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GHANA

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1 TO 5, 2023.

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**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 2-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Twelve person have been arrested for their involvement in car snatching and murder across the regions in Ghana. The Police in a press release said the suspects used guns to attack their victims and take over their cars, which they sell to others. The suspects have been identified as Prince Opuni, Kwabena Kyei Barfour, Jeffrey Dwomoh alias Jeff, Clifford Opoku alias Spider, Samuel Adom, William Ansah, Bernard Adu Gyamfi, Anthony Tawiah alias Wizzy, Andrew Kwame Owusu, Musah Sulley, Yaw Acheampong and Charles Lotherford.

✚ Location of incident: Several Locations across the country

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Twelve persons arrested

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana Police Service has arrested the 12 suspects over carjacking, robbery and murder incidents.¹

✚ Incident N*02

✚ Title of Incident: **Homicide**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 01-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: A 32-year-old Shadrach Arloo was allegedly beaten to death by a policeman, assisted by suspected private security guards around the West Hills Mall area in Accra. The policemen are said to have demanded that he hands over his luggage for a search. He rejected and insisted he was not going to do so.

✚ Location of incident: Accra in the Greater Accra region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person killed

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The case has since been reported at the Weija Police Station and the body has been deposited at the Police Hospital morgue in Accra.²

✚ Incident N*03

✚ Title of Incident: **Homicide /Robbery**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 2-2-2023

✚ Description of Incident: A robbery gang has shot and killed people at Wassa Ntwetwena in the Wassa Amenfi East Municipality in the Western Region. The robbers, numbering about six, reportedly attacked a gold buying shop in

¹ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/police-arrest-12-suspects-for-their-involvement-in-carjacking-robbery-and-murder.html>

² <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/policemen-tase-man-to-death-at-west-hills-mall.html>



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the area and fired indiscriminately. The victims, according to witnesses, included the gold dealer, his friend and a passerby.

✚ **Location of incident:** Wassa Ntwetwena in the Wassa Amenfi East Municipality in the Western Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police have launched a manhunt for the robber. A special police team comprising investigation, intelligence and operational officers have also been deployed to beef up security in the town and surrounding communities.³

✚ **Incident N*04**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Drug Trafficking**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 03-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Narcotics Control Commission's (NACOC) Ghana Post Unit on Friday, February 3, 2023, intercepted six (6) parcels of outbound cocoa powder plastic containers containing marijuana. The parcel, which was destined for the United Kingdom, was discovered by officers of the commission while carrying out their normal routine of inspecting parcels brought to the post office to be sorted out before dispatching to their destination.⁴

✚ **Location of incident:** Accra, Greater Accra Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:**

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A statement by NACOC stated that an investigation is ongoing to unravel the people behind the attempted export. The Commission has also cautioned the public to desist from such activities since they will be prosecuted if found culpable.

✚ **Incident N*05**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Man found dead and bound to a tree with mouth taped, identified by family/Car Snatching**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The lifeless body of an unidentified man believed to be in his 40s was discovered in a cocoa farm between Abrakaso and Krakrom at Sekyere South in the Agona District. The victim was discovered bound to a tree with his mouth taped.⁵

✚ **Location of incident:** Abrakaso and Krakrom at Sekyere South in the Agona District

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person killed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The family of the deceased was notified, and confirmation of the dead person has been given by the family. The family is assisting with investigations.

✚ **Incident N*06**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Armed robbers shoot security man at a quarry site**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 02-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A security officer has been shot by robbers at a quarry at Awutu Kwei in the Central Region. Four assailants attacked the victim at the Hao-xin stone Quarry site on Thursday, February 2, 2023, around 4:30 PM. The assailants took away GHC2,500. The victim after being shot decided to run and hide but unfortunately fell and couldn't stand on his feet.⁶

³ <https://www.adomonline.com/three-shot-dead-in-gold-shop-robbery/>

⁴ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/NACOC-intercepts-marijuana-concealed-in-Cocoa-Powder-containers-1707776>

⁵ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Man-found-dead-bound-to-a-tree-with-mouth-taped-identified-by-family-1707809>

⁶ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Armed-robbers-shoot-security-man-at-quarry-site-1707329>



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- ✚ **Location of incident:** Awutu Kwei in the Central Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 injured (male)
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person was affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victim was rushed to Winneba Special and Trauma Hospital for treatment but later referred to Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital for treatment.

