

# Haiti: 13-yr old daughter of Gonaives Commissioner shot and in critical condition

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GONAIVES, Haiti (defend.ht) - The 13 year-old daughter of the Government Commissioner of Gonaives Enock Genelus was shot and wounded Friday while she was playing in the courtyard of her home. This comes at a time when the public is criticizing Genelus for an alleged arbitrary arrest of 3 school principals, general strikes and rioting because of a rumor that a police had shot a taxi driver.

Reported by the Haiti Press Network, Carline Genelus, aged 13, had received a bullet to the chest and is currently in critical condition in a hospital in Saint-Marc, they learned from a source on site.

The act was committed by unknown individuals.

HPN recalled that another daughter of the commissioner had been kidnapped but was released later that day by her captors.

## **Arbitrary Political Arrest?**

The arrest of a school principal in Gonaives who had announced his intention to run for Mayor of the City just 48 hours prior has put the city of Gonaives on edge.

Many have said that the arrest of Pastor Roosevelt Augustin was politically motivated because he would be a formidable candidate against his opponent who is the brother of Presidential Adviser and former Senator Youri Latortue.

It was said that Genelus did not secure a warrant for the pastor's arrest before doing so and others argue that a thorough investigation conducting by anti-corruption institutions would have been needed to prove guilt.

Since the arrest, there have been general strikes throughout the city and a rumor that a police officer had killed a taxi driver for not having insurance had caused two days of violent rioting.