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GHANA

WEEK OF APRIL 10 TO 16, 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: Reported on 9-04-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: As part of the efforts by the police to clamp down on criminals and enhance security in the in the Bibiani area of the Western North region. The Police have raided areas believed to be dens for marijuana (wee) smokers and criminals' operation at Old Town, Attakrom and Nantwikumye all in Bibiani of the Bibiani Anhweso Bekwai Municipality.

🚩 Location of incident: Bibiani in the Western North region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: One person

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: One suspect was arrested during the operation. The police also set criminal structures ablaze.¹

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 Title of Incident: **Theft/ arrest**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-04-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: A 12-year-old boy narrowly escaped lynching after he was caught stealing in a shop at Agona Swedru in the Central region. The boy who broke into the shop through the ceiling stole several items before he was caught while attempting to flee with the goods.

🚩 Location of incident: Agona Swedru in the Central region

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

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The boy is currently in police custody assisting with investigations.²

🚩 Incident N*03

🚩 Title of Incident: **Assault/Farmer-Herder Disputes**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-04-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: A Prisons officer who accused a Fulbe herdsman of allowing his cattle to destroy crops on his farm at Ejura has allegedly inflicts cutlass wounds on the herdsman. Tempers are very high in the Ejuara-Nkwanta community over the incident with some residents threatening to act if justice is not served.

🚩 Location of incident: Ejura-Nkwanta in the Sekyeredumasi Municipality of the Ashanti region

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

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The injured Fulbe herdsman was sent to the St. Luke Hospital in Kasei in the Ejura-Sekyeredumasi Municipality of the Ashanti region, for medical care. No arrest has been effected as of the time of filing the story.³

¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/police-destroy-wee-bases-in-bibiani/>

² <https://www.adomonline.com/boy-12-escapes-lynching-for-breaking-into-shop-to-steal/>

³ <https://www.adomonline.com/prison-officer-allegedly-inflicts-cutlass-wounds-on-herdsman-at-ejura/>



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✚ Incident N*04

✚ Title of Incident: **Armed Robbery**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-04-2023

✚ Description of Incident: A robbery gang has attacked a cash collection point at Anyinase near Essiama in the Western Region. The Police in a statement said the incident occurred on 11th April 2023. According to the police the robbers, who were on motorbikes entered the premises of the cash collection point under the pretext of transacting business.

✚ Location of incident: Anyinase near Essiama in the Western Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: None reported

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The police said intelligence operations are ongoing to get the perpetrators arrested⁴

✚ Incident N*05

✚ Title of Incident: **Armed Robbery**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-04-2023 (reported on 11-04-2023)

✚ Description of Incident: Five armed robbers allegedly attacked and raped a woman in her house at Gomoa Ojobi in the Gomoa East District of the Central Region. The victim is said to be the sister-in-law of the Gomoa Ojobi Fulbe chief, Haskan Garu Imorro. The incident, according to reports, occurred on Monday, April 10, 2023. Chief Imorro said the robbers tied him with rope and took his wife's sister to the bush and raped her. The robbers believed to be of Fulbe descent also went to Awutu Ahentia and stole over 10 cows.

✚ Location of incident: Gomoa Ojobi in the Gomoa East District of the Central Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The operation was however botched after some other Fulbe herdsmen gave the suspects a chase. No arrest has been made at the time of this report.⁵

✚ Incident N*06

✚ Title of Incident: **Phone thief arrested, forced to desilt gutters at Kasoa**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 16-03-2023

✚ Description of Incident: A 25-year-old man was arrested by the youth of Ayibge Town a suburb of Kasoa in the Awutu Senya East for stealing a Mobile phone. The suspect is said to have sneaked into a woman's room and stole her phone. He then sold the phone which cost GHC 1,300 for only GHC 300.⁶

✚ Location of incident: Ayibge Town a suburb of Kasoa in the Awutu Senya East, Central Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population:

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: He was later arrested by the youth and confessed to stealing the phone. As his punishment, he was forced to desilt gutters in the area and asked to raise heavy metals in a makeshift gym while he was physically beaten by the youth.

✚ Incident N*07

✚ Title of Incident: **Armed Robbery**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 14-04-2023

✚ Description of Incident: A 26-year-old man was shot by armed robbers in military uniform on motorbike at Kasoa Akweley New Town in the Awutu Senya East Municipality of the Central Region. According to the victim, the armed

⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/police-on-manhunt-for-robbers-who-attacked-money-collection-point-at-anyinase/>

⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/five-robbers-gang-rape-woman-25-at-gomoa-ojobi/>

⁶ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Phone-thief-arrested-forced-to-desilt-gutters-at-Kasoa-1750127>



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robbers were robbing a sprinter Benz bus on the road when he got to the scene. He and his sister then decided to run but the suspects fired at them, injuring him in the process.⁷

🚦 **Location of incident:** Kasoa Akweley New Town in the Awutu Senya East Municipality of the Central Region.

