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# GHANA WEEK OF MARCH 13 TO 19 2023

## **Organised Crime and Violent Extremism**

(key concept clarification; causes; indicators and signs that push to radicalization; profiling and assessment or perpetuators 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: Tension mounts in Wa as police allegedly kill a 23-year-old man
- Scale of Incident: Low
- ♣ Date of occurrence of Incident: 8-03-2023
- → **Description of Incident**: There is brewing tension in the Wa Municipality of the Upper West Region after the killing of a man in his early twenties by the Police. Abubakar Shaahid from Dondoli, a suburb in the Municipality was reportedly shot and killed by the Police around 8:pm Wednesday, March 8, 2023, on suspicion of being part of a robbery gang that terrorized residents.¹
- **Location of incident:** Wa Municipality of the Upper West Region
- **↓** Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (male)
- ♣ Property damaged/Affected population:
- **↓** Coping mechanism/Responses: His family members have however refuted the claims by the Police describing Shaahid as a good boy with no history of criminal act. The body of the deceased has since been buried after it was released to the family on Friday, March 10, 2023.

## Incident N\*02

- ♣ Title of Incident: Homicide
- ♣ Scale of Incident: Low
- **↓** Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported 13-03-2023
- → **Description of Incident**: A 43-year-old man has died after he was allegedly stabbed multiple times over a mobile phone argument in Sekondi. The suspect, only identified as Malor and lives in the same area with the deceased, is said to have committed the crime out of anger.<sup>2</sup>
- Location of incident: Sekondi, Western region.
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (male)
- ♣ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victim was rushed to the Effia-Nkwanta Regional Hospital for treatment but died subsequently.

- Title of Incident: Suspected thief lynched, dumped by roadside in Winneba
- ♣ Scale of Incident: Low
- **♣** Date of occurrence of Incident: 17-03-2023
- → **Description of Incident**: A suspected thief was reportedly killed in Winneba, in the Central Region, on Friday, March 17, 2023. According to a news report, the deceased was killed, and his body dumped on the roadside, in front of the International Central Gospel Church in Winneba.<sup>3</sup>
- Location of incident: Winneba, in the Central Region
- **↓** Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (male)
- ♣ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** At the time of filing this report, there was no communicated response to the incident.

 $<sup>^1\,</sup>https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHome Page/regional/Tension-mounts-in-Wa-as-police-alleged ly-kill-a-23-year-old-man-1729685$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://3news.com/sekondi-ex-convict-stabbed-multiple-times-to-death/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Suspected-thief-lynched-dumped-by-roadside-in-Winneba-1732628



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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: Gender Ministers from Ghana, Liberia and Burundi hold bilateral meetings
- ♣ Scale of Incident: Low
- ♣ Date of occurrence of Incident:
- → **Description of Incident**: Ghana, Liberia and Burundi have held bilateral talks to strengthen strong collaboration toward the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment in their respective counties. The meeting also discussed gender and violence issues across the African Continent.<sup>4</sup>
- Location of incident: United Nations Headquarters, USA
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ♣ Property damaged/Affected population:
- **←** Coping mechanism/Responses: Also, High-Level Panel discussions were held on issues and challenges of financing socio-economic development programmes for women and girls through the Geo-Extractive Sector in West Africa as part of the event.

### Incident N\*02

- Title of Incident: Baby Dumping
- ♣ Scale of Incident: Low
- **♣ Date of occurrence of Incident:** 14-03-2023
- **Description of Incident**: A newborn baby was discovered dead in a drain at Adabraka, a community in the Greater Accra Region. The lifeless body of the premature baby was found around 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.
- **↓** Location of incident: Adabraka, a community in the Greater Accra Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 baby
- Property damaged/Affected population: One baby affected
- 4 Coping mechanism/Responses: The police were yet to retrieve the baby's body as of the time of filing this report.<sup>5</sup>

## Incident N\*03

- ♣ Title of Incident: Homicide
- ♣ Scale of Incident: Low
- **↓** Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-03-2023
- ♣ Description of Incident: Residents of Nsane near Ayaase in the Assin South District of the Central Region are in fear following the murder of a 15-year-old schoolgirl by unknown assailants. Reports suggest that on Wednesday, 8th March 2023, at about 10 am, the deceased was seen arguing with her boyfriend, Nana Yaw, a Taxi Driver stationed at Abura Dunkwa over a pregnancy situation. After the incident, the deceased and her boyfriend were not seen in the town until Sunday, March 12, 2023, in the evening when the deceased body was found in a bush with her head cut off.
- Location of incident: Nsane near Ayaase in the Assin South District of the Central Region
- ← Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (female)
- Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: A team of police officers at Nyankomase Ahenkuro visited the crime scene and conveyed the body to the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital morgue. Police have commenced investigation and have launched a manhunt for the boyfriend of the deceased who is on the run.<sup>6</sup>

