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COVER PHOTO: Trained dogs can hunt any prohibited substance that would carry any passenger entering or leaving on himself or in his luggage.
(Logan Abassi / UN Photo)

PHOTO CAPTION: Shooting training with Haitian Police Officers at the Police Academy in Port-au-Prince.
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Canine Brigade: Six dogs to assist the HNP officers in the fight against weapon and drug trafficking

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Six HNP agents including their 6 dogs were trained in 2011 in Colombia and Dominican Republic. That training was financed by the USA government and Colombian National Police. The canine brigade is within the BLTS bureau and the assigned officers conduct regular searches on transit sites like the international airport in Port-au-Prince.

On BLTS yard in Tabarre, it was 08h00 am when the dog handlers started with their traditional training session on obedience with 02 of the 06 dogs. There's equally a 30 minute-physical exercise to warm up the dogs and prepare them for day's work. Afterwards, the dogs are conducted to the Toussaint Louverture international airport where they sniff everything on their way. Without their muzzle, the dogs are inoffensive as they are well trained and they track down any prohibited substance that could be carried by passenger coming in and out or their luggage before their 20 minute-break.

Once the dog detects something suspicious it sits down, freezes or starts barking. Once the dog-trainer who is in police uniform is on the alert, he conducts a very meticulous search and he could also interview the suspect.

That anonymous agent (his identity will not be revealed) states that the dogs works with his sixth sense. Where I have insufficiencies the dog completes me. He rewards the dog by giving him a familiar item like a rag or a rubber bullet. The dog is satisfied and restarts with the search, muzzle on the floor and has to wait until 03h00PM to have his daily meal.

Karla, Tony, Annie, Troya, Isis and Lolie all aged less than 02 years who are experts in tracking down drugs like cocaine, marijuana, amphetamine, morphine, heroine and the detection of explosives including weapons provide efficiency assistance to HNP officers in the fight of drug and weapon trafficking in Haiti.

As proof, one of the dog handlers quotes that in February 270 packages of whitish substance look like cocaine were seized in Tabarre district in Port-au-Prince. Once alerted by the Police dogs, BLTS agents have seized amounts of marijuana during operations carried out in the streets and recovered weapons inside the port in the Capital or 80, 000 USD illegally transiting in Malpasse border this year.

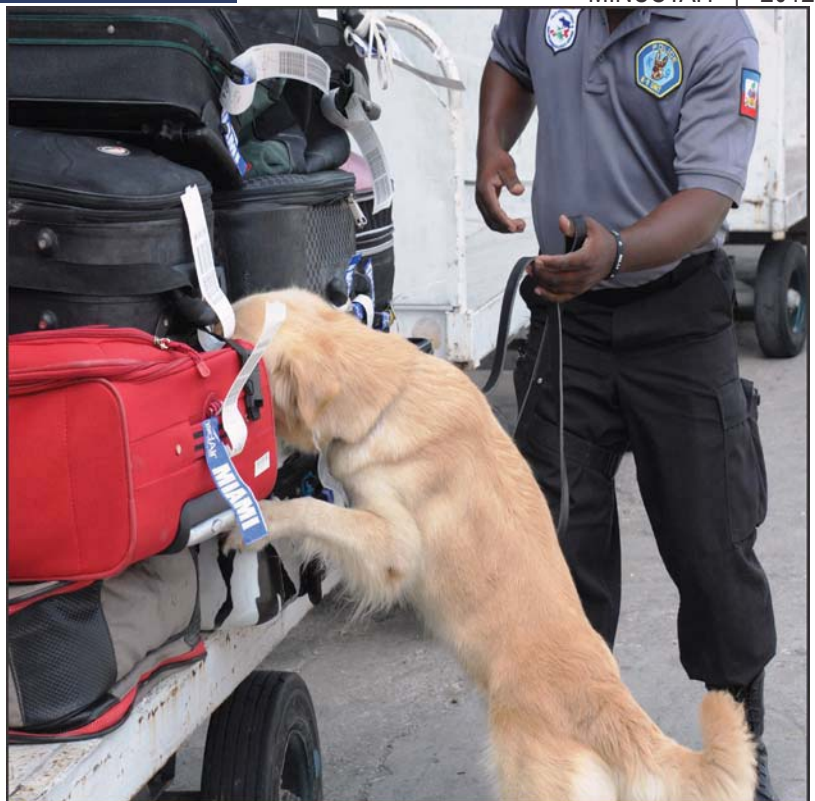
These agents alongside their dogs equally work at APN (national port), the border between Haiti and Dominican Republic, in Port-au-Prince streets and some regions.

