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Information on gun killers and organised crime

In January 2013 a report issued by *Freedom House* notes:

“Drug trafficking and other crimes pose a threat to the rule of law and the stability of the wider Mano River region” (Freedom House (January 2013) *Freedom in the World 2013 - Sierra Leone*).

A report released in April 2013 by the *United States Overseas Security Advisory Council* notes:

“There has been a steady proliferation in the number of gangs and cliques in Freetown over the past five years. Together, they present a potential threat to public order that has increased criminality and encouraged anti-social behaviour” (United States Overseas Security Advisory Council (2 April 2013) *Sierra Leone 2013 Crime and Safety Report*).

A document published by *Think Security Africa* in January 2013 commenting on armed robbery states:

“This is a serious problem in Freetown (the capital of Sierra Leone). Armed robbers enter peoples’ homes and hold them at gunpoint” (Think Security Africa (January 2013) *Sierra Leone briefing*).

No further information on this issue could be found among sources available to the RDC.

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This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Refugee Documentation Centre within time constraints.

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