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GHANA

WEEK OF MARCH 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: **Criminals cut newly installed ECG cables in Tema, leaving residents in darkness**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Medium

🚩 -Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-03-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Unknown persons have cut parts of newly laid electricity cables at the Smelter Two Bulk Supply Point by the Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG). The power disruptions that occurred in Kpone, and its environs some days ago were the result of their acts.¹

🚩 Location of incident: Tema, Greater Accra Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Electricity cables destroyed.

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The load of customers who did not have supply because of the cable cut had been transferred to other networks while engineers worked to fix the cut cable.

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 Title of Incident: **Homicide**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident:

🚩 Description of Incident: A man has been murdered by another man after a disagreement ensued between them in Kumasi, Ashanti region. The suspect after committing the act has reportedly fled the town.²

🚩 Location of incident: Manso Moseasso, Ashanti region.

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

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population:

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim was rushed to the Manso Hospital but died during treatment. The case has been reported to the Nkawie District Police Command.

🚩 Incident N*03

🚩 Title of Incident: **Mob Action**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 08-03-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: A man believed to be in his late 30s is in critical condition at the St. Francis Xavier Hospital in Assin Fosu since Wednesday, March 8, 2023, after he was attacked by some suspected youth. The victim, identified as Yaw Osei, a native of Assin Adiembra in the Assin South District of the Central Region, is said to have had an altercation with the sister of one of the suspects who mobbed him.³

🚩 Location of incident: Assin Fosu, Central region

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

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected; no properties damaged in the process.

¹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Thieves-cut-newly-installed-ECG-cables-in-Tema-leaving-residents-in-darkness-1729127>

² <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/24-year-old-man-stabbed-to-death-over-sachet-water-1728767>

³ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Man-battling-for-his-life-after-mob-attack-1727726>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Some family members of the victim believe the attack was borne out of the prolonged Chieftaincy disputes in the town since the attackers belong to one of the factions.

✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Theft/Mob Action**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 8-03-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A man believed to be in his mid-30s has reportedly been beaten to death for attempting to steal a Grand Bird bus at Asafo in the Ashanti Regional capital of Kumasi. The incident is said to have occurred on the dawn of Wednesday, March 8, 2023. The deceased according to reports entered the terminal of V.I.P Transport Company at about 4am, started the bus in question and attempted driving off with the Grand Bird bus.⁴

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

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person killed, while the bus and some other vehicle were damaged.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body of the deceased who died because of the mob action was conveyed to a morgue for preservation, and subsequent investigation by the police at Asokwa.

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Armed Robbery/Car Snatching**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 07-03-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** One out of three armed robbers who exchanged gunshots with the police at Tebeso No II has been shot dead. The robbers charted a taxi cab from the Adansi Asokwa junction and forced the driver to get out of his car a few minutes after passing Bodwesango.⁵

✚ **Location of incident:** Tebeso No II, Ashanti region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The armed robbers were engaged by the police after calls were made to intercept. One of the suspects was shot and killed subsequently. The dead body of the armed robber was deposited at the Fomena Hospital morgue and the case has since been forwarded to the Fomena Police Command for investigations.

✚ Incident N*06

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Homicide**

✚ **Scale of Incident:**

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 07-03-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Police in Somanya in the Eastern Region suspect foul play after the body of a man who was seen early in the morning was later discovered hanging from a tree on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The deceased, identified as Kpobi Aaron was believed to have been murdered and later hanged on a rope to create the impression that he committed suicide.⁶

✚ **Location of incident:** Somanya in the Eastern Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Personnel from the Somanya District Police Command were called to examine the body. The body was taken and deposited at the Yilo Krobo District Hospital morgue for preservation and autopsy, after the victim was clinically pronounced dead a Medical Officer of the hospital.

⁴ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Man-beaten-to-death-for-attempting-to-steal-VIP-bus-at-Kumasi-1727447>

⁵ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/One-armed-robber-shot-dead-one-arrested-in-gunshots-exchange-with-police-1727156>

⁶ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Police-suspect-foul-play-in-alleged-suicide-involving-mobile-money-operator-1726952>



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Gender, peace and security

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

✚ Incident N*01

✚ Title of Incident: **Sexual Assault**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 7-03-2023

✚ Description of Incident: A 28-year-old married woman and a mother of three, was captured in a video sexually assaulting a five-month-old baby at Ekumfi Narkwa in the Central Region.

✚ Location of incident: Ekumfi Narkwa in the Central Region.

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: An infant

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The woman was dragged to the chief's palace for her to explain her conduct and was later arrested by the police.⁷

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: **Military men brutalize residents over death of a comrade**

✚ Scale of Incident: Medium

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-03-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Some military personnel in attacked residents in Ashaiman after a soldier was murdered in the area. The soldiers were reported to have taken the law into their hands, moving from house to house and brutalizing residents in the area. . In some videos that went viral on social media, military officers were seen brutalizing persons who were outside of their homes.⁸

✚ Location of incident: Ashaiman, Greater Accra region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Ashaiman residents

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Reports suggest that the police had successfully arrested the killers of the slain soldier, after sustained investigations since the incident.

✚ Incident N*02

✚ Title of Incident: **Road Accident**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-03-2023

✚ Description of Incident: An accident on the Kpong-Akosombo road reportedly caused traffic to slow down around the Star Villa Hotel on the outskirts of Kpong in the Eastern region.⁹

✚ Location of incident: Kpong in the Eastern region.

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None reported.