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

🚦 **Property damaged/Affected population:**

🚦 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** He was rushed to the Police Hospital where he received 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:** **Man commits suicide on GRIDCo pylon in Saki**

🚦 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚦 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 9-04-2023 (reported on 11-04-2023)

🚦 **Description of Incident:** A middle-aged man whose identity is still unknown has been electrocuted after climbing the GRIDCo/VRA pylons in Saki, in Kpone-Katamanso Municipality of the Greater Accra Region. The deceased is also unknown in the community, making it difficult for the police to trace and find his identity or relatives.

🚦 **Location of incident:** Saki, in the Kpone-Katamanso municipality of the Greater Accra Region.

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

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

🚦 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police team from the Tema Regional Command and the Tema Community 25 Unit have conveyed the dead body to a hospital for autopsy and preservation. Meanwhile, the Police have commenced investigation and called on the public with any information to contact the Tema Regional Command of Ghana police Service.⁸

🚦 Incident N*02

🚦 **Title of Incident:** **Sexual Assault (Rape)**

🚦 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚦 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 10-04-2023 (reported on 11-04-2023)

🚦 **Description of Incident:** A 25-year-old woman is battling for her life after five armed robbers attacked and raped her in her house at Gomoa Ojobi in the Gomoa East District of the Central Region. Chief Imorro said the robbers tied her with rope and took her to the bush and raped her.

🚦 **Location of incident:** Gomoa Ojobi in the Gomoa East District of the Central Region

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

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

🚦 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The operation was however botched after some other Fulbe herdsmen gave the suspects a chase. No arrest has been made at the time of this report.⁹

🚦 Incident N*03

🚦 **Title of Incident:** **Assault**

🚦 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚦 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 12-04-2023

🚦 **Description of Incident:** A young man has reportedly died at Wurapong, a farming community in Yilo Krobo Municipality of the Eastern region after he was allegedly assaulted by some youth in the community for inflicting cutlass wounds on the wife during a misunderstanding. While taking him to the police station, the youth claim he jumped off a motorbike in an attempt to escape leading to his fatal injury.

🚦 **Location of incident:** Wurapong in Yilo Krobo Municipality of the Eastern region

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

⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Man-26-shot-by-armed-robbers-at-Kasoa-in-the-Central-Region-1749641>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-commits-suicide-on-gridco-ylon-in-saki/>

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/five-robbers-gang-rape-woman-25-at-gomoa-ojobi/>



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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** He was rushed to a clinic at Klo Agogo but was referred to the Eastern Regional Hospital where he reportedly died on arrival. The Police arrested the Dademantse and some other suspects.¹⁰

✚ Incident N*00

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Trader jailed 6 years for human trafficking, aiding prostitution**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 14-04-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Accra Circuit Court has sentenced a Nigerian trader, to six years imprisonment, for trafficking two women from her country to Ghana, and compelling them to engage in prostitution. Favour Chikadia, charged with two counts of human trafficking of two Nigerian women, pleaded not guilty, but the court found her guilty at the end of the trial, and convicted her.¹¹

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The court presided over by Mrs Christina Cann said it took into consideration the five months and 13 days spent by Chikadia in lawful custody, her inability to meet bail conditions and plea for leniency, in handing the sentence. The court ordered that the convict be deported after serving her sentence.

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:** 11-04-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A drunk driver has killed two teenagers at Peace Parliament in Obuasi East District of the Ashanti region. According to reports, the two teenage boys were walking on the shoulder of the road when they were hit by the speeding vehicle. The driver was injured.

✚ **Location of incident:** Obuasi East District of Ashanti region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** There were no response actions at the time of reporting.¹²

✚ Incident N*02

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 10-4-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A trailer has run over three saloon cars at Sokoban in the Ashanti region, leaving one person dead. The trailer lost control because of its brakes and ran over the cars. The deceased has been identified as a male who was driving with his wife.

✚ **Location of incident:** Sokoban in the Ashanti region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead (Male) and 1 injured (female), others also injured.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons and a car affected.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Those who got injured including wife of the deceased are receiving treatment at the Asafo Agyei Hospital.¹³

✚ Incident N*03

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/e-r-man-beaten-to-death-after-inflicting-cutlass-wounds-on-wife/>

¹¹ <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/trader-jailed-6-years-for-human-trafficking-aiding-prostitution/>

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/reckless-driver-kills-two-children-at-obuasi/>

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/trailer-crashes-three-saloon-cars-one-dead/>



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🚩 Title of Incident: **Road Accident**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-04-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Three persons have died with one sustaining injuries in an accident on the Kumasi-Techiman Road in the Ashanti Region. The incident happened on Tuesday March 11, 2023 morning when a BMW saloon car heading towards Techiman collided with a tipper truck from Sunyani at Nkenkaasu.

🚩 Location of incident: Kumasi-Techiman Road in the Ashanti Region.

