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GHANA

WEEK OF JUNE 12 TO 18, 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: **Robbery**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 18-06-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Armed robbers have reportedly targeted over 10 commercial vehicles and robbed passengers of their belongings on Thursday May 18, 2023 night. The incident occurred around 9:00 PM near Agomeda Luwuor Junction along the main Dodowa to Somanya road in the Shai Osudoku District of the Greater Accra Region.¹

🚩 Location of incident: Agomeda Luwuor Junction along the main Dodowa to Somanya road in the Shai Osudoku District of the Greater Accra Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Unconfirmed number of Passengers.

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: No report or arrest have been made at the time of reporting. A victim shared their experience with some reporters.

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 Title of Incident: **Robbery/Arrest**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported on 16-06-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: An ex-convict, Mohammed Osman, is back in police grips for allegedly stealing a motorbike at a police station at Bole in the Savannah Region. Osman, who was still in handcuffs while being paraded at the station for an unrelated crime, was reported at large with one of motorbikes serving as exhibit at the station. He was, however, caught with the bike along the Bole-Ivory Coast Road following a tip-off.²

🚩 Location of incident: Bole in the Savannah Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect was detained in the Bole police custody to be processed for court.

🚩 Incident N*03

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

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-06-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Two friends have been arrested by Tuna Police in the Sawla District of the Savannah region for allegedly stealing an iPhone from a provision shop. The suspects were identified as Salam and Obenaa.

🚩 Location of incident: Tuna in the Savana region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The case was reported to the Tuna Police and the accused persons were arrested. Police detectives have indicated that the two will be put before the Bole District Magistrate Court on Thursday June 16, 2023.

🚩 Incident N*04

¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/robbers-attack-over-10-commercial-vehicles-rob-passengers-on-dodowa-somanya-road/>

² <https://www.adomonline.com/ex-convict-arrested-for-stealing-exhibit-motorbike-at-police-station/>



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🚩 **Title of Incident: Suspected movement of jihadist into forests in northern Ghana**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Medium

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-06-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Security sources have confirmed movements of suspected terrorists in the Nakong forest in the Kassena-Nankana West District of the Upper East Region in the past four days. The suspects allegedly arrive in the forest at dusk in dozens on motorcycles and ring gunshots throughout the night. The suspects then leave in the morning and ride further into the forest towards River Sissili, concealing every piece of evidence their way back.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Nakong forest in the Kassena-Nankana West District of the Upper East Region.

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A joint force of the security services led by the Military reportedly arrived in the area in two armored vehicles. The security services have since been combing the forest for every possible trace of the suspects. Community members have been urged to stay alert, with hunters being asked to minimize their activities in the forest.³

🚩 **Incident N*05**

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

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-06-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A 45-year-old man, Samuel Dokurugu Gumah, was shot dead in a robbery attack at Sawaba in the West Mamprusi Municipality of the North East Region on his way from Gbimsi to Sawaba. The incident happened between the hours of 7 PM and 8 PM on Thursday, June 15, 2023. The suspected armed robbers attacked another man who was with the deceased.⁴

🚩 **Location of incident:** Sawaba in the West Mamprusi Municipality of the North East Region

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:**

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured victim was sent to the Walewale Government Hospital subsequently for medical attention.

🚩 **Incident N*06**

🚩 **Title of Incident: Arson**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 17-06-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A carpentry shop in Akweley, located in the Awutu Senya East Municipality, was allegedly set ablaze by individuals believed to be criminals. The incident resulted in the destruction of the shop and two motorbikes belonging to the owner. According to a report, the owner of the shop is a member of a local watchdog group that has been actively pursuing criminal elements who terrorize the residents in the area. Prior to the arson, another resident who is also a member of the watchdog group was shot in the leg, further escalating concerns about the security situation in the community.⁵

🚩 **Location of incident:** Akweley, located in the Awutu Senya East Municipality, Central Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** A shop and two motorbikes were destroyed in the fire.

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The residents in the area have appealed to the police to increase their presence in the area.

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.

³ https://web.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid09ZCjRdTw1aff2x4qX2XZY5hNbZehsoNMT8tFkfQHh45StE

⁴ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/45-year-old-man-shot-dead-by-suspected-armed-robbers-1787666>

⁵ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Watchdog-member-s-shop-burnt-by-alleged-criminals-in-suspected-targeted-attack-1787513>



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✚ Incident N*01

✚ **Title of Incident: Report cases of Gender Based Violence against you**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported 17-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Bono Regional Police Commander, Joseph Oklu Gyamerah, has advised men being abused by women to report to the appropriate quarters to seek redress. The Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCOP) observed that many men were sometimes abused but because some traditional beliefs encouraged toughness and endurance among men in the face of difficulties, they found it difficult to report them.⁶

✚ **Location of incident:** Bono Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** DCOP Gyamerah gave the advice at the opening of a two- day refresher and capacity-building training on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) for selected staff of the Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit (DoVVSU) of the Ghana Police Service at Dumasua in the Sunyani West Municipality of the Bono Region.

