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## Teachers in Martinique sentenced for abusing teens

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A judge in Martinique has prohibited seven teachers from working with minors again after they were found guilty of physically abusing juvenile delinquents.

The teachers also have received suspended sentences ranging from 14 to 24 months.

Prosecutors had alleged that eight teachers made 16- and 17-year-old students kneel on rocks and hold cinder blocks in outstretched arms during work trips to Haiti and Brazil. The juveniles were part of a program funded by the Paris-based Groupe SOS that works with troubled teens, drug addicts and homeless people.

The nine victims will receive between \$2,000 to \$9,000 in damages, along with \$1,300 each for attorney fees.

The teachers were sentenced late Wednesday.

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