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SECURITY RISK INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

RISK: BRIEF

2026-11-23

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Threat Trajectory

Threat Breakdown

Each category 0-100, scored from live conflict, insurgency, crime, protest & Cloudflare Radar cyber feeds. See the full threat matrix

Cyber & Internet Disruption

Layer-7 DDoS attack intensity (0-100, normalized) & internet outages over the last 90 days, daily, all on one scale - Source: Cloudflare Radar.

Situation Summary

Ecuador remains under a state of emergency (extended 11 November) amid persistent gang violence, drug trafficking, and illegal mining. The past week shows active enforcement operations by police and military-including significant narcotics seizures, arrests of Los Lobos members, and dismantling of illegal mining infrastructure-alongside continued civilian casualties in hotspot zones, particularly in Guayaquil and surrounding coastal areas. The security picture reflects a cycle of tactical enforcement gains offset by ongoing criminal activity and sporadic armed clashes, with no clear trajectory toward de-escalation in the near term.

Key Developments

- Quito - 19 November: U.S. Secretary of War Pete Hegseth met President Daniel Noboa to discuss expanded bilateral cooperation on border security, maritime interdictions, organized crime suppression, and illegal mining enforcement.

- Dos Puentes and La Ferroviaria Baja (southern Guayaquil) - 21-22 November: Ecuadorian security forces detained two suspected Los Lobos members and seized suspected narcotics and bladed weapons during operations in these densely populated, historically high-violence sectors.

- Camilo Ponce Enriquez, Azuay Province - 21-22 November: Security forces disabled three illegal-mining entrances, seized 30 sacks of auriferous material, drilling equipment, and disabled clandestine electrical infrastructure, continuing a pattern of anti-mining operations across the southern highlands.

- Southern Guayaquil, Abel Castillo/Domingo Savio intersection - 22 November: Residents reported sustained gunfire exchange; the nature of combatants (rival gangs, security forces, or mixed) and casualty count remain unconfirmed in available reporting.

- Yacucalle sector - 10 November (prior week but ongoing context): Military intervention seized one high-caliber rifle, magazines, and ammunition, illustrating continued weapons circulation in rural and peri-urban zones.

- Multi-city cocaine trafficking operation - 10 November: Police raids seized approximately 1.3 tonnes of cocaine destined for international markets (New Zealand noted), reflecting Ecuador's role as a major transit hub and the scale of enforcement response.

Highest-Risk Areas

Sub-national risk ranking data is unavailable in this reporting period. However, event signals and live research consistently identify coastal urban zones-particularly southern Guayaquil and Manta-as the primary violence drivers, with secondary activity in peripheral and rural sectors (Azuay, Montecristi). These areas correlate with gang territorial competition, narcotics distribution networks, and police/military operations. Guayaquil's Dos Puentes, La Ferroviaria Baja, Las Cumbres, and San Eloy Alto sectors appear as recurring sites of armed incidents and criminal enforcement actions. Southern highlands regions engaged in illegal mining (Azuay, Canar) present distinct risks tied to territorial disputes and security force operations rather than gang violence.

How GeoBit Would Assist

Security teams with personnel or assets in Ecuador should employ AOI Monitoring & Early Warning on high-risk Guayaquil sectors and coastal corridors to receive real-time alerts of violent incidents, security operations, and armed activity. Intel Sweep and X/Twitter OSINT fusion provide corroboration and temporal precision on gang movements, arrest operations, and trafficking flows-critical for duty-of-care briefing and incident response. Network & Actor Analysis combined with multi-language OSINT would track Los Lobos and rival group activity patterns, while GIS & Spatial Analysis can overlay enforcement operations, violence hotspots, and trafficking routes to inform travel routing and site security assessments.

7-Day Outlook

The extended state of emergency and elevated enforcement tempo are likely to continue through late November. Security force operations should produce additional arrests and asset seizures, but historical patterns suggest this will not suppress underlying gang violence or trafficking activity. Travel and operations in Guayaquil and coastal zones should remain elevated-risk; personnel should expect periodic armed clashes, curfew enforcement, and checkpoint operations.

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