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GHANA

WEEK OF JANUARY 23 TO 31, 2022

Organised Crime and Violent Extremism

(key concept clarification; causes; indicators and signs that push to radicalization; profiling and assessment or perpetrators of violent extremism; current violent extremism events; impact of violent extremism on population; the cross-cutting and patterns of violent extremism; actions and policies to counter violent extremism. Also, crimes related to syndicates and criminal groups that lead to insecurity and instability)

✚ Incident N*01

✚ Title of Incident: **ARMED ROBBERY/ARREST**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 24-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: The Ghana Police Service on Sunday, January 23, 2022, arrested five armed robbers at Buipe on the Tamale -Kumasi Highway. Police Report indicated that the suspects snatched a Toyota Camry salon car from its owner in Tamale. The suspects were however pursued by the police and arrested. Items retrieved included 13 assorted mobile phones, one Falcon pistol loaded with 9mm ammunition, a wallet containing a bunch of keys, 2 voter ID Cards, Melcom Card, Access Bank card and a cash of GHC 21.20p. Some military uniforms and police helmet were also found in the possession of the suspects.

✚ Location of incident: Buipe in the Savannah Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Five persons were arrested

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspects were arrested and sent to the Northern Regional Police Command for further investigation into the matter.¹

✚ Incident N*02

✚ Title of Incident: **MURDER**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 24-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: The Anti-Robbery Squad of the Regional Police Command on a special operation are working to arrest a suspected armed robbers who shot and killed a gold buyer at Jacobu in the Ashanti Region and made away 32 grams of gold. The deceased was transporting the gold from Attabrakoso towards Huu when the incident occurred. The armed gang also made away with an unspecified amount of money, and some mobile phones.

✚ Location of incident: Jacobu in the Ashanti Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (Male)

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person was affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The police have commenced investigation to arrest the perpetrators.²

✚ Incident N*03

✚ Title of Incident: **MURDER**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 23-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: The Ghana Police Service has commenced investigation into the alleged murder of the Constable Regina Angenu of the Paga Police Station in the Upper East Region. The Police Officer was shot dead at

¹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Military-police-uniforms-gun-and-13-phones-found-on-Buipe-car-snatching-suspects-1452058>

² <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Special-bush-operation-underway-to-arrest-robbery-gang-who-killed-a-gold-buyer-1453141>



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Bawku by some unknown assailants while on a motorbike to the Bawku Police Barracks. She was sent to the Presbyterian Mission Hospital where she passed on during treatment.

✚ **Location of incident:** Jacobu in the Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 died (Female)

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person was affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police command in Bawku has commenced investigation to get the perpetrators arrested to face justice.³

✚ **Incident N*04**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **ARREST/ARMED ATTACK**

✚ **Scale of Incident :** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 23-01-2022

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 39-year-old Fetish Priest is being held by the Mankranso Police for allegedly shooting a man during a fight at Dwenewoho in the Ahafo Ano South West District of the Ashanti Region. The victim was shot after he was accused of having sex with the suspect's wife.

✚ **Location of incident:** Dwenewoho in the Ahafo Ano South West District of the Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 injured (male)

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person was affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect has been arrested for further investigation.⁴

✚ **Incident N*05**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **ARREST**

✚ **Scale of Incident :** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 24-01-2022

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 37-year-old State Transport Corporation (STC) driver has been arrested by the Keta Police Division for resisting arrest after he failed to stop for a police check. The suspect pulled out a matchet on the officer who chased him to a halt, in an attempt to slash him but sped off again. The driver was subsequently accosted after the police officers gave him another chase.

✚ **Location of incident:** Keta in the Volta Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person was affected

³ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Remain-calm-investigation-underway-to-arrest-murderers-Police-to-family-of-shot-Bawku-officer-1453267>

⁴ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Jealous-fetish-priest-shoots-testicles-of-25-year-old-man-in-a-fight-over-woman-1454116>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect was arrested and will be arraigned before court for attempting murder and resisting arrest.⁵

✚ Incident N*06

✚ **Title of Incident:** ARMED ROBBERY/MURDER

✚ **Scale of Incident :** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 28-01-2022

✚ **Description of Incident:** An officer of the Ghana Prison Service was shot dead by a suspected gang of three highway robbers on the Asiakwa-Apedwa stretch on the Kumasi-Accra highway. The officer was shot the robbers after he failed to handover his bag containing GHC 340. The officer until his death was stationed at Kumasi Central Prison.

