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## GHANA

### WEEK OF MARCH 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: **Theft/Homicide**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 28-02-2023 (reported on 03-03-2023)

Description of Incident: A 60-year-old man has been stabbed to death by a suspected thief at Gomoa Apam in the Gomoa West District of the Central Region. The incident happened on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, around 1:30 PM. Information gathered revealed that the deceased's niece was allegedly attacked by three suspects. They snatched a phone from the girl and took to their heels but dropped one of their phones while running. The girl picked up the suspect's phone and went home. After some time on the same day, the suspects came to the victim's house to retrieve mobile phone. The deceased fisherman and his niece then attempted to get the suspect arrested. During the struggle, the suspect pulled out a kitchen knife and stabbed the deceased in the chest multiple times leaving him in a pool of blood.<sup>1</sup>

Location of incident: Gomoa Apam in the Gomoa West District of the Central Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim was rushed to the Apam Government Hospital but died shortly after arrival. The body of the deceased has been kept in the Apam Government Hospital Mortuary. The police have commenced an investigation into the incident.

#### Incident N\*02

Title of Incident: **Cyber Fraud/Arrest**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 02-03-2023

Description of Incident: The Ghana Police Service has arrested about 12 suspects allegedly involved in the impersonation of prominent persons in the country. According to a statement released on Thursday, March 2, 2023, the criminal syndicate which was discovered through a sustained cyber- intelligence operation orchestrated their schemes by hacking into the social media accounts of these prominent persons.<sup>2</sup>

Location of incident: Accra, Greater Accra Region

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: None

Coping mechanism/Responses: The police also through their investigations retrieved some thirty-two (32) mobile phones, three (3) laptops, and fifty-four (54) SIM cards used by the suspects to commit their crimes. The suspects are assisting the police with investigations and will subsequently be arraigned before the Law Court.

### 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: **Assault**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 2-03-2023

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Fisherman-60-stabbed-to-death-by-thief-at-Apam-1724387>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/12-cyber-fraudsters-arrested-for-impersonating-MPs-ministers-other-big-men-1723883>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** A 60-year-old man, Kwame Yeboah, was accused of burning his 31-year-old son with fire wood in Berekum-Amankokwaa, Berekum West District of Bono Region. The victim claimed that his father asked him to go to the farm, but he refused because his father had neglected him and assigned him to only farming on his cashew and cocoa plantation without sending him to school.

✚ **Location of incident:** Berekum-Amankokwaa, Berekum West District of Bono Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** No responses have been communicated at the time of filing this report.<sup>3</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Woman arrested for attempting to secretly bury dead husband in a bush in Mankesim**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 25-02-2023 (reported on 27-02-2023)

✚ **Description of Incident:** A woman in her 50s has been arrested and was nearly lynched by residents of Mankesim in the Central region for attempting to bury her dead husband in a bush. This was after she could not locate the husband's relatives.

✚ **Location of incident:** Mankesim in the Central Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** One male dead

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 2 persons affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The neighboring residents arrested the suspect but at the time of reporting the story they had not reported the incident to the police.<sup>4</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**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 28-02-2023 (reported on 1-03-2023)

✚ **Description of Incident:** One person has died in an accident at Gomoa Anteadze on the Kasoa-Cape Coast Highway in the Central Region. About 23 others are said to have sustained injuries in the accident involving three vehicles. A Mitsubishi outlander from Accra headed towards Cape Coast made a wrong move to overtake and crashed into the side of a Toyota vehicle. The driver of the Mitsubishi also crashed into a Hyundai i10 vehicle which was behind the Toyota vehicle.

✚ **Location of incident:** Gomoa Anteadze on the Kasoa-Cape Coast Highway in the Central Region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead, 23 injured (13 males and 10 females)

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** About 24 persons affected; vehicles damaged in the process

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victims were sent for treatment at the Apam St Luke's Catholic Hospital.<sup>5</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*02

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 2-03-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two persons have been confirmed dead while two others are in critical condition in an accident on Enchi-Mile 4 road. The victims identified as Affi Collins and Assuah are both motorbike riders.

✚ **Location of incident:** Enchi-Mile 4 road of the Central Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons and two motor bikes affected

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/A-father-allegedly-burns-son-s-back-over-refusal-to-farm-1723652>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Woman-busted-for-attempting-to-secretly-bury-dead-husband-in-a-bush-in-Mankessim-1722215>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/one-dead-23-injured-in-accident-at-gomoa-anteadze/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victims sustained serious injuries, were rushed to the Enchi Government Hospital but were pronounced dead on arrival. However, the passengers on each motorbike who were also in critical condition are now responding to treatment in the same facility.<sup>6</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*00

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

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

✚ **Description of Incident:** A number of salesgirls have reportedly sustained various degrees of injuries as a sales truck they were selling on overturned in Nungua, a suburb of Accra, on Friday, March 3, 2023.<sup>7</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Nungua, a suburb of Accra, Greater Accra Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** Unknown number of injured salesgirls.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** An ambulance truck and some personnel of the Ghana Armed Forces were on the scene of the accident, assisting in rescue operation.

