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## GHANA

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup> 2021

#### **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:** ARREST/ARMED ROBBER

**Scale of Incident:** Low

**Date of occurrence of Incident:** 10-01-2022

**Description of Incident:** A suspected armed robber has been arrested by the Mpohor District Police Command in the Western Region while two others escaped into a bush, after several exchange of gunfire between them and the police patrol team. Report indicated that the suspects had robbed several residents including scrap dealers and made away with sums of monies

**Location of incident:** Mpohor in the Western Region

**Casualty [Male &female]:** None

**Property damaged/Affected population:** One person was arrested.

**Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect is being kept in the Police Custody for further investigation.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Incident N\*02**

**Title of Incident:** ARREST/ARMED ROBBER

**Scale of Incident :** Low

**Date of occurrence of Incident:** 10-01-2022

**Description of Incident:** The Ghana Police Service has arrested nine suspected armed robbers who attacked some persons in two separate robbery operations at Wassa Appiahkrom and Ayiem communities in the Western Region. Reports indicated that the suspects attacked their victims with array of weapons made up of local manufactured pistol, cutlasses and dagger while using unregistered motor bikes.

**Location of incident:** Wassa Appiahkrom and Ayiem in the Western Region.

**Casualty [Male &female]:** None

**Property damaged/Affected population:** Nine persons were arrested.

**Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspects are being kept in the Police Custody for further investigation.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Police-arrest-robbers-in-Takoradi-after-gun-battle-1440832>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Police-arrest-nine-robbery-suspects-two-sustain-gunshot-injuries-1440988>



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#### ✚ Incident N\*03

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

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: The Sunyani West District Police Command has arrested six teenage suspected armed robbers at Nsoatre in the Sunyani West District of the Bono Region after they allegedly robbed a driver at a gun point. They made away with an amount of GHC 1000.00 and mobile phones. The victim reported the case to the Nsoatre Police who later got the suspects arrested.

✚ Location of incident: Berekum-Nsoatre Highway in the Bono Region.

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

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

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police have commenced investigation into the matter.<sup>3</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*04

✚ Title of Incident: **ARMED ROBBER/ MURDER/ INJURY**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: Suspected armed men have attacked traders, shot and killed one person and injured three other persons when the victims were travelling to Offin-Dunkwa. The armed robbers shot the windscreen of the vehicle at the driver side killing the driver immediately and leaving three persons in critical conditions. The suspects made away with an undisclosed amount of money.

✚ Location of incident: Assin Awisam-Dunkwa stretch in the Central Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 died (Male), 3 Injured (1 male, 2 females)

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Four persons were affected.

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police have commenced investigation to arrest the perpetrators.<sup>4</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*05

✚ Title of Incident: **ARREST**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: The Accra Regional Police Command has arrested a man for his involvement in a Ghana Police Service recruitment scam. Reports indicated that the suspect lured the unsuspecting victims and obtained monies from them with the claim of assisting them to be recruited into the Ghana Police Service. On the day of his arrest, the suspects had already taken GHC 8000.00 from two of his clients as part payment.

✚ Location of incident: Accra in the Greater Accra Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person was arrested

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police have commenced investigation into the matter.<sup>5</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*06

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Six-teenage-armed-robbers-arrested-1441255>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Armed-robbers-shoot-1-dead-3-injured-at-Assin-Ewisem-1441816>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Police-Recruitment-36-year-old-scammer-arrested-1444207>



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

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 14-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: The Asokwa Divisional Police Command has arrested a man and his girlfriend in connection with a murder of a 26 -year-old Holland returnee at Aputuogya in the Bosomtwe District of the Ashanti. Preliminary investigation reveals that the suspects raised an alarm that the deceased had entered their house unlawfully and mistook him for a thief. Residents in the neighbourhood pounced on him and subsequently got him lynched

✚ Location of incident: Accra in the Greater Accra Region.

✚ Location of incident: Aputuogya in the Bosomtwe District of the Ashanti Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person was affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The body of the deceased has been deposited at a morgue while investigation has commenced into the incident.<sup>6</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*07

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

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 14-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: Police in the Kwaku Aperadang in the Eastern Region has arrested a Chinese national for allegedly shooting an eight-year-old boy. Reports indicated that the boy was going to fetch water but was mistakenly shot by the suspects as he allegedly mistook him to be entering their room to steal items.