UNPol Brian Martin (American citizen), who's in charge of the canine brigade stated that the training and the functioning of that unit are under the responsibility of the US government, that means alimentation, training, cares, training to HNP officers and endowment of working equipments such as vehicles and clothes.



In the framework of that same program, five other HNP agents alongside 5 dogs are currently attending 4 month-training in Bogota (Colombia) in the Colombian National Police K9 School, which is recognized as one of the best in Latin America. Once they are back in the end of October they'll be deployed in Cap Haitian.

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Another group of five trained dogs reached Haiti

On Sunday, October 28th, 2012, another group of five trained dogs reached Haiti from Colombia, shipped in a Colombian National Police's aircraft, in order to be part of the canine unit conducted sniffing out drugs, weapons and bombs at Haiti, so that: Chance, Cielo, Onix, Ginger et Cora, dogs aged less than two years, they will support PNH against illegal drugs and weapons trafficking in Haïti. They will be deployed to the port city of Cap Haitian.



Col. Camilo Torres Prieto, Colombian contingent commander, received five trained dogs in Colombia which were transported in special kennels and shipped by Colombian National Police's airplane.

Considerable security measures were implemented in BLTS unit (DCPJ premises in Port-au-Prince) on August 2nd 2012 at 09h am for the inventory of 450kg of cocaine and 1300kg of marijuana that were seized by BLTS agents between 2008 and 2011 in Port-au-Prince and regions. This operation has been conducted with the supervision of a Haitian Magistrate and in the presence of HNP from BLTS unit as well as UNPol officers. After being indexed and weighed, the seized drugs were transported inside a truck and sealed by judicial authorities pending destruction on August 3rd in a safe place outside Port-au-Prince.

On August 3rd at 07h am, a convoy of 15 vehicles started to get ready around DCPJ premises in order to leave for Ganthier locality on a vague ground that was secured the day before by HNP and UNPol officers.

The vehicles left at 08h am and the trip lasted 40 minutes. Once on the spot the seals in the truck were broken under the supervision of a Magistrate and in the presence of the Haitian Justice Minister, DGPNH, DCPJ and various dignitaries. Right after this, the BLTS agents started unloading the truck by the cocaine in a place and the marijuana elsewhere. At that time two pits previously dug by Brazilian soldiers (from an engineering unit) were being filled out with woods and tires by BLTS officers in order to set fire.

The BLTS agents put fire in the first pit to be used for burning the cocaine by watering it with 50 liters of fuel. The same thing was done for the 1400 kilos of marijuana. Because of the wind and the power of the combustion a part of the site was invaded by black smoke. These drugs cost USD\$12 million.



After being analysed and inventoried, the drugs were transferred from the DCPJ in an armed convoy to Ganthier. (Victoria Hazou / UN Photo)



Illegal drugs's destruction in Ganthier: Over a ton of illegal drug were destroyed by HNP and UNPols

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It was around 03h00 pm when the drugs finished burning. Fifty police officers were part of that operation (BLTS and UDMO) with the assistance of UNPol alongside 30 Indian FPU and 10 Jordanian SWAT elements who were in charge of protecting the convoy. A Haitian fire truck was also there in order to intervene in case of conflagration.

That operation is another proof relating to the capacities of HNP, UNPol and military to work closely on sensitive issues such as the fight against the traffic of drugs.

It equally shows a perfect coordination among all services and was very efficient as the procedures had been professionally implemented for destroying these drugs. ■



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UNPol and HNP travel to Regions on Vetting Mission



On Wednesday, June 20, 2012, a small convoy left Charlie Camp heading to three different locations. This group included three United Nations Stabilization Mission for Haiti (MINUSTAH) police officers (UNPol) and 12 Haitian National Police Officers (HNP). These officers travelled to the Center Region (Hinche and Mirebalais), the Northeast Region (Fort Liberté), and the North Region (Cap-Haitien) for vetting the HNP officers in those locations. Over the course of the next several months, 833 HNP officers will be vetted. Of these, 192 will be from Hinche and Mirebalais, 158 from Fort Liberté, and 483 from Cap-Haitien, according to UNPol Theophile Coulibaly, Chief of the Registration and Vetting Unit.

