

Haiti - FLASH : Deprived of fuel by gangs, the country at the gates of hell
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The control of access to oil terminals by gangs prevents regular supplies to the country, jeopardizing the entire functioning of Haiti if the situation continues. In addition to travel needs, Haiti needs precious fuel, to produce a large part of its electricity allowing all the activities that depend on it to operate, for which the health sector or the lives of certain patients are threatened...

The effects are already being felt from lack of fuel. More than 150 Digicel antennas sites are at a

standstill <https://www.haitilibre.com/en/news-35057-haiti-technology-15-of-digicel-antennas-non-operational.html> , radio stations could stop broadcasting 24 hours a day, hospitals are dysfunctional and some will have to suspend healthcare services for the population in the next few hours <https://www.haitilibre.com/en/news-35078-haiti-flash-lack-of-fuel-the-lives-of-patients-are-threatened-in-hospitals.html>

If the situation continues, it will be the companies, factories and businesses that will stop functioning one after the other.

As for the EDH, we must expect the multiplication of blackouts and restrictions in the water distribution, the DINEPA pumping stations needing fuel to operate <https://www.haitilibre.com/en/news-28890-haiti-notice-drinking-water-distribution-compromised-by-the-demonstrations.html>

On Monday, the coalition of "G9" gangs still controlled all the roads leading to the Varreux Terminal, which prevented the transporters of petroleum products from obtaining supplies after having put an end to their strike movement and received the assurance of the authorities concerned that they will ensure their safety. However, petrol stations are still not supplied due to the climate of insecurity, barricades blocking roads and automatic gunfire reported throughout the day. As for the security promised by the authorities it was only not there...

The leader of a gang "Micanor" operating at Wharf Jérémie, reportedly demanded 50 million gourdes from the Government to allow access to the Varreux terminal.

Note that the Varreux terminal would currently have a reserve of around 25,000 gasoline and more than 50,000 barrels of diesel (\pm 3 days of Haitian consumption). In addition, the cargo of

petroleum products arrived in Port-au-Prince the past weekend
<https://www.ichaiti.com/en/news-35032-ichaiti-flash-1-000-gdes-per-gallon-of-fuel-on-the-black-market-calendar-of-arrivals.html> could not be unloaded at the Varreux terminal due to insecurity

For its part Médecins Sans Frontières has sounded the alarm on the fuel shortage maintained by the gangs which seriously affects its operations in Haiti "If the situation persists, the Traumatology / Major Burns Hospital of Tabarre, which receives an average of 155 patients per month, may have to reduce its activities and restrict its admission criteria in the coming days." Other hospitals threaten to suspend their services from this Tuesday if nothing is done to supply them with fuel <https://www.haitilibre.com/en/news-35078-haiti-flash-lack-of-fuel-the-lives-of-patients-are-threatened-in-hospitals.html>

Dr Didier Hérold Louis, Director of the National Ambulance Center, very affected by the fuel shortage, is alarmed by the inability of the institution to obtain fuel and risks rendering the national ambulance service dysfunctional as of Tuesday October 26...