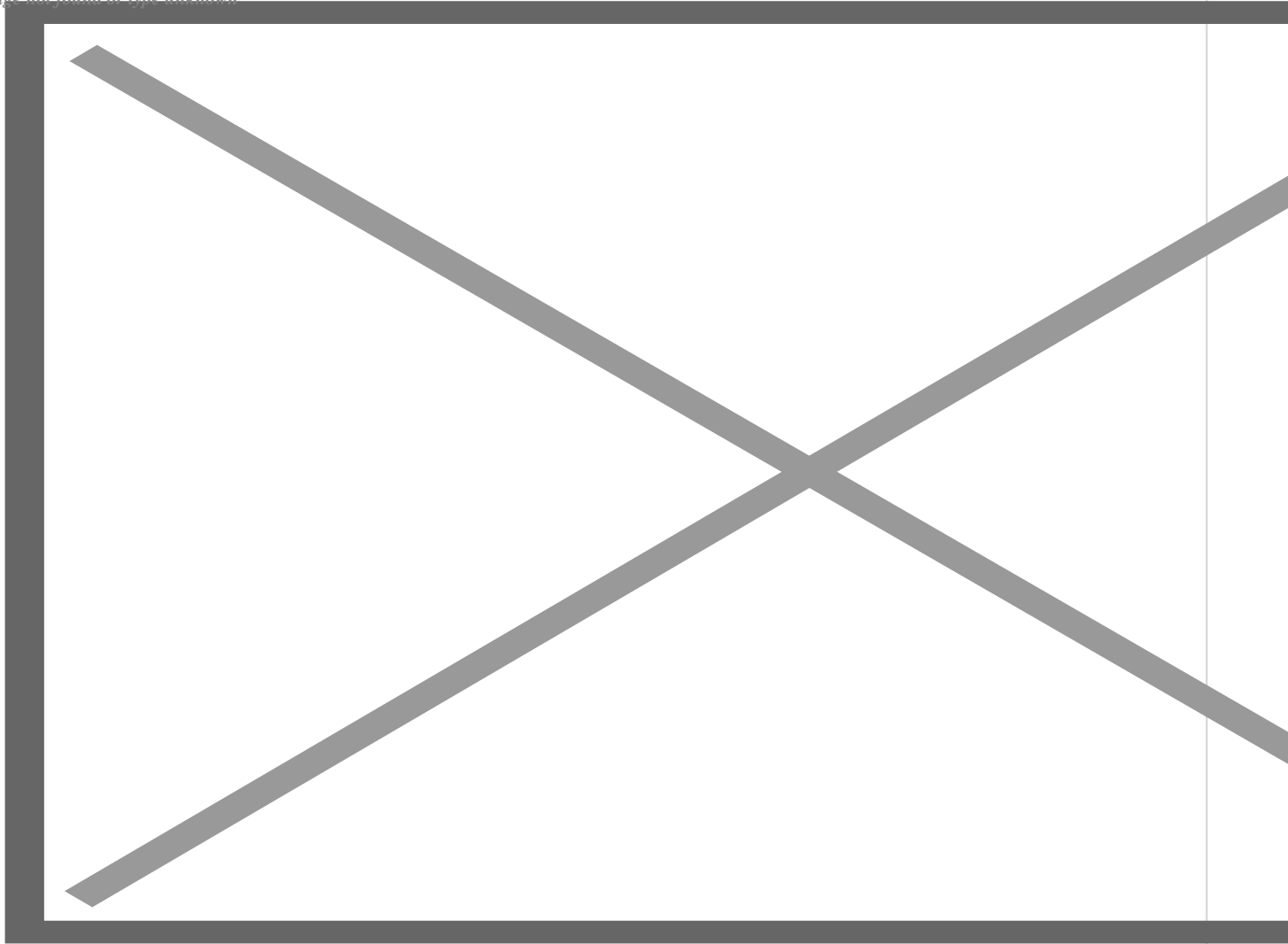


UN condemns violence against police in Haiti

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In 2022, 50 policemen were killed by armed gangs, while more than 2,000 people lost their lives. | Photo: Xinhua

Port-au-Prince, January 27 (RHC)-- The United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (Binuh) rejected Friday the aggressions against the police forces of that Caribbean country when almost 80 agents have been

killed since the swearing in of Ariel Henry as prime minister.

The international body said on its Twitter account that it strongly condemns "the selective and deliberate attacks against police personnel in the exercise of their duties, causing the death of a large number of police officers in recent days."

From this, they extended their condolences to the grieving families and police personnel, while urging the judicial authorities to do their utmost to identify the perpetrators of what it labeled "heinous crimes" and punish them to the fullest extent of the law.

The UN pronouncements came after seven policemen were killed in Artibonite, northwest of the capital Port-au-Prince. Meanwhile, the National Union of the Haitian Police denounced that 15 policemen have lost their lives this year.

In response, Haitian police officers took to the streets of the capital on Thursday to protest the growing insecurity and violence in the country. The officers blocked several avenues and localities, such as Delmas, Petion Ville and Nazon. In addition, dozens of policemen attacked the residence of Premier Henry and the vicinity of the Toussaint Louverture international airport to denounce the governmental inertia in the face of the severe crisis.

Last year, 50 policemen were killed by armed gangs, while more than 2,000 people lost their lives as a consequence of the complex security situation in the Caribbean nation.

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