

## West Africa Early Warning and Response Program - Weekly Alerts on Peace and Security in West Africa

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## GHANA WEEK OF JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> TO 22<sup>ND</sup> 2021

### Organised Crime and Violent Extremism

(key concept clarification; causes; indicators and signs that push to radicalization; profiling and assessment or perpetuators 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: MURDER/LYNCHING/INJURED
- 4 Scale of Incident : Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 17-01-2022 4
- 4 Description of Incident: A 26-year-old man has been stabbed to death and his assailant lynched at Kotwi in the Atwima Kwanwoma District of the Ashanti Region. This resulted from a brawl occasioned by an alleged sale of a substances believed to be marijuana. One of the deceased was allegedly stabbed in the chest for failing to sell marijuana to a suspected drug addict. The aggrieved residents reportedly lynched the suspected drug addict.
- Location of incident: Kotwi, in the Atwima Kwanwoma district of the Ashanti Region
- Casualty [Male & female]: 2 died (Males) 2 injured (Male)
- 4 Property damaged/Affected population: Four persons were affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ashanti Regional Police Command has started investigation into the issue, while the bodies of the deceased have been deposited at the morgue. Two other persons sustained injuries and are receiving treatment at Gary Martin Hospital.<sup>1</sup>

- Title of Incident: MURDER/ARREST
- Scale of Incident : Low 4
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 18-01-2022 **.**
- Description of Incident: Some suspected Fulani herdsmen have allegedly killed a 15-year-old boy at Nhyiaeso in the Asante Akyem North District of the Ashanti Region. The victim was allegedly going to a stream at the community together with his brothers to draw water, when the suspects attacked and killed him while the other brothers escaped the attack. The main reason leading to the attack is yet to be known.
- Location of incident: Nhyiaeso in the Asante Akyem North District of the Ashanti Region
- Casualty [Male & female]: 1 dead (Male)
- Property damaged/Affected population: One person was murdered
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspects are currently in Police custody assisting with police investigations.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.myjoyonline.com/2-dead-in-fight-over-marijuana-at-kotwi-in-ashanti-region/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Fulani-herdsmen-allegedly-kill-15-year-old-boy-at-Nhyiaeso-1447396



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- Description of Incident: A 27-year-old woman has been arrested over an alleged murder of a caterer at Woe, near Anloga in the Volta Region. The suspect was apprehended with the help of members of the community after she attempted to commit suicide. Investigation revealed that both the deceased and the suspect were employees at a catering center, but the suspect was dismissed based on misconduct. The suspect concluded that it was the victim who orchestrated her dismissal and subsequently set her ablaze.
- Location of incident: Woe, near Anloga in the Volta Region
- 4 Casualty [Male & female]: 1 dead (female)
- 4 Property damaged/Affected population: One person was murdered
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect is currently in Police custody assisting with police investigations.<sup>3</sup>

#### Incident N\*04

- Title of Incident: MURDER/LYNCHING
- 4 Scale of Incident : Low
- 4 Date of occurrence of Incident: 18-01-2022
- Description of Incident: Two persons have been murdered at Kotwi and Brofoyeduro in the Ashanti Region. The two who are friends allegedly engaged in a drunk fight, resulting in the death of one. An angry mob subsequently subjected the suspect to physical attacks until he he died.
- Location of incident: Kotwi and Brofoyeduro in the Ashanti Region 4
- 4 Casualty [Male & female]: 2 dead (males).
- Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons were murdered. 4
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Investigation are ongoing to arrest the youth who beat the suspect to death.<sup>4</sup> 4

- Title of Incident: MURDER
- 4 Scale of Incident : Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 19-01-2022 4
- Description of Incident: A woman has allegedly been murdered at a prayer camp near Suhum in the Eastern 4 Region. Reports indicated that the woman was allegedly struck with an object in the head, raped and subsequently murdered. Leadership of the prayer camp suspects a mentally unstable inmate at the prayer camp now at large might have committed the crime.
- Location of incident: Suhum in the Eastern Region
- 4 Casualty [Male & female]: 1 dead (Female)
- 4 Property damaged/Affected population: One person was murdered
- 4 Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police have commenced investigation into the matter while the body of the deceased has been deposited at the morgue.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Woman-arrested-over-alleged-murder-of-caterer-at-Woe-1447420