The process of vetting, according to UNPol Blai Eugene Digbeu, Chief of Administration and General Service, is a two-tracked system. HNP officers currently employed are vetted, meaning they undergo background checks for disqualifying candidates or employees for various reasons such as criminal conduct or other problematic history. Candidates who have entered the HNP Academy in Port au Prince are also vetted for the same reasons.

The MINUSTAH UNPol contribution to the vetting process is to work in conjunction with the HNP and their vetting staff. The seriousness of the MINUSTAH commitment can be observed in the number of personnel dedicated to vetting. Currently 54 UNPol are assigned as vetting officers.



An example of how the vetting process eliminates HNP candidates during background checking may be seen in the removal of 36 candidates of 913 in the 22nd Promotional Class.

Prior to departing Charlie Camp for the three destinations, the UNPol and HNP officers received a brief speech from Chief Digbeu encouraging them in their efforts, telling them that “he was very proud to send them to the different regions to do this work.” The HNP officers on hand appeared to be eager to depart and in good spirits as were their UNPol counterparts. They then departed on this very important assignment.

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HNP Coast Guards and UNPol patrol Gonave Island

On Wednesday, June 27, 2012, this writer was part of a group of five (5) Haitian National Police (HNP) Coast Guard and United Nations Stabilization Mission for Haiti (MINUSTAH) United Nations Police Officers (UNPol) as they conducted naval operations in the Gulf of Gonave and the island of Gonave. The operation was proof of the increasingly successful development of the Haitian Coast Guard as they patrol the waters of Haiti. The daylong mission began and ended at the Admiral Killick Naval Base in Carrefour, Haiti. The mission carried out was a naval patrol in the Gulf of Gonave to the village of Pointe-a-Racquette on the island of Gonave, then visibility patrolling along the southern coast of Gonave island before returning to the naval base.

According to Border Airport Maritime Officers, UNPol Gilles Lamarche (EOM) and Raymond Martineau, the Haitian Coast Guard members have made great progress and are nearly completely self-sufficient. This was visible in the observation of the Haitians as they prepared the 40-foot Sea Ark patrol boat for departure. The crew was led by HNP, A-4 St. Louis Jean Hebert who quickly got the mission underway. The Haitians handled all of the tasks and periodically discussed matters with the two UNPols. After easing out into the Gulf of Gonave, our craft sped up and traveled to Gonave Island in approximately two (2) hours. During the trip, dolphins were visible as they leaped out of the bright blue water.

After arriving at the village of Pointe-a-Racquette, the local citizens came to the pier, along with several HNP officers, assisting in tying the craft's ropes at the pier. After exchanging greetings, our group made its way to the local commissariat, where a short

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The operation was proof of the increasingly successful development of the Haitian Coast Guard as they patrol the waters of Haiti. (Sergio Gonzales / UN Photo)



The local villagers were excited to see the new arrivals – especially the children, who were given candy by one of our group. After conducting some walking patrols through the area, the crew then gathered back onto the vessel for departure. As we pulled away, the children of the village stood on the pier waving.

One of the tasks involved in conducting naval patrols in the Gulf is the stopping and checking of boaters, especially for contraband such as narcotics which may be hidden in bags of charcoal. During this patrol, the HNP stopped three boats to check them. All three contained local citizens who were fishing in the Gulf. One boater had several colorful fish and a Moray eel as his catch. Another group had a large collection of Conch that they had collected. During all of the interactions, the HNP were friendly and gave water to the boaters.

The sea became rather choppy upon our return to Killick and the Haitians skillfully navigated the waves as they broke over the vessel. Throughout the entire journey, the HNP Coast Guard crew stayed on task and alert to changes in the sea or other vessels to be avoided or checked. At one point, they even got the opportunity to practice their recovery skills when one of the HNP officers lost his cap in the water.

UNPols Lamarche and Martineau stated that focus has now begun to shift to the development of training curriculum for the Coast Guard. A recent Train the Trainer program was completed whereby 50 HNP Coast Guard Officers graduated in 2011. These trainers will then pass on their knowledge along with developed curriculum to future HNP Coast Guard Officers.



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INDUCTION TRAINING



The induction training has emerged within the mission in 2007, to give future UN police the maximum theoretical and practical knowledge about the environment they would face during their tour here. At the moment a complete training process is provided to newcomers by a team of 10 translators, interpreters UNPols supported by three Haitians and outsiders' members of the mission.