✚ **Location of incident:** Kumasi-Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead (male)

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person was murdered

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police have commenced a special operation to apprehend the suspects.⁶

✚ Incident N*07

✚ **Title of Incident:** THEFT/ARREST

✚ **Scale of Incident :** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 29-01-2022

✚ **Description of Incident:** Four security personnel were arrested in Bole for allegedly stealing during an operation at Kui in the Bole District. According to the Savannah Regional Police Command, preliminary investigation have provided enough evidence for the officers to be interdicted to serve as deterrence to other security service personnel. The officers were arrested for stealing some belongings from the illegal miners.

✚ **Location of incident:** Kui in the Bole District of the Savannah Region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Three persons were arrested

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The officers were arrested and interdicted for further investigation.⁷

✚ Incident N*08

✚ **Title of Incident:** ARMED ROBBERY/ARREST

✚ **Scale of Incident :** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 29-01-2022

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Accra Regional Police Command has arrested a gang of four suspected armed robbers at Amasaman in the Ga-South District of the Greater Accra Region. They were arrested at their hideout at Kwame Nkrumah Circle after intensive surveillance on their movement. The suspects were arrested after they forced two female victims to transfer an amount of GHC 3,040.00 into their account. A search on them led to the retrieval of GHC 3,109.00.

✚ **Location of incident:** Amasaman in the Ga-South District of the Greater Accra Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Four persons were arrested

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspects are in a Police custody assisting with investigation.⁸

⁵ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Police-arrest-driver-for-attempted-murder-resisting-arrest-1454779>

⁶ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Prison-officer-shot-dead-by-highway-robbers-over-GH-340-1456099>

⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Immigration-officer-3-Policemen-interdicted-for-stealing-at-Bole-1456507>

⁸ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/A-gang-of-four-armed-robbers-arrested-for-robbery-at-Amasaman-1456612>



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✚ Incident N*09

✚ Title of Incident: **ARREST/DRUG TRAFFICKING**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 30-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: The Bono Regional Police Command has arrested five suspected drug peddlers at Senase, a suburb of Berekum in the Bono Region. Police reports indicated that a swoop by the Command targeted at some areas in the region suspected to be criminal hideouts, led to the arrest of the five. The suspected drug peddlers were in possession of substances suspected to be India Hemp.

✚ Location of incident: Senase a suburb in the Berekum Municipal in the Bono Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Five persons were arrested.

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspects are in a police custody assisting with investigation.⁹

✚ Incident N*10

✚ Title of Incident: **LYNCHING/MURDER**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 31-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: A 17-year-old boy has allegedly been lynched to death by unknown persons in Yorogo, a community in Bolgatanga in the Upper East Region. The deceased was accused of stealing a mobile phone.

✚ Location of incident: Yorogo, a community near Bolgatanga of the Upper East Region.

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (Male)

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person was murdered

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The body of the deceased has been deposited at the Bolgatanga Regional Hospital. The suspects are still at large.¹⁰

Gender, peace and security

(key concept clarification; causes; indicators and signs that push to radicalization; profiling and assessment or perpetrators of violent extremism; current violent extremism events; impact of violent extremism on population; the cross-cutting and patterns of violent extremism; actions and policies to counter violent extremism. Also, crimes related to syndicates and criminal groups that lead to insecurity and instability)

✚ Incident N*01

✚ Title of Incident: **HOMICIDE**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 24-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: A 25-year-old woman was found dead at Bankyim a suburb of Tarkwa. The lady was found dead with her hand bag beside her. Reports suggests that the victim was attacked with sticks by her assailants. There were signs of struggle at the scene of the incident. Preliminary investigation suggests that the victim was a suspected sex worker.

