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*Intelligence for Haiti's Democratic Transition*

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

US District Judge Ana Reyes issued a temporary injunction February 2 blocking TPS termination for 350000 Haitians citing constitutional violations and racial animus. The three day political dialogue concluded with a proposed facilitation commission but no definitive post February 7 transition framework announced. Haiti National Police announced reconquest operations targeting gang controlled territories in Port au Prince though no major attacks occurred in the last 24 hours. The exchange rate remains stable at 130.89 HTG per USD. With four days until the CPT mandate expires February 7 2026 the absence of agreed succession mechanisms creates acute institutional risk.



### QUICK SUMMARY FOR STAKEHOLDERS

Federal court blocks deportations of 350000 Haitians finding constitutional violations in TPS termination process

Political dialogue ends without binding transition framework despite February 7 CPT mandate expiration deadline

PNH announces territorial reconquest strategy amid continued gang control of 80 to 90 percent of Port au Prince

TPS ruling preserves 4.1 billion dollars annual remittance flows supporting gourde stability short term

### DEVELOPMENT 1

### ANALYTICAL BODY

US District Judge Ana C Reyes issued an 87 page temporary injunction February 2 blocking the Trump administration from terminating Temporary Protected Status for more than 350000 Haitians. The ruling prevents deportations that were scheduled to begin February 3 2026 and preserves work authorization for affected individuals while the case undergoes full litigation. Judge Reyes found that Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem violated due process requirements and the Fifth Amendment equal protection clause when deciding to terminate TPS.

The court determined that Secretary Noem preordained her termination decision based on hostility to nonwhite immigrants rather than conducting the required assessment of whether conditions in Haiti permit safe return. Judge Reyes cited Secretary of State Marco Rubio publicly acknowledging Haiti faces immediate security challenges while simultaneously the administration moved forward with deportation plans. The judge rejected the administration national interest argument as fundamentally flawed noting it focused on Haitians outside the US or residing

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illegally while overlooking that current TPS holders are legally present with valid status.

Judge Reyes directly addressed President Trump derogatory statements about Haiti writing that no one rationally could defend such statements. The court found substantial likelihood that racial animus influenced the termination decision. The November 28 2025 Federal Register notice from Secretary Noem claimed termination was required because TPS continuation was contrary to national interest even if extraordinary and temporary conditions existed in Haiti. This reasoning contradicted the statutory framework requiring assessment of country conditions rather than immigration policy preferences.

The immediate effect preserves legal status work authorization and remittance capacity for 350000 TPS holders. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations planned for Springfield Ohio Charleroi Pennsylvania San Diego and New York City are on hold. Haiti Libre reported the Trump administration will appeal to the Supreme Court following this ruling and an earlier July 2025 Brooklyn federal court decision that also blocked attempted TPS termination. The 4.1 billion dollars in annual remittances representing 18.43 percent of Haiti projected 2026 Gross National Disposable Income remains protected in the short term.



### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Haiti was first designated for Temporary Protected Status in January 2010 following the earthquake that killed over 200000 people and displaced 1.5 million. The designation has been continuously renewed through successive administrations based on ongoing extraordinary and temporary conditions including political instability gang violence and humanitarian crisis.

### TALKING POINTS

Constitutional violations and racial animus found in TPS termination process by federal judge  
Work authorization preserved for 350000 Haitians preventing February 3 deportation deadline  
Remittance flows of 4.1 billion dollars annually protected supporting Haiti economic stability short term

Supreme Court appeal expected from Trump administration seeking to overturn temporary injunction

Legal protections temporary pending full litigation outcome creates planning uncertainty for diaspora

### RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

Diaspora organizations should continue legal defense coordination and Congressional advocacy for legislative TPS extension

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Haitian government should engage US State Department on formal country conditions assessment supporting TPS continuation  
International donors should factor TPS litigation timeline into economic stabilization planning for Haiti  
Businesses dependent on remittance flows should prepare contingency scenarios for potential Supreme Court reversal  
Community organizations should provide updated information to TPS holders on work authorization renewal procedures



### CONFIDENCE



**High confidence based on official institutional reporting.**

### DEVELOPMENT 2

#### ANALYTICAL BODY

The three day Assises de suivi du dialogue inter haitien at Hotel Montana concluded February 3 with a proposed facilitation commission but no definitive consensus framework announced for post February 7 governance. Organized by three CPT members Leslie Voltaire Edgard Leblanc Fils and Louis Gerard Gilles the summit brought together political parties religious leaders unions and civil society to negotiate transition architecture with only four days remaining until the Transitional Presidential Council mandate expires.

Le Nouvelliste February 3 headline captured the situation stating Four Days Before February 7 a Disjointed Path of Dialogue and assessing that no solution has emerged within Haiti political class to chart the way forward. Participants acknowledged limited time separating us from the February 7 deadline and discussed gross foreign interference complicating consensus building. The first day February 1 ended with an attempt to create a facilitation commission according to Gazette Haiti but operational details structure and authority of this proposed body remain undefined.