This set is dynamically directed by Tai Chang, police officer from Canada. The course lasts one week for UNPOLS and two days for FPU. Among the subjects offered can be also found: the MINUSTAH's organization, gender, history of Haiti, the protection of children, the rules of engagement, discipline, stress introduction reflexes in cases of natural disasters, the Haitian judicial system and history of the UN.



Meanwhile to this initial training, Induction Training Center's team-ITC has implemented since June 2012 at Camp Delta, at the initiative of Hamadou Guigma, additional training for Team Leaders and Support Officers who are already within the mission. The program was jointly developed with Pillar Operations, and it is centered on the following subjects: Courses on Management Skills, Mentoring, Community Policing, Human Rights, or the training of Team leaders and/or Support Officers. Two courses are offered each month, and updated, 40 UNPol have followed this new formation. From 6th to 7th August, 20 additional police officers have completed this training.



It also happens that the ITC's trainers go to countries committed to the mission, to conduct on-site pre-selection of future members of MINUSTAH. This expertise is focused on the capacity for future police officers to know the mission's language, or be able to drive 4x4 all-terrain vehicles. A future mission had pre-selection should take place in Colombia in the month of August.

Questioned the ITC's team of his work's meaning, they respond unanimous: "We are fully aware of being an essential component of a good system performance. Our versatility, capacities and skills to adapt into evolution of our environment, allow us to be responsive and to reorient the training according to the necessity".



Francisca Baeza a police officer arrived from Chile in March 2012, taking its business to heart, for her "the accompaniment of newcomers in the assignment is still a very important moment that determines the success of the stay." The same goes for Jose Navarro of Salvadorian nationality "we really care newcomers throughout this week. The program has a very busy during their enchainment apace. In addition to other materials, we set aside great importance to language testing and shooting. The failures in these areas can be repatriation of police officers in their origin country".

On average about 70 police officers from 48 different nationalities are found in every month induction which accounted for the year 2011 a total of 928 UNPols 5 and 55 FPU.



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Police officers in Artibonite region trained in intervention techniques and human rights

Tactics and Intervention techniques (TTI) as well as human rights were the two courses given in St. Marc and Gonaives, respectively from 8 to 12 and from 9 to 10 of October 2012 with the assistance UNPol and MINUSTAH Human Rights Section pertaining to the reinforcement of the HNP agents' capacities deployed in Artibonite.

The Police officers that I train are equally my partners in the field. Accompanying them, I contribute to my own safety stated Sergo Sovereign who is trainer for the National Police of Haiti (HNP). This week, he gave training to his counterparts on Tactics and Intervention Techniques (TTI). Two years ago received these training sessions at the Police Academy. According to him, this task is essential to the professionalization of the HNP institution.

In fact, the Haitian trainers trained by UNPol officers have the responsibility to give these training sessions within their working stations. To be more efficient, they receive assistance from their trainers. The delegation is composed of two Frenchmen and a Beninese. For them, despite being young the HNP institution is very lucky as its police officers were trained by trainers from various countries.

They also focus on the necessity to incite training inside each HNP unit. According to Jean-Marc Tanguy, MINUSTAH instructor at the Police Academy, such a choice would enable the enhancement of the HNP institution. *"We always take advantage of our visits in regions to encourage the Heads of Police-Stations to provide time for refreshing courses for the police agents benefit's. Currently, there is not enough"* stated the French police officer. According to MINUSTAH trainers it would be better for each HNP entity have at least two trainers.

Meanwhile, they are in St. Marc where UDMO agents are again being trained on some important aspects. It is about; professional attitude, palpation, "handcuffing", tactical progression and control of vehicles. These concepts are for Nadeige Nelson Rose a reminder. However, she considers these notions useful in the framework of her tasks. *"She stated that these exercises will help them to face difficult situations because they describe our reality including situations that they have already faced"*.

In Gonaives, another group of HNP from the Police station of Haut Artibonite participate in a two-day of training session on the respect of Human Rights. The use of force and firearms is at the heart of that session by the HNP including sexual aggressions and respect of individual freedom. According to François Louis, HNP agent assigned to the Security Unit of the National Institute of Agrarian Reform (USRA), these concepts are necessary to any police officer. *"Remember that it helps us to avoid any emotional actions"*, stated the said agent. But the officer of MINUSTAH human Rights, Monthéliard Louinord, hopes that at the end of this training there will be, *"a better management of the retention records in the concerned police stations and a change of behaviour regarding the use of force"*. ■





Special Representative for Haiti from the Director General of UNESCO goes to Jacmel to inaugurate two computer laboratories

Tuesday, September 18, Ms. Michaëlle Jean Special Representative for Haiti of the UNESCO's Director General traveled to Jacmel to inaugurate two computer labs.

