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## GHANA

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6 TO 12, 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: **Armed Robbery**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: The Police in Buipe in the Central Gonja District of the Savannah Region have allegedly gunned down an armed robber at Lingbenkura, a farming community near Buipe on the Fufulso-Buipe highway. The incident, according to the Buipe Police Command, occurred at about 1:10 am on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. The Police Command said they received a distress call that the suspects believed to be Fulbes, had taken over part of the highway.

✚ Location of incident: Lingbenkura in the Central Gonja District

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 male dead

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The body of the suspects was deposited at the Tamale Teaching Hospital mortuary.<sup>1</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*02

✚ Title of Incident: **Theft/Arrest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 06-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Two persons, believed to be husband and wife, escaped lynching when they were arrested for stealing items at Kasoa CP in the Awutu Senya East Municipality of the Central Region. The couple, together with an 'okada' rider, suspected to be an accomplice, approached stalls under the pretext of buying items.

✚ Location of incident: Kasoa CP in the Awutu Senya East Municipality of the Central Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 male and 1 female injured.

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Kasoa District Police Command intervened and rescued the suspects.<sup>2</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*03

✚ Title of Incident: **Road Accident/Robbery**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 9-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: An accident occurred at the Kwabenya Musuku roundabout in the Dome-Kwabenya Constituency, Greater Accra Region. A driver of a Toyota Vitz vehicle, according to an eyewitness, knocked two men on a motorbike off the road. The Vitz vehicle somersaulted and ran into a teak pole. The witnesses narrated that the deceased, and his partner snatched the Vitz driver's iPhone 13 while on the road.

✚ Location of incident: Dome-Kwabenya Constituency, Greater Accra Region

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/robber-shot-dead-in-highway-operation/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/couple-nearly-lynched-at-kasoa-for-allegedly-stealing-mobile-phones/>



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- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** The vehicle and the motor bike were damaged in the process while all three persons were either injured or dead.
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The driver was reportedly rushed to the hospital while the unidentified motor rider also died not so far from the accident scene, but his accomplice took to his heels.<sup>3</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** **One shot dead amidst REGSEC meeting with Bawku feuding factions**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 06-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** One person has been gunned down by unknown assailants in Bawku, Upper East on Monday, February 6, 2023, evening. The deceased, identified as Osman Awudu, 45, was shot in the head and arms multiple times, leading to his death. The shooting occurred some hours after the Upper East Regional Minister, Stephen Yakubu, led members of the Regional Security Council (REGSEC), to meet opinion leaders of factions of the conflict, to find ways to address the rising insecurity in Bawku.<sup>4</sup>

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

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Bawku residents

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The meeting was disrupted with heavy gunshots from parts of Bawku, and it took the security several minutes to calm the situation before it was resumed.

#### ✚ Incident N\*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Armed Robbery**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 12-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Personnel from the Abor Police Command in the Volta Region have reportedly gunned down three suspected armed robbers in a robbery operation at Tsive- Kpotame near Kpadzakope, a suburb of Abor. The incident, which occurred on Sunday, February 12, 2023, at about 0125 hours, resulted in the killing of the three all-male robbery gang. A police officer was injured in the process.<sup>5</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Tsive- Kpotame near Kpadzakope, a suburb of Abor, Volta Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 3 dead (males), 1 injured (male)

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Four persons affected in this incident

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured police officer was rushed to a hospital for treatment. The police retrieved some weapons, including a pump action gun, locally manufactured Pistol, and 30 rounds of AA ammunition.

#### ✚ Incident N\*06

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Armed Robbery**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 07-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A gang of armed robbers attacked a gold-buying agent at Sehwi Juaboso in the Western North Region and made away with an amount of in his possession. The armed robbers are reported to have attacked the victim whose name was only given as Stephen from the Jay Gold Buying Company around 8:00 pm on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.<sup>6</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Sehwi Juaboso in the Western North Region

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/brave-driver-crashes-motor-rider-who-snatched-his-iphone-to-death/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/1-shot-dead-amidst-regsec-meeting/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Police-gun-down-suspected-armed-robbers-at-Abor-1712906>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Armed-robbers-attack-gold-dealer-at-Juaboso-bolt-with-GH-500-000-1710545>



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- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Damaged vehicle windshield
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The police in Sehwi are yet to make an arrest

## 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: **Suicide**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 7-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: A 34-year-old nurse, David Atinga, at the Kpasera CHPS compound in the Central Gonja District of the Savannah Region has been found hanging dead. Mr Atinga allegedly committed suicide over his lover. According to sources, the lover's family asked the deceased to convert to Islam before he would be allowed to marry the lady.

