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Circumstantial and other evidence suggests that organized crime has witnessed a global explosion. Despite these disconcerting signs, investment in academic research on the impact of organized crime on societies in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) remains limited. As a result, this study was conducted to assess the impact of organized crime on SIDS in the Caribbean. The study utilized archival research, secondary data and self-administered questionnaires to forty (40) top level security and defense professionals in Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Jamaica, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago to better understand the impacts of organized crime on societies in the region. The results indicate that there are negative social, political, communal, economic and governance and governability impacts on Caribbean societies as a result of organized crime. The study’s findings and policy implications will be discussed.

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