



# UN Approved Multinational Security Mission in Haiti

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## Why in News?

Recently, the [United Nations Security Council \(UNSC\)](#) has approved the **Multinational Security Mission (MSS)**, led by [Kenya](#), to restore security, protect critical infrastructure and control spiraling violence in Haiti.

## Why is the UN Sending a Multinational Security Mission to Haiti?

### ▪ Haiti's Plea for Urgent Help:

- Haiti faced escalating gang violence, causing chaos and suffering throughout the country. A group of gangs known as "**G9 and Family**" disrupted the main fuel port and the Capital city **Port-au-Prince**, leading to a nationwide crisis.
  - This has resulted in widespread killings of **nearly 2,800 people**, between **October 2022 and June 2023**.
  - Human rights groups have reported a rise in sexual violence and crimes against women. In addition to this, mass looting and burning of houses have led to the displacement of thousands of people, with around 200,000 fleeing their homes. As per estimates, **almost half the population is in need of humanitarian assistance**.
- The Haitian Prime Minister reached out to the international community, seeking specialized armed forces to counter the gangs and their backers.

### ▪ Multinational Security Mission:

- Unlike the Previous [UN peacekeeping mission](#) in Haiti that concluded in 2017, this new MSS will **not be operated by the United Nations**.
  - **Kenya has volunteered to lead the force**, with support from other countries like the Bahamas, Jamaica, and Antigua and Barbuda.

### ▪ Role and Responsibilities:

- The mission aims to **provide operational support to the Haitian National Police**, enhance security conditions, protect vital infrastructure, and facilitate the conduct of elections.
- The force will have the authority to make arrests in coordination with Haitian police.

## Haiti

- It is located between the [Caribbean Sea](#) and the North [Atlantic Ocean](#). Haiti occupies the western one-third of the island of **Hispaniola**.
  - The **Dominican Republic borders Haiti on the eastern side** of the island. Haiti's neighbours include **Jamaica to the west and Cuba to the northwest**.
- **Official Languages:** French, Haitian Creole.
- **Major Mountain Ranges:** Massif de la Selle, Massif du Nord.
- It is the **world's first independent Black-led republic**.
- The nation underwent about two centuries of Spanish colonial rule and more than a century of French rule.



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