

Kempes Sanon

List

Type	Individual
Gender	Male
List name	United Kingdom
Programs (1)	Haiti
Listed (1)	20.10.2025

Remark	Kempes Sanon, alias “Kempes”, is the leader of the Les Argentins gang (also known as the Bel Air gang), which has around 150 members. The gang’s stronghold is located in the Haut Bel-Air area of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Kempes has been involved in various actions that threaten the peace, security, and stability of Haiti. In particular, he has engaged in systematic violations of human rights, firearms and ammunition trafficking, and supporting individuals designated by the United Nations Security Council, including Jimmy Chérizier (alias “Barbeque” - HTi.001). Kempes Sanon has been playing a significant role in the consolidation of power by gangs over Port-au-Prince. Kempes was a founding member of the G-Pèp coalition, and has been playing a key role in enabling the growing hegemony of the Viv Ansanm alliance since February 2024. In particular, Kempes and his gang, along with Barbeque, the leader of the Delmas 6 gang and spokesperson of Viv Ansanm, conducted, in the course of several months, repeated assaults against the neighbourhood of Solino. Indiscriminate attacks against civilians and fighting with local self-defence groups resulted in many casualties and thousands of people having to flee their homes as a result of the extensive violence. Kempes and his allies eventually took full control of Solino in late October 2024 and, at the time of writing, are continuing to attack the last free bastions of Port-au-Prince, including Petion Ville and Haut-Delmas. Kempes Sanon and his gang are involved in extortion, illicit taxation and kidnappings. He has a network of people working for him within governmental institutions, including within security agencies, which allow him to avoid arrests, launder money and undertake kidnapping. Kempes Sanon is wanted by the Haitian National Police (HNP) as he escaped prison in 2021 where he was incarcerated for kidnapping, theft and assassination. In September 2022, the Dominican Republic banned Kempes from entering their territory and, on 4 March 2025, they designated the “Haut Bel-Air gang” (Les Argentins) as a terrorist organisation. In May 2025, the United States designated Viv Ansanm as a foreign terrorist organisation.
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Names (2)

Last name/Name	Sanon
First name/Name	Kempes
Full name/Name	Kempes Sanon
Type	Primary name

Last name/Name	Kempes
Full name/Name	Kempes
Type	AKA (also known as)

Citizenships (1)

Country	Haiti
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Addresses (1)

Country	Haiti
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Birth data (1)

Birthdate	1979-06-16
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Historical data

No records

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