

# *Brazilian police set fire to landless workers' encampment during mass eviction*

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Brasilia, August 15 (RHC)--In Brazil's Minas Gerais state, military police on Thursday set fire to an encampment of the Landless Rural Workers' Movement, destroying a school and evicting 450 families from their homes.

Video from Thursday's eviction shows a tense standoff between members of the movement, known as MST, and police in riot gear. MST members first occupied the land in 1998 and built a successful cooperative growing coffee and other crops.

The police raid came despite a moratorium on evictions during the pandemic.



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