✚ Location of incident: At Bankyim a suburb of Tarkwa in the Western Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female: One female dead

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The incident has been reported to the police and the body has been conveyed to a morgue for preservation. The police have commenced investigation into the incident.¹¹

✚ Incident N*02

⁹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Police-Swoop-Five-suspected-peddlers-of-drug-arrested-in-Bono-Region-1457224>

¹⁰ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/17-year-old-boy-allegedly-lynched-to-death-in-Bolgatanga-1457773>

¹¹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/25-year-old-woman-found-dead-in-a-bush-at-Bankyim-in-Tarkwa-1453240>



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✚ Title of Incident: **ASSUALT/ARREST**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 29-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: The Tamale Circuit Court has fined two persons Munira Mustapha and Mukaya Iddrisu an amount of Gh 150 or in default serve one-month prison sentence for assaulting a lady they claim is in a relationship with Karim Munira’s boyfriend. The Bimbilla police effected the arrest after seeing the victim being assaulted in a viral video.

✚ Location of incident: Bimbilla in the Northern Region.

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: One female injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Three persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The accused has been arrested and fined by the Circuit Court.¹²

Democracy and Governance

(Key concept clarification—rule of law; actions of branches of government; elections and its implications to transition processes; stakeholders’ analysis; events of threats to political transitions; protocols and threats and treaties for democratic stability; constitutional amendments; stakeholders’ response)

✚ Incident N*01

✚ Title of Incident: **ROAD ACCIDENT**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 23-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: An accident involving three vehicles on the Kasoa-Cape Coast Highway has left two persons injured. According to reports, a Toyota Land Cruiser collided with a taxi which in turn rammed into an articulator truck at Buduatta junction.

✚ Location of incident: Budatta Junction in the Central Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 2 persons injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Three vehicles affected; two persons injured

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The injured victims have been conveyed to the Winneba Government Hospital. Police officers from Gomoa Ojobi have towed both vehicles to the police station while investigations are ongoing.¹³

✚ Incident N*02

✚ Title of Incident: **ROAD ACCIDENT**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 23-02-2022

✚ Description of Incident: Two persons have died in an accident near Akomadan on the Kumasi-Techiman Highway in the Ashanti region. The accident was a head on collision involving a Mitsubishi pickup vehicle and a KIA Rhino truck.

✚ Location of incident: Akomadan on the Kumasi-Techiman Highway in the Ashanti region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 2 dead

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 2 persons affected, and vehicles destroyed

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police, Fire and the Ambulance Services were at the scene to get the bodies out of the vehicles and to control vehicular traffic.¹⁴

✚ Incident N*03

✚ Title of Incident: **CHIEFTANCY CONFLICT**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 24-01-2022

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/2-ladies-who-flogged-and-assaulted-boyfriend-snatcher-fined/>

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/accident-on-kasoa-cape-coast-highway-leaves-2-in-critical-condition/>

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/two-dead-in-accident-near-akumadan/>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** Four persons have been killed and others sustained injuries in Bawku amid a renewed chieftaincy violence in the municipality in the Upper East Region. The victims were attacked by unknown assailants.

✚ **Location of incident:** Bawku in the Upper West Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 4 dead, others injured

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Residents of Bawku affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured victims were transferred to the Tamale Teaching Hospital, Bolgatanga Regional Hospital, and Bawku Presbyterian Hospital for treatment. Meanwhile, as part of the measures to mitigate security volatility in the area, the Upper East Regional Security Council (REGSEC) has banned the riding of motorbikes in the Bawku Municipality.¹⁵

✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** ROAD ACCIDENT

✚ **Scale of Incident :** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 24-01-2022

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two persons died following an accident involving a tricycle and trailer at Offinso Old Town in the Ashanti Region. According to reports, the driver and victims on a tricycle crashed into a stationary trailer after the rider veered off the road in an attempt to escape death from the oncoming vehicle.

✚ **Location of incident:** Offinso Old Town in the Ashanti Region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead (male)

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons affected.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The bodies have since been deposited at the Offinso Saint Patrick Hospital's morgue for preservation and autopsies.¹⁶

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** ROAD ACCIDENT

✚ **Scale of Incident :** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 25-01-2022

✚ **Description of Incident:** Ten mourners died, and 23 others also injured in an accident which occurred around Savelugu in the Northern Region. According to the Police, a KIA Rhino vehicle with some 33 passengers on board was returning from a funeral when the incident occurred. The accident occurred when the driver in an attempt to avoid hitting a cyclist, lost control and somersaulted the vehicle.

