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The Military Activities of MINUSTAH. Your Newsletter.



Giving Protection

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Support your Peacekeepers!

- ✘ De Felipe Villela (Brasil) para TC Rangel: « *Homenagem ao meu pai: Pai, me sinto muito orgulhoso de saber que você e todos os outros peacekeepers ajudam muito e muitas vezes salvam a vida do povo haitiano, que precisa muito da ajuda de vocês! Estou morrendo de saudades e estou super ansioso para ver você aqui com a gente de novo! Abração!* » (28/09/2012).
- ✘ De Christophe (France) à Franz : « *Salut camarade, bon courage à toi dans le boulot. Dans l'attente de nous revoir à ton retour. Ton ami* » (04/10/2012).
- ✘ Founa ki an Ayiti pou Sòlda Lapè : « *Mwen ta renmen remèsye sòlda lapè yo pou tout sa yo akompli nan peyi a. Se vre yo lwen fanmi ak lakay yo men sa pa anpeche yo kontinye goumen pou lapè. Ayibobo!!!* » (12/10/2012).
- ✘ De Veronica (Guatemala) para Marlon: « *Diosito... Tú que formaste el cielo y la tierra a tu semejanza te presento a Marlon Mihail Velasquez Alvarado, Diosito que en sus días de tristeza, tu deposites mucha alegría y no permitas que caiga en el abismo, que cuando se sienta solo, tu estés con él, que cuando él piense que nadie se recuerda de él, el sepa que está en nuestro corazón y que lo amamos mucho... Diosito ese hombre que te presento es mi Esposo, un Militar y el padre de mi hija Hermione* » (12/10/2012).
- ✘ From Viviana (Haiti) to all Peacekeepers: « *Congratulations for Security Council Resolution 2070 mandating UN Peacekeepers in Haiti to help and support Haiti's authorities with recovery efforts for another year* » (14/10/2012).

- ✘ You have a message to send to your Peacekeeper for a special event?
 - ✘ You just want to tell him/her that you miss him/her?
 - ✘ You want to send a support message to all of Haiti's Peacekeepers?

You too, you can send your message to the following address:
support_haiti_peacekeepers@hotmail.com or just click on this image:



A few rules:

- ✘ Mention your first name, your country and the name of your Peacekeeper.
- ✘ If your message is intended for all Haiti's Peacekeepers, just write it.
 - ✘ Your message has to be short.

If you respect these rules, you will be published...

Tell me your mission...



Selena, GUAMPCOY, 22 years old.

“My name is Selena. I am a translation and interpreting student at the University of Guatemala. I work as a language assistant for the military police company and am also an assistant for my contingent commander. Although it is hard to be far from my family and friends, I am glad and proud to represent my country and to take part in this peacekeeping mission. It is a great experience for me”.



Gabriel, BOLCOY, 23 years old.

“I am Gabriel. I love engineering, as any engineer, and my family and girlfriend Gabriela above all things. I serve as a liaison officer and interpreter for the Bolivian Mechanized Infantry Company. I like my job because I get to practice English, Spanish, French and Japanese languages and interact with a wide variety of different cultures. I am very thankful for the opportunity to represent my beloved Bolivia, the army and my family through the work I do here”.



A Bridge [not] too far

During September and October construction engineers from INDOENCOY built two metal footbridges in the centre of the Gonaïves, allowing the inhabitants to easily cross the main canal of the city. This work was welcomed by the population who consider it a direct and concrete improvement for their daily life and activities.



**INDONESIAN
ENGINEERS**





OBJECTIVE: LA GONÂVE

From October 1st to 5th, MINUSTAH Military Component conducted the operations TARPON and PROUD EAGLE on La Gonâve Island. These joint operations aimed to support HNP in its security mission and bring added stability to the island.



COMBINED OPERATION

Oct. 1, 07:30 AM: Operation Tarpon began when maritime assets prepared to get underway and MINUSTAH soldiers embarked on the boats to deploy to La Gonâve Island. During the following five days, MINUSTAH Soldiers conducted joint patrols and security missions to assist Haitian National Police (HNP) in enforcing the rule of law.

On October 3, 2012, operation PROUD EAGLE also began, and included helicopter patrols. This combination of land, maritime and air actions aimed to put significant pressure on criminal networks or gangs operating on the island.

For these two operations many assets were mobilized, including: a civilian ferry boat, three patrol boats from the Uruguayan Navy and two MI-8 transport helicopters.



