

Guyana is actively engaged in combating significant issues with **drug and gun trafficking** and maintains a high-level commitment to addressing **human trafficking**. Recent reports and law enforcement operations, some from November 2025, highlight ongoing challenges and intensified efforts. [🔗](#)

Drug Trafficking

Guyana continues to be a major transshipment point for cocaine and other narcotics, largely due to its geographic location and porous borders. [🔗](#)

- **Intensified Operations:** The Customs Anti-Narcotic Unit (CANU) and the Guyana Police Force (GPF), often in cooperation with international partners like the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), regularly conduct intelligence-led operations.
- **Recent Seizures and Arrests:** Numerous operations have resulted in the seizure of substantial amounts of cocaine and cannabis, and the arrest of suspects. In June 2025, the U.S. Treasury sanctioned several Guyanese nationals, including a senior police officer, for their alleged involvement in drug trafficking.
- **Regional Cooperation:** Guyana has emphasized international and regional cooperation to dismantle transnational trafficking networks and has implemented an early warning system for new psychoactive substances. [🔗](#)

Gun Trafficking

The illicit flow of firearms into Guyana is a significant problem that drives violent crime. [🔗](#)

- **Source of Firearms:** A 2024 U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report indicated that nearly three-quarters of the firearms recovered in the Caribbean and traced by the ATF originated from the United States.
- **Recent Seizures:** Since the start of 2025, the GPF has seized 100 illegal firearms through intelligence-led operations.
- **Link to Other Crimes:** Firearms trafficking is closely linked to the drug trade, as criminal organizations use weapons to protect their operations and assert control. [🔗](#)

Trafficking in Persons (TIP)

Guyana maintains a Tier 1 ranking in the U.S. Department of State's 2025 Trafficking in Persons Report, indicating the government has made serious and sustained efforts to combat human trafficking. [🔗](#)

- **Ongoing Efforts:** The GPF's TIP Unit continues to conduct investigations, spot inspections, and awareness campaigns.
- **Recent Cases:** Cases are actively pursued, with arrests and charges laid against individuals, such as a pilot charged with 16 counts of trafficking in persons in late 2024/early 2025.
- **Public Awareness:** Authorities urge the public to report suspicious activity via hotlines to support ongoing efforts. 

The government of Guyana, with its international partners, is continuing its efforts to disrupt these criminal networks and enhance national and regional security.