

Brazil Police Terror & Death Squads

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BBC News ran a story under the heading ‘Brazil's Police Execute Thousands’ it’s the same old story of vicious repression doled out to mostly their Black population to keep them in their place. Former Police Ombudsman Professor Julita Lemgruber has told BBC that:

In the state of Rio alone, the police killed 983 people last year. The figure is similar for Sao Paulo. The federal government should be challenging the various state governments in Brazil about the hundreds of people that the police kill in this country.

As a former ombudsman, Professor Lemgruber was responsible for investigating the police. In the past five years, the number of fatal police shootings has more than doubled. Based on her experience as a government official. She reported that the police are free to act with impunity. She told BBC that:

You couldn’t really investigate complaints because you knew there was this curtain of silence that was always present... But in the spring of this year events took a sinister turn when, on 31 March, two men entered a bar

and started shooting, not once or twice, but again and again. Most of the victims were shot at close range – in the chest and in the head. In all, 29 people were shot dead, apparently not by members of a criminal drug gang – but by off-duty police officers.

These are normal happenings in Brazil as the police execute their task of terrorizing the people to keep them in their places. A former policeman says executions by police death squads are common. “Everyone knows the police here in Rio de Janeiro... nearly all of them abuse their authority.” He says. “When you get excited you feel you are the law... The shooting cases you hear about, most of them are executions. It’s all premeditated – very cold-blooded and calculated.”

But executions by death squads appear to be a traditional feature in Brazil. While the authorities no longer give them official backing, evidence from the city morgues suggests they continue. Lemgruber continues:

Around 60% of the bodies of people that were killed by the police had more than six shots. Most of them [were shot] in the head and in the back – mostly executions.”

Globally the role of the police in oppressive countries is to terrorize and control the people. It is the hopes of those in power that fear would stop them from organizing and overthrowing them.



Several years ago I was in Brazil chasing a story that said that police and militia types were hunting homeless Black children and that bounties was being paid for the ears of their dead young victims. I found that the story was true. Ya see, Afrika's children are under siege globally and only we can stop the bloodletting.