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# **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**Dominicans of Haitian descent





# FACING DEPORTATION FROM THEIR OWN COUNTRY

Juan Alberto Antuan Vill, Liliana Nuel and Yolanda Alcino are among many struggling to access their Dominican identity documents or passports because of their Haitian descent. In September 2013, the Dominican constitutional court ruled that hundreds of thousands of people descended from Haitian migrants and born between 1929 and 2007 were 'denationalised', rendering them stateless. In May 2014 the Dominican Congress passed a naturalisation law which should have allowed these people to access their documents. In fact most Dominicans of Haitian descent still face discrimination, are denied documentation and face the threat of deportation.

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'I have never been to Haiti. I wouldn't know what to do, where to go. I'm afraid that one day they'll send me there without my kids' Liliana Nuel

#### **SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:**

In the post:

[Name of individual(s)]

Reconoci.do

Calle Josefina Brea No. 65

Edificio Centro Bonó

Mejoramiento Social, Distrito Nacional

República Dominicana

Via email:

Juan Alberto Antuan Vill: xalberto55@hotmail.com

Liliana Nuel: reconocidord@gmail.com Yolanda Alcino: yolandaalcino@gmail.com

- + Language: Spanish or English
- Salutation: Dear/Estimado Juan Alberto Antuan Vill / Liliana Nuel / Yolanda Alcino
- \* Suggested message: In Spanish: 'Estimado ....., No estás solo en esa lucha para que se te respetan tus derechos como ciudadano dominicano, sin importar tu origen o color de piel. Estamos solidarios con los miles de dominicanos de ascendencia haitiana. In English: Dear ....., You are not alone in this fight to have your rights as a Dominican citizen respected, regardless of your origin or the colour of your skin. We stand in solidarity with thousands of Dominicans of Haitian descent.
- Key dates: 10 November is Juan Alberto's birthday.
  5 January is Liliana's birthday.

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#### **SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:**

Write to: Danilo Medina,

President of the Republic,

Palacio Nacional

Avenida México esquina Doctor Delgado

Gazcue

Santo Domingo

República Dominicana

**Fax:** 00 1809 682 0827

Email: prensa2@presidencia.gob.do

Twitter: @PresidenciaRD

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/PresidenciaRD

Salutation: Dear Mr. President / Señor Presidente

In your letter: Call for Juan Alberto Antuan Vill, Liliana Nuel and Yolanda Alcino's Dominican nationality to be fully returned and respected, along with all other Dominicans of Haitian descent facing a similar situation, in line with law 169/14. Urge full reparation for the human rights violations suffered by Dominicans of Haitian descent. Call on the authorities to fight discrimination and prejudice against those of Haitian descent, Haitian migrants and black people in the country.



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