- ♣ Title of Incident: Homicide/Arrest
- Scale of Incident: Low

 $<sup>^4\,</sup>https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Gender-Ministers-from-Ghana-Liberia-and-Burundi-hold-bilateral-meetings-1729838$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/baby-dumped-in-a-gutter-at-adabraka/

 $<sup>^{6}\</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/pregnant-jhs-pupil-found-dead-with-head-chopped-off/$ 



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- **♣** Date of occurrence of Incident: 14-03-2023
- → **Description of Incident**: A disabled man has allegedly killed his wife at Abepotia near Nkawkaw in the Eastern Region of Ghana. The suspect, George Mudor, allegedly cut his wife, Madam Grace, who is believed to be in her late sixties, with a machete for threatening a divorce. Information gathered at the scene indicates that the crime happened at dawn, but the suspect confessed to one of his daughters in the morning.
- Location of incident: Abepotia near Nkawkaw in the Eastern Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (female)
- Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected
- ← Coping mechanism/Responses: The couple's children reported the incident to the police who visited the scene to retrieve the body. The suspect has been arrested and assisting the police with investigation.<sup>7</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 on the Techiman-Kumasi Road claims 3 lives
- Scale of Incident: Medium
- **♣** Date of occurrence of Incident: 14-03-2023
- Description of Incident: An accident on the Techiman-Kumasi road in the Bono East Region has claimed the lives of three individuals. The accident which occurred near the Kuntunso river around 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, involved two heavy trucks loaded with goods. The accident led to heavy vehicular traffic on the stretch for over three hours. The two heavy trucks collided head-on leading to the death of three people on the spot including the drivers of both trucks while two others survived with minor degrees of injuries. Preliminary investigations revealed that a burst tyre may have triggered the accident.<sup>8</sup>
- Location of incident: Techiman-Kumasi road in the Bono East Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 3 dead(males), 2 injured (males)
- ♣ Property damaged/Affected population: The two trucks were destroyed, five persons affected
- ♣ Coping mechanism/Responses: The injured were immediately rushed to the Holy Family Hospital in Techiman for treatment while a combined team of Police Motor Transport and Traffic Directorate (MTTD) and personnel from the Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) made efforts to remove the dead bodies stuck in the two trucks.

## Incident N\*02

- **↓** Title of Incident: Road Accident
- ♣ Scale of Incident: Low
- **♣** Date of occurrence of Incident: 16-03-2023
- ♣ **Description of Incident**: A taxi driver has been reported dead with three others injured in an accident at Agona Mensahkrom on the Agona Swedru- Agona Nyakrom Road. The driver, 36-year-old Ishmael Kwao, died on the spot. The accident occurred in a collision involving a taxi and a container truck
- Location of incident: Agona Mensahkrom on the Agona Swedru- Agona Nyakrom Road in Central Region
- **← Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead (male), 3 injured
- ♣ Property damaged/Affected population: Four persons and two vehicles affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The injured are undergoing treatment at the Swedru Government Hospital.9

- ♣ Title of Incident: Road Accident
- Scale of Incident: Low
- **♣** Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-03-2023
- **↓ Description of Incident**: One person is feared dead with another in critical condition in an accident at Akrokerri Junction on the Obuasi Anwiankwanta highway in the Ashanti Region. The accident, which left several others injured, occurred on Monday March 13, 2023, evening. It involved a tricycle and a Sprinter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/blind-man-allegedly-kills-wife-for-seeking-divorce/

 $<sup>^8 \</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Fatal-accident-on-Techiman-Kumasi-road-claims-three-lives-1731314$ 

<sup>9</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/driver-dead-others-injured-in-accident-on-agona-nyarkrom-road/



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- Location of incident: Akrokerri Junction on the Obuasi Anwiankwanta in the Ashanti region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead ,1 injured.
- Property damaged/Affected population: 2 persons affected.
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The injured victims were sent to a hospital for treatment.<sup>10</sup>

