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Situation Report for Media: Multinational Interim Force

PORT-AU-PRINCE – The following are recent significant events and activities of the Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) – Haiti and associated agencies supporting Operation Secure Tomorrow:

- **Stability & Humanitarian Operations:** 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.
 - The Combined Civil-Military Operations Center (CMOC) continues to work with non-government organizations and humanitarian aid organizations to get aid into Haiti, cleared through the ports, and out to the people of Haiti as quickly as possible.
 - Humanitarian assistance is moving to the neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince (PaP).
 - Wednesday, Food for the Poor distributed hot meals to approximately 500 Haitian families in Cite Soleil. Haitian National police (HNP) with support from U.S. Marines provided security for the humanitarian aid distribution. The Marines also provided potable water during the event.

- **Presence Patrols, Security and Disarmament Operations:**
 - Security forces continue to conduct presence patrols to provide security, interact with the population and identify and assess community organizations to facilitate follow-on Civil Affairs projects.
 - CJTF-H experts are training special Haitian National Police units for disarmament operations and continue to gain momentum helping the HNP take illegal arms off the street in order to bring about stability and order in the country.
 - Street sweep operations are making progress clearing trash, debris and disabled vehicles from the roadways of PaP. To date, more than 120 dump trucks of debris, waste and more than 35 vehicle hulls have been transported to a site designated by Haitian authorities outside the city.

- **Force Statistics:**
 - CJTF-H currently consists of nearly 3,600 troops, which includes about 1,940 U.S., about 825 French, nearly 500 Canadians and nearly 330 Chileans. CJTF-H forces include ground, air and maritime forces.

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- **Repatriation:**

- U.S. Guard Cutter Harriet Lance repatriated 150 Haitians to the Port of Cap Haitien Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. French Forces coordinated the arrival with Haitian National Police. Those repatriated were on a 30 ft. sailing vessel that was deemed a hazard to navigation by the USCG. After the repatriation, the USCG towed the vessel to sea and sank it.

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