The view of Colonel Alain GUTTIÉREZ (French Army), MINUSTAH MC Chief Operations Officer: *“We conducted a very successful joint operation involving HNP and all MINUSTAH components thanks to an excellent coordination between all concerned. It contributed to a decrease of criminal activities and supported the Haitian people living on the island”.*

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Operations TARPON and PROUD EAGLE took place as planned. Many joint maritime, mobile and foot patrols were performed on the island. Several CIMIC (Civil-Military Cooperation) activities were also conducted in support of the population.

From now on, La Gonâve's criminals know they are not untouchable and cannot break the law with complete impunity...

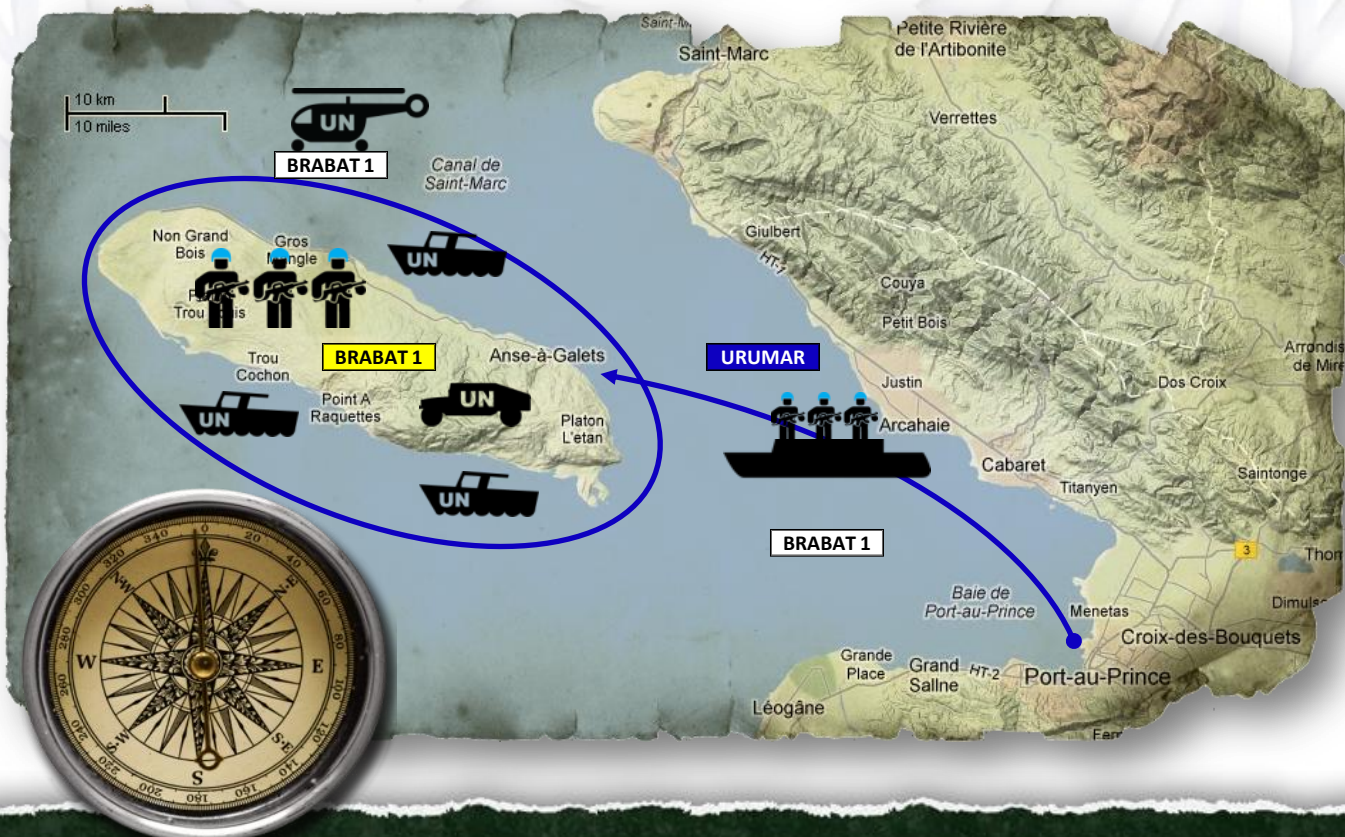
TARPON & PROUD EAGLE ASSETS (including HNP personnel)

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As a result...

During operations TARPON and PROUD EAGLE, 17 people suspected to be involved in criminal activities were apprehended.



