should prepare to sell homes, businesses, vehicles before February 3; panic selling after deadline will depress values
- ****Remittance prepayment urgent**** Send 3-6 months family support to Haiti immediately; after work authorization loss (Feb 3), ability to send money terminates



TALKING POINT:**

"The December 2 immigration freeze is the most devastating US policy toward Haiti since the 1990s boat interdictions. By suspending ALL pending applications asylum, green cards, citizenship the Trump administration has closed every legal pathway for 200,000 Haitians facing TPS termination in 61 days. This is collective

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punishment: we are grouped with 18 other countries due to a security incident in DC that had nothing to do with Haiti. We acknowledge the Haitian government's progress on the electoral decree, but we cannot return to a country where gangs occupy towns for four days without response, the airport is closed for 26 days, and 50% of the breadbasket is under criminal control. We call on the US Congress to intervene immediately either extend TPS or lift the immigration freeze and we call on the Haitian government to engage Washington urgently to negotiate humanitarian relief."

****Recommended Decision****: Diaspora organizations should implement three-track emergency strategy within 7 days: (1) Legal coordinate mass asylum filing campaign despite freeze to establish administrative record for future relief; (2) Political congressional lobbying blitz targeting key Democratic senators and representatives for TPS extension legislation or immigration freeze exemption; (3) Financial establish diaspora emergency fund to support deportees and maintain remittance flows through alternative channels. Families should make binary choice now: voluntary departure before February 3 (preserves future return options) or remain unlawfully and risk mandatory detention (eliminates future options but maintains family unity short-term). Waiting until February will eliminate all choices.

WHAT TO WATCH NEXT

CRITICAL: Port-Sondé Counter-Offensive Decision Point (48 Hours)

1. ****Will PNH/MSS deploy to retake Port-Sondé by Friday, December 6?***
 - If YES: Government demonstrates minimal operational capacity; Saint-Marc protests de-escalate; questions remain about 96-hour delay
 - If NO: Permanent territorial loss confirmed; Saint-Marc blockade of RN1 proceeds; government effectively concedes Artibonite to gangs; electoral viability collapses

Immediate (24-48 hours)

2. ****Immigration Freeze Legal Challenges**** Will advocacy groups file federal lawsuits challenging the December 2 directive as unconstitutional collective punishment or arbitrary national security pretext?
3. ****Fritz Jean Resignation Watch**** Will he finally exit CPT following decree publication, or remain in powerless seat attempting to preserve relevance?
4. ****CEP Electoral Calendar Release**** When will CEP publish official dates in **Le Moniteur**, making August 2026 timeline legally binding?

This Week (December 4-10)

5. ****US Congressional Response**** Will Democratic lawmakers introduce emergency TPS extension legislation or immigration freeze exemption for Haiti given the convergence of crises?
6. ****Saint-Marc Protest Evolution**** Will demonstrators escalate to RN1 highway blockade if government fails to respond to Port-Sondé by end of week?
7. ****MSS Mission Clarification**** Will Kenya or UN issue statement explaining why MSS forces were not deployed to Artibonite, or acknowledge mission scope limitations?

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8. ****Deportation Logistics Planning**** How will US execute deportations to Haiti when Port-au-Prince airport is closed and has been for 26 consecutive days?

Strategic (Through February 7, 2026)

9. ****Diaspora Asset Fire Sales**** Will Haitian-American communities experience wave of panic selling (homes, businesses) as February 3 deadline approaches with no legal alternatives?

10. ****Remittance Collapse Timeline**** When will Haiti's economy show visible effects of declining diaspora transfers as TPS holders lose work authorization?

11. ****Food Security Crisis**** With Artibonite planting season disrupted by gang control, will Haiti face rice shortages in Q2 2026 triggering humanitarian emergency?

12. ****Electoral Credibility Assessment**** Will international community formally evaluate whether August 2026 elections are feasible given 50% Artibonite gang control and capital airport closure?

****Key Inflection Point****: ****December 6-7, 2025**** If no PNH/MSS operation occurs within one week of the Port-Sondé attack, it confirms permanent territorial abandonment. Simultaneously, if no movement occurs on immigration freeze or TPS by mid-December, diaspora will enter final 6-week countdown with no hope of relief, triggering mass exodus preparations and asset liquidations that destabilize both US Haitian-American communities and Haiti's economy.

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