

Court blocks United Nations-approved plan for Kenyan police to deploy to Haiti

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Nairobi, January 30 (RHC)-- A Kenyan court has blocked a plan to send 1,000 Kenyan police officers to Haiti to help combat gang violence, ruling the move was unconstitutional.

The United Nations Security Council approved the mission last year, and Kenyan forces were due to deploy as early as this month.

In Haiti, the reaction to the news was mixed, as some residents have called for foreign intervention amid the spiraling violence. Others have rejected any outside actors coming to Haiti.

One organizer of protests against foreign intervention, Psycka Lemaire, told reporters: “The crisis is a Haitian crisis. I remember in 2005 through 2006, when the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti arrived in Haiti. They left behind children, diseases like cholera. They left many children without dads. Today, if we are united, we can do wonders.”

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