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Poor governance degrades middle-class lifestyles and is pushing up crime levels, but it is the poor who fare worst. There is nothing for the poor. They fend for themselves. "In the past three years, the city has become more violent. Government has persistently failed to do its duty to provide security. There is a growing fear of youth crime amongst the people; gangs openly challenge police," said documentary filmmaker Guillemot.

Police engage in gun battles with gangs, whose size and influence is growing to such an extent that they gun down off-duty police officers to avenge the deaths of fellow gang members slain by police. Two young street children, Tovo and Jiva, taking time off from begging to kick a ragged football around in the street outside the hotel, said when they grow up they want to be gangsters. "Nobody pushes the gangsters around,"