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HUSSAIN IN CITE SOLEIL

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VIDEO	AUDIO
	NARRATION
GUNSHOT IN CITE SOLEIL	Haiti today is a violent place.
UN PEACEKEEPERS IN CITE SOLEIL	The tension is evident. That noise off in the distancegunfire.
STREET SCENE IN BEL AIR OR CITE SOLEILL	Decades of political unrest have left chaos. Businesses have shut downthere are not enough police. Across the country, rebel groups, ex-military and criminal gangs thrive. More than four hundred people have been killed.
RESIDENT ON CAMERA	RESIDENT: (In Creole) "They will chop you down with a machete and leave you in the street//even if you have one dollar they will take it from you."
HUSSAIN IN CITE SOLEII	NARRATION Colonel Hussain Al Adaialah, Commander of

the Jordanian peacekeeping contingent.

HUSSEIN ON CAMERA

HUSSEIN: (In Arabic)

"There's no assistance for the people, no authority protecting them. Nothing"

NARRATION

BRAZILIAN/JORDANIAN
CHINESE TROOPS IN TRAINING

Now more than seven thousand UN peacekeepers from forty countries are on the ground to help establish order. And they're taking tough action.

CHINESE TROOPS PREPARING FOR RAID/ACP CONVOYS IN CITE SOLEIL Under the cover of darkness, UN troops, together with Haitian police, prepare for a raid on a shantytown in the capital Port au Prince.

CONVOYS DRIVING IN HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH

At a rate of once a week, convoys of UN armoured vehicles roll into dangerous neighbourhoods and secure a few block area. Under the peacekeeper's protection, Haitian police move in...conducting house-to-house searches for armed criminals.

INTRO

General Augusto Heleno Pereira is the operation's Force Commander.

HELENO ON CAMERA

HELENO: (In French)

"We're here on a very large operation to clean up the area/so we can move our patrol vehicles around to ensure change and security for the people."

<u>NARRATION</u>

Once declared a "safe zone", bulldozers remove makeshift roadblocks built by armed groups and the area is sprayed to prevent disease.

BULLDOZERS REMOVING GARBAGE/UN SOLDIERS SPRAYING PEOPLE RECEIVING MEDICAL KITS AT TENT

Humanitarian assistance is then rushed in. Hundreds line up to receive desperately needed food packages... hygiene kits... and medical services.

UN PEACEKEEPERS IN
PATROL/YOUNG PEOPLE
CLEANING UP STREETS

But while there's been much progress – most notably round-the-clock patrols in many areas - many believe the turmoil in Haiti won't end until the economic situation improves.

BENEFICIARY ON CAMERA

RESIDENT: (In Creole)

"There are a lot of unemployed people in the neighbourhoods and they can't find work."

HELENO ON CAMERA

HELENO: (In French)

"We established an important presence here but I'm waiting for the development programs to come. They'll bring back the hope this country deserves."

PEOPLE IN DOWNTOWN PORT AU PRINCE

NARRATION

It's a sentiment echoed by members of the UN Security Council who – after a visit to Haiti to encourage elections later this year – called for a long-term international commitment to combat Haiti's crushing poverty.

LOGO

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