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1. (C) SUMMARY. MINUSTAH troops reportedly killed wanted gang leader Dread Wilme and an unspecified number of his associates in an operation on July 6. In addition, over the past two weeks, authorities have made numerous important arrests and killed several big name bandits in Port-au-Prince.

   END SUMMARY.

2. (C) In the morning of July 6, MINUSTAH launched an operation into the Bois Neuf area of Cite Soleil, reportedly killing gang leader Dread Wilme and an unspecified number of his associates.

   This will temporary knock the gangs off their feet, but any number of gang leaders can rise to fill the vacuum left by Wilme's death. MINUSTAH needs to keep up the
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3. (C) Between June 22 and June 25, the HNP arrested six of its own officers accused of involvement in kidnapping, and also killed Emmanuel Coriolan (aka Dom Laj) after he allegedly resisted arrest. The HNP also captured a man named Jerry Narcius attempting to use the credit card of a kidnap victim.

On June 29, as part of a raid into Bel-Aire, Brazilian troops arrested 13 Haitians, killed six gang members, and inadvertently found and freed a kidnapped Haitian Red Cross employee. Bel-Aire boss Toutou narrowly avoided capture during this raid, after being surrounded by Brazilians. In a separate operation, Brazilian troops freed the assistant director of the National Port Authority. The Brazilians are now patrolling Bel-Aire on a daily basis and are receiving tips from Haitians, having recovered some caches of equipment (radios, phones, ammunition) and drugs (cocaine). In a July 6 raid, the HNP and Brazilians freed two kidnapping victims, acting on tips from local residents.

4. (C) Over the weekend of July 2-3, The HNP arrested gang leader Lucien Fabien (aka Boeuf), a former Police Commissar previously arrested in connection with a massacre in Carrefour Feuilles in 1999. Never tried, he was subsequently implicated in drug trafficking and was fired from the HNP on April 27, 2004. The HNP also arrested Gabriel Excellent, a member of the [ ] in Port-au-Prince.

On July 2, Dominican authorities captured Arnel Belizaire, an ex-FAd'H, [ ] and recent prison escapee. The Dominicans expelled Belizaire and transferred him to HNP authorities on July 3.

5. (C) Reports indicate that a top lieutenant in the Evens gang also died as a result of an HNP operation over the weekend. Joint MINUSTAH/HNP operations in the Tokyo neighborhood of Cite Soleil produced 11 arrests of suspected kidnappers in the La Plaine area.