



Haiti

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Haiti faces a surge in **gang violence**, with over **5,600 deaths** in 2024. The [United Nations \(UN\)](#) highlighted **human rights violations** and **corruption** exacerbating the crisis.

- It is driven by **political instability**, **corruption**, weak governance, **economic hardship**, **impunity**, and the **flow of illegal arms**, compounded by **widespread displacement**.

Haiti:

- **Location:** Between the [Caribbean Sea](#) and the **North Atlantic Ocean**.
 - It occupies the western third of **Hispaniola Island**, bordered by the **Dominican Republic** to the east, **Jamaica** to the west, and **Cuba** to the northwest.
- **Official Languages:** **French** and **Haitian Creole**
- **Historical Significance:** World's **first independent Black-led republic**, after over 200 years of Spanish rule and more than 100 years of French rule.

India-Haiti Relations:

- India and Haiti maintain friendly relations and diplomatic ties were established in **1996**.
- In 1995, India sent a 140-member [CRPF](#) troop to Haiti on a [UN](#) peace mission.
- India has been offering assistance to Haiti under the [ITEC](#) programme.



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