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MGHA02 Haiti Monitoring Group
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PRESIDENTIAL FRONTRUNNERS CALL FOR ELECTION CANCELLATION

- (SBU) Thirteen out of 18 presidential candidates, including leading candidates Manigat and Martelly, called for the elections to be cancelled in a joint statement. Candidates Alexis, Baker, and Ceant also denounced ballot stuffing, restricted access for poll watchers from opposition parties, and the destruction of ballots by partisans of the ruling party INITE. *(MGHA02/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon, CNN)*
- (SBU) UN SRSG Mulet will issue a statement calling for calm and for political parties to come together to resolve the political stalemate this evening. *(MGHA02/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)*
- (SBU) The Organization of American States (OAS) is expected to issue a statement November 29. *(MGHA02/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)*
- (SBU) Embassy Port-au-Prince observation teams report Manigat and Martelly are the lead candidates at their observed centers. *(MGHA02/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)*

ELECTION ISSUES

- (SBU) Embassy Port-au-Prince confirmed irregularities at nine polling stations, caused largely by logistical problems. Embassy officers did not witness ballot stuffing first-hand. Post comments it is too early to establish how widespread the alleged irregularities are. According to the Deputy UN SRSG, 35 to 50 voting centers, out of 1500 in total, were affected by violence. *(MGHA02/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)*
- (SBU) In Jacmel, there were reports of ballot boxes being filled with INITE ballots by 0400 EST. Some centers have been reported closed. Voters had difficulty finding their names on voting lists, and received inconsistent guidance from voting officials. *(SOUTHCOM Mid-Day Sitrep)*
- (SBU) The Conseil Electoral Provisoire closed the polling center in Corail camp after an altercation during which IDP camp residents injured a MINUSTAH soldier with a rock. The disturbance was caused because only 39 people out of the camp population of 6000 were on the voters list. *(MGHA02/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)*
- (SBU) In Predot, Marigot commune (South-East Department), local populations stole 900 ballot papers for reasons unknown. *(SOUTHCOM Mid-Day Sitrep)*

- (SBU) Poll watchers from political parties argued at several stations over who would be allowed to enter polling stations first, media report. Embassy Port-au-Prince comments since each of the 66 political parties is permitted to designate poll watchers for each polling station, the polling stations could have quickly become overcrowded. *(MGHA02/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)*

SECURITY INCIDENTS

- (SBU) Embassy Port-au-Prince reports the security situation remains generally calm. Peaceful protests have been reported in Delmas and Petionville following the press conference by opposition presidential candidates. *(MGHA02/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)*
- (SBU) Before scheduled quick counts could be completed, the OAS called its observers in Port-au-Prince back to the staging area, in response to a UN travel warning issued because of the demonstrations. No security incidents were cited. *(MGHA02/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)*
- (SBU) In Marchand Dessalines, armed men attempted to storm a voting center. Gunfire between the group and the Haiti National Police led to one injured and two dead. Shots were also fired at polling centers in the Artibonite and North Departments. *(SOUTHCOM Mid-Day Sitrep, AFP)*

CODEL CLYBURN

(SBU) CODEL Clyburn met with election observers and Ambassador Granderson, CARICOM, and visited several polling centers. The CODEL departed at 1749. *(MGHA02/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)*

NO CONSULAR INQUIRIES

(SBU) Embassy Port-au-Prince and the Bureau of Consular Affairs report no U.S. citizens have made inquiries. *(MGHA02/Embassy Port-au-Prince telcon)*

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