

## Interpol Chief Praises Brazil's Lula for Anti-Piracy Work

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Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva received commendations from Ronald Noble, Secretary General of the Interpol, for the job the Federal Police is doing to fight crime, especially in the area of piracy.

Noble, who met with Lula, June 13, in the Planalto Palace, also remarked that Brazil is using the Interpol's data system for border operations with neighboring countries to combat piracy.

"We must continue to conduct operations like 'Jupiter,' which has increased the number of seizures on Brazil's borders. This operation has served to verify the location of criminal groups in Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil and carry out a substantial seizure of all the pirated material," explained the Interpol director.

Noble is in Brazil to preside the Latin American Regional Forum of the International Congress to Combat Piracy, which is going on in Rio de Janeiro, under the sponsorship of the Interpol and the World Customs Organization.

He availed himself of the visit to invite President Lula to open the Interpol General Assembly Conference, scheduled for 2006 in Brazil.

Piracy in Brazil is a crime that has caused enormous harm to the country's public coffers. Around 1.5 million jobs fail to be created each year in consequence of piracy and contraband.

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