

# *Supreme Court to analyze police violence in Rio's favelas*

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Havana, Nov. 9 (RHC) Brazil's Supreme Federal Court (STF) will begin analyzing on Nov. 13 the action that discusses the police violence and lethality that prevails today in favelas and communities in Rio de Janeiro.

The case was based only on the manifestations of the parties and entities participating in the process.

With the votes of the ministers, the trial will take place in a future date to be determined.

The process in question was called ADPF of the favelas (set of popular housing built in an irregular and precarious manner) and the term refers to the type of action, a violation of fundamental precept.

It is used to challenge violations of fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

Such an action was inserted in 2019 by the Brazilian Socialist Party (PSB), human rights organizations and social movements.

The organizations and the PSB demand that the situation of serious violations committed by the security forces in the Carioca favelas be recognized by the STF.

They also want the adoption of measures to alleviate this situation.

It was in this action that the Supreme Court decided to limit police operations in Rio's favelas during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.

The court also ordered the submission of a plan of measures to reduce police lethality and control human rights violations by state security forces.

The reporter of the case is Minister Edson Fachin. In 2022, he ordered the installation of body cameras for all police officers in the Territorial Division.

In June of last year, he reiterated the order and determined the establishment of a timetable for the effectiveness of order in all police units, with priority to those that carry out operations in favelas.

A report by the Brazilian Forum for Public Security shows that the police lethality rate in Rio "remains very high, above the national average.

In 2023, the rate was 5.4 deaths per 100,000 inhabitants in confrontations with the police.

The national average is 1.8 deaths per 100,000 inhabitants.

According to the study, there has been a decrease in incidents such as homicides and police killings since the STF decision in the Favelas ADPF, which restricted police operations in communities in the capital, Rio.

In 2019, the year before the decision, 1,814 deaths due to police intervention were recorded in the state.

Already in 2023, there were 871 deaths due to police intervention, a decrease of 52 percent compared to 2019. (Prensa Latina)

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