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Police-investigate-murder-of-two-at-Trede-1447453

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Woman-allegedly-murdered-at-prayer-camp-1448851



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### Incident N\*06

- 4 Title of Incident: ARMED ROBBERY/RAPE
- 4 Scale of Incident : Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 19-01-2022 **.**
- Description of Incident: About five armed robbers have reportedly attacked a commercial vehicle in Madina in the Greater Accra Region, raped the ladies onboard and subjected the men to beatings and subsequently robbed them of their monies and mobile phones.
- Location of incident: Madina in the Greater Accra Region
- 4 Casualty [Male & female]: Unknown number
- Property damaged/Affected population: Passengers on the public transport vehicle were the affected 4
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The Greater Accra Regional Police Command has commenced investigation into the issue.6

#### Incident N\*07

- Title of Incident: THEFT/ARREST
- Scale of Incident : Low 4
- 4 Date of occurrence of Incident: 22-01-2022
- **Description of Incident:** The Tarkwa Police Command has arrested the chairman of the Christian Divine Church in Tarkwa, for allegedly engaging in financial malpractices. He has been accused of diverting church funds into an account of a private company which he created with his own name.
- Location of incident: Tarkwa in the Western Region
- 4 Casualty [Male & female]: None
- 4 Property damaged/Affected population: One person has been arrested.
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect was arrested and granted bail while investigation has commenced 4 into the matter.<sup>7</sup>

- Title of Incident: MURDER
- 4 Scale of Incident : Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 22-01-2022 4
- 4 Description of Incident: A Community Police has been reportedly shot dead by a suspected Fulani herdsman at Lingbinkura, a farming community near Buipe in the Central Gonja District of the Savannah Region. Reports indicated that the deceased officer was tracking the suspect who had been placed on a police wanted list for an alleged involvement in a murder case.
- Location of incident: Lingbinkura, near Buipe in the Central Gonja district of the Savannah Region.
- Casualty [Male & female]: 1 dead (Male)
- Property damaged/Affected population: One person shot dead
- ↓ Coping mechanism/Responses: The body of the deceased has been buried, while the suspect is yet to be arrested.8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Armed-robbers-rape-and-beat-passengers-onboard-a-trotro-1449358

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Police-arrest-church-chairman-for-allegedly-engaging-in-financial-malpractices-1450963

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Herdsmen-kill-Community-Police-Assistant-at-Lingbinkura-1451140



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  - + Title of Incident: LYNCHING/THEFT
  - Scale of Incident : Low
  - Date of occurrence of Incident: 22-01-2022
  - Description of Incident: A suspected thief has been lynched at Ash-town Baptish Church in the Kumasi Metropolis of the Ashanti Region. He was reportedly lynched after attempting to steal from a church premises. The suspect was caught by some residents, beaten and subsequently killed.
  - Location of incident: Ashtown Baptish Church in the Kumasi Metropolis of the Ashanti Region.
  - **4** Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (Male)
  - Property damaged/Affected population: One person was murdered
  - Coping mechanism/Responses: The deceased body has been deposited at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital while the church security has been invited by the police for investigation.<sup>9</sup>

### 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

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- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 18-01-2022
- Description of Incident A woman has allegedly been raped and murdered at Aposs-Okanta Prayer Camp near Suhum in the Eastern Region. The woman was reportedly struck with an object on the head by her assailant and stabbed in the abdomen. A suspected mentally challenged inmate at the camp who is at large is being accused of committing the crime. The body of the deceased has been conveyed to the Kyebi Divisional Police to the morgue.
- 4 Location of incident: Suhum in the Eastern Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: One female injured
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** one person affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The Eastern Regional police is still investigating the incident. Meanwhile the body of the deceased has been conveyed to Kyebi Divisional Police to the morgue. <sup>10</sup>

