

# **Almost 200 Killed In Haiti As Gang Leader Targets Elders He Suspected Were Sickening His Child With Witchcraft**

**Over 5,000 deaths have been recorded this year as violence spirals in the Caribbean country**

Close to 200 people were killed in the Haitian capital over the weekend after a gang leader ordered the butchering of elderly people he suspected of sickening his child, who ultimately died, through witchcraft.

The episode takes the overall death toll in the Caribbean country for the year above 5,000, according to the UN human rights chief Volker Turk.

“Just this past weekend, at least 184 people were killed in violence orchestrated by the leader of a powerful gang in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, in the Cite Soleil area,” Turk said when discussing the incident.

Reuters detailed that Monel “Mikano” Felix, leader of a gang called Wharf Jeremie, ordered the murders in the area and that all people targeted were over 60 years old. No senior officials in the country have so far made reference to the killings.

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