✚ Location of incident: Kpasera CHPS compound in the Central Gonja District of the Savannah Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 male dead

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Police in the Central Gonja District have deposited the body at the Tamale Teaching Hospital.<sup>7</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*02

✚ Title of Incident: **Defilement**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: An Accra Circuit Court has declared a 66-year-old pensioner wanted for allegedly defiling four children in the Tema West Municipality. The suspect, Emmanuel John Kwesi Mensah Dadson, is said to have defiled the victims aged 5, 10, 11, and 12 all on separate occasions. The suspect and failed to appear in court.

✚ Location of incident: Accra in the Greater Accra Region

✚ Casualty [Male & female]: 4 females

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Four teenage girls affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The court has issued a bench warrant for the suspect's arrest, after the Prosecutor Superintendent Agnes Boafo asked the Court to grant a bench warrant to arrest the suspect.<sup>8</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: **Protest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 6-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: As part of Government's Domestic Debt Exchange Programme, Pensioners who have invested in Government bonds were informed they will have percentages of their bond investment cut. Former

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/nurse-found-dead-after-failed-marriage/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/court-chases-pensioner-for-defiling-four-minors/>



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Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice Sophia Akuffo joined the pensioner bondholders to picket the Ministry of Finance as she was also affected by the debt exchange programme.

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

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Pensioners

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The pensioners who have individually invested in government bonds returned to the precincts of the Ministry of Finance in Accra to protest their inclusion in Government's Domestic Debt Exchange Programme, insisting they have paid their dues to the nation.<sup>9</sup>

#### 🚩 **Incident N\*02**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 06-02-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** G/CPL Richard Datsomor of the Kpetoe District Command of the Volta Region has been killed in a motor-vehicle crash. The deceased died when the motorbike he was riding crashed into a cab on a section of the Denu to Adina Road.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Denu to Adina Road in the Volta Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 male dead

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect driver reportedly rushed the victim to the Ketu South Municipality Hospital at Aflao for treatment but was pronounced dead by the Physician Assistant on duty, police reports indicate.<sup>10</sup>

#### 🚩 **Incident N\*03**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** Arrest

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 09-02-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Some 14 persons who were alleged to have disturbed the re-run elections of some positions in the New Patriotic Party's (NPP) Constituency Executive Elections at Enchi in the Western North Region are in police custody for invading the house of one of the candidates to threaten her and also intimidate others prior to the elections.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Enchi in the Western North Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** The victim's vehicle windscreen was damaged in the process

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** All 14 suspects are in Police custody and will be put before the court to face justice.<sup>11</sup>

#### 🚩 **Incident N\*04**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** Arrest

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 09-02-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** The Asokwa Circuit Court has remanded into police custody the Suame Constituency Youth Organiser of the National Democratic Congress (NDC). The accused, Razak Koumpa Avoliya, was declared wanted by the police for allegedly inciting political violence in a video that has gone viral. He later turned himself to the police.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Suame kumasi Metropolitan in Ashanti Region.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/ddep-the-picketing-pensioners-their-moods-and-messages/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/police-officer-crashed-to-death/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/police-arrest-14-in-connection-with-disturbance-at-npp-elections-at-enchi/>



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- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: There was heavy police presence at the court premises. Some of the armed men sat in a patrol vehicle a few meters from the gathering of the supporters.<sup>12</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*05

✚ Title of Incident: **The Narcotic Control Commission (NACOC) destroys cannabis worth GH¢50m**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 09-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: About 50,000 kilograms of cannabis with the street value of GH¢50 million was destroyed by the Narcotic Control Commission (NACOC). The exercise which took place at the Bundase Military Training Camp in the Ningo-Prampram District of the Greater Accra Region also involved officials from the Court, Police, Military, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana Standards Authority and international partners from Drug Enforcement Administration, National Crime Agency. The cannabis was seized from suspects between 2021 and January 2023 and destroyed following a court order.<sup>13</sup>

✚ Location of incident: Bundase Military Training Camp in the Ningo-Prampram District, Greater Accra Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: No damages were reported

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Commission is mandated to destroy seized narcotic drugs after conducting all necessary investigations.

