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MINUSTAH's Security Operation at Cité Soleil

Port-au-Prince, 6 July 2005 – On Wednesday, 6 July, the Blue Helmets of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) led an operation in the districts of Bois-Neuf and Cité Soleil's Drouillard, which are identified as the back-up base of the gangs that operate in the capital.

During this operation, « the criminals who tried desperately to respond by using their weapons were either killed or injured », declared the MINUSTAH Military, Lt. Col. El Ouafi Boulbars, adding that « we are already certain that they suffered serious losses ».

« We want to reaffirm our determination to make Port-au-Prince a secure and stable city, while recalling the role of the population in the struggle that MINUSTAH leads against the armed gangs in Haiti », said Boulbars, emphasizing that « more than 400 Blue Helmets were mobilized for this operation, as well as 41 vehicles to transport these troops ».

There was not one single loss for the Blue Helmets during this operation, which supports « the shared efforts and cooperation between the military contingents of MINUSTAH in order to put an end to the violence in the capital of Port-au-Prince ».

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