

**Police and Jordanian troops raid Haitian slum filled with pro-Aristide followers; One person killed**

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - Haitian **police** and U.N. peacekeepers raided a volatile slum and shot and killed at least one person in the seaside ghetto teeming with supporters of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, witnesses said.

The raid on Cite Soleil came as authorities fight an increase in violence since Sept. 30, when Aristide loyalists intensified protests demanding his return from exile in South Africa. More than 250 people have been killed in shootouts involving politically affiliated street gangs, **police**, U.N. peacekeepers and protesters.

About 150 Jordanian troops in armored vehicles and 60 Haitian **police** rolled into the sprawling, trash-strewn slum before dawn and immediately came under fire, Jordanian military spokesman Mahmoud Gazalat said.

Residents differed, saying they stormed in and began firing into the air, breaking down doors and arresting several people.

The law enforcers shot and killed one resident, Bernice Ardan, when he opened the door of his shack upon hearing heavy gunfire, the residents said, apparently mistaking the 55-year-old unemployed father for a gunman.

Gazalat said he could only confirm that one civilian and one **police** officer were shot and injured in an exchange of fire. He said both were believed to be in stable condition.

He said the goal of the raid was to arrest gangsters, including pro-Aristide gang leader Emmanuel "Dread" Wilme. He said no arrests were made.

"We were all still in bed when the **police** and (U.N. soldiers) came in and we heard shooting from every direction," 40-year-old resident Florencia Paul said as wailing mourners gathered in front of Ardan's blood-spattered body. "We only have security problems here when the **police** and (U.N. soldiers) come in."

Later, about 200 residents took to the streets, condemning the operation and chanting: "We need Aristide!" Barefoot children followed along as a marching band playing homemade horns and drums snaked through the streets.

"It is only Aristide we recognize as our leader," said Jacques Andre Marie, 26, who said he was fired from his job at Port-au-Prince seaport after Aristide fled.

**Police** fired into the air to break up the crowd, witnesses said. Protesters hurled rocks, bottles and seashells until they withdrew. Other protesters fired guns into the air as Jordanian troops in armored cars passed.

U.N. peacekeepers were absent during most of the demonstration. Afterward, teenagers armed with rifles guarded the main entrance to Cite Soleil.