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 3 dead, 1 injured

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Four persons and two vehicles affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana National Fire Service officers rushed to the scene to help with extrication to allow the free flow of traffic. Meanwhile, Police at Akumadan have confirmed three deaths. The bodies of the deceased have been deposited at the Nkenkaasu Government Hospital morgue, awaiting autopsy.¹⁴

🚩 Incident N*04

🚩 Title of Incident: **Youths clash with police to demand release of their colleague/Arrest**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-04-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: There was tension at Sehwi Bekwai in the Western North region after angry youth stormed the police station to demand the release of a 20-year-old 'pragya' rider Kwabena Gyapong who was arrested for allegedly assaulting a police officer at a checkpoint when he was asked to stop, but refused. When news about the suspect's arrest got to his colleagues, they rushed to the police station to forcefully release him. The police in defending themselves fired gunshots and some of the angry youth sustained injuries.

🚩 Location of incident: Sehwi Bekwai in the Bibiani Anhwiaso Bekwai Municipality of the Western North region.

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: Unconfirmed Number injured.

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Unconfirmed injuries

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: Four of the rampaging youth who vandalized properties at the police station were arrested. Some of the youth also sustained gunshot wounds and were rushed to the Greenshield Hospital for medical attention¹⁵.

🚩 Incident N*00

🚩 Title of Incident: **Passengers escape death after bus catches fire at Assin Kyekyewere**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-04-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Over 30 passengers escaped death after the Yutong bus they were travelling in from Takoradi towards Kumasi direction burst into flames Thursday, April 13, 2023, around 2:30 am. According to the passengers, on reaching a section of the road at Assin Kyekyewere in the Assin South District on Cape Coast Assin Fosu Highway, they noticed smoke from the rear portion of the vehicle. The driver then parked the vehicle on the road and opened the boot and realized the engine was the source of the fire but in an attempt to quench it with fire extinguisher, the bus was suddenly engulfed in flames and got burnt.¹⁶

🚩 Location of incident: Assin South District on Cape Coast Assin Fosu Highway

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Properties worth thousands of Ghana Cedis such laptops, mobile phones, money and traveling bags were consumed by the fire.

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: Personnel of the Ghana National Fire Service from Abura Dunkwa fire station quickly responded to the call to douse the fire but got to the scene late.

🚩 Incident N*00

🚩 Title of Incident: **Road Accident/Arrest**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/3-dead-in-kumasi-techiman-highway-accident/>

¹⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/tension-in-sehwi-bekwai-as-irate-youth-attack-police-station/>

¹⁶ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Passengers-escape-death-after-bus-catches-fire-at-Assin-Kyekyewere-1748909>



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🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 10-04-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Police in Somanya have arrested a suspect in relation to the death of Eric Narh Aglazo, the assembly member for Sra electoral area. The deceased died in a car accident on Monday, April 10, 2023. Police started investigation almost immediately after news emerged that the assemblyman who was riding on his motorbike had been hit a speeding vehicle leading to his death.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Somanya, Yilo Krobo, Eastern region

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:**

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Police are yet to ascertain the exact cause of the collision. The remains of the late Assemblyman have been deposited at the Yilo Krobo District Hospital for autopsy and preservation.¹⁷

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:** Thunder strikes 2 siblings to death

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 08-04-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Two siblings, a boy and girl have met their death after thunder struck them at Apan Junction, a suburb of Begoro in the Fanteakwa North District of the Eastern Region. The incident occurred during a heavy downpour in the area. The boy reportedly died instantly.¹⁸

🚩 **Location of incident:** Begoro in the Fanteakwa North District of the Eastern Region.

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The girl was rushed by neighbours to the Begoro District Hospital, but she died on arrival. The bodies have been deposited at the hospital morgue for preservation.¹⁹

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 **Title of Incident:** Drowning

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 08-04-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A 12-year-old boy has met his untimely death after heavy running water swept him away and dumped him into river Kakum at Esuekyir, a suburb of Cape Coast in the Central Region. Reports indicate that, the deceased who was playing in the heavy rain accidentally fell into a gutter full of water which swept him away.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Esuekyir, a suburb of Cape Coast in the Central Region

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** It took a rescue team several hours before the victim was retrieved from the river.²⁰

🚩 Incident N*03

🚩 **Title of Incident:** New mosquito found: transmits malaria parasites that pose greatest risk of severe consequences

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** High

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported on 14-04-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A new invasive mosquito species said to be deadlier than the traditional anophelines mosquitoes which transmits malaria has been identified in the country. "Anopheles Stephensi," first detected on

¹⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Sra-assemblyman-knocked-down-killed-by-speeding-vehicle-1746752>

¹⁸ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Somanya-police-arrest-suspect-after-speeding-car-crashed-assemblyman-to-death-1747037>

¹⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/thunder-strikes-2-siblings-to-death-at-begoro/>

²⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/running-water-sweeps-away-boy-12-at-cape-coast/>



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the African continent in 2019, is known to transmit two malaria parasites; Plasmodium falciparum and Plasmodium vivax, which pose the greatest risk of severe illness and death from malaria.²¹

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** According to the Ghana Health Service (GHS), the strain was confirmed in March this year, from samples taken in Tuba and Dansoman, all suburbs in the Greater Accra Region, thereby cautioning the public to take immediate steps to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

²¹ <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/health-alert-new-deadly-mosquito-found-transmits-malaria-parasites-that-pose-greatest-risk-of-severe-illness-and-death-ghs/>