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**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 1-02-2023
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Queen mother of Kutunse, Naa Joormo Akua Dedaa I, is calling for the prosecution of traditional leaders who settle defilement cases at their palaces. Her call comes at the back of an attempt by a chief in the area to thwart the prosecution of a suspect of defilement.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Kutunse, Eastern Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** According to the queen, who is also the leader of a rights advocacy group, Perfect Ladies International, she threatened to cause the arrest of the chief if he dared intervene as a means of shielding a suspect in a defilement case she was pursuing.⁷

✚ Incident N*02

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** **Prostitution and arrest**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:**
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** About 34 women are alleged to be engaged in prostitution in the Tema Metropolis have been arrested by the police. The facts indicate that some young ladies have been parading the streets of the Tema Metropolis at night soliciting clients for the services.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Tema Metropolis, Greater Accra Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 34 sex workers arrested
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Tema Regional Police Command organised an intelligence-led operation which led to the arrest of the suspected sex workers. Nationalities of those arrested included Ghanaians, Liberians and Nigerians at Subon Valley in Community 7. Others were also arrested at Sabrina Hotel at Community 17 as well as in Viena City and Datus area both in Community Eight.⁸

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:** **Influx of displaced Burkinabe's**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/how-a-queen-mother-threatened-chief-over-defilement-case/>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/34-sex-workers-arrested-in-tema-video>



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✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 1-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** More than 4,000 Burkinabes have fled to seek refuge in Ghana following attacks by suspected terrorists and militants in Burkina Faso. The refugees, mostly women and children, have fled from troubled spots in Burkina Faso, namely: Bugri, Zouga and Asongo, to seek asylum in the Bawku West District in the Upper East Region.

✚ **Location of incident:** Adasiga, Soogo, Agoogo, Kperigu and Kperigzousi in the Soogo Electoral Area, while others are residing in areas such as Natinga, Googo, Weari, Kanlesi and Fulbes in the Widnaba Electoral Area of Bawku West in Upper East Region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 4000 persons affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Catholic Relief Services (CRS), through its grant support to the Navrongo-Bolgatanga Diocesan Development Office of the Catholic Church, has presented GH¢1.3 million worth of food and non-food items to the refugees. Additionally, the Bawku Naba, Zugraan Asigri Abugrago Azoka II, has donated bags of rice, maize and second-hand clothing to the Burkinabe asylum seekers⁹

✚ **Incident N*02**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Ten reportedly killed at Bawku, residents accuse military**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 01-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Ten people have been reportedly killed in Bawku. Some military personnel have been implicated in the conflicts, as residents are blaming them for the attacks. Two of the victims were reportedly killed in the evening of January 31, 2023, while the other eight were killed in the morning of Wednesday, February 1, 2023.¹⁰

✚ **Location of incident:** Bawku, Upper East Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 10 dead persons.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Ten persons affected, while some residences have been reportedly burnt.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The bodies of the ten civilians have been released to their families for burial. The Upper East Regional Security Council is set to meet to deliberate on the matter.¹¹

✚ **Incident N*03**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Military men intervene after the University for Development Studies (UDS) security holds NEDCO staff hostage**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported 02-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The University for Development Studies (UDS) City Campus allegedly defaulted in electricity payment of its electricity. As a result, the Northern Electricity Distribution Company (NEDCO) staff went to the University to disconnect their lights, after which the school's security locked the main gate of the campus to block their exit. The NEDCO staff were held hostage for hours.

✚ **Location of incident:** Tamale, Northern Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** NEDCO Staff

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The military was called to rescue them. There has since been heavy military presence at the University for Development Studies (UDS) City Campus.¹²

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/terrorists-attack-more-than-4000-burkinabes-flee-to-ghana/>

¹⁰ <https://www.modernghana.com/news/1209609/ten-reportedly-killed-at-bawku-residents-accuse.html>

¹¹ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/bodies-of-10-civilians-allegedly-killed-by-soldiers-released-to-families-for-burial/>

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/military-men-intervene-after-uds-security-holds-nedco-staff-hostage/>



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✚ Incident N*04

✚ Title of Incident: **Arrest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 2-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: There is an ongoing nationwide Value Added Tax (VAT) inspection exercise to ensure tax compliance and retrieve taxes due the state. Mr Joseph Annan, Area Enforcement Manager of the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA), in charge of Accra Central, said the exercise concluded what the Authority started on Monday to get rid of tax defaulters. He said the Authority had 50 taxpayers on its e- VAT system and noticed that some were issuing invoices not certified by the Commissioner-General as required by law.

✚ Location of incident: Accra Central, in the Greater Accra region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Three persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) taskforce arrested three shop managers in Accra for allegedly evading tax on the electronic Value Added Tax (VAT) system.¹³

✚ Incident N*05

✚ Title of Incident: **Arrest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 1-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Eight persons are alleged to be part of a syndicate that sold placement slots in Senior High Schools during the 2022 Computerized School Selection and Placement exercise.

✚ Location of incident: Accra in the greater Accra Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Eight persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Eight persons were arrested by the police for their roles in the school placement fraud uncovered by The Fourth Estate.¹⁴

✚ Incident N*06

✚ Title of Incident: **Arrest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 2-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: About 23 traders at the Agbogbloshie market who were selling foodstuff on bare floors and under unhygienic conditions in Accra have been arrested. This happened when the Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) in collaboration with Multimedia Group (Joy News/ Joy FM) resumed the “Clean Ghana campaign” to enforce the waste management by-laws had misunderstanding with the traders.