The first located in the University of Notre-Dame d'Haiti, and the second in the girls' high school in the city. Many UNPols accompanied by several members of the HNP were given an appointment on the spot to ensure the safety of this important personality. Ms. Michaëlle Jean, was accompanied during the trip by the Canadian Ambassador to Haiti Henri-Paul Normandin, and many people of the city of Jacmel.

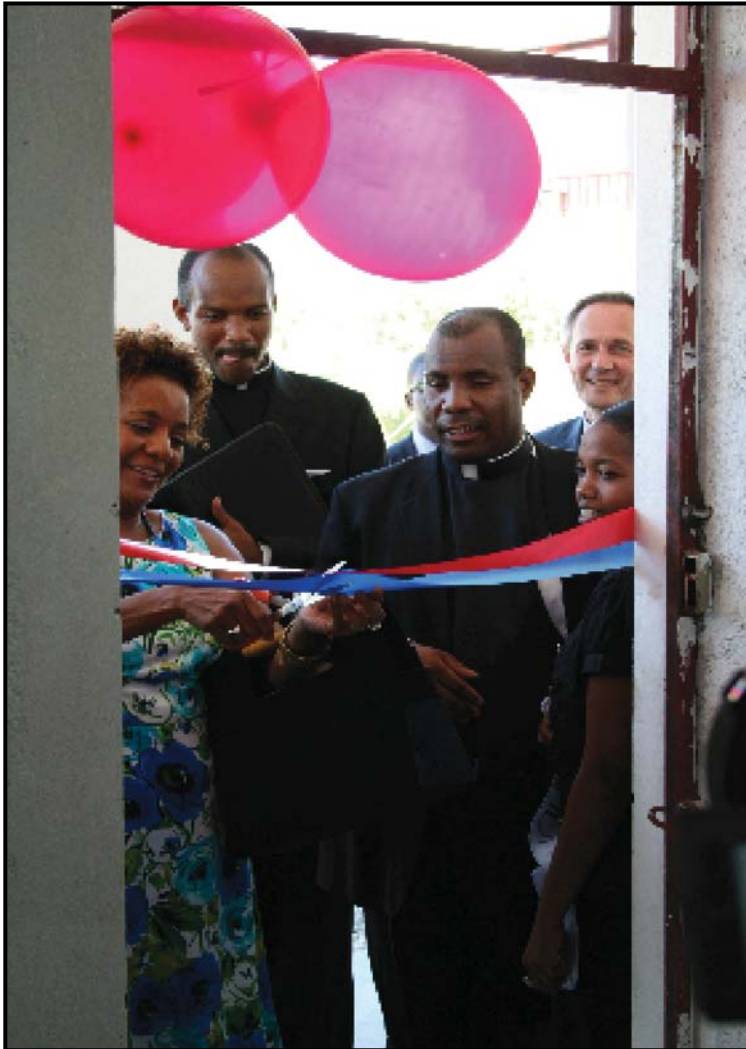
Prior to this position of responsibility within the UNESCO Ms. Jean was Governor General of Canada. Originally from Jacmel and Haitian by birth, she has kept an unwavering commitment to his homeland of origin. She initiated this project to create two computer labs in partnership with UNESCO, the private donators, and officials from both institutions Beneficiaries, there are now 18 months.

The University of Notre-Dame d'Haiti has about one thousand students who pursue higher education over several cycles. Computer lab opened this morning at this, will help provide students with a tool that will propel al like other developed countries in the world of multi-media and knowledge permanent. The immediate access to knowledge is a major asset for Haitian youth.



Ms. Michaëlle Jean Special Representative for Haiti of the UNESCO's Director General. (Mélanie Malenfant / UN Photo)





Tomorrow it is these young people who will be part of the forces of the country and who can share their knowledge to future generations, while working in economic development of their nation. On the occasion of his speech, the Special Representative of the e Director General of UNESCO has paid tribute to his mother, Mrs. Luce Dépestre, a leading figure of the Haitian woman, reminding the audience the values that it had inculcated from an early age, namely, tolerance, respect for others, generosity and sense of duty associated with a high sense of morality.

The movement then continued through Jacmel High School's girls where again, 3500 students at this school have benefited manes of international aid. In fact, a brand new computer room, and with a state-of-the-art workstations, was also inaugurated with great pomp by the representative the Special Representative of the UNESCO's Director General.

