# *France sends banned riot police to Martinique*

Paris, September 24 (RHC)-- France has sent a long-banned riot police force to the Caribbean island of Martinique amid mounting protests over the cost of living and inequality.

Martinique, which has a majority-Black population, has been colonized by France since the 17th century.

Residents of Martinique pay an estimated 30 to 40% more for food than residents of France.  White and French residents of Martinique also hold outsized political and economic power.

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