#### ✚ Incident N\*06

✚ Title of Incident: **Road Accident on the Accra-Cape Coast Road**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Some 15 passengers who were involved in an accident at Gomoa Nyamebekyere close to the onion market on the Accra-Cape Coast stretch are receiving treatment at the Winneba Trauma and Specialist hospital in the Central Region.<sup>14</sup>

✚ Location of incident: Gomoa Nyamebekyere, Central region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 15 injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Fifteen persons affected.

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Preliminary investigations conducted by the Winneba Municipal Fire station indicated that the Ford passenger car made a miscalculated overtaking, leading to the accident.

#### ✚ Incident N\*07

✚ Title of Incident: **Road Accident**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: A driver of a Toyota vehicle died on the spot after his vehicle collided with a trailer. The incident occurred at Apimanim in the Ahanta-West municipality on Saturday, February 11. According to the driver of the trailer, whose name was given as Jerome, the Toyota vehicle was travelling at top speed from the Agona-Nkwanta end road to the Nzema area.<sup>15</sup>

✚ Location of incident: Apimanim in the Ahanta-West municipality, Western Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Vehicles destroyed; one person killed

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/suame-ndc-youth-organiser-remanded/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/nacoc-destroys-cannabis-worth-gh%2a250m/>

<sup>14</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/02/15-persons-receiving-treatment-after-car-crash-on-accra-cape-coast-road/>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Driver-perishes-in-gory-accident-at-Apimanim-1712924>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** It took a combined effort of some members of the Ghana Journalists Association (GJA) who were returning from Jomoro and some police officers to overturn the mangled vehicle before the driver was taken out of the vehicle. The driver of the trailer is assisting the police with investigations.

#### ✚ Incident N\*08

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Farmer -Herder Conflict: 10000 cattles invade Abuakwa North**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported 12-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Over 10,000 cattle fleeing the troubled Afram Plains South area have invaded Abuakwa North Municipality in the Eastern region. The herdsman and the cattle are believed to have used the Fantekwa North route to the Municipality. The cattle have invaded farming communities such as Sokode Juaso, kyekyewere, Mpaemu No 1&2 destroying the crops of farmers and affecting their source of livelihood. Reports also indicate that the cattle have similarly invaded farms by the Cocoa Research Institute of Ghana (CRIG) destroying scientific crops being used for research purposes.<sup>16</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Sokode Juaso, kyekyewere, Mpaemu No 1&2, Eastern Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Farmers

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A joint press conference was held in Akyem Kukurantumi Wednesday, February 7, 2023, by the Municipal Security Council (MUSEC), Chiefs and farmers, the Municipal Chief Executive for Abuakwa North Alhaji Umar Bodinga who is also the MUSEC chairman. The municipality has been declared a "no go area" for the nomadic herdsman, thus issued a 4-day ultimatum for them to leave.

#### ✚ Incident N\*09

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Road Accident**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 10-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two vehicles crashed on the NI high street between Lapaz and Flatop, opposite the Goil Filling Station in Accra, on February 10, 2023. The accident involved a Toyota Vitz and a Hyundai Getz vehicle. The cause of the accident was not immediately mentioned.<sup>17</sup>

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 5 injured

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** The vehicles were damaged in the incident

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Some onlookers attempted to assist the victims of the accident.

#### ✚ Incident N\*010

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Road Accident**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 07-02-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A mother and her daughter have been killed in an accident in Bolgatanga in the Upper East Region. The accident involved a DAF truck loaded with onions and a tricycle. The accident happened on Tuesday February 7, 2023, evening at about 5 p.m., when the two victims were on the tricycle in transit. A third passenger was injured in the process.<sup>18</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Bolgatanga-Navrongo highway, Upper East Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** The vehicles were damaged in the incident

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses** The injured passenger was sent to the Bolgatanga Regional hospital for treatment. The driver of the truck is currently in police custody assisting with investigations.