✚ Location of incident: Kwaku Aperadang in the Eastern Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person was affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim is receiving medical attention while the suspect has since been kept in police custody pending investigation.<sup>7</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*08

✚ Title of Incident: **ARREST**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: The Kpando Divisional Police in an intelligence-led operation has arrested four suspects who attacked and robbed passengers on board a passenger bus and other motorists on the Kpando-Agbenoxoe highway. The police retrieved a short gun, six live BB cartridges, 15 assorted mobile phones, industrial cutter, and screwdriver from the robbers.

✚ Location of incident: Kpando-Agbenoxoe highway in the Volta Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Four Persons were arrested.

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspects are in the Police custody assisting police investigation and will be processed for court.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Holland-returnee-was-lynched-after-being-mistaken-for-a-thief-Police-1444390>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Chinese-arrested-for-shooting-8-year-old-at-Kwahu-Aperadang-1444579>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Kpando-police-bust-four-highway-robbers-pursue-another-four-on-the-run-1445629>



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## Gender, peace and security

Key concept clarification violence against women and girls; women participation in conflict; impact of conflict on women; women's role in peace and security; policies for and against women; assessment of current events on women peace and security.

### ✚ Incident N\*01

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

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 8-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: A 38-year-old Frederick Sey has been granted bail to the tune of GHC 30,000 with two sureties by the Ofaako Circuit Court for allegedly defiling and impregnating a 14-year-old girl who is a niece to his wife. Sey is reported to have had sexual intercourse with the victim several times in the absence of his wife and warned her against telling anyone.

✚ Location of incident: At Kasoa in the Central Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: One female injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: A medical examination was conducted on the victim and the accused was arrested.<sup>9</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*02

✚ Title of Incident: **DEFILEMENT AND ARREST**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: A 35-year-old man Issaaka has allegedly impregnated his stepdaughter at Kwahu Nsabaa in the Kwahu West Municipal in the Eastern Region. Beside the stepdaughter who is pregnant, Issaaka has also been accused of defiling two of his biological daughters.

✚ Location of incident: at Kwahu Nsabaa in the Kwahu West municipal in the Eastern Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: Three females injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Four persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The police who received the report is seeking information from the public to lead to the arrest of the accused and the victims as they have fled the community.<sup>10</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*03

✚ Title of Incident: **HOMICIDE AND ARREST**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-01-2021

✚ Description of Incident: A 27-year-old woman, Godsway Alorde is in the custody of the Anloga District Police for setting Ami Ablorde ablaze to death at Woe near Anloga in the volta Region. The suspect was arrested with the help of the community members after attempting suicide moments after committing the act.

✚ Location of incident: at Woe near Anloga in the volta Region.

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The accused was arrested and is in police custody.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Painter-granted-GHc30-000-bail-for-defiling-14-year-old-girl-1443910>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Police-on-manhunt-for-man-who-defiled-three-daughters-one-pregnant-1444900>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/woman-27-in-police-custody-for-setting-colleague-on-fire/>



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## 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 : Medium

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-02-2022

✚ Description of Incident: About 13 persons including a Senior High School (SHS) student are feared dead in an accident on the Bibiani-Anhwiaso road in the Western North Region. The incident occurred when a fully loaded sprinter bus collided with a metro mass transit bus driving in the opposite direction. According to eyewitness, the driver of the sprinter attempted to wrongfully overtake a tricycle when it veered off its lane and slammed into the bus,

✚ Location of incident: Bibiani-Anhwiaso road in the Western North Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 13 persons dead, 20 injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 33 persons affected; 2 vehicles destroyed.

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana Police and Ambulance Services have visited the scene and transported the injured and the dead to the Bibiani Government Hospital and the Anhwiaso Community Hospital. <sup>12</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*02

✚ Title of Incident: **ROAD ACCIDENT**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: One person is feared dead with two others injured after a policeman reportedly crushed into three pedestrians at Atiko Junction near Odorkor in the Greater Accra Region. The policeman who is the driver of a taxi was allegedly chasing a driver who flouted road traffic regulations.