- Title of Incident: ABORTION
- Scale of Incident : Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 19-01-2022
- Description of Incident: A female laboratory technician has been remanded into police custody pending further investigations for allegedly administering drugs to a 17-year-old girl at Abeka for the purposes of abortion.
- 4 Location of incident: Abeka in the greater Accra Region
- Casualty [Male & female: One female injured
- Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect is expected to reappear in court on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mallam Mohammed, the victim's boyfriend and an accomplice are at large. The victim is on admission at the Police Hospital<sup>11</sup>.
- Incident N\*03
- Title of Incident: ASSAULT
- Scale of Incident : Low

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Suspected-thief-lynched-in-front-of-Ashtown-Baptist-Church-1451374

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Woman-allegedly-murdered-at-prayer-camp-1448851

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Female-laboratory-technician-remanded-for-causing-abortion-on-minor-1448149



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- 4 Date of occurrence: 20-01-2022
- Description of incident: A 25-year-old girl, Eunice Opoku, sustained burn wounds after she was set ablaze by a 40year-old suspected mentally challenged person known as Richard Asiedu at Kotwi in the Atwima Kwanwoma District of the Ashanti Region. Richard has allegedly killed animals belonging to residents, terrorized residents and threatened women and children several times.
- 🖊 Location of incident: Kotwi in the Atwima Kwanwoma district of the Ashanti Region.
- Casualty [Male &female]: One female injured
- Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Residents have complained that reports have been made regarding the suspect. However, the police have not taken any action.<sup>12</sup>

### Incident N\*04

- Title of Incident: SODOMY
- 4 Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 22-01-2022
- Description of Incident: A football coach, Benjamin Kojo Bannor, is in the Central East Regional Police Command custody for allegedly sodomising teenagers at Kasoa Zion in the Awutu Senya East Municipality under the pretext of training them as footballers. ACP Oduro Amaning reports that he had complaints from one of the victims' fathers about his son having anal infection. Upon investigations, the victim revealed his coach had sodomised him several times.
- Location of incident: Kasoa Zion in the Awutu Senya East Municipality
- **4** Casualty [Male &female]: One male injured
- Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim has been given a medical form to seek medical care. Meanwhile, the accused has been arrested to appear in court on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Further investigation will be conducted to establish whether other young boys have been subjected to same treatment.<sup>13</sup>

### **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
- 4 Scale of Incident: Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 16-01-2022
- Description of Incident: Two (2) nursing trainees at the Asankragwa Midwifery and Training College have died while four (4) others sustain injuries after reporting to school at Asankragwa in the Western Region. The victims had gone to town to braid their hair and get some food items. According to reports, the two were crushed to death while returning to campus aboard a tricycle, popularly known as 'Pragya' by a grader machine.
- Location of incident: Asankragwa in the Western Region
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- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 6 persons affected; tricycle destroyed
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The injured persons are receiving treatment at the Asankragwa Catholic Hospital and the bodies of the deceased have been deposited at the same hospital. However, the driver of the grader machine is currently on the run.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Mad-man-burns-25-year-old-girl-at-Kotwi-victim-cries-for-help-1449616

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Coach-arrested-for-sodomizing-footballers-at-Kasoa-1451074

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/2-nursing-trainees-die-in-gory-accident-at-asankragkwa/



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- Title of Incident: STRIKE
- 4 Scale of Incident : Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 17-01-2022 4
- 4 Description of Incident: The Civil and Local Government Staff Association of Ghana (CLOGSAG) has declared a nationwide indefinite strike. The industrial action is for government to heed to their request of "they deserve better conditions of service now". According to the Association, a year after their proposed salary structure was sent to the Finance Ministry to deal with it, the Ministry is yet to communicate anything to them despite persistent reminders.
- Location of incident: Nationwide
- Casualty [Male & female]: None 4
- 4 Property damaged/Affected population: Association members of CLOSAG
- Coping mechanism/Responses: No action has been taken at the time of the report.<sup>15</sup>

