From what I can tell from sources and journalists on the ground, the Parliament didn't make a decision on replacing Privert as president and adjourned at 3 am.

Some parliamentarians insist that Privert is no longer legitimate and should formally vacate the office. Even Privert acknowledges that his mandate has expired and is pressing that Parliament vote to keep him on. So, as long as Parliament doesn't make a decision of some kind, Haiti has no legitimate president. It is essentially being "governed" by whoever holds the streets with mobs and violence.

While some parliamentarians are taking a stand by insisting that Privert surrender the office (literally turning over the presidential sash), others are mostly interested in ensuring that their own elections aren't questioned. (Privert's "election commission" cleverly created that leverage by casting doubt on some parliamentary seats in its unsubstantial report.)

In addition, Privet's Lavalas backers have used bribes, threats, and violence to ensure that he remains in power despite the clock having run out on his mandate. A series of shootings of people and property punctuates the Lavalas threat that they will rampage to keep power.

The US has condemned the use of violence but has not taken a view on Privet's power grab. (It is remarkable that the US took a stronger role pressing Martelly to quit but has lost its nerve when Lavalas thugs threaten violence.) Remember that Privert was jailed when I was A/S based on evidence that he was involved in several political massacres under Aristide. He is surrounded by dangerous people and advised increasingly by Aristide.

Frankly, the question now is whether any semblance of the rule of law and democracy prevails in Haiti or whether the international community is prepared to turn the country back over to Aristide and let the next US president deal with the disaster. Of course opponents of Aristide and Lavalas are likely to respond with force on the streets if it becomes clear that the international community is caving to thugs.

A clear statement from ANYONE in Washington rejecting violence as a means of imposing a de facto president would force diplomats and politicians to make the tough decisions to finish the electoral cycle so a democratically elected president can be chosen urgently and start to govern responsibly.

This is the time for those who care about Haiti to do what they can to keep this situation from becoming politically irretrievable and violent.

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