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Both vehicles were damaged at some parts.

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana National Fire Service and the Ghana Police Service were at the scene to assist with efforts to ease traffic flow.

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/woman-in-trouble-for-sucking-5-month-old-boys-penis/>

⁸ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Military-men-go-haywire-in-Ashaiman-brutalise-residents-over-alleged-murder-of-soldier-1726196>

⁹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Accident-on-Kpong-Akosombo-Road-causes-traffic-1726292>



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🚩 Incident N*03

🚩 Title of Incident: **Road Accident**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 6-03-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: An accident at the Tetteh Quarshie Interchange has led to the death of one person. The accident, which occurred on Monday, March 6, involved a tipper truck, a Sprinter Bus and a BMW saloon car.

🚩 Location of incident: Tetteh Quarshie Interchange, Greater Accra Region

🚩 Casualty [Male & female]: 1 dead

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: One person killed; three vehicles involved

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: At the time of filing the story there was no response mechanism initiated.¹⁰

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: **Flooding/Arrest**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-03-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Parts of Accra flooded after a downpour on March 7, 2023. The locations included the Kwame Nkrumah Circle, Kasoa, and Dzonvulu. Many of the flood waters also had tons of waste floating in them.¹¹

🚩 At Bortianor in the Ga South Municipality, two children were reported dead after they drowned in the flood waters on March 7, 2023. The blinding in which they were domiciled reportedly collapsed because of the rains.¹²

🚩 Location of incident: Accra, Greater Accra Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 2 dead

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Buildings collapsed

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: Some four persons were arrested for pouring rubbish into gutters. The bodies of the affected children were retrieved after the flood waters had subsided.

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 Title of Incident: **Shortage of vaccine**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Medium

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 6-03-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Over 100 children in the northern part of Ghana are suspected to have contracted measles. This is according to the President-elect for the Pediatrics Society of Ghana, Dr Hilda Mantebea Boye. The figures come amid the shortage of baby vaccines nationwide as a result of the Ministry of Health's inability to secure procurement of these vaccines since the year began.

🚩 Location of incident: Ghana

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: None

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The Health Minister has assured the acquisition of the vaccines in the shortest time possible.¹³

🚩 Incident N*03

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/one-dead-in-gory-accident-at-tetteh-quarshie-interchange-photosvideo/>

¹¹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/What-some-parts-of-Accra-look-like-after-Tuesday-rains-1726235>

¹² <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/2-children-drown-after-torrential-rains-at-bortianor/>

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/over-100-measles-cases-recorded-in-northern-ghana-as-babies-vaccines-shortage-bite/>



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🚩 Title of Incident: **Rainstorm destroys houses in Sampa**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Medium

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-03-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: A rainstorm has destroyed a mast belonging to the Gye Nyame FM and also ripped the cables of a high-tension line in the process. The heavy downpour, though did not cause any casualties, also destroyed several other buildings including St. Ann's Creche which had its roofing ripped off. The incident happened on Friday, March 10, 2023, between 4:30 pm to 5:50 pm.¹⁴

🚩 Location of incident: Sampa in the Jaman North District of the Bono region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: The whole township

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: At the time of filing this report, no coping mechanism was communicated.

🚩 Incident N*04

🚩 Title of Incident: **COVID-19 warehouse in Tesano destroyed by fire**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Medium

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 09-03-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: On Thursday, March 9, 2023, a fire destroyed a building believed to be a warehouse at Kardolf Junction in Tesano, Accra The fire reportedly destroyed all of the contents of the building, which were allegedly COVID-19 medical supplies. No casualties were recorded.¹⁵

🚩 Location of incident: Tesano, Greater Accra region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Medical supplies were destroyed.

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: Personnel from the Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) arrived on the scene and were able to prevent the fire from spreading to other structures in the area.

🚩 Incident N*05

🚩 Title of Incident: **Accra experiences 'minor' 2.8 magnitude earth tremor**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-03-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: The Ghana Geological Survey Authority (GGSA) has reported that there was a 2.8 magnitude earth tremor on Friday, March 10, 2023. According to a statement signed by the Acting Director-General of the Authority, Isaac Kuuwan Mwinbelle, the tremor was felt in areas including the Accra High Street, Ridge, and some other parts of the Central Business District of Accra.¹⁶

🚩 Location of incident: Greater Accra Region.

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Residents in the affected locations.

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The GGSA has stated that it will continue to monitor the situation while educating the public about the occurrence and the need to not panic.

🚩 Incident N*06

🚩 Title of Incident: **Man dies from electrocution following heavy rains in Accra**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-03-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: A 35-year-old man was reported dead at Mallam West following heavy rainfall in Accra on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The deceased according to a report, died from electrocution. A disconnected electrical cable is said to have fallen in the rain, part of which extended to the entrance of the deceased's room.

¹⁴ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Blackout-houses-destroyed-in-Sampa-as-rainfall-causes-havoc-1729352>

¹⁵ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/health/COVID-19-warehouse-in-Tesano-destroyed-by-fire-1728737>

¹⁶ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Accra-experiences-minor-2-8-magnitude-earth-tremor-1728515>



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The deceased, unaware of this situation, was electrocuted to death after holding the handle of his door which was electrified at the time.¹⁷

✚ **Location of incident:** Mallam West, Greater Accra

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Police are reported to have conveyed his body to a mortuary while contact with his family is to be established.

¹⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Man-dies-from-electrocution-following-heavy-rains-in-Accra-1726763>