Multiple political actors continue to boycott dialogue arguing there is no dialogue possible with the CPT that must leave power at any cost on February 7. The 70 plus Political Party Coalition maintains its November 2025 position calling for one year transition excluding all current CPT members featuring dual executive system with transitional president plus prime minister and targeting elections in fourth quarter 2026. International actors including United States United Nations and Organization of American States have stated unequivocally the CPT must be disbanded by February 7 per Article 13 of the April 3 2024 Agreement which explicitly prohibits

mandate extension.

UN Special Representative previously noted constitutional fallback provision allowing prime minister to remain in office if political actors fail to reach consensus suggesting PM Alix Didier Fils Aime could continue as caretaker executive. However this approach lacks domestic legitimacy if opposition political forces reject it. With no binding framework announced and persistent fragmentation among political actors Haiti faces potential institutional vacuum at midnight February 7 when CPT legal authority expires. Le Nouvelliste reported February 3 that over 10000 deaths have been recorded during the 22 months of CPT rule from April 2024 through February 2026 encompassing gang violence security operations and self defense group actions.



## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The Transitional Presidential Council was established April 3 2024 through internationally brokered agreement following Prime Minister Ariel Henry resignation. The nine member council with seven voting members was tasked with restoring security organizing elections and steering Haiti toward constitutional government. Article 13 of the founding agreement set February 7 2026 as mandate expiration with explicit prohibition on extension.

## TALKING POINTS

Political dialogue concluded with facilitation commission proposal but no binding transition framework four days before deadline

70 plus party coalition maintains boycott demanding CPT departure and one year transition with new leadership structure

International community United States United Nations Organization of American States stated CPT must disband February 7

Constitutional fallback allows prime minister continuation but lacks domestic legitimacy without political consensus

Institutional vacuum risk at midnight February 7 when CPT legal authority expires absent agreed succession mechanism

## RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

Political actors should operationalize facilitation commission immediately with clear mandate timeline and decision authority

International community should convene emergency consultations February 4 to 6 clarifying recognition criteria for post February 7 government

CPT members should formally transfer authority to agreed framework or invoke constitutional provision for PM continuation

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Civil society organizations should issue joint statement defining minimum legitimacy standards for transition governance

Regional organizations CARICOM Organization of American States should deploy mediation teams to broker last minute consensus



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### DEVELOPMENT 3

#### ANALYTICAL BODY

Haiti National Police announced February 2 to 3 that the reconquest of territories has begun conducting intensive operations in strategic West Department areas including Bel Air and Delmas 4. The State issued message declaring The Republic is holding firm Security forces are on the offensive results are gradual but tangible and the authorities determination remains absolute The State will not back down The rule of law will be restored. No major gang attacks or security incidents were reported in the last 24 hours continuing pattern of relative calm following US Embassy January 31 security alert.

Recent operations include February 1 joint PNH Task Force operation in Croix des Bouquets that killed at least eight gang members and seized two weapons. January 31 operation targeting 400 Mawozo gang killed leaders known as Zotolan and Ti Pikan prompting retaliatory attack on Tabarre 27. January 30 Viv Ansanm coalition attack in Tet Ka Jak Marigot killed six to seven people including one child wounded four and resulted in houses burned and businesses looted. The operational tempo reflects tactical pressure on gang networks but does not represent fundamental territorial control shift.

Armed gangs continue to control 80 to 90 percent of Port au Prince with most authoritative sources converging on approximately 90 percent. Americas Quarterly February 1 analysis characterized this as criminal governance noting gangs do not just terrorize they govern taxing residents settling disputes controlling market access and deciding who may work trade or leave. The Gang Suppression Force remains severely understrength at approximately 950 to 1000 personnel primarily 700 plus Kenyan police against authorized ceiling of 5550. UN spokesperson Stephane Dujarric confirmed February 3 that UN Support Office providing logistical support to GSF is advancing toward March 31 2026 operational deadline.

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BINUH documented 5915 deaths and 2708 injuries in calendar year 2025 with fourth quarter alone accounting for 1523 deaths and 806 injuries. Significantly 62 percent of fourth quarter casualties resulted from security force operations including private military contractor drone strikes 32 percent from gang violence and six percent from self defense groups. UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk assessed that most drone strikes conducted by Vectus Global are likely unlawful under international human rights law. Between March 1 and December 30 2025 drone strikes resulted in 973 deaths including 934 suspected gang members and 39 residents including 16 children.



### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Port au Prince gang control expanded dramatically following July 2021 presidential assassination and accelerated after February 2024 coordinated Viv Ansanm offensive that forced Prime Minister Ariel Henry to resign. The Gang Suppression Force authorized by UN Security Council Resolution in October 2024 began deployment December 2024 but remains far below required strength limiting operational effectiveness.