✚ Incident N*02

✚ **Title of Incident: 2 out of 4 suspects involved in stripping a lady naked jailed 15 years each**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 16-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A viral video on social media saw a lady being stripped naked and allegedly gang raped at Kupelga in the Bawku West District. The suspects are suspected to be Fulbe Herdsmen in the area.⁷

✚ **Location of incident:** Kupelga in the Bawku West District, Upper East region.

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Four persons were arrested and sent to court. Two have been sentenced to 15 years each, while the other two have been put in remand for a week.

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: Protest/ Arrest**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 16-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The youth of Kukuo in the Tamale Metropolis have threatened to pull down an ongoing wall project funded by the Ghana Senior High School Old Students Association. Tension has been brewing between residents and management of the school, nearly resulting in a brawl. Six suspects were arrested earlier following an attack on some security task force at the school. For the past 13 years, efforts by the Association to construct a wall around the school have been met with fierce resistance from residents of Kukuo.⁸

✚ **Location of incident:** Ghana Senior Secondary School, Kukuo, Northern region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A joint police-military team was deployed to the school premises to restore calm.

⁶<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Report-cases-of-Gender-Based-Violence-against-you-Bono-Police-Commander-urges-men-1787576>

⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/2-out-of-4-suspects-involved-in-stripping-a-lady-naked-jailed-15-years-each-1787447>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/heavy-security-at-ghanasco-after-kukuo-youth-destroyed-fence-wall/>



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✚ Incident N*02

✚ **Title of Incident: Road accident**

✚ **Scale of Incident: Low**

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-06-2023**

✚ **Description of Incident:** A driver's mate has been burnt to death while two drivers are in critical conditions, having sustained various degrees of burns in the accident. This was after a bitumen tank trailer detached, caught fire and crashed into a cargo truck at Asuboi on the Accra to Kumasi Highway, in the Eastern region.⁹

✚ **Description of Incident 2:** In a related development, while the accident scene was being managed at Asuboi, a Hyundai H100 transporting food and four passengers onboard was also involved in a crash at Teacher Mante, close to the scene. Eyewitnesses say, there was a tyre burst which caused the vehicle to somersault.

✚ **Location of incident:** Asuboi on the Accra to Kumasi Highway, and at Teacher Mante in the Eastern region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead (male), 2 injured (males). 4 injured in the second incident.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Seven persons affected, while the vehicles involved were destroyed.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** They were rushed to the Nsawam Government Hospital for treatment while the dead body of the driver's mate has been deposited at the morgue of the same hospital.

✚ Incident N*03

✚ **Title of Incident: Road Accident**

✚ **Scale of Incident: Low**

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident: 16-06-2023**

✚ **Description of Incident:** An accident at Gomoa Dominase Junction on the Kasoa-Cape Coast Highway has left two persons injured. The collision was between a faulty cargo car parked in the middle of the road and a Kia truck loaded with orange juice.¹⁰

✚ **Location of incident:** Gomoa Dominase Junction on the Kasoa-Cape Coast, Central region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured victims were rushed to Winneba Trauma and Specialist Hospital for treatment.

✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident: Chieftaincy and Land Dispute/Arrest**

✚ **Scale of Incident: Medium**

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident: 16-06-2023**

✚ **Description of Incident:** Some suspects arrested in connection with the Daboya conflict are standing trial in Tamale. During police interrogation, the suspects were alleged to have mentioned the names of other suspects wanted by the police for their role in vandalizing the Savannah Regional Police Commander's vehicle and a brand-new pick-up that had an accident and had been parked at the Daboya police station.¹¹

✚ **Location of incident:** Daboya in the North Gonja district in Savana region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** National Security operatives have arrested four persons at Daboya. Two suspects and a sub-chief, and an assemblyman, are said to be on the police wanted list and are still on the run.

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident: The Overlord of Mamprugu calls for amendment of chieftaincy**

✚ **Scale of Incident: Medium**

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident: 16-06-2023**

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/drivers-mate-burnt-to-death-2-injured-in-ghastly-accident-on-accra-kumasi-highway/>

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/drivers-leg-severed-mate-injured-in-gory-accident-at-gomoa-dominase/>

¹¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/1-dead-4-arrested-chief-and-assemblyman-on-the-run-in-daboya-disturbance/>



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Description of Incident: The overlord of the Mamprugu Traditional Area, and President of the North East Regional House of Chiefs, Naa Bohagu Abdulai Mahami, has called for the amendment of the Chieftaincy Act of 2008, especially sections that categorize him as a paramount chief. The overlord believes that the constitutional provision is ambiguous and absurd that he who has the authority to enskin paramount chiefs, is himself categorized as a paramount chief in the current Chieftaincy Act.

