

A satellite-style map of the Caribbean region, showing the outlines of the islands and the surrounding ocean. The map is overlaid with text. The main title is in large yellow font, and a subtitle is in red italicized font. Various cities are marked with star icons and labeled. Airport icons are also visible on the map.

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The Growing TCO Threat

★ Cockburn Town

★ Santo Domingo

Road Town

★ The Valley

Plymouth

Basse Terre

Fort-de-France ★

Kingstown ★

★ Bridgetown

★ St Georges

★ Willemstad

★ Port of Spain

★ Caracas

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- Cruise lines have, at least temporarily, pulled out of St. Kitts , Antigua, St Lucia. *Cruise Law News*
- In May 2010, the Jamaican Government's efforts to capture alleged gang leader, Christopher 'Dudus' Coke, led to the death of more than 70 people and the shutdown of the nation's capital for almost a week. . *Jamaica Gleaner Oct 10*
- Caribbean societies are reportedly being devastated by the highest rates of violent crime in the world. *Jamaica Gleaner Oct 10*
- Some of these gangs have long-established ties with the country's politicians. They also have the resources to bribe - or directly challenge - Jamaica's police and armed forces. *Jamaica Gleaner Oct 10*
- Crime has serious impact on Caribbean economies says ECCB governor. *Caribbean News Now Dec 6, 10*

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- Why TCO's are such a threat – Max Manwaring

- Gangs and other TCOs contribute significantly to national, regional, and global instability. As they evolve, they generate more and more terror, violence, and instability over wider and wider sections of the political map.

- Gangs, with their TCO allies, are far from being apolitical and unique. They are becoming more and more similar to their politicized insurgent and warlord cousins. They maintain a practical logic that is a continuation of regional politics by other means.

- Gangs and other TCOs use highly sophisticated political-psychological, as well as purely violent ways and means to achieve their objectives.

- These objectives are, primarily, freedom of movement and action within and across national boundaries. The unintended or intended results impinge on the effective sovereignty and security, liberal democratic values of countries and peoples.

- The primary motives of gangs and other TCOs center on group survival and personal gain. Beyond this there are no rules (criminal anarchy).

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• The Threat is Growing

- Caribbean Gangs are becoming more violent
 - Robberies and Murders of Cruise Line passengers on the rise
- The “toothpaste effect”
 - Mexico
 - Trinidad
 - Jamaica
- Infusion of TCO expertise
- Weak police and defense forces
 - Jamaica requests \$1 billion
 - CBSI - \$45 million
- Lack of a coherent strategy
- Government corruption

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• Countering the Threat

• Caribbean Basic Security Initiative - \$45 million in 2010, \$79 million requested for 2011

- \$3.7 million for the Regional Security System (RSS), as well as \$7.4 million for USAID-administered initiatives that will be divided among the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) countries, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.
- Interceptor boats, support equipment, command and control system, radios, logistical and maintenance support, and training to increase maritime interdiction capability
- Command and control systems, information sharing equipment, and maintenance support for the RSS
- Counternarcotics equipment for RSS units, including video cameras, night vision goggles, bullet-proof vests, radios, and field drug test kits

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- Countering the Threat

- Caribbean-U.S. Plan of Action on Security Cooperation

- *To break the power and impunity of illicit trafficking and related criminal organizations that threaten public safety, citizen security and the stability of our institutions, our Governments are committed to:*

- I. Substantially Reduce Illicit Trafficking

- II. Advance Public Safety and Security

- III. Further Promote Social Justice

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• Countering the Threat

- **Tradewinds** – A Foreign Military Interaction Exercise
 - Design based on TCO threat
 - Focus on Operational level planning
 - Incorporates –
 - Partner nation police and defense units
 - Regional Security System
 - US Government partners – DOD, ATF, DEA, FBI, NCIS, USCG
 - Provide a vehicle for promoting participating nations cooperation, stability and interoperability.
 - Provide a vehicle to conduct counter trans-national (TCO) threats and maritime interdiction
 - Exercise collaboration of maritime interdiction among partner nations, JIATF-S, and USSOUTHCOM.

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• Concerns

- How great will the “toothpaste effect” be?
- Is CBSI enough?
- How much do gangs need to control to achieve *de facto* “sovereignty.?”
- Is there a potential “domino effect?”