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WEEK OF TO JUNE 05 TO 11, 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: Suspected kidnappers arrested in Cape Coast

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-06-2023

Description of Incident: Four suspected kidnappers in a rented apartment at Ntranoa, near Ankaful, in Cape Coast, have been exposed. One of the suspects who allegedly disguised himself and entered a mosque has reportedly been killed, while two others, including their supposed leader are on the run. The suspects lure their victims from Accra and other parts of the country with job opportunities.¹

Location of incident: Ntranoa, near Ankaful, in Cape Coast

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

Property damaged/Affected population: Four kidnappers were affected.

Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police have rescued some victims who were in the kidnappers' custody. The victims were taken to the hospital after the police operation.

Incident N*02

Title of Incident: Robbery /Arrest

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 8-06-2023 (statement issued 10 -06-2023)

Description of Incident: The Police have confirmed the killing of suspects during a shootout at Bortianor in Greater Accra region. The Police in a statement on Saturday, June 10, 2023, said the five were suspected land guards who engaged the police in a shootout when the police visited the area. The remaining suspects fled the scene and are still on the run. Exhibits retrieved from the crime scene included one (1) AK47 assault rifle, ten (10) rounds of AK47 ammunition, one (1) pump-action gun with nine (9) rounds of BB cartridges, two (2) pistols with ten (10) rounds of 9mm ammunition, one (1) unregistered Toyota Tacoma pickup, four (4) motorbikes, three (3) of which are unregistered, a knife, and a pepper spray,²

Location of incident: Bortiano, Greater Accra region

Casualty [Male &female]: 5 dead (males)

Property damaged/Affected population: Five persons affected

Coping mechanism/Responses: The police are investigating the remaining suspects. The public has been urged, especially residents of the Bortianor community to promptly report any individuals with gunshot wounds who may be seeking medical 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: Attempted abortion kills 12-year-old teenager

Scale of Incident: Medium

Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported on 09-06-2023

Description of Incident: A 12-year-old girl has died at Telekukazo, a community in Ellebelle District of the Western Region after an attempted abortion. The girl is said to have been pronounced dead on arrival at the St Martin de Porres Hospital in Eikwe.³

¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/4-suspected-kidnappers-arrested-in-cape-coast/>

² <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/bortianor-police-kill-five-suspected-criminals.html>

³ <https://dailyguidenetwork.com/abortion-kills-12-year-old-girl/>



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🚩 **Location of incident:** Telekubukazo, a community in the Ellembele District of the Western Region

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:**

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ellembele Social Welfare Officer Jonas Kabutey who doubles as the paralegal of the Western Region had his office invite the person responsible for the pregnancy for questioning.

🚩 **Incident N*02**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Physical assault/Arrest**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 8-06-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A 29-year-old single mother, Mary Adu, has been reported to the police for abusing her 4-year-old son. Mr. David Duku, who made the report to the Social Welfare officials, witnessed Mary physically assaulting her son for hours till he was covered with bruises.⁴

🚩 **Location of incident:** Yeji in Pru District in Bono East Region.

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The mother was arrested by the Pru District Police.

🚩 **Incident N*03**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Validation of roadmap to strengthen gender responsiveness to shocks**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:**

🚩 **Description of Incident:** An International Consultant with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Dr. Maria Klara Kuss, has called for commitment and a participatory approach to strengthen gender responsiveness to shocks and pandemics.⁵

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

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** None

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A workshop comprising stakeholders and experts working to promote Gender and inclusivity was organized to enable them to validate and make input into the development of a roadmap to strengthen Gender responsiveness to shock and pandemics.

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 transhttps://www.adomonline.com/failed-abortion-kills-12-year-old-girl-at-ellembele/itions; 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:** 7-06-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A Kia Rhino truck crashed into a Toyota Hilux car at Sehwi Amoaya in the Bodi District of the Western North Region leaving six people injured.⁶

🚩 **Location of incident:** Sehwi Amoaya in the Bodi District of the Western North region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 6 injured

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Passengers of the Kia Rhino sustained injuries and were rushed to the Amoaya Clinic and those with severe injuries have been referred to the Juaboso Government Hospital for further treatment.

