

Brazilian President Temer deploys military to police Rio de Janeiro



Brasilia, Feb 23 (RHC)-- Despite widespread rejection by many Brazilians, President Michel Temer's is enacting his decree ordering the military to take control of security in Rio de Janeiro. The move comes amid a spike in violent crime in Brazil's second-largest city.

Heavily armed soldiers in armored vehicles are now patrolling Rio's impoverished favelas. The military's deployment follows a wave of violence carried out by Brazil's police, who killed over 4,200 people across the country in 2016, with nearly 1,000 of those killings in Rio de Janeiro alone.

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