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MINUSTAH Military Forces Reinforces Cite Militaire and Pele

Port-au-Prince, 31 May 2005 – Lieutenant General Augusto Heleno Ribeiro Pereira, Force Commander for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) ordered additional troops to reinforce Cite Militaire and Pele to counter the recent increase in gang activity in these areas.

Argentinian troops were brought from Gonaïves and deployed to support the recently expanded Brazilian area of operations, which includes key industrial areas in Cite Militaire and Pele.

“MINUSTAH Military Forces have a zero tolerance policy for all criminal activity by gangs and other armed groups,” said General Heleno.

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