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GHANA

WEEK OF JUNE 1 TO 4, 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: **Lynching/Homicide**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 02-06-2023

Description of Incident: A 46-year-old man, Abraham Kwadzo Goka, was lynched to death at Adansi Asokwa 46-year-old man lynched over alleged property damage. Family members are now pleading for the intervention of the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) and the government to ensure that a pharmacy owner, who they accused of orchestrating the attack, is brought to justice.¹

Location of incident: Adansi Asokwa istrict of the Ashanti Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population:

Coping mechanism/Responses: The Adansi Fomena District Commander has confirmed the death of the victim and announced that the body had been conveyed to a morgue for post-mortem and for investigation to commence.

Incident N*02

Title of Incident: **The Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD) and Police intercept smuggled cocoa**

Scale of Incident: Medium

Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported 04-06-2023

Description of Incident: Quantities of bags of cocoa beans concealed in 35 oil drums and ready for smuggling were intercepted through a joint operation of between the Ghana COCOBOD and Police in the Eastern region. The perpetrators concealed the cocoa beans in the drums to outsmart the security services pretending it was palm oil from an enclave known for palm oil production. The truck carrying the cocoa beans was intercepted at Asuokaw, a community near Asamankese after sustained intelligence and surveillance.²

Location of incident: Asuokaw, a community near Asamankese, Eastern region

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population:

Coping mechanism/Responses: Many of the suspects absconded upon seeing the operation team but David Nartey, who claimed to be the owner of the vehicle was arrested. He is in Asamankese police custody and assisting investigations.

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/Arrest**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 30-05-2023 (Reported on 2-06-2023)

Description of Incident: A 39-year-old female teacher was hospitalized after her husband allegedly assaulted her with a machete at Pankese in the Birim North District of the Eastern Region. The suspect, Baaba Moses, attacked his victim, Paulina Agruba, after the victim asked for a divorce.³

¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/46-year-old-man-lynched-at-adansi-asokwa-over-alleged-property-damage/>

² <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/COCOBOD-police-intercept-cocoa-concealed-in-35-oil-drums-arrest-one-1779923>

³ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-slashes-wife-for-asking-for-divorce/>



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🚩 **Location of incident:** Pankese in the Birim North District of the Eastern Region

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured victim was sent to a hospital and is in critical condition. The suspect Baaba Moses, has also been arrested by police.

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 **Title of Incident:** Senior High School student stabbed to death by the lover

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 02-06-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** An 18-year-old student of the New Nsutam Senior High Technical School in the Abuakwa-North District of the Eastern Region died after being allegedly stabbed to death by her boyfriend. It is unclear what triggered the attack against the victim. Reports suggest the suspect absconded after the incident.⁴

🚩 **Location of incident:** Eastern region

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police conveyed and deposited the body of the student at the Kyebi Government Hospital for preservation and autopsy as investigations into the incident continue.

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:** Land Dispute/Kidnapping/Arrest

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** High

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 30-05-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** On 30th May 2023, a gang numbering about fifty (50) invaded the Mempeasem community and kidnapped a 50-year-old man. The gang fled into the bush when the Police responded to the community attack. The police managed to rescue the kidnapped victim and retrieved one (1) AK-47 weapon together with 14 rounds of ammunition, seven (7) motorbikes and two (2) bicycles from the scene of the incident. A search for the suspects in the area led to a further retrieval of a bag containing 240 AK-47 ammunition.⁵

🚩 **Location of incident:** Lukula/Mempeasem in the Savannah region

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:**

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police have arrested three persons and are currently pursuing others in connection with violent attacks on Mempeasem and Lukula communities in the Savannah Region. After restoring calm in the area, the police had information that an 81-year-old man from the Lukula community was allegedly shot by the rampaging gang on his farm. The police proceeded to the farm, and with the help of his children, took him to the hospital where he was pronounced dead by the authorities. The body has since been deposited at the hospital for preservation and autopsy.

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Medium

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

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Two persons, ages between 25 and 30, reportedly died in a motor crash in Walewale in the West Mamprusi Municipality of the North East Region. The wife of one of the riders was injured in the process. The accident was caused after a speeding bus confused both riders, leading to the collision.

⁴ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/SHS-student-allegedly-stabbed-to-death-by-boyfriend-at-Akyem-Nsutem-1778870>

⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/savannah-region-police-arrest-3-persons-in-connection-with-communal-conflict/>



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📌 **Location of incident:** Walewale in the West Mamprusi Municipality of the North East Region.⁶

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

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

📌 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The ambulance service responded to the call of eyewitnesses and rushed to the scene for assistance. However, both victims were pronounced dead after they were referred from the Walewale Government Hospital to the Tamale Teaching Hospital. The injured victim was sent to the Walewale Government Hospital for treatment.

