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MINUSTAH and Haitian red Cross workers under fire in Cite Soleil

Port-au-Prince, 9 June 2005 – one MINUSTAH officer and three Haitian civilian were wounded, one severely, when unknown people opened fire on the group which was gathered in front of a hospital in Cite Soleil around noon today. Children were also playing in front of the health center.

The team composed of five MINUSTAH military was conducting a reconnaissance mission at Chapi hospital. The four injured, among them two Haiti Red Cross volunteers, were evacuated to the Argentinean hospital in Port-au-Prince where they are currently treated.

“Our thoughts are with those who were injured during this unwarranted act”, said General Augusto Heleno Ribeiro Pereira, MINUSTAH Military Force Commander. “The targeting of hospitals and Red cross workers is a savage act and clearly demonstrates the mentality of those who wish to threaten the stability and security of Haitian people”, he added.

MINUSTAH Military Force maintains a zero tolerance policy against armed group and remains committed to ensuring a stable and secure environment for the people of Haiti.

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