

Once Again Organized Crime Terrorizes Brazil. More than 50 Attacks.

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For the third time in three months the city of São Paulo, Brazil, was the target of a wave of attacks against public buildings, banks, supermarkets and buses. Preliminary information tells that there were at least 50 attacks with bombs and firearm shots.

Once again, buses were set on fire before dawn. At least 23 of them were burned in the eastside of the city and in the ABC area, in the Greater São Paulo. In response some bus lines stopped running.

In a daring raid, people linked to the PCC, a prison gang, threw a bomb against the public defense ministry building in downtown São Paulo at 5 in the morning. The building is just a couple of blocks from the São Paulo Public Security Secretariat.

There were also two attacks against the Metropolitan Civilian Guard buildings. And five cars belonging to the DEIC (Department of Investigations on Organized Crime) were burned.

Fourteen bank buildings were also attacked. An Unibanco branch was completely destroyed after being hit by a car bomb. A homemade bomb thrown against an ATM hurt two people who were taken to an emergency room. At least five gas stations were also hit by shots and bombs. In one of them a truck was set ablaze.

The PCC, First Command of the Capital had promised to restart its attacks if the public ministry didn't allow inmates to leave prison for Father's Day, which is celebrated in the second Sunday in August, in Brazil. Apparently they started to fulfill their promise.

If the justice approves the measure prisoners would be able to leave the prison between August 9 and 15.