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This is an update to the previous release concerning the death of a French soldier in Haiti:

Last night a French soldier with the Multi-national Interim Force was mortally wounded by another soldier conducting weapons maintenance.

The incident is under investigation by French Forces.

Previous release:

Last night a French soldier with the Multi-national Interim Force was mortally wounded while conducting weapons maintenance. The soldier was with the 3rd French Foreign Legion Infantry Regiment operating in Gonaives, Haiti. Lance corporal Johnny Tupana, 27, of Wallis and Futuna, French Polynesia, was medically evacuated to a French ship operating off the coast of Haiti where attempts to save him were unsuccessful.