

## Organization Attributes Sheet: Ayoko Gangs

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<b>A. When the organization was formed + brief history</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Two different groups were involved in stealing weapons from Suriname National Army barracks in Ayoko.<sup>1</sup> The first group, led by Kenneth D., stole weapons on at least seven occasions over two years. The other group, led by Anthony O., was responsible for the final heist in February 2006. A total of 13 defendants were eventually put on trial.<sup>2</sup></li></ul>
<b>B. Types of illegal activities engaged in,</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. In general<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stealing weapons and selling them for money and drugs to Guyanese.<sup>3</sup></li></ul></li><li>b. <i>Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stealing weapons from the Ayoko Barracks near Paramaribo, and selling them to Guyanese.<sup>4</sup></li></ul></li></ul>
<b>C. Scope and Size</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Estimated size of network and membership<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>26 members of the gangs were arrested.<sup>5</sup></li></ul></li><li>b. Countries / regions group is known to have operated in. (i.e. the group's operating area)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Surinam, Guyana</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>D. Leader Characteristics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Who is/are the leader(s)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kenneth D.<sup>6</sup></li><li>Anthony O.<sup>7</sup></li></ul></li><li>b. Leadership timeline<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Information not found.</li></ul></li><li>c. Leadership style (autocratic, diffuse, etc.)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Information not found.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>E. Organizational Structure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Topology (cellular, hierarchical, etc.)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Information not found.</li></ul></li><li>b. Membership – is there formal or informal membership in the organization or network? What role do informal or nonmembers play in trafficking and other criminal activities?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Information not found.</li></ul></li><li>c. Command and Control (decentralized or centralized)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Information not found.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>F. Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Financial<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The gangs seem to finance themselves with the stolen weapons. There is no information about other financial resources.</li></ul></li><li>b. Human<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Information not found.</li></ul></li><li>c. Logistical<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Forgery, safe-houses, etc.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Information not found.</li></ul></li><li>ii. Key routes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Land routes across Guyana-Suriname border, avoiding government checkpoints.<sup>8</sup></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>

Information derived from several sources and searchable databases.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River crossings using “go fast” boats.<sup>9</sup></li> </ul>
d. Transportation
i. Land
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Car<sup>10</sup></li> </ul>
ii. Sea
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Go-fast” boats<sup>11</sup></li> </ul>
iii. Air
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
iv. Intermodal container
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
<b>G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities</b>
a. Corruption
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low level military and police officials were involved in the theft and sale of weapons from Ayoko Barracks.<sup>12</sup></li> </ul>
b. Concealment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
c. Deception
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
d. Circumvention (avoiding border entry points)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used “backtrack” routes that are not controlled by government authorities.<sup>13</sup></li> </ul>
<b>H. Prior / Existing Relationships</b>
a. Other criminal organizations (cooperative and conflictual)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
b. Corrupt politicians, law enforcement, political parties and other state entities, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
c. <i>Specific detail: Any alliances / past dealings with terrorist groups.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
<b>I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
<b>J. Technical Sophistication</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very low</li> </ul>
<b>K. Penchant for Innovation</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
<b>L. Activities in United States</b>
a. Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
b. <i>Specific detail: trafficking activities ; logistical activities</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
c. Linkages with US groups
i. Market/transaction links
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
ii. Stable supplier
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
iii. Franchise arrangement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>
iv. HQ and Branch office
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information not found.</li> </ul>

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<b>M. Evaluations</b>	
a.	Strengths
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic conditions cause low-level corruption in the military, making weapons available for buying or stealing. The availability of a black market makes it relatively easy to gain exchange weapons for money.</li> </ul>
b.	Weaknesses and vulnerabilities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The group was not very sophisticated, and it appears to have been broken up by government authorities between 2006 and 2007.</li> </ul>
c.	Additional insights
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>Other Notes</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Irion, Lorenzo. "Overste Hussain Ali niet aangehouden," *DWT*, April 15, 2006. <http://www.korps-politie-suriname.com/nieuws/nieuwsbronnen%20nationaal/archief%20nieuwsbronnen%20nationaal/2006/2006-04-nieuwsbronnen/2006-04-nieuwsbronnen.htm>.

<sup>2</sup> Ganesh, Widjal. "Requisitoir en pleidooi wapendiefstalzaak Ayokokazerne op 4 augustus," *Dagblad Suriname*, July 26, 2006. <http://www.korps-politie-suriname.com/nieuws/nieuwsbronnen%20nationaal/archief%20nieuwsbronnen%20nationaal/2006/2006-07-nieuwsbronnen/2006-07-nieuwsbronnen.htm>.

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> "Guyana: Details of Guns-for-Drugs Trade Disclosed," *Stabroek News*, March 11, 2007, OSC: FEA20070314102306; "Guyana's Anti-Narcotics Chief Gives Details on Cross-Border Guns-for-Drugs Trade," *Stabroek News*, March 11, 2007, OSC: LAP20070314334003; "Police Investigate Suriname-Guyana Weapons, Cocaine Trafficking Ring," *Stabroek News*, April 12, 2006, OSC: LAP20060412334002.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

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