

3-28-1989

Haitians Attack U.S. Missionaries

John Neagle

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/notisur>

Recommended Citation

Neagle, John. "Haitians Attack U.S. Missionaries." (1989). <https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/notisur/2920>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Latin America Digital Beat (LADB) at UNM Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in NotiSur by an authorized administrator of UNM Digital Repository. For more information, please contact amywinter@unm.edu.

Haitians Attack U.S. Missionaries

by John Neagle

Category/Department: General

Published: Tuesday, March 28, 1989

On March 27, independent Radio Haiti-Inter reported that on Sunday a mob armed with machetes attacked and seriously injured seven US missionaries after a pickup truck carrying the clergy persons accidentally ran over two Haitians. In Washington, a State Department official said the number of US citizens involved in the incident was 15, but that no one was seriously hurt. Speaking on condition of anonymity, the official said some were hospitalized and that others were treated and released. Radio Haiti-Inter said seven Free Methodist Church missionaries were hospitalized in serious condition with multiple machete wounds after the attack, and the two Haitians suffered broken legs. The missionaries and Haitians were not identified. The radio station said the attack occurred after the pickup truck went out of control and plowed into the Haitians, who were celebrating the Lenten season on a highway near Leogane, about 18 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince. The radio report stated that bystanders stoned the truck, attacked the missionaries with machetes. Two witnesses told The Associated Press the missionaries were effectively rescued by the arrival of a soldier, who fired a shot into the air. The witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said some of the missionaries also were armed and that they fired their weapons. They said the truck struck the crowd, and the pedestrians interpreted the action as a deliberate attempt to harm them. (Basic data from AP, 03/27/89)

-- End --