

# AFC POLICY – GUYANA NATIONAL SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY STRATEGY



**SECURING OUR BORDERS. PROTECTING OUR PEOPLE. BUILDING A RESILIENT NATION.**



## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### 1. Defend Our Borders and Territorial Integrity

- We will defend every inch of Guyana's land, air, and sea through proactive border management and integrated command.
- Expand the **Guyana Defence Force's (GDF)** capacity and presence in key border regions.
- Deploy **drones, satellites, and joint patrols** for 24/7 surveillance and early warning systems.
- Establish an **Integrated Border Command** incorporating the GDF, Guyana Police Force, Immigration, and Customs.
- Deepen strategic partnerships with **Brazil, the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Trinidad & Tobago, Suriname**, and other international allies.
- **Train and equip Indigenous communities** to assist in monitoring illegal crossings and reporting incursions.



## 2. Confront Venezuela's Hybrid Threats

- Guyana must be prepared to counter unconventional threats, including migration surges, propaganda, and foreign infiltration.
- Develop national **protocols to detect and expel foreign agents, saboteurs, and hostile operatives**.
- Create a **comprehensive migration policy** to manage the flow of persons entering Guyana for work or resettlement.
- Require **biometric screening and background checks** for all migrants.
- Strengthen **counter-intelligence capacity** within national security agencies.
- Introduce **modern legislation to address hybrid warfare**, cyber-sabotage, espionage, and disinformation campaigns.

## 3. Combat Organized Crime, Guns, and Gangs

- We will dismantle criminal networks and reduce violent crime through specialized enforcement and intelligence-driven policing.
- Establish a **Joint Gang and Gun Crime Unit** under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Introduce a **national ballistic registry**, gun tracking systems, and digitized firearm registration.
- Enact **anti-racketeering legislation** targeting organized crime and money laundering.
- Expand **police patrols, undercover units, and CCTV networks** in high-crime areas.

## 4. Enhance Hinterland Security and Cross-Border Crime Response

- We will ensure that remote communities are protected and criminal activity across borders is swiftly addressed.
- Launch a **Hinterland Stabilization Task Force** to investigate and remove illegal foreign residents.
- Formalize small and medium-scale mining under **environmental and tax regulation**.
- Crack down on the **illegal trade of fuel, explosives, and weapons** in mining districts.
- Improve **intelligence-sharing and coordination with Brazil, Suriname, and Venezuela** on cross-border crimes.

## 5. Protect Women, Children, and Families

- We will act decisively to end domestic violence, child abuse, and gender-based crimes.
- Expand **Domestic Violence Units** to every region with trained first responders.
- Upgrade the **24/7 Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Hotline**, and increase the number and capacity of **emergency shelters**.
- Enforce **mandatory reporting** and ongoing **training** for police officers, health workers, teachers, and magistrates.
- Establish a **Child Protection and Abduction Response Unit** within the Guyana Police Force.
- Launch **national public awareness campaigns** to challenge harmful cultural norms and promote safety for women and children.

## 6. Reduce Road Carnage and Enforce Traffic Laws

- Road safety is a matter of public health



and national productivity. We will introduce systems to reduce accidents and save lives.

- Create a **National Road Safety Authority** to guide enforcement, policy, and education.
- Deploy **traffic cameras, random DUI checkpoints**, and implement **harsher penalties** for dangerous driving and noise pollution.
- Launch a **driver penalty points system** and retesting programme for repeat offenders.
- Expand **road safety education** in schools and local communities.

## 7. Secure Our Oil, Ports, and Critical Infrastructure

- As Guyana's economy grows, so does our responsibility to protect its lifeblood—our energy, ports, and logistics hubs.
- Develop a **Petroleum and Energy Security Framework** for offshore and onshore operations.
- Protect FPSOs, pipelines, and refineries with **layered security—physical, electronic, and cyber-based**.
- Conduct **quarterly threat assessments** on major infrastructure and commercial transport corridors.
- Create an **Energy Security Task Force**

trained in sabotage prevention and crisis response.

## 8. Reform and Modernize National Security Governance

- Effective security requires clear leadership, updated laws, and modern tools to combat today's threats.
- Establish a **National Security Council**, chaired by the President, to oversee strategic defence and intelligence operations.
- Pass new legislation to tackle **organized crime, terrorism, cyber threats, and espionage**.
- Appoint a **Special Prosecutor** focused on corruption, state sabotage, and gang-related offences.
- Modernize and retool police and military forces to match **21st-century security demands**.

## CONCLUSION

Guyana's safety and sovereignty must never be taken for granted. From the deep hinterland to the crowded capital, from our maritime borders to our homes and schools—security must be strong, smart, and people-focused.

The AFC's National Security and Sovereignty Strategy is built on one promise: **We will protect Guyana. We will protect you.**

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SECURE BORDERS.  
A STRONG NATION.**