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/10-000-cattle-from-troubled-Afram-plains-invade-Abuakwa-North-MUSEC-1712579>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Eyes-on-the-Ground-Two-vehicles-involved-in-a-gory-accident-on-Lapaz-road-1711844>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Mother-daughter-crushed-in-truck-and-tricycle-accident-in-Bolga-1710881>



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## 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: 7-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Fire has burnt down the girls' dormitory of the Eremon Senior High School in the Lawra Municipality of the Upper West Region. The incident destroyed property and rendered over a hundred students homeless.

✚ Location of incident: Lawra municipality of the Upper West Region.

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None reported.

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: A girl's dormitory was burnt

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Personnel of the Ghana National Fire Service were at the scene to prevent the fire from extending to other buildings.<sup>19</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*02

✚ Title of Incident: **Rainstorm**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Five students of the Ejuraman Anglican Senior High School (SHS) in the Ejura-Sekyeredumase District of the Ashanti Region currently have been hospitalized after their school's dining hall roofing reportedly ripped off and collapsed on them due to a rainstorm that hit the area.

✚ Location of incident: Ejura-Sekyeredumase District of the Ashanti Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 40 students injure

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 40 persons affected; school building destroyed.

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The victims are under intensive care at the Ejura -Sekyedumase Hospital<sup>20</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*03

✚ Title of Incident: **Accident / Fire Outbreak**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 09-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: An accident occurred after the driver of the gas tanker who was negotiating a curve on the ring road lost control of the steering. The vehicle overturned on the shoulder of the road and caught fire. Sensing danger, the driver signaled residents who were approaching the scene to flee the area.

✚ Location of incident: Sokoban Ampayoo in the Atwima Kwanwoma District of the Ashanti Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One vehicle and 55,500 litres quantity of fuel destroyed

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Fire Service moved in to avert an explosion. Residents of Sokoban Ampayoo in the Atwima Kwanwoma District of the Ashanti Region have applauded personnel of the fire service for the swiftness in saving lives and property in the incident.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-guts-eremon-shs-girls-dormitory/>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/5-shs-students-battling-for-their-lives-after-dining-hall-roofing-collapse/>

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/moment-fire-fighters-saved-sokoban-ampayoo-community-from-gas-tanker-explosion/>



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- 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

#### ✚ Incident N\*04

✚ Title of Incident: **Arrest/Illegal Mining**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident:

✚ Description of Incident: As part efforts of small scale miners in the Atiwa East District of the Eastern region to support the Government to stop illegal mining, a taskforce to protect the environment has been formed to inspect the progress of work to ensure the Birim river is clean. Two illegal miners were subsequently arrested and handed over to the Anyinam police station.

✚ Location of incident: Atiwa East District of the Eastern region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The miners were arrested by the taskforce and national executives of the Ghana National Association of Small-Scale Miners (GNASSM) who were on a tour in the area.<sup>22</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*05

✚ Title of Incident: **Fire Outbreak**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 09-02-2023

✚ Description of Incident: The armory of the Ghana Police Service (GPS) Headquarters, in Accra, was gutted by fire leading to explosions. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined.<sup>23</sup>

✚ Location of incident: Police Head Quarters, Accra, Greater Accra Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Weapons and ammunitions were burnt

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Fire Service personnel were on the scene to douse the fire. Police personnel at the three-storey of the National Op-erations Department of the GPS evacuated the building, bringing work to a halt, and auxiliary staff were sighted mopping water from the corridor after the fire extin-guished.

#### ✚ Incident N\*06

✚ Title of Incident: **Measles Outbreak**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident:

✚ Description of Incident: The Northern Region has recorded over 70 positive cases of measles among children since October last 2022 to date, with the situation worsening. The region currently has run out of measles vaccines. So far, the cases have been detected in four districts including, Karaga, Sagnerigu, Tamale and Gushegu where it was first detected.<sup>24</sup>

✚ Location of incident: Karaga, Sagnerigu, Tamale and Gushegu, Northern Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 70 cases

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Children

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Districts health facilities have been requested to conduct prompt investigations and collect blood samples for laboratory confirmation. They are also expected to continue to intensify public education on the prevention of measles and other epidemic-prone diseases.

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/anyinam-youth-clash-with-police-over-arrest-of-2-galamseyers/>

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/fire-guts-police-armoury/>

<sup>24</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/02/measles-outbreak-over-70-children-in-northern-region-infected/>





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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

#### • MEDIUM

- 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