✚ **Location of incident:** Savelugu in the Northern Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 10 dead, 23 injured

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 33 persons affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** All victims were rushed to the Savelugu Municipal Hospital for treatment, while others were referred to the Tamale Teaching Hospital for further treatment. Meanwhile, the Kia Rhino truck involved in the accident has been towed to the police station for further investigations.¹⁷

✚ Incident N*06

✚ **Title of Incident:** ATTACK AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS

✚ **Scale of Incident :** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-01-2022

✚ **Description of Incident:** Some residents of Ntonso in the Ashanti region have allegedly chased out a team of police officers and set their vehicle ablaze. According to the police, the officers were following up on a robbery incident after they received intelligence that the suspect was in the area. **However**, the suspect, resisted arrest and residents in the area attacked the police officers in the defence of the suspects.

✚ **Location of incident:** Ntonso in the Ashanti region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Police officers attacked; vehicle burnt

¹⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/bawku-4-dead-in-renewed-chieftaincy-violence/>

¹⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/tricycle-crashes-into-trailer-2-die-on-spot/>

¹⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/10-mourners-die-in-savelugu-gory-accident/>



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✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Police Investigations have begun into the incident.¹⁸

Environmental security

(Key concept clarification-Epidemics and pandemics (causatives factors, impact and threat to human security at localized levels and at regional levels); food security (agro-pastoralist conflicts); natural and man-made disasters, humanitarian crisis, climate change (industrialisation, pollution, destruction of ecosystem). Biodiversity)

✚ Incident N*01

✚ Title of Incident: **FIRE OUTBREAK**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 25-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: There has been a fire incident close to Accra Plains Depot of Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation (BOST) at Kpone in the Greater Accra Region. Although the immediate cause of the fire is unknown, an eyewitness account suggests the fire started from the end of some fuel dealers and spread to some wooden structures at BOST.

✚ Location of incident: Kpone in the Greater Accra Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Properties and items destroyed

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana National Fire Service team were available to douse the fire. However, the fire team after fighting the fire ensured that drums of fuel stored in the wooden structure were moved to a different location.¹⁹

✚ Incident N*02

✚ Title of Incident: **FIRE OUTBREAK**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 26-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: Fire has gutted a compound house at Koblimago a suburb of Tamale Metropolis in the Northern Region. The incidents have destroyed property belonging to tenants and the landlord, including bags of foodstuff. Some of the tenants lost belongings such as TV sets, motorbikes, fridges and many other properties.

✚ Location of incident: Koblimago a suburb of Tamale Metropolis in the Northern Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Properties and belongings destroyed

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Fire Service Personnel were at the scene to douse the fire. However, the cause of the fire is yet to be established as Fire Service is yet to commence investigations.²⁰

✚ Incident N*03

✚ Title of Incident: **ARREST**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 27-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: Three persons have been arrested for the dangerous use of a skidder to cart log on the Ejisu-Kumasi Road in the Ashanti Region. Some residents in the town were incensed at the scene of a heavy-lifting machine that was seen carrying timber in a busy traffic intersection on the highway.

✚ Location of incident: Ejisu-Kumasi Road in the Ashanti Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 3 persons arrested

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Some residents have appealed to the Government to properly regulate timber transportation. However, the suspects are in Police custody assisting with investigations.²¹

¹⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/irate-residents-attack-police-officers-set-vehicle-ablaze-at-ntonso/>

¹⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-outbreak-near-bost-causes-stir-photos/>

²⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/victims-count-their-losses-as-fire-consumes-compound-house-in-tamale/>

²¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/3-arrested-over-dangerous-transportation-of-huge-log-at-ejisu/>



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 Date of occurrence of Incident: 27-01-2022

 Description of Incident: Fourteen (14) chainsaw operators have been arrested in two separate round-ups for operating illegally in forest reserves in the Western North Region. The suspects were arrested at midnight after they had invaded the forest and had processed their machines, ready for operations. Two chainsaw machines, two gallons of petrol, tramadol tablets, mobiles phones, wrapped substances suspected to be marijuana, and others were retrieved from the suspects.

 Location of incident: Western North Region

 Casualty [Male &female]: None

 Property damaged/Affected population: 14 persons arrested

 Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspects have been handed over to the Western North Regional Police Command for further investigations and prosecution.²²

²² <https://www.adomonline.com/4-illegal-chainsaw-operators-arrested-10-others-remanded/>