✚ Location of incident: Atiko Junction near Odorkor in the Greater Accra Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead, 2 injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 3 persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect is currently on the run, pending investigations into the matter. Meanwhile, the vehicle has been towed to the Odorkor police station and the victims were rushed to the hospital.<sup>13</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*03

✚ Title of Incident: **ROAD ACCIDENT**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: Three pupils died after they were knocked down on their way to school by an over speeding car at Sankore in the Asunafo South District of the Ahafo Region. The pupils of Royal East Academy Preparatory School were crossing the N12 highway at the Sankore Resurrection Power Ministry junction when the over speeding driver knocked all three down.

✚ Location of incident: Sankore in the Asunafo South District of the Ahafo Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 3 dead (male)

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 3 students affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Meanwhile, the bodies have been deposited at the morgue of the Sankore Hospital while the driver of the Nissan vehicle is still on the run after killing all three. <sup>14</sup>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/shs-students-others-feared-dead-in-bibiani-anhwiaso-road-accident/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/one-feared-dead-as-policeman-allegedly-crushes-3-while-chasing-driver/>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/three-pupils-killed-in-accident-at-sankore/>



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#### ✚ Incident N\*04

✚ Title of Incident: **ROAD ACCIDENT**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 14-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: A sprinter vehicle has been involved in an accident killing three people and injuring 15 others at Ekumfi Ekotsi junction. According to report, the sprinter driver lost control from a flat tyre and ran into coconut sellers on the Kasoa Cape Coast Highway in the Central Region.

✚ Location of incident: Ekumfi Ekotsi junction, on the Kasoa Cape Coast Highway in the Central Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 3 dead, 15 injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 18 persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The bodies of the deceased have been transferred to Saltpond Government Hospital Mortuary for Preservation and autopsy.<sup>15</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*05

✚ Title of Incident: **SHOOTING**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: Three persons are injured after a man shot five people at a funeral ceremony in Tamale of the Northern region. According to reports, a suspect had gone to the funeral grounds to attack one 'Kambonaa' but in the process shot indiscriminately at some bystanders injuring five of them.

✚ Location of incident: Tamale in the Northern Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 2 dead, 3 injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 5 persons affected.

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: All injured victims are currently on admission at the Tamale Teaching Hospital while others have been treated and discharged. The Regional Police Crime Officer, superintendent Bernard Baba Ananga has warned citizens to stop instant justice because taking the law into their own hands is not proper.<sup>16</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*06

✚ Title of Incident: **STRIKE**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: The University Teachers Association of Ghana, (UTAG) has begun a nationwide strike to demand better conditions of service. UTAG said the indefinite strike was necessitated by Government's failure to address the worsening conditions of service of lecturers. According to UTAG, government has flouted the agreed timelines to address their concerns. It also urged the Government to formulate guidelines to implement the appropriate recommendations to address the conditions of service of the university teacher.

✚ Location of incident: Ghana

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: University Teachers

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Mr Ignatius Baffuor Awuah, Minister of Employment and Labour Relations, told journalists after the meeting that the Government would act on the guidelines issued by the NLC to resolve the impasse.<sup>17</sup>

## 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)

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/sprinter-bus-kills-coconut-seller-2-others-on-cape-coast-highway/>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/3-in-critical-condition-after-man-shot-5-at-funeral/>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.myjoyonline.com/utag-strike-government-utag-to-engage-further-after-meeting-nlc/>



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#### ✚ Incident N\*01

✚ Title of Incident: **DROWNING**

✚ Scale of Incident: Medium

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: A man, his wife, three children and an in-law have all died in an accident at Hwediem near Nkwawie in the Atwima Nwabiagya South District of the Ashanti region. The family was returning from a wedding at Bibiani in the Western North Region when the incident occurred. According to report, the vehicle transporting the family veered off the street and landed in a river after a failed overtaking. All occupants got drowned and died.

✚ Location of incident: Hwediem near Nkwawie in the Atwima Nwabiagya South District of the Ashanti region.