### Incident N\*03

- **.** Title of Incident: ARMED ATTACK
- 4 Scale of Incident : Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 17-01-2022
- Description of Incident: Six persons have sustained injuries after thugs allegedly attacked mourners during a funeral at Kwahu Ataaso in the Eastern Region. According to the family, they suspect the thugs came from a neighboring town, Kwahu Apradang, wielding machetes and other implements. However, it is not clear what triggered the attack.
- Location of incident: Kwahu Ataaso in the Eastern Region
- 4 Casualty [Male & female]: 6 injured
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 6 persons affected
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The incident has been reported to the Nkawkaw Police Command for protection before they could continue with the funeral rites. Meanwhile, the Kwahu Apradang chief, Nana Abredu Somuah II, has condemned the act. As part of the efforts to prevent a reoccurrence, a ban on wake-keeping has been placed in the area.<sup>16</sup>

### Incident N\*04

- Title of Incident: YOUTH CLASH /ARREST/RIOTS
- 4 Scale of Incident : Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 19-01-2022
- **Description of Incident**: Nine (9) persons have been arrested over a shoot-out at Nima in the Greater Accra region during a clash between two gangs. According to reports, the police captured a group of irate men wielding machetes and moving on a street as some fired gunshots in the open.
- Location of incident: Nima in the Greater Accra region
- 4 Casualty [Male & female]: 2 injured
- 4 Property damaged/Affected population: 9 persons affected
- 4 Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspects are in police custody, while two others have been hospitalized and are under police guard. However, the police are on a manhunt for the leaders of the gangs.<sup>17</sup>

- Title of Incident: ROAD ACCIDENT
- 4 Scale of Incident : Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 20-01-2022
- 4 Description of Incident: Five (5) persons have died and fourteen (14) others injured in a crash on the Kintampo-Techiman road, close to the Tuobodom Senior High School in the Brong Ahafo Region. According to reports, a faulty articulator DAF truck from Burkina Faso was left unattended with no warning triangle to signal to oncoming

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/clogsag-sets-date-for-nationwide-strike/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/six-injured-as-thugs-attack-mourners-during-funeral-at-kwahu-ataaso/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/seven-arrested-over-nima-gangs-bloody-clash/



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vehicle of the danger ahead. A Kumasi bound KIA vehicle from Bolgatanga rammed into the rear end of the faulty articulator track, killind and injuring the victims involved.

- Location of incident: Kintampo-Techiman road, in the Brong Ahafo Region.
- Casualty [Male &female]: 5 dead (4 females, 1 male), 14 injured
- Property damaged/Affected population: 19 persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The injured passengers are on admission at the Holy Family Hospital in Techiman. 18

#### Incident N\*06

- Title of Incident: ROAD ACCIDENT /ARREST
- Scale of Incident : Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 20-01-2022
- Description of Incident: A 63-year-old retired police officer has died after his motorbike crushed into a Toyota vehicle at Wa in the Upper West Region. The driver of the Toyota vehicle according to reports, hit the back of the motorbike the victim was riding. According to the police, the suspect failed to stop when the traffic light turned red for road users in his lane to stop, causing the incident.
- Location of incident: Wa in the Upper West Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (male)
- Property damaged/Affected population: 2 persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect is currently in Police custody assisting investigations. Meanwhile, the body of the deceased has been deposited at the Wa Regional Hospital mortuary for preservation. <sup>19</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)

#### Incident N\*01

- Title of Incident: BIRD FLU
- **Scale of Incident:** Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 17-01-2022
- Description of Incident: The Bono Regional Directorate of Agriculture has confirmed the outbreak of Avian Influenza (H5) at two locations in Sunyani and its environs. A total of 8,400 infected birds have been picked from the two locations, destroyed, and buried by the personnel from the Regional Rapid Response Team.
- Location of incident: Sunyani in the Bono region.
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** Poultry birds affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: According to a press release, the Regional Rapid Response Team has moved swiftly to contain and prevent the spread of the disease. Also, measures have been instituted to restrict the movement of poultry and products from affected farms.<sup>20</sup>

