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Lt. Col. Egbert Field
Director General
Guyana Civil Aviation Authority
Lot 1, Middleton and Craig Streets
Campbellville,
Georgetown

Attn: Captain Dave Daniels – Flight Operations Inspector

Dear Col. Egbert Field,

RE: Safety Report: Escalating Runway Hazards and Security Breaches at Interior Airstrips (LTH/IMB)

This is to formally notify the GCAA regarding a concerning and escalating trend of runway incursions, malicious interference, and infrastructure failures at interior airstrips, more specifically; Lethem (SYLT) and Imbaimadai (SYIB) airstrips. The safety of our flight operations is being compromised by these recurring hazards.

2. Incident Summary (May – June 2026)

Date	Location	Incident Description
21 May	Lethem	Horse on runway during take-off roll. (Horse had to be chased off of RWY by Ground personnel)
30 May	Lethem	Deliberate placement of rocks on runway.
03 June	Lethem	Missed approach required due to horse on runway.
09 June	Lethem	Departure delay due to horses on runway.
09 June	Mabaruma	Cows grazing along the side of RWY - MBU
12 June	Lethem	FOD: Bag containing a dead animal (dog) on runway. (Bag with dead animal buried)
15 June	Lethem	Significant breach identified: Broken airport perimeter fence. (About 14 Pigs roaming in the vicinity)
15 June	Imbaimadai	Livestock (cows) observed encroaching on the side of the runway.
Note: Images attached		



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3. Hazard Analysis

The nature of these incidents has shifted from simple livestock encroachment to include malicious interference (placement of rocks) and hazardous waste/FOD (dead animal).

- **Operational Risk:** These obstructions present a high probability of aircraft damage, loss of control, or catastrophic engine ingestion, particularly during the critical take-off and landing phases.
- **Security/Infrastructure:** The recurring breaches at Lethem (broken gate/fence) combined with the deliberate acts of vandalism suggest a complete breakdown in perimeter security and airport site control.

Recommendations

Given the escalation of these threats to flight safety, Trans Guyana Airways recommends that the GCAA:

1. **Security Audit:** Conduct a security and physical inspection of the Lethem airport perimeter.
2. **Infrastructure Directive:** Issue an urgent order for the repair and reinforcement of the perimeter fencing and access gates at Lethem.
3. **Local Authority Intervention:** Coordinate with local law enforcement and municipal authorities to investigate the reports of deliberate obstruction (rocks/foreign objects) and enforce public access control.
4. **Enhanced Operational Oversight:** Review and bolster pre-arrival runway inspection protocols for all operators.

5. Conclusion

The situation at Lethem has reached a critical threshold. Trans Guyana Airways remains committed to safety, but we require GCAA's authority to ensure these aerodromes remain fit for safe commercial operation.

All for information and necessary actions.

Kind regards,

Ramdayal Ramjit
Safety Manager
Trans Guyana Airways Ltd.



Stones set across the runway at Lethem

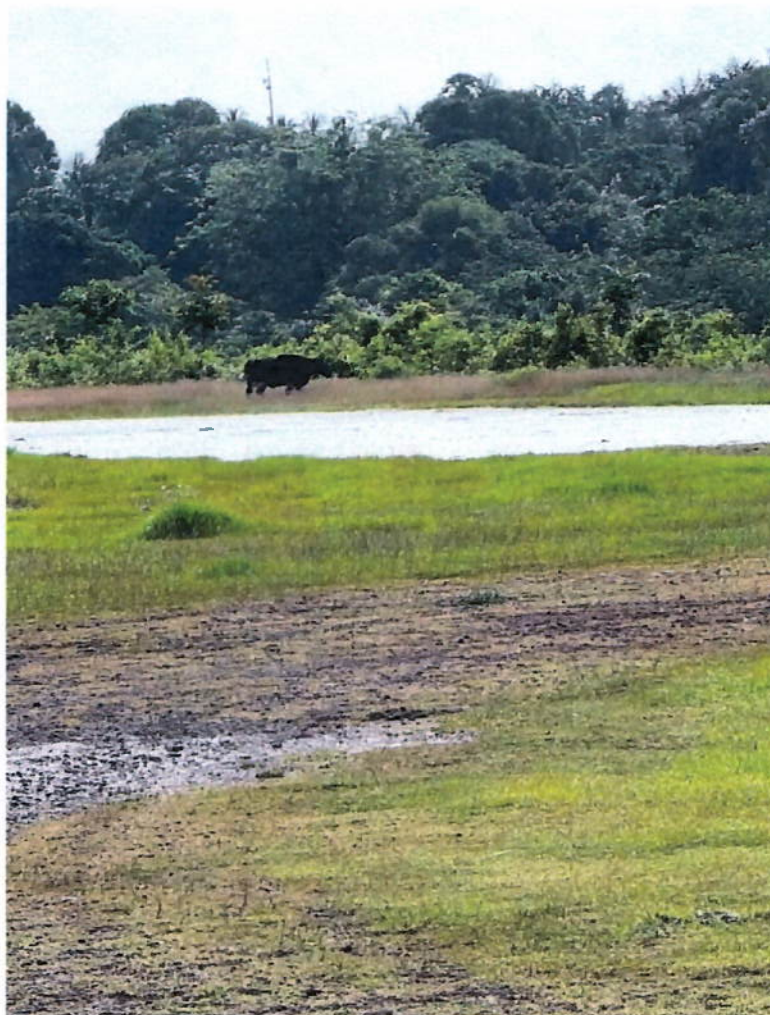




About 14 pigs are roaming in the area



Cows grazing at Mabaruma





Cows Grazing at Imbaimadai

