

Benin Republican Police

Year of creation: 2018

Home Ministry: Ministry of the Interior

Status of the leader: police officer.

Address of the head office

Cotonou, Republic of Benin

Website: <https://www.dgpr.bj/>



History of the Institution

Merging from the former national gendarmerie and Police, the Republican Police (PR) is a single internal security force instituted by law no. 2017-41 of December 29th, 2017.

Being a paramilitary force, the Republican Police is placed under the authority of the President of the Republic and under the supervision of the Minister of the Interior and Public Security (MIPS).

From 1960 to 2018



The Beninese National Gendarmerie is the heiress of the French National Gendarmerie established in Dahomey, the name given to this French colony between 1894 and 1958. The latter was organized into sections by decree n° 49-1365 of August 23rd, 1949, and then into gendarmerie groups with the interministerial decision of November 27th, 1957.

One month after the proclamation of independence of the Republic of Dahomey in August 1960, the Dahomey National Gendarmerie was created by decree n° 492/DFSA of September 11th, 1961. On October 5th, 1961, Lieutenant-Colonel Teulière was delegated as the first director of the National Gendarmerie, assisted by Captain Adandedjan. The latter that was promoted to squadron leader rank, was appointed director in 1963.

After a period of chronic political instability in the 1960s, Dahomey became the People's Republic of Benin on November 30th, 1975, following Mathieu Kérékou's coup d'état. The new political orientation of the country, inspired by Marxism-Leninism, led to an upheaval of institutions. The creation in 1977 of the People's Armed Forces led to the reform of the Gendarmerie, which became the Command of the Public Security Forces Companies. In February 1990, the National Gendarmerie regained its name and its traditional missions. The decree n° 90-329 of November 8th, 1990, consecrates this rebirth. The decree n° 95-383 of November 22nd, 1995, gives it an administrative and structural framework. It was repealed by a series of decrees issued on February 20th, 2001, which define the powers, organization and functioning of this institution.

Since 2018

On January the 1st, 2018, following the law n°2017-41 of December 29th, 2017, gendarmerie and police are merged into a single police force called “Republican Police”. This reform was one of the objectives of the government's action program (GAP) 2016-2021 and the National Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2025, which declined the prospective vision “Benin 2025 Alafia”.

Placed under the guardianship of the President of the Republic until 2020, it is under the supervision of the Minister of the Interior. As public security force, it is also a paramilitary force in charge of five missions that are: public order and internal security, protection of State institutions and facilities, respect for laws and regulations, protection of persons and property, and police in armed forces.



Organisation

Central Administration

The following structures and persons are attached to the Republican Police General Director:

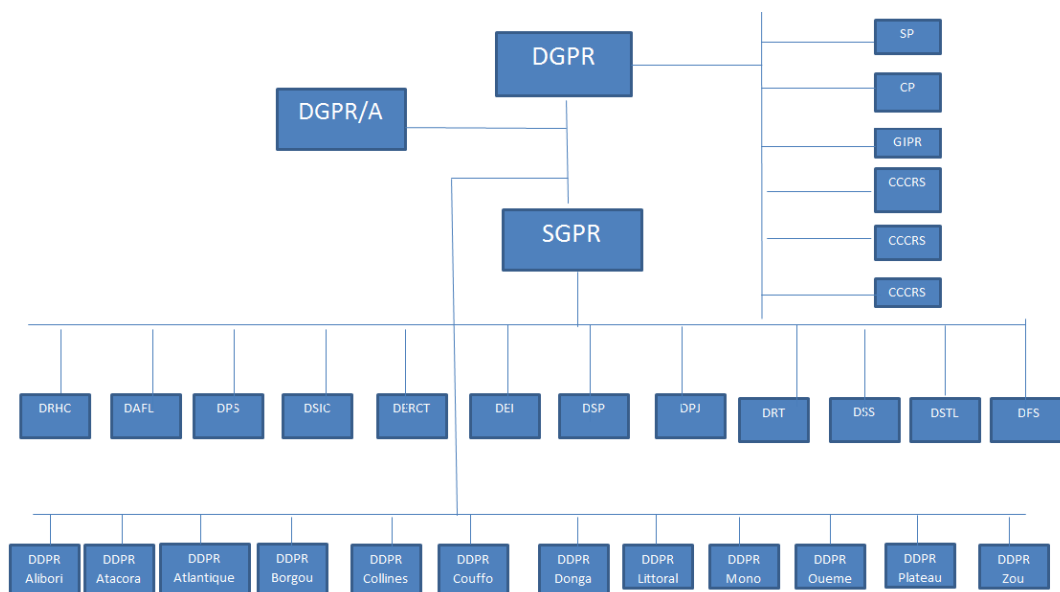
- The Private Secretary
- The Protocol Officer
- The Intervention Group of the Republican Police
- The Central Command of the Republican Security Companies
- The Central Command of the Music Companies
- The Central Command of the Special Border Surveillance Units

