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### Situation Report for Media: Multinational Interim Force–Haiti

**MIAMI** – Following are significant events and activities of the Multinational Interim Force (MIF) and Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) – Haiti and associated agencies during the last 24 hours:

- **Presence Patrols, Security and Disarmament Operations:**
  - MIF/CJTF-H troops from the U.S. Marine, Chilean, and French contingents have secured port facilities and the international airport in PaP to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance and the normal delivery of commercial cargo and passengers.
  - MIF/CJTF-H troops are clearing and securing key transportation routes to permit safe and secure movement of security forces, humanitarian assistance and commercial traffic and emergency services.
  - The MIF/CJTF-H and Haitian National Police (HNP) continue presence patrols to stabilize the security situation throughout PaP, support disarmament and to protect Haitians from acts of violence. The patrols have repeatedly demonstrated disciplined and effective responses to threats and are promoting increasing confidence, cooperation, and support from the majority of the Haitian people.
  
- **Stability Operations:** MIF/CJTF-H officials and representatives of other U.S. Government agencies continue to coordinate with Haitian authorities to restore stability and the rule of law.
  - French forces of the MIF/CJTF-H are in Cap Haitien and are expanding the MIF/CJTF-H's presence into Northern Haiti.
  - The Civil-Military Operations Center (C-MOC) staff continues work with international agencies and Haitian leaders to improve life in Haiti and to coordinate operations with local Haitian officials.
  - The Maritime Component Command for the CJTF-H (elements of U.S. Coast Guard) continue to provide support for port security in Port-au-Prince (PaP) harbor, aids to navigation and conducting port assessments to help restore commercial and humanitarian operations in other Haitian ports.
  - HNP and MIF/CJTF-H officials continue to urge Haitians to disarm, and to emphasize that threats to MIF/CJTF-H forces or the HNP will not be tolerated.
  - In ceremonies yesterday at the National Palace, Prime Minister Gérard Latortue installed his cabinet and promised a non-partisan administration to introduce a culture of governmental accountability and to battle corruption. HNP and MIF/CJTF personnel provided security for the ceremonies.
  - Key transportation routes continue to reopen, and fuel supplies are arriving by truck to most Haitian cities.
  - Haiti's commercial activities are increasing.
  - Garbage collection, street cleanups, and basic services have resumed and are increasing and improving.

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- **Security Assessments:**
  - The MIF/CJTF-H continues visits throughout Haiti conducting security assessments and providing security assistance to Haitian government officials. Those assessments indicate a generally improving security situation and increasing opportunities for the establishment of the rule of law and civil order.
  
- **Force Statistics:**
  - MIF/CTJF-H currently consists of more than 3,000 troops, which includes more than 1,800 U.S., more than 525 French (not including French Naval personnel in Caribbean waters,) nearly 330 Chileans, and about 330 Canadians.
  - MIF/CTJF-H forces on the ground have a robust quick reaction and mobility capability, including more than 50 vehicles and more than a dozen aircraft. More than a dozen ships in Haitian and nearby international waters provide for migrant interdiction, rescue and repatriation; maritime safety and aids to navigation and support of MIF/CJTF forces ashore.
  - U.S. government aircraft providing support to the MIF/CTJF-H include more than 40 aircraft. Their missions include personnel and cargo movement, reconnaissance and maritime surveillance.
  
- **Migrant Interdiction:**
  - Department of Homeland Security's Coast Guard District 7 continues patrolling to support migration interdiction and rescue, more details at: <http://www.d7publicaffairs.com/>. DHS, U.S. State Department, and MIF/CJTF officials say there are no indications of significant migration attempts.

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