

Gran Grif

OVERVIEW

AS OF DECEMBER 2025

Gran Grif is a violent gang that plays a major role in exacerbating the widespread instability across central Haiti. It was an original member of the G-Pep Alliance under the Viv Ansanm gang coalition and joined the alliance to expand its territorial control, particularly over major routes and areas with critical infrastructure and key resources. Gran Grif became widely known in 2023 after the UN accused it of human rights abuses. Violence by Gran Grif has played a significant role in Haiti's current gang crisis, which has resulted in thousands of deaths and displaced at least 1.4 million people since 2022.

Operating Area

Primarily in Haiti's Artibonite and Centre departments

Members

At least 100 members

Tactics And Targets

Gran Grif conducts armed attacks, assassinations, massacres, lootings, kidnappings, and arson. Most of its revenue comes from systematic extortion and kidnappings for ransom. Gran Grif maintains its personnel strength through forced recruitment, particularly of minors.

Terrorist Group Designation

The US State Department designated Gran Grif as a foreign terrorist organization and a Specially Designated Global Terrorist entity in May 2025.

KEY LEADERS



Luckson Elanx

Gran Grif leader



Huguens Noreston [DECEASED]

Former second-in-command; died in May 2025
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Gran Grif *(continued)*

NOTABLE ATTACKS

November 2025

Pont-Sonde, Artibonite Department, Haiti

Members kill more than 25 people, injure at least 30 others, and force the majority of local residents to flee the area.

September 2025

Liancourt, Artibonite Department, Haiti

Members clash with law enforcement and a civilian vigilante group, killing at least 15 people. They also set fire to a police station and several houses.

October 2024

Pont-Sonde, Artibonite Department, Haiti

Members kill at least 115 people, injure hundreds of others, and displace more than 6,000 people in a series of attacks stemming from rising tensions with a local vigilante group.

January 2023

Liancourt and Petite-Riviere-de-l'Artibonite, Haiti

Members kill six police officers, prompting local officials to abandon police stations.