### Incident N\*04

- ♣ Title of Incident: Arrest♣ Scale of Incident: Low
- **↓** Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-03-2023
- → Description of Incident: A total of 21 illegal miners who had invaded Felix hole (Cote D'or) underground operational area of AngloGold Ashanti, have been arrested. The suspects were captured by a surveillance drone. Items retrieved from the suspects included small sacks containing gold-bearing ore and detonation codes.
- Location of incident: Obuasi in Obuasi Municipal in Ashanti region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ♣ Property damaged/Affected population: 21 persons arrested
- **← Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspects were arrested by a joint team of Military/Police detachment at AngloGold Ashanti in the Ashanti Region and handed over to the Obuasi Municipal Police Command and subsequently arraigned before the Obuasi Magistrate court presided over by Her Lordship Joyce Boahen. All the suspects were remanded into prison custody to reappear on March 23, 2023.¹¹

## Incident N\*05

- ➡ Title of Incident: Road Accident
- ♣ Scale of Incident: Low
- **♣** Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-03-2023 (reported on 14-03-2023)
- → Description of Incident: A driver reportedly knocked a young lady down at the Central Hospital traffic light on Sunday March 12, 2023, evening. The speeding Kia Rhino truck was headed towards the Charlie Junction area from the Koforidua Polyclinic when the incident occurred. The driver reportedly took off after the incident.
- **↓ Location of incident:** Koforidua in the Eastern Region
- Casualty [Male & female]: 1 dead (female)
- Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected
- **♣** Coping mechanism/Responses: Police in Koforidua are on a manhunt for the hit-and-run suspect driver. 12

- ♣ Title of Incident: Boat Accident
- **♣ Scale of Incident:** Medium
- **♣ Date of occurrence of Incident:** 18-03-2023
- → **Description of Incident**: A boat transporting some over 40 passengers including some mourners from Azizanya to Azizakpe in the Greater Accra Region has capsized. The accident, according to the Assembly member of Azizakpe Electoral Area, Daniel Adzakpa, was due to the overloading of passengers onto the boat. The accident was also attributed to a stormy weather in the early hours of Saturday, March 18, 2023, while the mourners were being ferried to a funeral in Azizakpe.<sup>13</sup>
- **Location of incident:** from Azizanya to Azizakpe in the Greater Accra Region
- **♣ Casualty [Male &female]:** 5 dead
- **♣ Property damaged/Affected population:** 60 persons affected
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** According to reports, Gabriel Ajigodi who was sailing the boat at the time of the incident has been taken into custody at the Ada Foah Police Station where he is assisting with investigations. <sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>https://www.adomonline.com/one-feared-dead-others-injured-in-accident-at-akrokerri-junction/

<sup>11</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/21-galamseyers-arrested-at-anglogold-ashantis-obuasi-concession/

<sup>12</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/woman-on-motorbike-killed-in-hit-and-run-accident/

<sup>13</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Boat-carrying-over-20-mourners-in-Ada-capsizes-5-feared-dead-1733165

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Ada-boat-sailor-arrested-after-boat-capsizes-kills-5-1733393



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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: Flooding /Drowning
- ♣ Scale of Incident: Low
- **♣** Date of occurrence of Incident: 08-03-2023 (Reported on 13-03-2023)
- → Description of Incident: A flooding incident at Bremang in the Suame Municipality of the Ashanti Region, has claimed the life of woman after she was carried away by the flood on March 8, 2023. The deceased is said to have been taken away by the flood after she attempted to retrieve her property from the flood water.<sup>15</sup>
- **Location of incident:** Bremang in the Suame Municipality of the Ashanti Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (female)
- ♣ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected
- **↓** Coping mechanism/Responses: On Sunday March 12, 2023, a resident alerted the police about a lifeless body in a stream in Abuakwa Tabre in the Atwima Nwabiagya Municipality. The family was then called to identify the body, which they confirmed was their 21-year-old missing daughter.

### Incident N\*02

- ♣ Title of Incident: Environmental Health Department clears expired goods from Ada market
- Scale of Incident: Low
- **♣** Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-03-2023
- → Description of Incident: The Ada-East District Environmental Health Department cleared expired goods from various shops and markets in the district. The items included soft drinks, tomato pastes, alcoholic drinks, milk powder, cocoa powder, and pharmaceutical products, The operation, which was undertaken in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO), is to ensure food safety and protect communities from the consumption of expired foods. ¹6
- Location of incident: Ada-East District,
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** Soft drinks, tomato pastes, alcoholic drinks, milk powder, cocoa powder, and pharmaceutical products were destroyed.
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Traders were cautioned to be careful when they moved outside the district to buy items to sell and admonished consumers to check the expiry dates on products before buying.