🚩 **Incident N*02**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Refugee Board: 3,200 Burkinabe asylum seekers registered**

⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/mother-arrested-for-brutalising-4-year-old-child-at-yeji/>

⁵ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/strengthen-gender-responsiveness-to-shocks-un-gender-expert.html>

⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/6-injured-in-collision-involving-nhia-car-at-sehwi-amoyaya/>



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✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 07-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN Refugee Agency, earlier this year after assessing the mass influx of asylum seekers from Burkina Faso as a result of suspected violent extremist attacks, began to engage the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB) on processes of formalizing their stay as part of a contingency plan to respond to, and support the asylum seekers. The asylum seekers who are in the two Upper regions are part of about 8,000 asylum seekers being hosted in the country. The remaining unregistered refugees are being hosted by relatives.⁷

✚ **Location of incident:** Upper West and East Regions

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 3,200 persons affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The GRB has officially documented 3,200 asylum seekers from Burkina Faso.

✚ **Incident N*03**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Lukula and Mempeasem chieftaincy conflict; 21 persons arrested**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 6-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Twenty-one people were arrested in connection with last week's chieftaincy and land dispute at Lukula and Mempeasem in the North Gonja District of the Savannah Region. The suspects were arraigned at the Tamale Circuit Court on Monday, June 5, 2023. The case has however been adjourned to June 23, 2023.⁸

✚ **Location of incident:** Lukula and Mempeasem in the North Gonja District in the Savana region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Twenty-One persons affected.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspects have been charged on counts of conspiracy to commit the crime, rioting with a weapon, and causing unlawful damage.

✚ **Incident N*04**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Pensioner Bondholders to petition CHRAJ over interest on unpaid coupons**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** High

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 8-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Finance Ministry after a meeting with the Pensioner bondholders has indicated its inability to pay the interest demanded by the bondholders on all matured principals since February 2023. The convener of the pensioner group, Dr. Adu Anane Antwi, said an arbiter is needed for an amicable conclusion to the issue.⁹

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Bondholders.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Members of the Pensioner Bondholders Forum say they will be dragging the Ministry of Finance to the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ).

✚ **Incident N*05**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Residents mount pressure on Government over Abandoned La General Hospital Project**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** High

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 8-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The La health facility, which served patients from Osu, Ka, Teshie, Nungua, and surrounding areas, was demolished by the Government in 2020 to make way for a planned rehabilitation work to improve healthcare delivery in the area. However, three years after the sod cutting, construction work is reportedly yet to commence. Residents alleged that the health conditions of people at La in the Greater Accra region are deteriorating due to the absence of a hospital in the area.¹⁰

⁷ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/refugee-board-3-200-burkinabe-asylum-seekers-registered.html>

⁸ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/21-charged-in-last-weeks-renewed-clashes-at-lukula-mempeasem.html>

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/pensioner-bondholders-to-petition-chraj-over-interest-on-unpaid-coupons/>

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/peoples-forum-residents-mount-pressure-on-govt-over-abandon-la-general-hospital-project/>



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🚩 **Location of incident:** La, Osu, Ka, Teshie, Nungua, Greater Accra region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Residents in the mentioned location

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The residents have demanded the reconstruction of the facility with immediate effect.

🚩 Incident N*06

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Residents worried as more Fulbes arrive in the Upper West Region**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Medium

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 6-06-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Residents in the Upper West Region have expressed concern at the rate at which fulbe herdsmen are arriving in the region. According to residents, the Fulbes arrived in long trucks fully loaded with their families. The Fulbes arrived in the Dorimon electoral area at Duu which is a mining community and also at Donyuokuraa in the Wa East district. It is alleged that the Fulbes were sacked from Burkina Faso.¹¹

🚩 **Location of incident:** Duu a mining community and Donyuokuraa in Wa West District, Wa municipal in the Upper West Region.

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Fulbe tribesmen

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The public relations officer of the Ghana Immigration Service (GIS), ASP Duranah said the GIS has commenced investigations into the influx.