### TALKING POINTS

PNH announced reconquest strategy with operations in Bel Air Delmas 4 targeting gang strongholds

No major attacks in last 24 hours but gangs retain control of 80 to 90 percent of Port au Prince  
Gang Suppression Force severely understrength at 950 to 1000 personnel against 5550 authorized ceiling

62 percent of fourth quarter 2025 casualties from security force operations including controversial drone strikes

UN Support Office advancing toward March 31 operational deadline providing logistical backbone for GSF

### RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

International donors should accelerate GSF force generation to reach minimum 3000 personnel by April 2026

PNH leadership should publish territorial control assessment methodology and progress metrics monthly

UN human rights office should establish independent investigation mechanism for civilian casualties from security operations

Humanitarian organizations should pre position supplies in newly accessible neighborhoods as PNH reconquest advances

Private sector should coordinate with PNH on graduated resumption of commercial operations in

contested zones



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DEVELOPMENT 4

ANALYTICAL BODY

The convergence of TPS litigation uncertainty political transition impasse and security fragmentation creates acute operational constraints for businesses humanitarian organizations and diaspora networks through February and March 2026. The temporary injunction preserving TPS status provides short term relief but Supreme Court appeal timeline remains undefined creating planning paralysis for employers educational institutions and social service providers serving 350000 protected individuals.

Infrastructure constraints compound operational difficulties. Federal Aviation Administration ban on US carriers serving Toussaint Louverture International Airport extends through March 7 2026 forcing reliance on Caribbean regional carriers with limited capacity. Gang control of port approach roads disrupts container terminal operations. Peligre hydroelectric facility remains offline since June 2025 resulting in severe electricity rationing affecting telecommunications cold chain medical equipment and commercial operations. Exchange rate stability at 130.89 HTG per USD depends heavily on continued remittance inflows which TPS preservation maintains but deportation risk threatens.

More than 1.4 million people remain internally displaced with over 50 percent of Haiti 12 million population facing acute food insecurity according to International Rescue Committee Emergency Watchlist. The UN humanitarian appeal targets 4.2 million vulnerable people requiring 880 million dollars but effective disbursement requires recognized government counterparts. BINUH mandate renewed through January 2027 provides mission continuity but UN agencies face potential legitimacy challenges coordinating with post February 7 authorities if political transition remains contested.

Business planning horizons remain constrained to weeks rather than months. Contract negotiations investment commitments and strategic expansion decisions are impossible until February 7 succession clarified and security trajectory established. Senate consideration of HOPE HELP textile program extension is critical for formal employment sector but timeline

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uncertain. Firms should plan for 12 to 18 month continuation of difficult conditions as security gains require sustained GSF deployment with summer 2026 earliest plausible inflection point for gradual improvement.



### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Haiti economic vulnerabilities reflect decades of underinvestment compounded by 2010 earthquake 2016 Hurricane Matthew and political instability cycles. Remittances became increasingly central to economic stability reaching 18 to 19 percent of Gross National Disposable Income making diaspora policy decisions such as TPS termination systemically significant for macroeconomic performance.

### TALKING POINTS

TPS ruling provides temporary relief but Supreme Court appeal creates planning uncertainty for 350000 Haitians

Infrastructure constraints include airport ban through March 7 gang disrupted port access offline hydroelectric capacity

1.4 million internally displaced over 50 percent population facing acute food insecurity per humanitarian assessments

Business planning horizons compressed to weeks not months pending political transition clarification

12 to 18 month difficult conditions baseline with summer 2026 earliest gradual improvement scenario

### RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

Businesses should develop dual scenario contingency plans for TPS preservation versus Supreme Court reversal outcomes

Humanitarian organizations should pre position three month supply buffers anticipating potential post February 7 distribution disruptions

Diaspora organizations should coordinate remittance transfer alternatives if traditional banking channels face political transition complications

International financial institutions should prepare emergency liquidity facilities if political vacuum triggers gourde instability

Educational institutions serving TPS holders should communicate clearly on enrollment continuity regardless of litigation timeline



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**Moderate confidence based on partial institutional reporting.**

WHAT TO WATCH NEXT

NEXT 24 TO 48 HOURS

Trump administration Supreme Court filing expected February 3 to 4 seeking emergency stay to overturn TPS injunction which would trigger immediate deportation resumption planning. February 7 transition mechanics including whether CPT holds formal dissolution ceremony who addresses nation and whether PM Fils Aime announces caretaker role will determine legitimacy trajectory for post transition governance. Gang strategic positioning during transition period for potential violence escalation or negotiation leverage merits close monitoring.

THIS WEEK

International donor statements February 7 to 8 clarifying recognition of post February 7 government and funding commitment decisions will establish operational baseline for humanitarian and development programs. Post February 7 governance implementation specifically whether facilitation commission materializes or PM Fils Aime continuation becomes default will shape institutional legitimacy through remainder of transition. GSF Special Representative Jack Christofides assumes post mid February with initial security strategy assessment expected within first two weeks.

STRATEGIC HORIZON

Electoral timeline clarity becomes critical if May 19 campaign launch approaches without voter registration completion or security improvements forcing CEP postponement decision. Senate action on HOPE HELP textile program extension will determine formal employment sector viability through 2026. TPS legal process timeline for Supreme Court hearing with potential for oral arguments or summary ruling establishes planning parameters for diaspora and remittance dependent economic sectors. UNSOH March 31 operational deadline for UN support office providing GSF logistics serves as deployment progress indicator.

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