Ms. Michaëlle Jean's journey to Haiti continued throughout the week, through several meetings with higher authorities. Many cooperation projects are still in the pipeline, we hope that they are emerging rapidly to rebuild this nation and that a new generation of boys and girls Haiti bring a new ray of hope land that has suffered too much.

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HNP Officers Demonstrate Speed Detection Equipment



On Thursday June 28 2012, a demonstration took place at the Haitian National Police (HNP) Academy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti in the use of speed detection and breathes alcohol equipment by HNP officers. The demonstration was part of a ceremony in which the government of France donated three (3) laser operated speed detection devices, as well as breathes alcohol detection equipment to the HNP. Members of the United Nations Stabilization Mission facilitated the equipment's use for Haiti (MINUSTAH) who trained the HNP officers in its use.

During the demonstration, five (5) HNP officers demonstrated how they could integrate the speed detection devices into a traffic checkpoint. The officers staffed three (3) different radars, while a demonstration vehicle approached the checkpoint. One of the officers directed the car into a parking spot at which time several other officers moved to a position to cover the vehicle and its occupants. After inspection of the driver's registration paperwork, one of the officers operating a laser speed detector showed the driver a display of the speed the driver was traveling. Afterward, the officers utilized a breath alcohol detection device to check for driving under the influence. After the breath test was given, the driver was issued a citation for speeding and released.

Dignitaries on hand included HNP Inspector General Jean Miguéline Maximé; French Ambassador to Haiti, Didier Le Bret; Jean Dussourd, Prefet Referent on Haiti to the French Ministry of the Interior; and representatives of the MINUSTAH, led by former Deputy Police Commissioner for HNP Development Mr. Fredrik Bjerkeborn.

After the demonstration, the VIPs inspected the equipment and congratulated all participants on an excellent demonstration. The HNP officers trained by the MINUSTAH United Nations Poli

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IDP Camp Officers Demonstrate Community Oriented Policing Skills

Recently a group of MINUSTAH (United Nations Stabilization Mission for Haiti) police officers working in Camp Kan Solino Medilien internally displaced person (IDP) camp demonstrated the essence of community oriented policing practices. On 08 June 2012, these United Nations Police (UNPol) officers were approached by a resident of the camp regarding a sick one-year-old baby girl suffering from an umbilical hernia, which made it appear that the child's internal organs were protruding from her abdomen. The UNPols transported the baby and mother to a clinic for treatment and assisted the mother in getting back to her residence.

This group of Mobile Gender Unit UNPols, led by Sabrina Young, Ronan Lepape, and Pauline Yameogo, were informed that the baby needed emergency surgery for an umbilical hernia. After going to five different medical facilities and speaking to six different physicians, the UNPols were able to arrange for the child to receive treatment and have the child scheduled for surgery at the Bernard Mevs Hospital. This sounds like an easy arrangement, but the UNPols had to make logistical arrangements to transport the baby for blood testing and arrange to have a nutritionist treat her. Eventually the surgery was scheduled for 21st June 2012. When the date of the surgery arrived, the attending surgeon requested x-rays and a sonogram. This required the UNPols to arrange with an outside clinic to accomplish this task.

While this process was taking place, the UNPols involved took up a collection to pay for the x-rays and the sonogram. After a final check of the baby's blood-work, the surgery was scheduled for 05 July 2012. Two days after the surgery, the UNPols visited the baby in the hospital. The surgery went well, but the baby was having a difficult time. A second surgery for the child was carried out on 08 July 2012 after complications arose. The UNPols of the Mobile Gender Unit have continued to stay engaged in helping the family, aiding the mother in returning to her residence while the baby's father took his turn watching over the baby. The mother had been with the baby throughout the entire time.

This collective action of these UNPols represent the highest reflection of service to humanity, as well as to the Haitian people who the UNPols serve each day while working in the various IDP camps in Haiti. Proactive community involvement was clearly demonstrated, as well as a positive relationship between the Haitians and the UNPols. The residents trusted the UNPols to bring their sick child to the attention of the UNPols, validating the involvement and engagement of the MINUSTAH in fulfilling its mandate with the Haitian people.

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Story of the Season

On October 16th 2012, UNPol Quincy Burgos, a colombian police officer, attended a woman who was about to deliver twins, in the IDP Camp Jean-Marie Vincent in Port-au-Prince.





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