Location of incident: Nalerigu in the north East Region

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: None

Coping mechanism/Responses: The Overlord is therefore, calling upon the Ministry of Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs, the National House of Chiefs, the Attorney General Department, and the Parliament of Ghana, to take steps to amend the Act to place the Nayiri Skin in its proper category.

Incident N*06

Title of Incident: Road Accident

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported on 15-06-2023

Description of Incident: Two policemen died on the spot after they were involved in a head-on collision with a motorbike at Duayaw Nkwanta in the Tano North Municipality of the Ahafo Region. They were detailed for guard duty at Newmont Gold Ahafo North Drilling Site at Afrisipakrom and were returning to base after the close of duty. Daniel Opoku the other rider who was in critical condition after the accident, was referred to the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital in Kumasi.¹²

Location of incident: Duayaw Nkwanta in the Tano North Municipality of the Ahafo Region

Casualty [Male &female]: 3 dead (males)

Property damaged/Affected population: Three persons affected

Coping mechanism/Responses: The third victim was died on the way to the hospital in Kumasi. The bodies of all three have been deposited at St. John of God Hospital awaiting autopsy.

Incident N*07

Title of Incident: Road Accident

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 17-06-2023

Description of Incident: A Range Rover with 3 female occupants was involved in an accident in Accra on June 17, 2023. The vehicle reportedly run into another vehicle at the Lands Commission Headquarters, killing a passenger in the vehicle.¹³

Location of incident: Lands Commission Headquarters, Accra, Greater Accra Region

Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (male), unknown number injured.

Property damaged/Affected population:

Coping mechanism/Responses: The injured persons have sought medical attention.

Incident N*08

Title of Incident: Road Accident

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 17-06-2023

Description of Incident: A Toyota Vitz was reportedly involved in an accident at the Burma Camp bypass right under the Airforce Base overhead in Accra. The crash, which occurred on Saturday, June 17, 2023, happened because the driver of the car was drunk. According to eyewitnesses, the driver lost control of the vehicle which led to it somersaulting several times.¹⁴

Location of incident: Burma Camp, Greater Accra

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

Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected. Vehicle damaged in the process.

Coping mechanism/Responses: Some police officers came to the rescue of the driver.

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/two-policemen-another-killed-in-ghastly-accident/>

¹³ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/3-drunk-ladies-smash-into-another-car-killing-one-passenger-Reports-1788023>

¹⁴ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Drunk-driver-crashes-at-Burma-Camp-bypass-1787849>



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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: Anthrax outbreak

Scale of Incident: High

Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-06-2023

Description of Incident: After Bawku West, Binduri, Bolgatanga Municipal and Talensi Districts had recorded cases of Anthrax two weeks ago, three more districts have also recorded cases of Anthrax increasing the number of affected districts from four to seven so far. The additional districts are Kasena Nankana East (1 case), Bongo district 8 cases and Garu district with 17 cases, bringing the total number of affected animals in the seven (7) districts to 21,000.¹⁵

Location of incident: Kasena Nankana East, Bongo and Garu districts in the Upper East region

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: 21,000 animals in 7 districts

Coping mechanism/Responses: 200,000 vaccines have been allocated to affected areas to continue vaccinations with a ban imposed on transferring animals from affected areas to non-affected areas as a way of managing the outbreak.

Incident N*02

Title of Incident: Anthrax and shortage of lack of anthrax vaccines

Scale of Incident: High

Date of occurrence of Incident: 16-06-2023

Description of Incident: The District Director of the Veterinary Service at Bawku, Bonaventure Chiru, is lamenting the absence of vaccines to fight the deadly anthrax disease as it continues to wreak havoc in the Upper East Region. The District Director said although they are doing their best to contain the spread of the disease, the short supply of the vaccines is worrying.¹⁶

Location of incident: Bawku in the Upper East Region

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

Coping mechanism/Responses: Director of Health Services, Dr Emmanuel Dzutse, said that his team has begun contact tracing of eleven people who are believed to have eaten the carcasses of the anthrax-infected cows from suburbs of Binduri.

Incident N*03

Title of Incident: 2 arrested for mining close to Offin River

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 16-06-2023

Description of Incident: About 20 illegal miners pitched camp close to the Ankronsa stream at Adankwamen where they are mining illegally on one of the tributaries of the Offin River which serves the Barekese Dam in the Ashanti Region.

Location of incident: Ankronsa stream at Adankwame in the Ashanti Region

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected

Coping mechanism/Responses: Two persons have been arrested by the police. The Ghana Water Company says any form of mining along its tributaries will spell doom for water supply in Kumasi.¹⁷

¹⁵<https://www.adomonline.com/burning-issues-over-20000-animals-affected-by-anthrax-disease-deputy-agric-minister-reveals/>

¹⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/bawku-veterinary-service-laments-lack-of-anthrax-vaccines/>

¹⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/two-arrested-for-mining-close-to-offin-river-in-ashanti-region/>