

13 Die in Gunfight Outside Brazil Jail

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SÃO PAULO, [Brazil](#), June 26 (AP) — The police killed 13 suspected gang members in a shootout outside a prison in São Paulo, South America's largest city, on Monday as the authorities foiled what they said was a plot to attack prison guards.

The latest violence came just six weeks after attacks against the police across the city and São Paulo state, sparking a weeklong wave of violence that killed nearly 200 police officers, prison guards, suspected criminals and jail inmates. That violence was said to have been ordered by imprisoned gang leaders.

There were no signs that Monday's violence was spreading or having any impact on daily life in São Paulo, a metropolis of 18 million people. And although the police were put on high alert, Gov. Cláudio Lembo said the authorities did not expect a return of widespread violence.

The presumed members of the First Capital Command gang — 12 men and one woman — were killed in a gunfight with the police outside a prison in a suburb, São Bernardo do Campo, said the district police chief, Marco Antônio de Paula Santos.

The gang's plan was to shoot as many as 60 guards over a 10-day period as they headed to work or finished their shifts, Mr. Santos said. Officers said they learned of the plot by listening in on phone calls and from informants.