

**UNITED NATIONS**  
**United Nations**  
**Stabilization Mission**  
**In Haiti**



**MINUSTAH**

**NATIONS UNIES**  
**Mission des Nations**  
**Unies pour la**  
**Stabilisation en Haïti**

**PIO/PR/53/2004**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**MINUSTAH operation yields 90 arrests**

**Port-au-Prince, 4 November 2004** - In coordination with the Transitional Government of Haiti, The United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) conducted a joint operation with the Haitian National Police in the Bel Air area today.

Approximately 200 uniformed forces from the Brazilian Brigade, CIVPOL and the HNP entered a small neighborhood within Bel Air called Cameroon, a spot previously identified as a hideout for gang members. The two-hour raid which began at 5:30 a.m. ended with the arrests of 90 people, three of which were gang leaders. No injuries were reported.

Following the operation, engineers from the Brazilian Brigade launched a clean-up project to help set the framework improvements in the area and establish a new security base in the area.

The joint-operating base will provide a permanent presence of police and MINUSTAH forces to enhance security measures and deter against future gang activity.

\*\*\*\*\*

**For more information, please contact Damian Onses Cardona, Spoke person for MINUSTAH, E-mail : [onses.cardona@un.org](mailto:onses.cardona@un.org) Mobile : (509) 527-5118 or Toussaint Kongo-Doudou, Chief of the Office of Communication and Public Information for MINUSTAH. E-mail : [kongo-doudou@un.org](mailto:kongo-doudou@un.org), Mobile: 557-5906.**