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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Haiti faces acute transition crisis with three days until the Conseil Presidentiel de Transition mandate expires February 7 2026 and no consensus framework emerged from concluded political dialogue. Internal government division persists as CPT President Voltaire demands elections while Prime Minister Fils Aime insists security conditions preclude voting. Judge Reyes halted TPS termination February 2 but Trump administration announced Supreme Court appeal creating continued uncertainty for 300000 Haitians. Viv Ansanm coalition attacked Croix des Bouquets sports facility February 1 while PNH neutralized three armed individuals. Bolt aircraft emergency landing near Les Cayes February 3 highlights aviation infrastructure fragility. Exchange rate stable at 130.77 HTG per USD.



QUICK SUMMARY FOR STAKEHOLDERS

Three day political dialogue concluded without producing transition framework for post February 7 governance

Federal judge blocked TPS termination but Trump administration filing Supreme Court appeal
Viv Ansanm gang attacked sports ranch in Croix des Bouquets while PNH killed three terrorists in counter operation

Bolt commercial aircraft made emergency landing near Les Cayes with no casualties

Exchange rate remains stable despite political uncertainty

DEVELOPMENT 1

Three days before constitutional mandate expiration the Conseil Presidentiel de Transition faces dissolution without successor framework. The three day Assises de suivi du dialogue politique interhaïtien concluded February 3 at Petion Ville hotel producing no binding agreement on transition architecture. Le Nouvelliste assessed the outcome as Four Days Before February 7 a Disjointed Path of Dialogue reflecting fundamental failure of Haiti political class to construct viable succession mechanism.

Internal government fractures compound the legitimacy crisis. CPT President Leslie Voltaire declared there will be elections this year by all means while Prime Minister Alix Didier Fils Aime maintains security constitutes essential condition for electoral processes. This operational disagreement on foundational question of electoral feasibility paralyzes decision making in final mandate hours. Additional tensions emerged as council members allegedly attempted replacing coordinator Laurent Saint Cyr who opposed January effort to dismiss the Prime Minister.

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International pressure intensified through January and early February. CARICOM Eminent Persons Group warned January 9 they remain deeply concerned by tardiness of stakeholders to find common ground noting failure could lead to unwanted repercussions and time is of the essence. United Nations United States and Organization of American States reiterated the April 2024 Agreement establishing CPT explicitly prohibits mandate extension beyond February 7 deadline. UN envoy previously indicated constitutional fallback permits Prime Minister continuation without presidential oversight structure if political agreement fails.

Prime Minister Fils Aime reportedly negotiating post February 7 continuation arrangement absent presidential council oversight. This creates legitimacy questions with opposition movements and international partners given lack of formal political consensus. Multiple competing frameworks exist including 70 Party Coalition proposal COPPOS Haiti structure Montana Accord provisions and Civil Society Initiative but no unifying mechanism commands sufficient stakeholder support to enable orderly transition.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The April 2024 Agreement established the Conseil Presidentiel de Transition with explicit mandate termination February 7 2026 as interim governance structure following President Jovenel Moise assassination and Prime Minister Ariel Henry resignation. The CPT represented compromise among domestic political factions international partners and civil society to create transitional authority capable of organizing elections and restoring constitutional order.

TALKING POINTS

CPT mandate expires February 7 2026 per April 2024 Agreement with no agreed successor framework

Internal government split on electoral feasibility Voltaire demands elections while Fils Aime cites security prerequisites

Prime Minister negotiating continuation without presidential oversight creating legitimacy concerns

International partners CARICOM UN US OAS explicitly oppose mandate extension

Constitutional provision permits Prime Minister continuation if political agreement fails

Multiple competing transition proposals exist but none commands sufficient consensus

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RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

International organizations should pre position operational flexibility for engagement with interim authorities likely PM Fils Aime continuation while maintaining humanitarian operations firewall from political negotiations

Political actors must prioritize pragmatic agreement in 72 hour window recognizing constitutional PM continuation fallback provides legal basis but lacks political legitimacy

Diaspora networks should coordinate messaging emphasizing constitutional compliance and stakeholder dialogue necessity

Private sector should maintain minimal operational footprint until post February 7 governance structures clarified

All stakeholders should prepare contingency protocols for potential legitimacy disputes or parallel authority claims



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DEVELOPMENT 2

United States District Judge Ana Reyes issued February 2 2026 preliminary injunction blocking Trump administration Temporary Protected Status termination for Haiti El Salvador Nicaragua and Sudan. The ruling provides immediate reprieve for approximately 300000 Haitian TPS beneficiaries whose work authorization and deportation protection faced March 10 2026 expiration. Judge Reyes determined plaintiffs demonstrated substantial likelihood of success on procedural grounds finding administration failed proper Administrative Procedure Act compliance in termination process.

