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Dear sister,

We are living with the threat of an invasion hanging over our heads. We have a total media block out and the only news people are receiving from Haiti is the "mainstream" news. Our sisters in Haiti are victims of another tool of political repression: rape - when they come for the husband, father, brother, they take "1 at a time" the sister or daughter or wife and rape her there if they get no answers as to the whereabouts of the person they are looking for. The aggressors (soldiers) often live in the neighborhood or are well known to the victims, but the victims do not dare point in their direction. The media blockage

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really hurts and will probably worsen. Journalists are not safe either, of course.

I could not attend the viewing of the new video "You must tell the world". The player you sent (with the 4 testimonies/reports) were informative.

sister, stay strong
be well

In solidarity

Pikam