The Central Directorates of the Republican Police are :

- The Directorate of Human Resources and Skills;
- The Directorate of Financial Affairs and Logistics;
- The Directorate of Planning and Statistics;
- The Directorate of Information Systems and Communications.

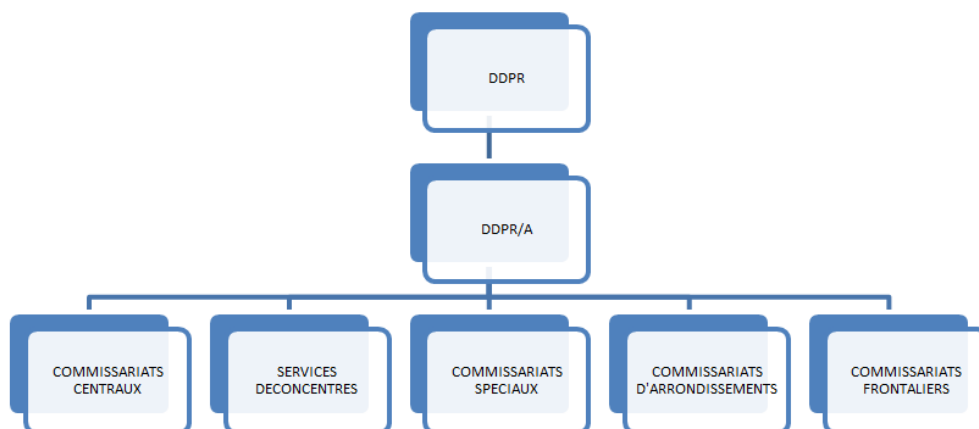
The Technical Directorates of the Republican Police are :

- The Directorate of Studies, Regulation and Technical Cooperation
- The Directorate of Emigration and Immigration
- The Directorate of Public Security
- The Directorate of the Judicial Police
- The Directorate of Territorial Intelligence
- The Directorate of Health Services
- The Directorate of Sports, shooting and Leisure
- The Direction of Training and Internships



Territorial organisation

The Departmental Directorates of the Republican Police are responsible for animating, controlling, and coordinating the activities of all the departments of the General Directorate of the Republican Police.



Specialised units

- The Republican Police Intervention Group
- The Republican Security Companies
- The Music Companies
- The Border Surveillance Special Units

Missions

The fundamental role of the Republican Police is to ensure the following throughout the country:

- Public order and internal security
- The State institutions and facilities protection;
- The respect of laws and regulations;
- The protection of persons and property.

It also ensures the functions of the police in the army.

Personnel

The Republican Police has 11,134 personnel, distributed as follows:

- 1,013 officers (general officers, senior officers, junior officers)
- 5,298 brigadiers and sub-brigadiers
- 4,823 agents (1st and 2nd class)

All candidates admitted to a direct or professional competitive examination undergo initial military training, followed by further professional training at a school set up or approved by the State, for a period of two years for officer cadets, 18 months for brigadier cadets and 12 months for agent cadets.

Benin's Republican Police belongs to the [Organization of African Gendarmeries \(OAG\)](#).