Trump administration announced intention to appeal directly to Supreme Court seeking emergency stay of injunction. Department of Homeland Security characterized the ruling as judicial overreach into executive immigration authority. Supreme Court filing expected within 5 to 7 days with accelerated briefing schedule likely given deportation protection implications for hundreds of thousands. Legal experts assess Court composition favors administration on executive power questions but procedural violations finding complicates appeal strategy.

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Work authorization documents remain valid during litigation with automatic extension provisions triggered by preliminary injunction. However uncertainty persists for long term planning as Supreme Court could reverse district court decision or remand for expedited administrative review. Haitian diaspora organizations mobilizing Congressional advocacy for legislative TPS extension independent of court proceedings recognizing judicial protection remains vulnerable to reversal.

Economic implications extend beyond individual beneficiaries to remittance flows supporting Haiti humanitarian conditions. Haitian TPS holders remitted estimated 400 million USD annually to family networks in Haiti representing critical economic lifeline amid gang violence and state collapse. Termination would eliminate this income source while forcing recipients to liquidate US based assets and disrupt established community networks across Florida New York Massachusetts and other concentration areas.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Haiti received initial TPS designation following January 2010 earthquake with subsequent redesignations based on political instability and humanitarian conditions. Trump first administration attempted 2018 termination blocked by courts on discriminatory intent grounds. Biden administration maintained protections through 2024. Current termination effort represents renewed Trump executive authority assertion over immigration policy following January 2025 inauguration.

TALKING POINTS

Judge Reyes blocked TPS termination February 2 2026 finding procedural violations in administration process

300000 Haitian beneficiaries retain work authorization and deportation protection during litigation

Trump administration filing Supreme Court appeal seeking emergency reversal within days
Haitian diaspora remittances total 400 million USD annually representing critical economic lifeline

Congressional advocacy pursuing legislative TPS extension independent of court proceedings
Work authorization automatically extended during legal proceedings maintaining employment continuity

RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

Haitian TPS holders should document employment continuity and maintain valid identification during appeal period

Diaspora organizations must coordinate legal defense fund contributions and Congressional lobbying campaigns

Families in Haiti should prepare financial contingency plans for potential remittance disruption if Supreme Court reverses

Immigration attorneys should counsel clients on permanent residency pathways independent of TPS status

Community organizations should establish rapid response networks for information dissemination on court developments



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DEVELOPMENT 3

Viv Ansanm terrorist coalition executed February 1 2026 attack on The Ranch sports facility in Croix des Bouquets commune involving vandalism looting and partial arson. Videos circulated on social media February 1 evening showing armed individuals systematically destroying property and removing equipment from the recreational complex. The facility served as community sports venue in commune increasingly dominated by 400 Mawozo gang operations part of broader Viv Ansanm alliance controlling estimated 80 to 90 percent of Port au Prince metropolitan area.

Police Nationale d Haiti conducted counter operations in Croix des Bouquets February 1 neutralizing three armed individuals and seizing two assault rifles including AK 47 and HK G3 weapons systems. PNH characterized deceased as terrorists consistent with US State Department May 2025 designation of Viv Ansanm as Foreign Terrorist Organization. Radio Television Caraibes reported January 31 operations in same area resulted in more than eight gang members killed indicating sustained PNH pressure campaign in 400 Mawozo territory.

Territorial control dynamics show 400 Mawozo dominance in Croix des Bouquets extending

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gang influence east of Port au Prince toward Dominican border corridor. Viv Ansanm coalition formation November 2024 unified previously competing armed groups under coordinated command structure enabling synchronized operations across multiple Port au Prince communes. The coalition demonstrated capacity for multi front attacks on police infrastructure government facilities and economic targets throughout 2025.

Security environment assessment indicates PNH maintaining tactical initiative through targeted operations despite inferior manpower and equipment relative to gang forces. International support through Kenya led Multinational Security Support mission provides equipment training and operational coordination but force generation remains below authorized 2500 personnel with approximately 400 Kenyan police deployed as of January 2026. Gang violence metrics show continued civilian casualties with ACLED data recording over 5000 deaths in 2025 gang related incidents.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Viv Ansanm coalition formed November 2024 unifying Jimmy Cherizier led G9 federation with G Pep faction and independent gangs under common command. United States designated Viv Ansanm as Foreign Terrorist Organization May 2025 citing systematic attacks on civilians infrastructure and democratic institutions. 400 Mawozo gained prominence through 2021 missionary kidnapping and subsequent territorial expansion in Croix des Bouquets and Plaine du Cul de Sac regions.

