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MINUSTAH's Security Operation in Bel-Air



Port-au-Prince, 29 June 2005 – The Brazilian contingent of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) worked with the Chinese FPU (Formed Police Unit), on a security operation in the district of Bel-Air, in Port-au-Prince, during the early hours of 29 June 2005.

« This operation was with reliable information concerning the presence of armed groups in the area », declared Lt. Col. El Ouafi Boulbars, spokesperson of MINUSTAH's military forces.

« The operation resulted in 6 killed and 4 injured among the criminals. Thirteen people have also been arrested and handed over to the Haitian National Police (PNH). A weapon has been seized along with ammunition and communication equipment », according to Lt. Col. Boulbars.

This operation secured the release of an employee of the International Federation Societies Red Cross and Red Crescent, who was kidnapped on 28 June, in Port-au-Prince.

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