On the ground with

BRABAT 2

On October 9, 2012, soldiers from BRABAT 2 conducted a mission in different areas of Port-au-Prince with a special guest: Gugu Liberato, one of the most famous TV hosts in Brazil.

From 8 to 10 October 2012, the 2nd Brazilian Peacekeeping Infantry Battalion (BRABAT 2) welcomed Gugu Liberato, host of a popular TV show in Brazil, which appears on Rede Record TV.

On October 9, he took part in a mechanized patrol conducted in BRABAT 2 area of responsibility in Port-au-Prince: the National Palace, “Notre Dame” Cathedral, Fort National (base of the 1st Rifle Company), Venezuela market and Golf Club IDP camp, which has 27,000 inhabitants. He was also present at a distribution of drinking water to children of Italy Village School.

The TV team had a whole view of peacekeepers’ job: providing the Haitian population through security and stability operations.



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...AND PROUD
OF IT.

A healthy mind in a healthy body

On top of their engineering work, peacekeepers from Republic of Korea conduct every week voluntary activities intended for the Haitian population, especially young people.



KOREAN ENGINEERS

ROKENGCOY began its first computer class for young Haitians this month. Currently seventeen students are learning basic computer theory, Windows 7, Excel, and PowerPoint. At the end of the class, they will receive a certification. Courses take place on every Friday (2:00-5:00) and Saturday (1:00-5:00).

Additionally, since November 2010, the peacekeepers also teach a Taekwondo class. Currently seven Korean instructors train fifty students. This course takes place at the Christian College New Mission (CCNM) in Léogâne every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 to 12:00 AM.

Since inception, ten students have received official certification by the Haitian Taekwondo Association.



What is exactly Taekwondo?

Taekwondo - literally “the way of the hand and the foot” - is a martial art that originates from Korea. It combines combat techniques, self-defense, sport, exercise but also meditation and philosophy. In 1989, taekwondo was the world's most popular martial art in terms of number of practitioners. It has been an Olympic event since 2000.



Puppies to save lives

Five months ago, the Bolivian Company adopted five puppies to train as dogs specialized in searching and rescue. After their two-year training, they will be an invaluable asset for MINUSTAH QRF (Quick Reaction Force), the mission assigned to BOLCOY.



BOLIVIAN COMPANY

January 2010, Port-au-Prince, near the presidential palace. Hunter, a border collie is searching for survivors in an area devastated by the earthquake. Suddenly Hunter pin-points the scent of survivors under 4 feet of broken concrete and does his “bark alert”. So three young girls were rescued and saved. During this period, many dogs like Hunter, from all around the world, were engaged in support of first aid workers. They saved many lives.



A Search and Rescue dog working.



The five puppies and their mother.

BOLCOY realized the importance to have and use such dogs as a tool of emergency response in case of natural disaster. So on June 8, 2012, the company adopted five puppies to train them to become rescue dogs. The process is divided into four phases: socialization, obedience, dexterity and finally search and rescue. Gradually rescuers skills are inculcated the puppies that assimilate the instruction positively.

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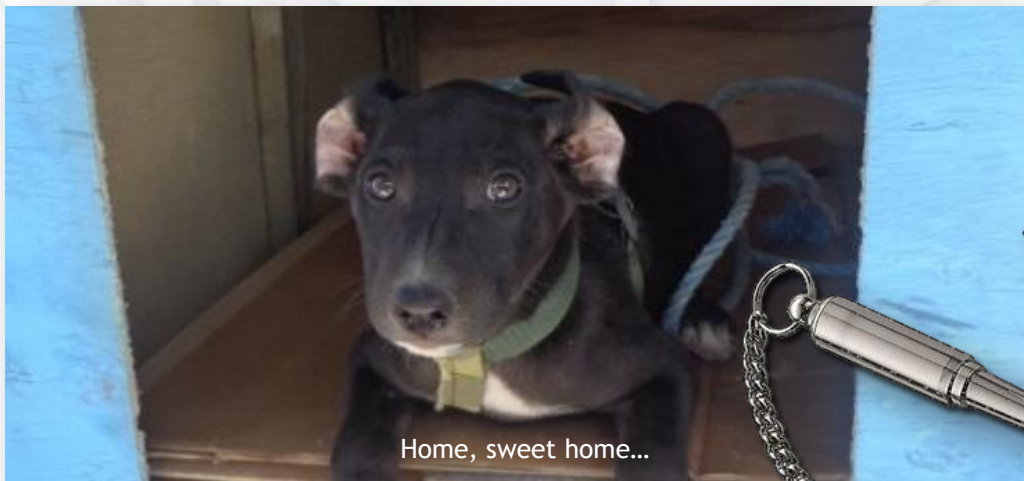
The first three stages last about three months. Currently puppies are in the second phase of obedience. Every day, they spend long hours playing with their coaches. These games are an important part of training. Guided by their coaches, the young dogs have to learn and assimilate step-by-step the appropriate reactions.



