

Brazilian governor-elect proposes escalating military role in Rio



Rio de Janeiro, November 16 (RHC)-- In Brazil, the newly elected governor of Rio de Janeiro, Wilson Witzel, has proposed extending and escalating the military intervention in Rio, including a proposal to authorize snipers to shoot anyone carrying a weapon in poor neighborhoods, known as favelas.

Witzel won Rio's gubernatorial race by allying himself with Jair Bolsonaro, the far-right former Army captain who won Brazil's presidential elections last month. The military intervention in Rio has caused a surge of homicides, with police and soldiers killing at least 900 people over the last six months.

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