🚩 Incident N*07

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Road accident**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 5-06-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A school bus transporting 30 school children from the Devine Charisma International School has somersaulted into a river at Atwima Boko in the Atwima Kwanwoma District in the Ashanti Region. The vehicle fell off a dilapidated bridge.¹²

🚩 **Location of incident:** Atwima Boko in the Atwima Kwanwoma District, Ashanti Region.

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 30 injured

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Thirty school children affected

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The children were sent to the Akoma Specialist Hospital for treatment.

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:** **Fire outbreak**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Medium

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 6-06-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A fire outbreak at the Bibiani College of Health in Anhweso has resulted in the admission of two individuals to the Bibiani Government Hospital. The incident, which occurred in the Bibiani Anhweso Bekwai Municipality in the Western North Region has left a total of 186 students affected.¹³

🚩 **Location of incident:** Anhweso Bekwai municipality in the Western North Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 injured.

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Three dormitories were burnt down including personal belongings such as Mattresses, books, certificates, money, and other valuables

¹¹ <https://upperwestmedia.net/uw-residents-worried-as-more-foreign-fulanis-step-foot-in-upper-west/>

¹² <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/30-pupils-injured-after-school-bus-somersaults-falls-into-river-at-Atwima-Kwanwoma-1781129>

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-outbreak-at-bibiani-college-of-health-leaves-186-students-affected/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A team of fire personnel from the Bibiani Fire Service Station was able to contain the fire and prevented it from spreading to other areas of the school.

✚ **Incident N*02**

✚ **Title of Incident: Anthrax outbreak**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** High

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 7-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** After Bawku West and Binduri District had recorded cases of Antrax last week. + Two more district, the Bolgatanga Municipal and Talensi Districts have also recorded cases of Antrax increasing the number of affected districts to four. So far, one person has been confirmed dead, while 13 others are infected.¹⁴

✚ **Location of incident:** Bawku West, Binduri, Bolgatanga municipal, and Talensi in the Upper East

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead, 13 others infected.

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Upper East Regional Public Health Emergency Management Committee has extended the ban on the movement, slaughtering, sale, and consumption of cattle and small ruminants and their products.

✚ **Incident N*03**

✚ **Title of Incident: Anthrax outbreak**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** High

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 8-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The outbreak of anthrax in four Districts in the Upper East Region resulted in the ban on the movement, slaughtering, sale, and consumption of cattle and small ruminants and their products. This was an immediate measure to stop the spread of the pandemic.

✚ **Location of incident:** Bawku West, Binduri, Bolgatanga municipal, and Talensi in the Upper East

✚ **Casualty [Male &female: None**

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** None

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses: Information:** At a media briefing in Bolgatanga, Upper East Regional Director of Veterinary Services, Dr. Henry Nii Anang, announced that Mass vaccination of all animals has commenced in all the municipal and district of the Upper East region to curb the spread of anthrax. More than two thousand ruminants have been vaccinated. The details include 1,068 cattle, 757 sheep, 514 goats.¹⁵

✚ **Incident N*04**

✚ **Title of Incident: Floods**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** High

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported 12-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** About 3,000 people in some 20 communities in the Ketu South Municipality, have been displaced by floods caused by three weeks of persistent rains. The condition has brought every economic activity in the area to standstill. So far, five basic schools whose classrooms are filled with water have been close down until further notice. The worst affected areas are Agbawema, Ahiatakukope, Awakorme, Hastukope, and Akame. Others are Lokove, Ahorfe, Dzisakope, and Yegbefume, near Agbozume; and some communities in Klikor.¹⁶

✚ **Location of incident:** Agbawema, Ahiatakukope, Awakorme, Hastukope, and Akame. Others are Lokove, Ahorfe, Dzisakope, and Yegbefume, near Agbozume; and some communities in Klikor in the Volta Region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]: None**

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 3000 persons affected.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Municipal Director of the National Disaster Management Organization, Torgbi Alossode, revealed that they were studying the situation and assessing the damage prior to providing relief items for the displaced people.

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/anthrax-outbreak-authorities-extend-ban-one-month-ban-on-animal-movement-in-upper-east-region/>

¹⁵ <https://www.gbcghanaonline.com/news/anthrax-upper-east-2/2023/>

¹⁶ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/floods-claim-ketu-south-communities.html>