Kennels ensure to puppies good health and willingness to work.

The last phase is the longest and the most complex. Dogs will have to find hidden known persons. It takes two years of training for the animals to become accomplished search and rescue dogs. At this time it will be possible for them to be used by BOLCOY on the ground.

It is important to provide the puppies adequate and comfortable living conditions. Soldiers of the company built kennels in BOLCOY Tiahuanacu Base, Camp Charlie, for their new workmates. Today BOLCOY soldiers are proud to count in their ranks five four-pawed peacekeepers.



Home, sweet home...





Beyond the ceremonial...

For each Peacekeeper, the Medal Parade is, of course, an intense moment of pride and prestige. But it is also for the contingents, an occasion to present their traditions and culture through shows of dance or sport. And, after the ceremony, it is time for sharing and fraternity between the nations that constitute the big family of peacekeepers.



**- BOLCOY, GUAMPCOY,
NEPBAT, PERCOY -
OCTOBER 19, 2012
CAMP CHARLIE,
PORT-AU-PRINCE**





Working with Humanitarians



From 15 to 18 October, 2012, a Civil-Military Coordination (CMCoord) Training Course was organized in Port-au-Prince by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Eight officers of MINUSTAH Military Component took part in it... surrounded on all sides by Humanitarian actors.



In specific situations, like a crisis or natural disasters, the humanitarian community and military forces work together to assist and protect the population, as requested by the government. This is the subject of the OCHA Civil-Military Coordination Training Course. It aims to make known and well understood the principles of this kind of coordination.

An OCHA team came especially from Geneva, Switzerland, to lead the course organized by Viviana De Annunziis, Civil-Military Coordination Officer for Haiti. Over four days, through presentations and practical exercises, participants shared their experiences and exchanged their points of view regarding CMCoord.



Thursday the course concluded with a graduation ceremony presided by Mr. Nigel Fisher, UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Haiti and the Force Commander, Major General Fernando Rodrigues Goulart. Every graduate received the OCHA official certificate. The necessity of the course was demonstrated the almost immediately afterwards with arrival of Hurricane Sandy, where the principles were applied.

- ✘ **The view of a Military:** *"It is important for us to know before a crisis how our different organizations operate and how we can cooperate for the good of the population."*
- ✘ **The view of a Humanitarian:** *"It was particularly interesting and rewarding for me to learn about the military system, which is very different from the humanitarian one. I was glad to interact with those in uniform."*



Learn more about Haiti...



Let's start a conversation in Creole:

Do you want to talk with me?..... *Eske ou vle pale ansanm avèk mwen ?*
 Let's talk together! *An n fè yon ti koze !*
 Where do you live?..... *Ki kote ou rete ?*
 I live in Port-au-Prince..... *Mwen rete Pòtoprens*
 How old are you?..... *Ki laj ou ?*
 I am 30 years old..... *Mwen gen trant lane*

Haitian people love proverbs. So we propose you to learn a new Haitian proverb in each issue of "the Peacekeeper". This time:

"Ravèt pa janm gen rezon devan poul"

(The cockroach is never right in front of the chicken).

Meaning: Might is right!



A Female Fun Fun Fun Run...



On 12 Oct, 2012, a "Female Fun Run" was organized by the Philippine Company at Camp Charlie, Port-au-Prince. More than one hundred young women from military, UNPOL and civilian components took part. The winners were Mariko Yagawa, Yuki Tokunaga and Mayu Kaito (JAPENGOY) for the group category, and Jodeline Olate Medina (CHIECUENGOY - First place), Tatiana Velos Fuentes (CHIBAT - Second place) and Maria Alejandra Barahona Vallee (GUAMPCOY - Third place) for the individual category. Congratulations to all participants!



Story of the month

On 8 Oct 2012, a BRAENGCYOY team was moving from Les Cayes to Plaisance, to carry out construction engineering work. In the area of Cavaillon the team spotted a woman in distress by the roadside. The convoy immediately stopped and the team provided assistance to the woman who was giving birth.