📌 Incident N*03

📌 **Title of Incident:** 15 people suffer injuries in an accident at Nyinahin

📌 **Scale of Incident:** Low

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

📌 **Description of Incident:** Two mini buses collided head-on near Akorabokrom, close to Nyinahin in the Ashanti Region, resulting in critical injuries to fifteen people. Eyewitnesses reported that both vehicles were traveling at high speeds on a rainy night along the Kumasi-Bibiiani Road when one of them lost control, leading to the collision.⁷

📌 **Location of incident:** Akorabokrom, close to Nyinahin in the Ashanti Region

📌 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 15 injured

📌 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Both vehicles were damaged in the process

📌 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Bystanders assisted in transporting some of the critically wounded individuals to the Nyinahin Government Hospital.

📌 Incident N*04

📌 **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

📌 **Scale of Incident:** Low

📌 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 02-06-2023

📌 **Description of Incident:** Two persons suspected to be students of Osino Presbyterian Senior High and Technical School in the Eastern Region lost their lives in an accident at Teacher Mante. The incident occurred because the over speeding vehicle in which the students were travelling in, burst its tyres and caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle. The accident also left eleven others injured.⁸

📌 **Location of incident:** Teacher Mante, Eastern region

📌 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead, 15 injured

📌 **Property damaged/Affected population:** At least 17 persons were affected

📌 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victims were transported to the Nsawam Government Hospital for medical attention.

📌 Incident N*05

📌 **Title of Incident:** Nine policemen in critical condition after Daboya accident

📌 **Scale of Incident:** Low

📌 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 01-06-2023

📌 **Description of Incident:** Nine (9) policemen of the Form Police Unit (FBU) sustained injuries after they were involved in an accident at Daboya in the North Gonja District of the Savannah Region while on their way to respond to a conflict situation. They reportedly responded to a distress call at Lukula and Mempeasem, both farming communities in the district, when the vehicle reportedly somersaulted midway.⁹

📌 **Location of incident:** Daboya in the North Gonja District of the Savannah Region

📌 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 9 injured (males)

📌 **Property damaged/Affected population:**

⁶ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Two-young-men-die-in-a-motor-crash-one-in-critical-condition-1779851>

⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/15-people-suffer-injuries-in-an-accident-at-Nyinahin-1779323>

⁸ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Tragic-accident-claims-lives-of-two-students-from-Osino-Presbyterian-Senior-High-School-1779533>

⁹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/9-policemen-in-critical-condition-after-ghastly-Daboya-accident-1778456>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The officers were rushed to the Damongo Hospital for treatment.

✚ Incident N*06

✚ **Title of Incident:** Youth of Kopella and Zeogo attack Fulbe in the community

✚ **Scale of Incident:** High

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 01-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** On June 1, 2023, hundreds of Fulbes residing in Kopella and Zeogo communities in the Bawku West District in the Upper East Region fled from the communities to protect their lives from attacks against them by some angry youth who are natives in area. Almost every property of the herdsmen were destroyed. The attack is a reprisal reaction to an alleged attack on a 23-year-old pregnant woman from Zeogo by a Fulbe man when she went to the bush at dawn to pick shea nuts. It is alleged the Fulbe demanded to have sex with her and when she refused, he pulled out a cutlass and inflicted series of wounds on the victim and raped her in addition. The description of the rapist by the victim made the native to suspect the Fulbes. The incident at Kopella and Zeogo made the Binaba youth to also attack Fulbes who were trading at the Binaba market. Police at Binaba who tried to intervene were also attacked by the youth.

✚ **Location of incident:** Kopella and Zeogo communities in the Bawku West District in the Upper East Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 known injured (female), possible injuries to the Fulbes and the police personnel.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Fulbes communities affected as well

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The affected woman was placed on admission and receiving treatment at the Zebila Hospital at the time of filing the story.

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:** Massive fire engulfs Asokwa mechanic shops in Kumasi

✚ **Scale of Incident:**

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 1-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A fire outbreak wreaked havoc on a chain of mechanic shops located in Asokwa, Ashanti region. The fire resulted in the destruction of six vehicles, numerous engines, and upholstery materials ¹⁰

✚ **Location of incident:** Asokwa, Ashanti region.

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Unconfirmed number of shops affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The National Disaster Management Organization has supported the shop owner in assessing the extent of their losses. The Ghana Fire Service, has successfully brought the situation under control.

✚ Incident N*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** Binduri Anthrax outbreak: One dead, 11 others infected

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 01-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A patient has reportedly succumbed to a suspected case of anthrax in the Binduri District of the Upper East Region after consuming the carcass of a dead anthrax-infected cow. In a statement issued on Friday, 2 June 2023 by the regional health directorate of the Ghana Health Service, Regional Director of Health Services, Dr Emmanuel Dzutse, confirmed the incident.¹¹

✚ **Location of incident:** Binduri District of the Upper East Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead, 11 infected

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Twelve persons affected so far

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-guts-chain-of-mechanic-shops-at-asokwa-in-kumasi/>

¹¹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/health/Binduri-Anthrax-outbreak-One-dead-11-others-infected-1779170>



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- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The directorate warned all the neighbouring districts, especially those sharing borders with Binduri, to be on high alert and intensify surveillance activities to prevent the further spread of the disease. Eleven suspected cases have been identified, and contact-tracing efforts have been initiated in the affected community.