

Former President Clinton visits Haiti

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Former President Bill Clinton and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon are in Haiti in an effort to address the impoverished nation's problems.

Joining the former president and U.N. secretary-general are investors, philanthropists and renowned Haitian musician Wyclef Jean, the BBC reported Tuesday.

The leaders want to draw international attention to the Caribbean nation's continued political instability and the after-effects of several hurricanes last year that left tens of thousands homeless, some still living in tent cities.

A U.N. peacekeeping mission led by Brazilian troops is approaching its fifth year in Haiti following deadly protests and riots that forced former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to leave the country in February 2004.

A recent U.N. position paper suggests by creating more jobs in Haiti's garment industry, the oft-troubled nation could be stabilized.

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