- Title of Incident: BEES INVASION
- Scale of Incident : Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 18-01-2022
- Description of Incident: One person has been injured after being attacked by a swarm of bees at Awutu Jeikrodua in the Awutu Senya West District in the Central Region. According to reports, all activities in the township have come to a standstill due to the bee invasion. Majority of the residents have remained indoors to avoid being

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/5-dead-14-including-immigration-officer-injured-in-kintampo-techiman-accident/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/63-year-old-retired-police-officer-killed-in-road-accident-in-Wa-1449454

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/avian-influenza-breaks-out-in-bono-region/



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- Location of incident: Awutu JeiKrodua in the Awutu Senya West District in the Central Region

MEDIUM

- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 injured (male)
- Property damaged/Affected population: 1 person affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The affected persons have been sent to the Bawjiase Polyclinic to receive treatment due to the severity of the bee stings.<sup>21</sup>

#### Incident N\*03

- **I** Title of Incident: **FIRE OUTBREAK**
- 4 Scale of Incident : Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 20-01-2022
- Description of Incident: Fire has destroyed some wooden structures serving as rooms for some squatters at Gbetsile Sanko, a suburb in the Ashiaman Municipality of the Greater Accra Region. According to the Ghana National Fire service investigations, the cause of the fire is linked to the burning of rubbish that are unattended to in the area.
- Location of incident: Gbetsile Sanko, a suburb in the Ashaiman Municipality of the Greater Accra Region
- 4 Casualty [Male &female]: None
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** Properties and structures destroyed
- 4 Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana National Fire Service were at the scene to douse the fire. <sup>22</sup>

### Incident N\*04

- Title of Incident: EXPLOSION
- 4 Scale of Incident : Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 21-01-2022
- Description of Incident: Thirteen (13) persons died and fifty-nine (59) injured in an explosion at Appiatse near Bogoso in the Western Region. The incident which occurred as a result of an accident involving a truck conveying explosive for a mining company, a motorcycle and a third vehicle close to an electricity transformer. The incidents has destroyed most houses and structures in the community.
- Location of incident: Appiatse in the Western Region
- 4 Casualty [Male & female]: 13 dead, 59 injured
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** Over 150 persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: All injured victims are receiving treatment at various hospitals in the region. However, personnel from the Ghana National Fire service, National Ambulance Service, National Disaster Management Organization, Ghana Police Service, Ghana Army and resources have been dispatched to the community to provide humanitarian support to the affected persons.<sup>23</sup>

- Title of Incident: FIRE OUTBREAK
- Scale of Incident : Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 21-01-2022
- Description of Incident: Fire has emanated from a fuel tanker at the Kaase Industrial Area in Kumasi of the Ashanti Region. The affected area is alleged to be a hideout for individuals engaged in illegal fuel siphoning activities. According to eyewitnesses, some individuals were using gallons to siphon fuel from the tanker at a hideout when it went into flames. The fire spread to an abandoned factory in the area. While the individuals were engaged in the illegal operation, a tricycle whose engine was running nearby, allegedly emitted sparks that caused the explosion.
- Location of incident: Kaase Industrial Area in Kumasi of the Ashanti Region.
- Casualty [Male &female]: None

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/man-left-unconscious-after-bees-invade-awutu-jeikrodua/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Fire-guts-structures-in-Ashaiman-1449844

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/13-dead-59-injured-in-apiate-explosion/



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### • HIGH

- o High potential for political destabilisation/instability
- o High number of death (above 20)/major properties damages
- o High number of population affected ( inability of the population to cope)
- o Low capacity of the state to respond to it
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- o Significant effect on political destabilisation o Significant reported cases of loss of life (5 to 20) and property
- o Moderate Capacity of the state to respond to it

• LOW

- o Low effect on Political destabilisation o Loss of life (0 to 5)and property destruction not significant o High Capacity of the state to respond
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** Properties and belongings destroyed.
- Coping mechanism/Responses: No casualty has been recorded, but a number of families have been displaced. According to the Ashanti Regional Fire Commander, Rashid Nisawu, the Fire Service Command wants Police support to curtail the illegal fuel siphoning activities in the area.<sup>24</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/another-explosion-renders-many-homeless-photos/