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Bukele sends armed robot dogs against Haiti's gangsters

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First, El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele threatened Haitian gang leaders with a major offensive. Now, at least 2,500 Salvadoran soldiers are in the country, armored military vehicles are rolling through the capital – and even armed robot dogs are being deployed. A football stadium occupied by criminal gangs for more than two years has been recaptured and is now intended to serve as a base for further attacks.

With assault rifles strapped to their backs, four-legged combat robots march through the Sylvio Cator National Stadium in Port-au-Prince. They move through narrow corridors, climb stairs, and accompany heavily armed soldiers. El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele himself released the footage on X. The gangsters, who control large parts of the Haitian capital, are now facing not only foreign special forces but also modern military technology.

At least two of these four-legged robots equipped with mounted assault rifles were deployed, according to the Salvadoran newspaper El Diario de Hoy . The machines can navigate narrow passageways and assist soldiers in reconnaissance dangerous areas. For Haiti's gangsters, who have terrorized entire neighborhoods and even resorted to attacks on security forces, Bukele's deployment represents yet another unpleasant surprise.



Bukeles' threats are followed by military action

Report24 reported on October 22nd about Bukele's declaration of war against the Haitian gang leaders. Four Salvadoran aviation technicians had disappeared after a brutal ambush on October 18th. Bukele then sent in the military and warned the kidnappers of a massive offensive if his countrymen did not return alive. His message was clear: "We have already taken care of the gangs in El Salvador, and we can take care of you too." What began as a threat has since escalated into extensive military operations.

According to the Associated Press, at least 2,500 Salvadoran troops are now in Haiti. Together with Haitian security forces, they are fighting the armed gangs that terrorize entire neighborhoods. In early November, Haitian police and Salvadoran soldiers destroyed a property belonging to the notorious gang leader Wilson Joseph, who heads the 400 Mawozo organization. The gang leader escaped. The four missing Salvadorans have also not yet been freed. Joseph claims the men are dead, while Bukele's government continues to believe they are alive.

The football stadium will be turned into a military base

On Thursday, November 12, security forces successfully recaptured the Sylvio Cator National Stadium. Armed gangs had occupied the sports complex since February 2024. According to the Haitian National Police, their units carried out the operation jointly with the Task Force.

They then handed the stadium over to the Salvadoran Armed Forces. Bukele described the operation as a joint effort by the Haitian police, the army, and its special forces. More than twenty military vehicles and trucks are reportedly now stationed at the site.

What security forces discovered there, according to Bukele , gives an idea of the conditions that prevailed under the gangs' rule: several human skulls were found on the grounds. The former sports facility is now being converted into a military base. From there, Salvadoran and Haitian units will advance further into the neighborhoods controlled by the gangs. The gangs are thus losing not only one of their strongholds, but the security forces are also gaining a strategically important base for further operations.

Bukele issued another warning to the gang leaders . They should leave the affected areas before the offensive began. Anyone who stayed and confronted his soldiers would have to face the consequences. He delivered the message again in Haitian Creole. Meanwhile, the military is expanding its positions around the stadium, while security operations are underway in other parts of Port-au-Prince.