



Haiti Special FLASH Report

Kenscoff Faces Imminent Threats: Coordinated Gang Attacks

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On January 24, 2025, the Mayor of Kenscoff announced the implementation of strict security measures aimed at safeguarding the town's population amidst escalating gang threats. These measures include the suspension of all cultural activities and the prohibition of motorcycle traffic from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Clubs, boutiques, and bars are required to cease operations by 8:00 p.m., and individuals must carry valid identification at all times, as law enforcement will conduct routine checks. A curfew from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. was also established, allowing only police, ambulances, and municipal vehicles to circulate during this period. Citizens were urged to remain vigilant and assist the authorities in their security efforts.

The measures followed credible reports of a coordinated gang plot targeting Kenscoff, Fort Jacques, and Laboule 12 during the night of January 23-24. Approximately 75-100 armed individuals, allegedly under the direction of gang leader Dimitry Hérard and other collaborators, were said to have planned attacks involving small groups traveling by motorcycle from Pétion-Ville to avoid detection. The gang's objectives included seizing the Kenscoff police station, isolating roads to the southeastern region, and launching simultaneous attacks on other critical areas. Reinforcements from other gangs were reportedly mobilized, with leaders Vitelhomme and Ti Lapli assigned specific targets in Fort Jacques and Fermathe. Credible intelligence indicates that Kenscoff remains under imminent threat.

On the morning of January 27, reports emerged of a coordinated assault by armed groups encircling Kenscoff. One group was advancing towards Bélot via Taïfer, while another positioned itself at Carrefour Berth, moving towards Godet. At 7:10 a.m., heavy gunfire was reported in the Clemenceau area, west of Bélot, with videos circulating that captured the gunfire, which lasted for over 30 minutes and was audible from Fermathe to Thomassin 36, located across from Clemenceau. By 7:48 a.m., sources confirmed an ongoing attack by gang members in Godet. Additional reports indicated that approximately 60 heavily armed individuals were spotted on the Furcy road heading toward Kenscoff, effectively encircling the commune. Armed groups were also reported at Carrefour Bet.

Despite the escalating threat, there is currently no information available regarding any Haitian National Police (PNH) response to the situation. The situation remains fluid, and as additional reports surface, Halo Solutions S.A. will provide updates accordingly.

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