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GHANA

WEEK OF MAY 8 TO 14, 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: **GIS intercept over 800 slabs of indian hemp at cave**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 05-05-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Officers of the Ghana Immigration Service (GIS) at the Nyive border intercepted 896 slabs of suspected Indian hemp at Cave in the Volta Region. Cave is an unapproved route along the Shia-Nyive border in the Volta Region. Courage Amegbe, Commander of the Operation Calm Life patrol team, Nyive Sector, revealed that around 10.30 PM on Friday 5 May 2023, the team intercepted the goods while on night patrol.¹

🚩 Location of incident: Cave in the Volta Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: None

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The Officers transported the 12 sacks containing the suspected drugs to the main border post at Nyive, and subsequently handed them over to a team from the Narcotics Control Commission in Ho.

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 Title of Incident: **Fake soldier who also poses as national security operative arrested**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident:

🚩 Description of Incident: The police have arrested a man who has been posing as a military officer with a fake service name WOII Samuel Owusu Dartey in the Sekondi-Takoradi metropolis of the Western Region. The suspect, according to victims, always had a pistol and a handcuff on him, is said to have been tormenting unsuspecting residents, sometimes even in military uniform.²

🚩 Location of incident: Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolis of the Western Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population:

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect was trailed and arrested to assist the Kwesimintsim Police Station in investigations. Checks indicated he was not a military officer.

🚩 Incident N*03

🚩 Title of Incident: **Armed Robbery/Lynching**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-05-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Two armed robbers were lynched after they attempted to rob a house at Millenium City at Goma East in the Central region.³

🚩 Location of incident: at Millenium City at Goma East in the Central region.

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 2 injured (males)

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population:

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspects were apprehended by the community members in the area.

¹ <https://todayghanamedia.com/volta-region-gis-intercept-over-800-slabs-of-indian-hemp-at-cave/>

² <https://3news.com/tdi-fake-soldier-who-also-poses-as-natl-security-operative-nabbed/>

³ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/region/managinggh/Brutal-Beatdown-Of-Thieves-Like-Goats-for-Sunday-Heist-Attempt-94244?dicbo=v2-7fjL185>



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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: **Arrest/Assault**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-05-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Kweku Nkrumah, a 21-year-old final-year student at Hemang Technical Institute, has been physically assaulted for allegedly stealing GHC 5. The incident happened on Sunday May 7, 2023, morning after he has boarded a taxi. The suspect confronted the victim that he had stolen the money, and proceeded to inflict cutlass wounds on him although the victim denied the allegation.⁴

✚ Location of incident: Jukwa Wawase in the Hemang-Lower Denkyira District.

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim was rushed to the Twifo Praso Government Hospital for examination and is responding to treatment. The suspect has, however, been arrested by the police for interrogation.

✚ Incident N*02

✚ Title of Incident: **Homicide/Witchcraft Accusations**

✚ Scale of Incident: Medium

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 08-05-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Two persons, a male and a female, have been lynched on suspicion of wizardry and witchcraft respectively. The woman, Imoro Safura, in her early 40s and a mother of seven, was chased to the chief's palace, where she was subsequently lynched. The man was killed at his residence. The two were accused of being responsible for the sickness of a woman in the community after a soothsayer who was consulted by the woman's family was called in.⁵

✚ Location of incident: Zakpalsi, a farming community in the Mion District of the Northern Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 2 persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police have visited the community and commenced investigations into the matter. Meanwhile, the Northern Regional Reintegration Committee on Witchcraft Accusation and Disbandment of Camps is working with the police to get the perpetrators arrested.

✚ Incident N*03

✚ Title of Incident: **National Service teacher arrested for allegedly defiling three pupils in his class**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported on 10-05-2023

✚ Description of Incident: The Bibiani Circuit Court has remanded a 24-year-old National Service Person at Sehwi Asawinso Methodist Primary B to three weeks in police custody for allegedly defiling three pupils in the Sehwi Wiawso Municipality of the Western North Region. After some weeks of the alleged sexual assault, the parents of the victims noticed abnormal blood discharges from their daughters' private part and upon interrogation, they disclosed the ordeal.⁶

✚ Location of incident: Sehwi Wiawso Municipality of the Western North Region.

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Three female minors affected; one teacher arrested.

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: A report was made to the police at Sehwi Asawinso and a medical form was issued to the complainants to take the victims to any government hospital for examination, treatment, and

⁴ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Student-butchered-at-Jukwa-Wawase-for-allegedly-stealing-GHC5-1762676>

⁵ <https://3news.com/two-lynched-over-witchcraft-accusations-at-zakpalsi-n-r/>

⁶ <https://3news.com/nss-teacher-arrested-for-allegedly-defiling-three-pupils-in-his-class/>



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endorsement, all of which corroborated the defilement claims. The accused person was subsequently arrested and was put before the Bibiani Circuit Court.