The nurse of BRAENGCYOY delivered the baby. After the birth, the new family was taken to its home where they were welcomed by their relatives.



**BRAZILIAN
ENGINEERS**



**GUATEMALAN
MILITARY POLICE**

The 12th Contingent of GUAMPCOY conducted a CIMIC (Civil-Military Cooperation) Quick Impact Project in Saint-Roch, town of Carrefour, near Port-au-Prince. This project consisted of building a fenced area, a sports court, a concrete slab with gravel and electrical system within the multi-sport hall.

The population also actively took part in the work.





JORDANIAN BATTALION

From Karim, JORBAT: "My friends and me from the contingent of Kingdom of Jordan put a lot of effort into supporting education. We know that children are the future of a country. So on the occasion of our patrols, we often organize distributions of school supplies to the schoolboys and schoolgirls".



URUGUAYAN BATTALION 1

From Carlos, URUBAT 1: "My contingent continues to support the Haitian population with its daily activities. On 26 September 2012, we distributed 2,000 liters of drinkable water and also installed a generator at Boisrond Tonnerre school in Les Cayes. For sure I miss my family, but I enjoy being a peacekeeper".



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NEPALESE BATTALION

From Chandrasiri, NEPBAT: "From 14 to 19 September 2012, my Battalion organized a volleyball tournament at Camp Charlie. The Force Commander inaugurated the ceremony and it was an opportunity for the contingents to be together and to share their activities".



PERUVIAN COMPANY

From Juan, PERCOY: "On Thursday 4 October 2012, PERCOY doctors, dentists, nurses and soldiers visited the orphanage Notre-Dame-du-Perpétuel-Secours in Croix-des-bouquets. They performed shows, dance and distributed food to the children. Also, the medical team provided medical care and medicine to 50 children".





SRI LANKAN BATTALION

From Kasun, SRIBAT: *“Providing security is our main mission in Haiti, but we have to maintain a good relationship with the population. So, SRIBAT organized on 5 October 2012 a football match for the children living in Léogâne. It was an afternoon of fun ; we distributed food and candy to the children. It was a great experience for me and I enjoyed it”.*

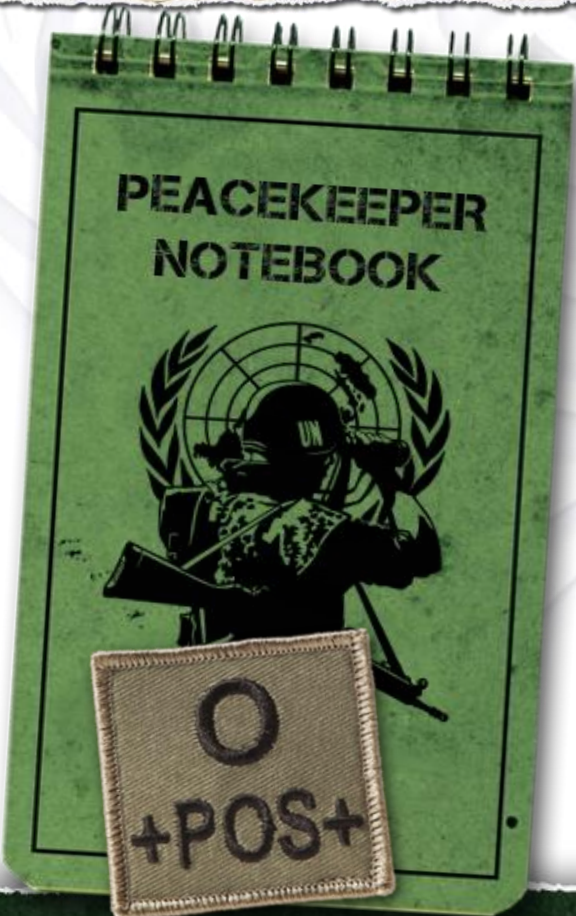


MINUSTAH HEADQUARTERS

From MPIO Staff, MINUSTAH Headquarters: *“Deputy MPIO, Lieutenant Commander Jim Hoeft, US Navy will leave us after more than one year spent in Haiti. Jim, many thanks for all the work done and good luck. We will miss you. Have a fair journey and so long, mate! And, welcome your successor, Lieutenant Laura Stegherr, US Navy. -Your friends.”*



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*"Peacekeeping is not a job for soldiers,
but only soldiers can do it!"*

Dag Hammarskjöld,
United Nations Secretary General 1953-1961.
Nobel Peace Prize 1961.



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