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Situation in Haiti

- Prime Minister Ariel Henry announced his resignation and the departure of his government on 11 March. Henry stated that the government had accepted for a Transitional Presidential Council to be established. The country is currently led by the Minister of Finance, Michel Boisvert.
- The nighttime curfew has been extended until 20 March.
- Widespread looting and street fights have taken place since the resignation of Ariel Henry, including of the Guatemalan and Salvadoran consulates and hospitals.
- The Central Bank of Haiti was under attack on Monday 18 March. The attack was successfully repelled by security agents together with the National Police Force. Four gang members were killed in the attacks.
- Several branches of private banks were ransacked prior to the attempted attack on the Central Bank.
- There have been several attacks on the main port terminal in Port-au-Prince in which containers were looted, including some with items essential for medical services.
- A number of zones in Port-au-Prince have lost power due to the destruction of the Varreux Power Plant, located in the capital city.
- A police operation was held on Friday 15 March in Delmas to unblock the main road which had been under blockade by gangs for several days. Several gang members were killed during the operation.
- 60% of hospitals in Haiti are not functional due to shortages of supplies, electricity, and fuel. Shortages of blood are inhibiting surgical operations.
- More than 40% of Haitian are acutely food insecure, with 1.4 million people soon to face famine, according to the World Food Programme.
- The attacks in the capital and road blocs have led to shortages of food and fuel, resulting in a steep increase in prices.
- Since 29 February, 15,000 people have been displaced in Port-au-Prince. Nationwide, there are 362,000 internally displaced people. Almost half of the country's population is in need of humanitarian aid.
- The international NGO GOAL temporarily suspended its activities in Haiti on 11 March due to the insecurity, though still remaining on standby to provide support when and where it is safe to do so.
- 15 Bodies were found in Pétilion-Ville in the early morning of 18 March. An assault on the neighbourhoods of Laboule and Thomassin in Pétilion-Ville took place on the same day.
- Jimmy Cherizier, the main gang leader also known as Barbeque, stated he wants a revolution to overthrow the whole system and redistribute Haiti's wealth.

Situation on the Transitional Presidential Council

- A Presidential Council consisting of seven members was agreed to replace the current government by CARICOM together with Haitian politicians and civil society. This council will be charged with appointing a Prime Minister and forming a transitional government.

- The Transitional Presidential Council will consist of representatives of six political organisations and the private sector. A representative of the religious sector and civil society organisations can participate in advisory or observer capacity.
- The representatives of political organisations that have been chosen for the council so far are Edgard Leblanc Fils, Leslie Voltaire, Marie Ghislaine Mompremier, Fritz Alphonse Jean, Laurent St Cyr and Louis Gérald Gilles.
- Two observers have also been named to represent civil society, namely Pierre Jean Raymond André and René Jean-Jumeaux as observers.
- This proposal submitted by CARICOM was rejected by Jean-Charles Moïse, leader of the 'Pitit Desalin' party, who has insisted on a three-member Presidential Council. He stated that they would install it by any means necessary.
- Moïse iterated that the proposal for a three-member Presidential Council has been widely approved in Haiti, having been endorsed by 150 political parties, and 3,250 organisations.

Situation on the Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission

- The deployment of Kenyan police officers to Haiti will be delayed, due to the resignation of Ariel Henry. William Ruto, Kenya's president, stated that police officers will be ready for deployment as soon as a transitional government has been established.
- The US pledged an additional \$100 million to the MSS mission, increasing the total pool to \$300 million, along with \$33 million for humanitarian aid. Canada in turn offered \$91 million to support the mission.
- US lawmakers have put a hold on the \$40 million requested by the US State Department for the mission, due to a lack of details. The MSS mission would not be able to carry on without these funds.

Regional situation

- Undocumented migrants are being sent back to Haiti daily at the border with the Dominican Republic, including migrants that have been living in the Dominican Republic for years.
- The Royal Bahamas Defense Force (RBDF) has deployed assets to combat illegal immigration from Haiti. The US and UK have also deployed vessels. 50 Haitians were already apprehended on 16 March.

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