🚩 Incident N*04

🚩 Title of Incident: **Father of nine children allegedly commits suicide over economic hardship**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident:

🚩 Description of Incident: A 45-year-old father of nine children has allegedly committed suicide because of financial stress. According to locals in the area, the man had been moaning about economic problems and his inability to care for his nine children. The deceased reportedly died after ingesting some suspected poison.⁷

🚩 Location of incident: Adankwame in the Atwima Nwabiagya North District of the Ashanti Region

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

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim was rushed to a hospital but died subsequently.

🚩 Incident N*05

🚩 Title of Incident: **Defilement**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-05-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: A 27-year-old man is on the run after allegedly defiling a 13-year-old girl at Choice in the Weija -Gbawe Municipality of the Greater Accra Region. Eyewitness revealed that the suspect bought food from the victim's mother but failed to pay the money since he had no cash on him. The victim was asked to accompany the suspect to his home for the money. The victim disclosed she had been sexually assaulted by the suspect at his home and brought her back in a rush after he noticed she was bleeding profusely.

🚩 Location of incident: Choice in the Weija -Gbawe Municipality of the Greater Accra Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 1 injured

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population:

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim was rushed to the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital for medical care.⁸

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🚩 Incident N*06

🚩 Title of Incident: **Mother arrested for dumping newborn baby into school toilet**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-05-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: A 22-year-old woman, Adwoa Appiah, has been arrested by the Ajumako District Police Command for allegedly dumping her new born baby into a school toilet. The suspect wrapped the newborn baby in a sack after delivery, before dumping the baby into the school's toilet.

🚩 Location of incident: Ajumako District, Central region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 1 injured infant

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Two person

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The baby was rescued and rushed to the Ajumako Government Hospital where it is responding to treatment. The mother who is a well-known resident was arrested and is aiding police with investigations.⁹

🚩 Incident N*07

🚩 Title of Incident: **Homicide**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-05-2023

⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Father-of-nine-children-allegedly-commits-suicide-over-economic-hardship-1764647>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-27-on-the-run-after-defiling-12-year-old-girl-at-weija/>

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/mother-arrested-for-dumping-newborn-baby-into-school-toilet/>



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Description of Incident: The decomposing body of a woman believed to be in her late thirties has been discovered in an uncompleted building at Gomoa Abekum near Buduburam in the Gomoa East District of the Central Region. A rope was found around the deceased’s neck, leading to suspicion of murder or suicide.

Location of incident: Gomoa Abekum near Buduburam in the Gomoa East District of the Central Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

Coping mechanism/Responses: The local authorities were called to the scene, but as at the time of filing this report, the body was yet to be retrieved by the police.¹⁰

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: **Nasara Coordinator assaulted by suspected party thugs in Atebubu**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 05-08-2023 (Reported 08-05-2023)

Description of Incident: The Nasara Coordinator for the Atebubu-Amantin Constituency of the Bono East Region, Hamza Mohammed, has allegedly been assaulted by suspected party thugs. The suspected thugs without any provocation, attacked Hamza Mohammed around 9:00 pm on Friday, May 5, 2023, in front of the Agricultural Development Bank in Atebubu.¹¹

Location of incident: Atebubu-Amantin Constituency, Bono East Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population:

Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim was rushed to the Atebubu Government Hospital for treatment. No arrests have been yet.

Incident N*02

Title of Incident: **Karaga youth on rampage over arrest of suspected ‘chief killers’**

Scale of Incident: Medium

Date of occurrence of Incident: 08-05-2023

Description of Incident: Some youth in the Karaga District in the Northern Region on Monday, May 8 went on rampage and destroyed structures belonging to the New Patriotic Party (NPP) in the area. The reason for the destruction is suspected to be a result of the arrest of some youth of the town over their alleged involvement in the murder of a sub-chief of Karaga, Issahaku Adam.¹²

Location of incident: Karaga District in the Northern Region

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: Some party properties were destroyed in the process

Coping mechanism/Responses: No responses were communicated at the time of filing the report.

Incident N*03

Title of Incident: **Nine school children dead after boat capsizes**

Scale of Incident: Medium

Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-05-2023

Description of Incident: Eight school children drowned on Wednesday May 10, 2023, after a boat carrying mostly students capsized around Faana in the Weija Gbawe Municipality in Accra. The accident happened while the children were being transported home from school on the other side of the river. Residents have attributed the accident to the spillage of the Weija Dam.¹³

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/decomposing-body-discovered-in-uncompleted-house-at-gomoa/>

¹¹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Nasara-Coordinator-assaulted-by-suspected-party-thugs-in-Atebubu-1762703>

¹² <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/05/karaga-youth-on-rampage-over-arrest-of-suspected-chief-killers/>

¹³ JoyNews reportage



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✚ **Location of incident:** Faana in the Weija Gbawe Municipality in Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 9 dead (3 males, 6 females)

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** School children.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Rescue efforts were implemented. However, only the dead bodied of the children were recovered.

✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Strike Action**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 10-05-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Tamale Technical University chapter of the Technical University Teacher’s Association of Ghana (TUTAG) has gone on strike. Their action is over non-payment of some allowances due them and the use of unapproved formula in paying end-of-service benefits of staff.