#### ✚ Incident N\*03

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

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

✚ **Description of Incident:** Three police officers are in critical condition a school bus ran into the Kwabena Kwa Police Barrier in the Obuasi Municipality of the Ashanti Region. According to reports, the school bus collided with the Kwabena Kwa police barrier, injuring the officers after the driver lost control of the steer due to a brake failure.

✚ **Location of incident:** Obuasi Municipality of the Ashanti Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Three officers were affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured were taken to the obuasi Seventh Day Adventist Hospital for treatment.<sup>8</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 01-03-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A young man believed to be in his early thirties has been confirmed dead in an accident on the Juaboso-Afere road in the Body-Juaboso district of the Western North Region. The incident happened in the late hours of Wednesday March 1, 2023, when the victim failed to negotiate a sharp curve and crashed into a Rhino vehicle. The victim reportedly died on the spot and his friend sustained fractures in the leg and other places.<sup>9</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Juaboso-Afere road in the Body-Juaboso district of the Western North Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police at the Bodi District Command rushed to the scene and the deceased was taken to the Juaboso Government Hospital mortuary while his friend also received treatment at the same health facility.

#### ✚ Incident N\*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** 23 perish, 24 injured in Kintampo-Tamale Highway gory accident

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 05-03-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Twenty-three persons have died and 24 injured, in an accident on the Kintampo-Tamale Highway, on Sunday, March 5, 2023. Reports gathered indicated that 22 passengers, made up of four women,

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/two-riders-dead-others-injured-in-motorbike-accident-on-enchi-mile-4-road/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Gory-scenes-as-sales-truck-overturns-injuring-several-sales-girls-at-Nungua-1724861>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Three-police-officers-critically-injured-after-a-school-bus-crashed-into-a-barrier-in-Obuasi-1724429>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/accident-on-juaboso-afere-road-leaves-1-dead/>



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one child and 17 men, died on the spot, while one passed on at a hospital while receiving treatment. The accident was caused by a truck which veered off its lane into the bus's lane in an attempt to avoid a parked vehicle on the shoulder of the road. This caused the bus to crush into the truck subsequently.<sup>10</sup>

🚩 **Location of incident:** Kintampo-Tamale, Bono Region.

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 23 dead (4 females, 17 males, 2), 24 injured

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** About 47 persons affected

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The bodies have been deposited at the Kintampo Government Hospital while the injured persons are receiving treatment at the same facility. The driver of both vehicles, who survived the accident, have been arrested by the police and assisting in investigation.

#### 🚩 Incident N\*06

🚩 **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 03-03-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A personnel of the Ghana Police Service reportedly died in an accident on the Accra-Kumasi highway, on Friday, March 3, 2023. The rider crushed into a bus after the driver of the bus failed to observe traffic on the road.<sup>11</sup>

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

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected; the motorbike and the bus were destroyed.

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body of the victim was conveyed to a hospital for preservation.

### 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:** 1-03-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Eight stalls and 2 houses destroyed as fire razed down a market at Sehwi Dwenasea suburb of Sehwi Wiawso in the Western North Region. The cause of the fire outbreak remains unclear.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Sehwi Dwenasea suburb of Sehwi Wiawso in the Western North Region

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Eight stalls and 2 houses destroyed

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana National Fire Service extinguished the fire. Meanwhile, the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) Director for Sehwi Wiawso, Agyeman Bediako, indicated that his office and the Fire Service and the Police will conduct a forensic investigation to ascertain the cause of the fire outbreak.<sup>12</sup>

#### 🚩 Incident N\*02

🚩 **Title of Incident:** Fire Outbreak

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 06-03-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** The Volta Star transmission station of the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC) at Ho, in the Volta Region was gutted by fire. The affected station is said to serve Volta Star radio station and GBC's terrestrial TV channels.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/23-perish-24-injured-in-kintampo-tamale-highway-gory-accident/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Watch-Rauf-Addrisu-the-police-dispatch-rider-who-died-in-gruesome-accident-in-action-1725899>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/8-stalls-2-houses-destroyed-as-fire-razes-market-at-sehwi-dwenase/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/fire-guts-volta-star-radio-disrupts-national-indece-celebration-media-coverage/>



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- ✚ **Location of incident:** Adaklu, in the Adaklu District of the Volta region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None reported.
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** The station's building as well as other equipment were destroyed
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana National Fire Service was called to douse the fire.