

CJIA, CAL probe bribery allegations

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This image dated June 25, 2024, shows passengers disembarking from a Caribbean Airlines flight at Cheddi Jagan International Airport in Guyana. PHOTO COURTESY CJIA

Authorities at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA) say they are treating recent public bribery and extortion allegations concerning overweight baggage fees for Caribbean Airlines with the utmost seriousness.

In a statement yesterday, the CJIA sought to assure the public that it is working closely with the airline and relevant authorities to investigate the claims raised by a Caribbean Airlines passenger thoroughly.

“Passengers are reminded that all official payments, including for overweight baggage, must be made directly to the airline through approved channels, and an official receipt must be issued. No payment should ever be made to any individual officer or staff member,” the statement noted.

CJIA said travellers are strongly encouraged to immediately report any witnessed or encountered bribery or corruption to the nearest police station, or CJIA security.

During the first nine months of 2025, the airport security unit has recovered and returned numerous items to passengers, including laptops, mobile phones, travel documents, electronic devices and cash.

“The success of this unit is a direct reflection of the professionalism and integrity we uphold.

As we reaffirm our zero-tolerance stance on corruption, we remain focused on transparency, accountability, and service excellence in every aspect of our work,” said the airport’s Public Relations Officer Shunza Samuels.