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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:

- **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 Haitian and are expected to expand the MIF/CJTF-H's presence into Gonaives and other areas of northern Haiti soon.
 - The Civil-Military Operations Center (C-MOC) and other elements of the MIF/CJTF-H staff continue work with Haitian leaders, international agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) to improve life in Haiti and to coordinate operations with Haitian officials. Among items being discussed and moving quickly toward implementation are:
 - Restoration of emergency response telephone services.
 - Implementation of an illegal weapons tip-line;
 - Various initiatives by Haitian officials and NGOs to provide income to unemployed Haitians by helping with aid distribution and infrastructure restoration.
 - MIF/CJTF-H officials are working closely with the Haitian Coast Guard to restore their capabilities and facilities.
 - The Maritime Component Command for the CJTF-H (elements of U.S. Coast Guard) continues support for port security in Port-au-Prince (PaP) harbor, aids to navigation and is conducting port assessments to help restore commercial accessibility and facilitate 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.
 - 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.
- **Presence Patrols, Security and Disarmament Operations:**
 - MIF/CJTF-H troops from the U.S. Marine, French, Chilean, and Canadian contingents have secured port facilities and the international airport in PaP to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance and restore routine commercial cargo and passengers flow.
 - MIF/CJTF-H troops and HNP are clearing and securing key transportation routes to permit safe and secure movement of security forces, humanitarian assistance, emergency services and commercial traffic.

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- 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.
- **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 nearly 3,000 troops, which includes nearly 1,800 U.S., more than 525 French (not including French Naval personnel in Caribbean waters,) nearly 330 Chileans, and about 320 Canadians.
 - MIF/CTJF-H forces on the ground have a robust quick reaction and mobility capability, including more than 50 vehicles and about 15 aircraft. Additionally, about 15 ships in Haitian and nearby international waters provide for migrant interdiction, rescue and repatriation; maritime safety, aids to navigation and support of MIF/CJTF forces ashore.
 - U.S. government aircraft providing support to the MIF/CTJF-H include nearly 50 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 MIH/CJTF officials continue to report no indicators of significant migration attempts.

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