- ♣ Title of Incident: Ketu South records 10 cases of measles
- **♣ Scale of Incident:** Medium
- Date of occurrence of Incident:
- **↓ Description of Incident**: The Acting Volta Regional Director of Health, on Monday March 13, 2023 revealed that the Ketu South Municipality has recorded 10 cases of Measles.<sup>17</sup>
- **Location of incident:** Ketu South, Volta Region
- **♣ Casualty [Male &female]:** None reported yet
- **♣ Property damaged/Affected population:** Ten person affected so far in the region
- **♣** Coping mechanism/Responses: An exercise to immunize babies would hopefully start on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, as consignments were being distributed to the Municipal and District Health Directorates for onward transportation to the various facilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/21-year-old-girl-s-body-found-a-week-after-flood-in-Suame-1729847

 $<sup>^{16}\</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHome Page/News Archive/Environmental-Health-Department-clears-expired-goods-from-Ada-market-1729502$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/health/Ketu-South-records-10-cases-of-measles-Dr-Djokoto-1730393



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- ♣ Title of Incident: Rainstorm rips roof of Nakore-Chansah JHS
- **♣ Scale of Incident:** Medium
- **♣ Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported 16-03-2023
- → Description of Incident: Some school children at the Nakore Junior High School in the Wa Municipality are compelled to current harsh windy weather conditions in the region to study under trees and sheds. This is because the roof of the classroom block that sheltered them had been ripped off by a rainstorm. The school, located inbetween the Nakore and Chansah communities, servs school children in those two communities.<sup>18</sup>
- Location of incident: Wa Municipality, Upper West region
- **♣ Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- Property damaged/Affected population: School roofing ripped off; school children affected.
- ♣ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Member of Parliament of the area, Alhaji Dr Hassan Rashid Pelpuo, and the Wa Municipal Chief Executive, Alhaji Tahiru Moomin had been about the situation, but no responses effected to solving the problem.

### Incident N\*05

- Title of Incident: Fire guts Kejetia market
- **♣ Scale of Incident:** Medium
- **♣** Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-03-2023
- **Description of Incident**: Fire gutted the Kejetia central market in Kumasi, Ashanti region. The cause of the fire is still being investigated. The fire, according to reports, started around 4:30pm, on March 15, 2023.<sup>19</sup>
- **Location of incident:** Kejetia, Kumasi, Ashanti region
- **Casualty [Male &female]:** None reported.
- ♣ Property damaged/Affected population: Traders were affected in the situation
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Personnel from the Ghana Fire Service were involved at the scene to douse the inferno and rescue people from parts of the building which has been gutted by the fire. The Management of the Kumasi City Market Limited (KCML) has indicated that the Kejetia Market Complex would not open on Thursday March 16, 2023, from morning until 12:00 pm.<sup>20</sup>

- ♣ Title of Incident: Illegal miners attack mining company, burn 12 vehicles
- **♣ Scale of Incident:** Medium
- **♣** Date of occurrence of Incident: 16-03-2023
- ♣ Description of Incident: Some illegal small-small miners, otherwise known as galamseyers on Thursday, March 16, 2023, attacked Golden Star Wassa Mine at Benso in the Western Region. According to the Head of Group Corporate Affairs of the company, Gerard Hillary Osei Boakye, the attackers destroyed some company properties including 12 vehicles.<sup>21</sup>
- Location of incident: Benso in the Western Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (male), others injured<sup>22</sup>
- ♣ Property damaged/Affected population: An ambulance, pickups, excavators, air conditioners, are some of the items burnt by the galamseyers.
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Calm has been restored in the area as the police, on the other hand, have launched an investigation into the matter to bring the perpetrators to book.

<sup>18</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Rainstorm-rips-up-roof-of-Nakore-Chansah-JHS-1731662

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/business/Fire-guts-Kejetia-market-1731491

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/A-R-Kejetia-market-will-shut-down-March-16-morning-to-12-00pm-MD-1731551

 $<sup>^{21}\,</sup>https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Illegal-miners-attack-mining-company-burn-12-vehicles-1733036$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/One-dead-others-injured-as-illegal-miners-storm-Golden-Star-Wassa-Mine-1732793