TALKING POINTS

Viv Ansanm attacked sports facility in Croix des Bouquets February 1 with vandalism looting and arson

PNH neutralized three armed terrorists and seized assault rifles in counter operation same day
400 Mawozo gang controls Croix des Bouquets as part of Viv Ansanm coalition dominating Port au Prince

PNH conducting sustained pressure operations despite resource constraints and numerical disadvantage

Kenya led multinational force provides support but remains below authorized strength with 400 personnel deployed

Gang violence caused over 5000 deaths in 2025 with civilian population bearing primary casualties

RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

International organizations should maintain security protocols assuming continued gang territorial control in Port au Prince environs

Private sector operations must factor gang extortion and infrastructure attacks into operational risk assessments

Humanitarian actors should coordinate security information sharing through existing UN OCHA mechanisms

Kenyan mission donors should accelerate force generation to reach 2500 authorized personnel enabling expanded operations

PNH equipment and training support remains critical priority for sustaining operational tempo against gang networks



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DEVELOPMENT 4

Bolt commercial aircraft registration N45SR operating Port au Prince to Les Cayes route executed emergency landing February 3 2026 in Demion locality Fonfreda commune near Les Cayes. The Piper PA 31 350 Navajo Chieftain carried pilot and five passengers all reported safe without injuries following forced landing. Le Nouvelliste confirmed incident occurred in second communal section of Les Cayes municipality with aircraft sustaining undisclosed damage requiring investigation.

Incident highlights fragility of Haiti domestic aviation infrastructure serving as critical transport link between Port au Prince and provincial cities. Federal Aviation Administration prohibition on US commercial flights continues through March 7 2026 following November 2024 gang gunfire incidents targeting Spirit Airlines and JetBlue aircraft during approach to Toussaint Louverture International Airport. Domestic carriers including Bolt Sunrise Airways and Tortug Air provide only air connectivity with Les Cayes Jeremie Cap Haitien and other provincial destinations given gang control of surface routes.

Aviation safety environment assessment indicates multiple risk factors including limited

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maintenance infrastructure aging aircraft fleets minimal air traffic control capabilities and potential ground fire threats near airports in contested areas. Bolt operates small fleet of Piper Navajo aircraft designed for short field operations and inter island Caribbean routes. The emergency landing represents third reported Bolt incident in 18 months following July 2024 mechanical diversion and November 2024 aborted takeoff.

Provincial isolation consequences extend beyond passenger inconvenience to humanitarian logistics challenges. International organizations and NGOs rely on domestic aviation for personnel movement medical evacuations and time sensitive cargo including medical supplies and emergency communications equipment. Sustained aviation disruptions would effectively sever Port au Prince from southern peninsula and northern departments absent viable surface transport alternatives through gang controlled terrain.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

FAA issued November 14 2024 Notice to Air Missions prohibiting US air carrier operations to Haiti following Spirit Airlines and JetBlue aircraft struck by gunfire during landing approach. Gang controlled areas surrounding Toussaint Louverture International Airport enabled direct fire on aircraft flight paths. Prohibition extends through March 7 2026 with renewal possible pending security environment assessment.

TALKING POINTS

Bolt aircraft made emergency landing near Les Cayes February 3 2026 with no casualties reported

Piper Navajo turboprop operated Port au Prince to Les Cayes route when mechanical issues forced landing

FAA ban on US commercial flights continues through March 7 2026 following gang gunfire incidents

Domestic carriers provide only air connectivity to provincial cities given gang surface route control

Aviation infrastructure constraints include aging aircraft limited maintenance facilities and minimal air traffic control

Provincial isolation threatens humanitarian logistics and emergency medical evacuation capabilities

RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

International organizations should maintain chartered flight contracts with multiple domestic carriers ensuring operational redundancy

Private sector should assess aviation dependent operations for disruption contingencies including surface convoy alternatives

Humanitarian actors must pre position emergency supplies in provincial locations reducing dependence on just in time air logistics

Diplomatic missions should coordinate emergency evacuation protocols with domestic carriers and military airlift options

Aviation regulators should prioritize maintenance oversight and safety inspections of domestic carrier fleets



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WHAT TO WATCH NEXT

NEXT 24 TO 48 HOURS

Trump administration files Supreme Court emergency appeal on TPS injunction with Court response indicating accelerated review schedule or denial. Political actors make final positioning statements ahead of February 7 mandate expiration. Prime Minister Fils Aime may announce continuation arrangement or CPT issues joint statement on transition framework. PNH continues Croix des Bouquets area operations with potential gang counter attacks or tactical withdrawals.

THIS WEEK

February 7 2026 CPT mandate expiration occurs with critical question of who addresses nation and whether dissolution ceremony conducted. International partners issue statements on recognition of post transition governance arrangements. Gang networks may exploit political uncertainty through coordinated attacks on infrastructure or symbolic targets. Senate action on HOPE HELP legislation renewal determines textile sector viability. Supreme Court indicates timeline for TPS appeal consideration.

STRATEGIC HORIZON

Constitutional legitimacy questions intensify if Prime Minister continues without political consensus creating parallel authority risks. Gang territorial control expands if PNH operational tempo cannot sustain absent international force reinforcement. Humanitarian conditions deteriorate further if aviation disruptions compound surface transport constraints isolating provincial populations. TPS uncertainty resolves through Supreme Court ruling or Congressional legislative action affecting 300000 Haitian beneficiaries and 400 million USD annual remittance flows.

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