## República del Ecuador Unveils "Haiti Plaza" in Quito, Ecuador

On May 6, 2015 the República del Ecuador unveiled two statues in the square of its capitol city, Quito of two Haitian forefathers, Jean Jacques Dessalines (born in Guinea in 1758, death 1806), a leader of the Haitian Revolution and the first ruler of an independent Haiti under the 1801 constitution and Alexandre Pétion (1770-1818), the first President of the République d'Haïti. In total, three statues in total were erected in the square dedicated to Haiti. The middle statue was of a flame, with the inscription "Haiti 1804".



Haitian-Ecuadorian soldiers at the Haiti 1804 statue, Plaza Haiti, Quito, República del Ecuador (photo: *Haiti Sentinel*, May 7, 2015)



Jean Jacques Dessalines bust in Quito, República del Ecuador (photo: *Haiti Sentinel*, May 7, 2015)



Alexandre Pétion bust in Quito, República del Ecuador (photo: *Haiti Sentinel*, May 7, 2015)