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Washington, May 30 (RHC)-- A new report has revealed "deep-rooted racism and discrimination" permeate in every nook and cranny of the U.S. armed forces with the Department of Defense (DoD) failing in its attempts eliminate the clear and present danger posed by the extremists.

Recent interviews with a number of active and former members of the US armed forces conducted by the AP revealed complaints by most minorities serving in the forces, including Blacks, Hispanics, Asians and Native Americans, that they had experienced discrimination and "deep-rooted culture of racism" in the U.S. military, media reported.

In the interviews quoted by the AP, current and former enlistees and officers in nearly every branch of the armed forces described the deep-rooted culture of racism and discrimination that festered the U.S. military. "Racist, sexual and bigoted jokes are a daily occurrence in my 'work place,'" a Marine was quoted as saying in the AP report. "Very little has really ever been done to prevent it."

Another Marine said slurs were commonly uttered by officers and enlisted colleagues with no repercussions. The AP report noted that the U.S. military judicial system lacked an explicit category to address the issue of hate crime. It added that the DoD had no means to track down and identify U.S. servicemen with extremist views.

This comes despite repeated statements by the Pentagon vowing to eradicate extremist members of the armed forces after the deadly January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol Hill by supporters of former president Donald Trump, many of them having links to U.S. armed forces.

The director of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) says the acts of a mob of former President Donald Trump supporters during an attack on the U.S. Capitol building on January 6 constituted "domestic terrorism."

In February, DoD Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III, the first Black man to serve in the post, ordered an operational "stand-down" for U.S. military commanders to review the issue of extremism in the ranks with their service members.

Austin pledged to eradicate "racists and extremists" from the U.S. forces during his confirmation hearing before Congress, which came on the heels of the Capitol attack.

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