✚ **Location of incident:** Tamale, Northern Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** They withdrew all services effective Wednesday, May 10, 2023. The affected services include conducting end-of-semester examinations, marking scripts, and other related academic work.¹⁴

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Land dispute**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 9-05-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Tension is brewing between the chiefs and people of Bunso and Nsutam on prolonged tussle over ownership of a land space at the Bunso roundabout on the main Accra Kumasi Highway. On Tuesday, May 9, 2023, the youth of Nsutam in a physical confrontation took down a signage embossed with Bunso which was mounted by the chief of Bunso at a GOIL fuel station close to the Linda Dor Rest stop.

✚ **Location of incident:** Bunso and Nsutam, Eastern region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** There was timely intervention by the police personnel stationed at the roundabout. They prevented the confrontation from escalating¹⁵

✚ Incident N*06

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 08-05-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Nine passengers were injured after four cars got involved in an accident at Gomoa Okyereko Junction on the Kasoa Cape Coast Highway in the Central Region. It involved a Honda Civic saloon car, a KIA Cargo car, Toyota 4 Runner and an Urvan.

✚ **Location of incident:** Gomoa Okyereko Junction on the Kasoa Cape Coast Highway in the Central Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 9 injured

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Nine persons and four vehicles damaged

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** All the victims were rushed to Winneba Trauma and Specialist Hospital for treatment.¹⁶

✚ Incident N*07

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/tamale-technical-university-teachers-withdraw-services-over-allowances/>

¹⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/tension-mounts-between-bunso-and-nsutam-residents-over-ownership-of-roundabout/>

¹⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/9-injured-in-accident-involving-4-cars-on-kasoa-cape-coast-highway-photos/>



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✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 14-05-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Firefighters from the Ejisu Fire Station were on Sunday, May 14, 2023, dispatched to respond to a twin accident and fire incident involving a Man Diesel Truck at Juaso Water Works in the Asante Akim South of the Ashanti Region.¹⁷

✚ **Location of incident:** Juaso Water Works in the Asante Akim South of the Ashanti Region.

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The firefighters doused the fire, retrieved the charred body of the deceased driver and handed it over to the Juaso Police for preservation and further investigation. The Man Diesel Truck and its contents also suffered fire damage.

✚ **Incident N*08**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Eight arrested for election offenses during NDC primaries**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 13-05-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Ghana Police Service have announced the arrest of eight individuals for various election-related offenses and disturbing the peace during the presidential and parliamentary primaries of the National Democratic Congress (NDC), held on May 13, 2023.¹⁸

✚ **Location of incident:** Ningo Prampram, Greater Accra, New Juaben South, Eastern Region, Mfantseman Constituency in the Central Region, Atebubu-Amantin, Bono East region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana Police Service highlighted the status of the suspects, stating: "Five of the suspects are currently on Police inquiry bail, while the three others are in custody assisting the ongoing Police investigation."

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:** **Building Collapse**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 09-05-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The church building of Word In Action Ministry at Old Bortianor in the Greater Accra Region collapsed on worshippers. The incident happened on May 9, 2023, during church service. ¹⁹

✚ **Location of incident:** Old Bortianor in the Greater Accra Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** The worshippers were affected. The building was destroyed completely.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana National Service and the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) including other security agencies visited the site to rescue the people under the debris. Some worshippers have been rescued and are receiving treatment at nearby health facilities.

✚ **Incident N*02**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **One killed as multi-storey building collapses in Ashaley Botwe**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-05-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** One person has been confirmed dead following the collapse of a 3-storey building at Nmai Dzorn, near Ashaley Botwe, in the Greater Accra Region. The disaster happened on Thursday with rescue

¹⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Driver-dies-after-being-trapped-in-a-truck-with-bags-of-cashew-nuts-1767143>

¹⁸ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Eight-arrested-for-election-offenses-during-NDC-primaries-Police-1766621>

¹⁹ <https://metrovtionline.com/breaking-news-church-building-collapses-on-worshippers-at-old-bortianor/>



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operations said to have located the body of the deceased on Friday, May 5. It is unclear what caused the building's collapse but eye witnesses said there were workers in there when it occurred.²⁰

🚩 **Location of incident:** Nmai Dzorn, near Ashaley Botwe, in the Greater Accra Region.

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** One other person, who escaped from the rubble, was rushed to the hospital. Personnel from the Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS), Ghana Police Service and Adentan Municipal Assembly helped in the rescue operation.

🚩 **Incident N*03**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** 22 people hospitalized after eating food at funeral

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Medium

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 14-05-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Twenty-two have been hospitalized due to acute diarrhea in Agou, a farming community in the Nkwanta South of the Oti Region, following a suspected food poisoning. The victims are said to have eaten at a funeral on Sunday, May 14, 2023, according to a report.²¹

🚩 **Location of incident:** Agou, a farming community in the Nkwanta South of the Oti Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 22 affected persons

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:**

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Thirteen of them have been admitted to Nkwanta South Municipal Hospital, while nine others are also on admission at Nkwanta St Joseph Catholic Hospital.

²⁰ <https://3news.com/one-killed-as-another-multi-storey-building-collapses-in-ashaley-botwe/>

²¹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/22-people-hospitalised-after-eating-food-at-funeral-1767146>