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 6 dead (3 male, 3 females)

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 6 persons affected; vehicles destroyed

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The bodies of the victims have been deposited at the Nkwawie Hospital. <sup>18</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*02

✚ Title of Incident: **FIRE OUTBREAK**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: Two persons have been injured after fire razed parts of Grand Eco Cabanas Hotel at Pepie near Abono in the Bosomtwe District of the Ashanti Region. The fire, according to reports, started from one of the rooms and spread to others. Five out of 18 rooms including a conference hall, restaurant, director's office, mini theatre, and laundry rooms were razed.

✚ Location of incident: Abono in the Bosomtwe District of the Ashanti Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 2 injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 2 persons affected, Equipment's and belonging destroyed

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Regional Public Relations Officer of the Ghana National Fire Service, DO III Peter Addai explained investigations are underway to ascertain the cause of the fire. However the victims are receiving treatment. <sup>19</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*03

✚ Title of Incident: **FIRE OUTBREAK**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: Fire has gutted fish ovens belonging to fishmongers at Brawire, a suburb of Axim in the Nzema-East Municipality in the Western Region. The fire has razed down the shed that housed the ovens, causing considerable damage to properties.

✚ Location of incident: Brawire, a suburb of Axim in the Nzema-East Municipality in the Western Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Properties and belongings destroyed.

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Municipal Chief Executive (MCE) for Nzema-East, Madam Dorcas Amoah who visited the scene to commiserate with the victims advised the affected victims and other residents in the area to be careful and vigilant when engaged in fish smoking. The Ghana National Fire Service could however not immediately establish the cause of the fire and said investigations would be conducted soon. <sup>20</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*04

✚ Title of Incident: **DROWNING**

✚ Scale of Incident : Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-01-2022

✚ Description of Incident: A 7-year-old pupil of High Mowing International School has drowned during school hour in an open septic tank filled with water at the back of the school at Koforidua in the Eastern region. According to

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/family-of-6-drowns-on-return-from-wedding/>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/two-injured-as-fire-guts-hotel/>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-consumes-fish-ovens-of-dozens-of-fishmongers-at-axim/>



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the victim's father, management of the school informed him on phone that his son accidentally fell into a septic tank in the school and was rushed to the Regional Hospital but pronounced dead on arrival.

📍 **Location of incident:** Koforidua in the Eastern region

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

📍 **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 person affected

📍 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** No arrest has been made so far but investigations are ongoing, however the body of the victim has been deposited at the Eastern Regional Hospital. <sup>21</sup>

#### 📍 **Incident N\*05**

📍 **Title of Incident:** FIRE OUTBREAK

📍 **Scale of Incident :** Low

📍 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 13-02-2022

📍 **Description of Incident:** A nine-year-old boy has been burnt to death after fire ravaged a four-bedroom apartment he was occupying at Dompoase near Fomena in the Adansi North District of the Ashanti Region. According to the Fomena District Fire Commander, D.O.III Oscar Opoku, the victim who according to the grandmother, was locked up in the room, may have done something to trigger the fire outbreak.

📍 **Location of incident:** Dompoase near Fomena in the Adansi North District of the Ashanti Region

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

📍 **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 person affected; 4 bedrooms destroyed

📍 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The National Fire Service were at the scene to douse the fire. <sup>22</sup>

#### 📍 **Incident N\*06**

📍 **Title of Incident:** GAS EXPLOSION

📍 **Scale of Incident :** Low

📍 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-01-2022

📍 **Description of Incident:** A 14-year-old girl has died with four others injured after a gas cylinder exploded at Achiase-Amoam in the Ejisu Municipality of the Ashanti Region. According to report, the incident happened when a tenant tried checking on her leaking gas cylinder, which exploded and caught fire in the process. A next-door neighbor, who was in her room with her three children, ran out upon hearing the sound of the explosion but was affected by the fire.

📍 **Location of incident:** Achiase-Amoam in the Ejisu Municipality of the Ashanti Region

📍 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead, 4 injured

📍 **Property damaged/Affected population:** 5 persons affected

📍 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victims are on admission at the Intensive Care Unit of the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital. <sup>23</sup>

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/7-year-old-pupil-drowns-in-school-septic-tank/>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-destroys-four-bedroom-house-kills-boy-9-photos/>

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/one-dead-four-others-injured-in-gas-explosion-at-ejisu/>