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The Right to Life, Liberty and Security of the Person in the Caribbean



The right to life liberty, and security of the person is a fundamental human right that protects individuals from unlawful state interference, violence,

and arbitrary detention. Due process ensures access to fair procedures before a person can be deprived of their life, freedom, or property. Although the right to life is enshrined in respective Constitutions and laws in the Caribbean, ensuring this right is upheld remains a concern as national systems experience systematic challenges. Case backlogs as experienced by countries such as Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and Saint Lucia and under-resourced state agencies create challenges that result in delays in determining cases. Furthermore, countries have experienced staffing shortages, absence of specialized courts for certain crimes, outdated administrative processes and limited court facilities. Systems must be strong, from the beginning of the investigation to the end of the court process. There must be sufficient staffing to ensure that judicial processes are efficient. Witness protection mechanisms must be managed and controlled with a high level of sensitivity. Support from agencies involved in child protection and gender-based violence also add extra levels of care for sensitive cases and technological upgrades can expedite processes. Legislation must also be updated and rehabilitation programmes implemented to prevent recidivism. The right to life, liberty, and security of the person is a constitutional guarantee that must be protected through strong state systems and judicial processes in turn contributes to safer communities and the protection of this individual human right.

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