✚ Location of incident: Agbogbloshie in the Greater Accra region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 23 persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The 23 traders were arrested at Agbogbloshie for selling foodstuffs under unhygienic conditions.¹⁵

✚ Incident N*07

✚ Title of Incident: **Chieftaincy Dispute**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident:

¹³ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/gra-arrest-3-shop-managers-over-alleged-tax-irregularities.html>

¹⁴ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/police-grab-8-persons-in-school-placement-deal.html>

¹⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/23-arrested-at-agbogbloshie-for-selling-foodstuffs-under-unhygienic-conditions/>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** Military men, numbering about six who were in the Harbour community in the company of a private developer had misunderstanding with some youth and some chiefs who were said to have confronted the private developer, during the confrontation the deceased is said to have attempted snatching a rifle from the hands of one of the military men.

✚ **Location of incident:** Tema, Greater Accra region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The 25-year-old man identified as Alfred Awuku was shot dead by the military man for attempting to snatch the rifle.¹⁶

✚ Incident N*08

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 05-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A Toyota Camry fell into the Alajo Drain. It is unclear how the car ended up in the drain. Attempts to remove the car were futile because a towing vehicle hired to do so could not due to its size. The car was occupied by two persons, a male, and a female. According to them, the female who was driving was reversing when the car fell into the drain. They however managed to jump out of the car before it fell into the drain.¹⁷

✚ **Location of incident:** Alajo, Greater Accra Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** The vehicle was damaged.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** At the time of publication, a new towing company had been brought in to remove the car.

✚ Incident N*09

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Three people have died in a motorbike accident at Yaw Bronya in the Ashanti Region. An Okada rider, while transporting a passenger to his destination at Foase, run into a female pedestrian who was crossing the road at the time. Eyewitnesses say, the rider was over speeding, leading to the accident.¹⁸

✚ **Location of incident:** Yaw Bronya in the Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead (male), 1 dead (female)

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** The bike was destroyed while 3 persons were affected in the incident.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The bodies of the deceased have been transported to a hospital morgue for preservation.

✚ Incident N*010

✚ **Title of Incident:** Several properties burnt as police allegedly kill farmer over Fulbe menace/Arson

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 03-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Chaos broke out at Maame Krobo in the Kwahu Afram Plains South District on Friday, February 3, 2023, following the alleged shooting of a 54-year-old farmer by the police. Reports suggest that a police

¹⁶ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/man-shot-dead-for-attempting-to-snatch-a-military-rifle.html>

¹⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Saloon-car-runs-into-Alajo-drain-two-occupants-rescued-1708256>

¹⁸ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Okada-rider-2-others-die-in-an-accident-1707941>



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team fired several shots into the house of the deceased to force him out for interrogation after a Fulani herdsman claimed that his cattle has been gunned down by a farmer suspected to be the deceased.¹⁹

✚ **Location of incident:** Maame Krobo in the Kwahu Afram Plains South District, Eastern region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Houses and shops burnt; 1 person killed

Coping mechanism/Responses: The family and tribesmen of the deceased following the shooting incident reportedly stormed the residence of the Fulani herdsman and set his home ablaze. They further torched a provision shop also belonging to the herdsman. The Police Service is yet to officially comment on the matter, as of the reporting time.

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:** 03-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Some residents and traders at Tema Community Two, near a mosque close to the Social Security and National Insurance Trust Flats (SSNIT) were burnt down. More than 15 structures and shops were affected in the incident. The fire outbreak, which started around 6:30 p.m. destroyed many shops. Seven shops were described as completely burnt.

✚ **Location of incident:** Tema Community Two, Greater Accra Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None reported.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Affected shops included two drinking spots, an electrical repair shop, a bicycle repair shop, a pen for livestock, and two places of abode.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) Tema Divisional Officer Grade III Fiifi Opong, said that the cause of the fire could not be immediately ascertained but investigations would be concluded as soon as possible.²⁰

✚ Incident N*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** Cumulative Fire Outbreaks in Kumasi

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported on 03-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** According to the Ashanti Regional branch of the Ghana National Fire Service, the rate of outbreaks in the region in January 2023 was lower than in the same period in 2022. However, six people died in 2023 compared to 2022, when no casualties were recorded. Public Relations Officer (PRO) for the Region DO3 Peter Adei said several individuals were not adhering to fire safety measures.²¹

✚ **Location of incident:** Kumasi, Ashanti region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 6 dead

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The PRO said the trend had revealed that the outbreaks recorded in January all occurred in the evening when the victims were asleep. He underscored the need for the public to use early warning and detecting systems in their facilities to alert them of possible outbreaks.

¹⁹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/E-R-Several-properties-burnt-as-police-allegedly-kill-farmer-over-Fulani-menace-1707884>

²⁰ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/fire-sweeps-through-15-shops-houses-at-tema-community-2.html>

²¹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Kumasi-records-178-fire-incidents-with-six-deaths-in-January-2023-GNFS-1707167>