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## GHANA

### WEEK OF JUNE 19 TO 25, 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: Bullion van attack in Ablekuma/Homicide**

**Scale of Incident: Low**

**Date of occurrence of Incident: 22-06-2023**

**Description of Incident:** A police officer was killed during an attack on a bullion van in Ablekuma Fanmilk, a suburb of Accra. The attack occurred when the bullion van made a stop at a fuel station. It was during this moment that the assailants reportedly attacked the vehicle. The driver of the van managed to escape unharmed.<sup>1</sup>

**Location of incident:** Ablekuma Fanmilk, a suburb of Accra, Greater Accra Region

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

**Property damaged/Affected population:** An officer was shot and killed in the process

**Coping mechanism/Responses:** Some members of the public came to the aid of the wounded policeman, who was rescued from the back of a pick-up truck.

#### **Incident N\*02**

**Title of Incident: University of Ghana lecturer attacked and robbed**

**Scale of Incident: Low**

**Date of occurrence of Incident: 22-06-2023**

**Description of Incident:** A University of Ghana lecturer was allegedly robbed and injured by armed robbers near the Electricity Company of Ghana office at Legon. The robbers inflicted cutlass wounds on the victim and managed to run away with his laptop, phones and other belongings.

**Location of incident:** Legon, Greater Accra Region

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

**Property damaged/Affected population:** A male lecturer was wounded

**Coping mechanism/Responses:** At the time of filing the report there has not been any response to the incident.

#### **Incident N\*03**

**Title of Incident: Bullion van armed robbers arrested by the police**

**Scale of Incident: Low**

**Date of occurrence of Incident: 23-06-2023**

**Description of Incident:** The armed robbers who were involved in the killing of a police officer at Ablekuma have reportedly been arrested by the Ghana Police Service after a swift investigation into the incident was launched.<sup>2</sup>

**Location of incident:** Greater Accra Region

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

**Property damaged/Affected population:** Four person arrested

**Coping mechanism/Responses:** The efforts of the Police Officers led to the identification and subsequent arrest of four suspects who participated in the killing of the officer.

#### **Incident N\*04**

**Title of Incident: Homicide**

**Scale of Incident: Low**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pulse.com.gh/news/local/policeman-killed-in-bullion-van-robbery-at-ablekuma/k1551db>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Police-reportedly-grab-robbers-who-killed-bullion-van-escort-in-Ablekuma-1790933>



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🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 20-06-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A mobile money vendor was killed while on his way home. His motorbike and an amount of GH¢18,000 cash including mobile phones were taken away by the assailants. The General Secretary of the Mobile Money Agents Association, Evans Otumfuo, expressed worry about the inability of the State to guarantee the security and safety of mobile money vendors and that affects their business.<sup>3</sup>

🚩 **Location of incident:** Akatsi, Volta region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** One male dead

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Avenor Traditional Council in the Volta Region has placed a GH¢10,000 bounty on the heads of persons who killed the mobile money vendor. The police have begun investigating the matter.

### 🚩 **Incident N\*05**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Homicide**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 23-06-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A man, believed to be in his late 30s, was found hanging dead in an uncompleted building at Gomoa Nyanyano in the Gomoa East District of the Central Region. Residents who are said they believe the deceased was killed by unknown assailants. During an inspection of his body, sand was found on his head with some markings in the form of bites on his shoulder and other parts.<sup>4</sup>

🚩 **Location of incident:** Gomoa Nyanyano in the Gomoa East District of the Central Region.

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:**

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body of the deceased was deposited at the Winneba Specialist and Trauma Hospital Mortuary for autopsy and preservation.

## **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\*00**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Ghanaian activists reject high taxes on menstrual products**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Medium

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 22-06-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** On June 22, 2023, Ghanaian activists took to the streets for the “Don’t Tax My Period” march which was organized by the women’s wing of the Socialist Movement of Ghana and allied organizations. The mobilization took place as sensation was built over the heavy taxation of menstrual hygiene products.<sup>5</sup>

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

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:**

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Despite the numerous demands from several groups for the removal of the taxes, the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) warned that such removal will be very detrimental to our economy.<sup>6</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**

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/akatsi-killing-momo-agents-association-decries-poor-security-of-vendors/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/man-found-hanging-dead-in-uncompleted-building-at-gomoa-nyanyano/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://peoplesdispatch.org/2023/06/21/ghanaian-activists-reject-high-taxes-on-menstrual-products-in-struggle-to-bleed-with-dignity/#:~:text=On%20June%2022%2C%20Ghanaian%20activists,taxation%20of%20menstrual%20hygiene%20products.>

<sup>6</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/06/csos-besiege-parliament-to-demand-taxes-on-sanitary-pads-scrapped/>



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✚ **Title of Incident: Six churches fined for flouting noise making ban by the traditional council**

✚ **Scale of Incident: Low**

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:**

✚ **Description of Incident:** Six churches are alleged to have flouted the one-month ban on all forms of noisemaking and drumming in Accra which commenced on May 15, 2023, to June 15, 2023, as part of preparations for the celebration of the Homowo festival by the Ga people. The churches are Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church, SSNIT Flat; Faith Independent Baptist Church; Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Abeka-Lapaz; Winners Chapel International, Head Office; the Church of Pentecost, Kaneshie Branch and Pure Fire Miracle Ministries International, Kisseman.<sup>7</sup>

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Six churches

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ga Traditional Council has fined the accused churches for flouting the ban. The churches have up to 26th June 2023 to each pay a fine of GH¢3,000, one sheep and one box of Castle Bridge Gin.

## 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**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 21-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Residents of Ewusiejoe in the Ahanta West Municipality of the Western Region have had their homes as well as other properties destroyed after heavy downpour. Ewusiejoe, is a farming community near the River Butre on both sides of the Takoradi-Tarkwa highway, occasionally experiences flooding whenever there are heavy rains.

✚ **Location of incident:** Ewusiejoe in the Ahanta West Municipality of the Western Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Over fifty houses and other properties destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Residents sought shelter at high grounds in the Municipality.<sup>8</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*02

✚ **Title of Incident: Flooding**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 21-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Following the downpours on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, some areas such as Ofankor Barrier, Taifa Junction, Achimota in Accra, the nation's capital, were flooded. The Ofankor Barrier, Taifa Junction, Achimota, and other sites were partially submerged by the six-hour-long downpour.<sup>9</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Ofankor Barrier, Taifa Junction, Achimota, Greater Accra Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Commuters

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The situation resulted in heavy traffic; forcing commuters to alight from their vehicles and walk to their various destinations.

### ✚ Incident N\*03

✚ **Title of Incident: Flooding**

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/ga-traditional-council-fines-6-churches-for-flouting-ban-on-drumming-noise-making/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Flood-collapses-over-50-houses-properties-destroyed-at-Ewusiejoe-1790747>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Parts-of-Accra-flooded-after-hours-of-heavy-rain-1790645>



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✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 21-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** After a heavy downpour in Accra, Peace Town a suburb of Ngleshie Amanfro in the Ga South Municipality flooded due to the deplorable state of road and bridge on River Jei.

✚ **Location of incident:** Peace Town, suburb of Ngleshie Amanfro, Ga South Municipality, Greater Accra Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Commuters

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The situation resulted in cutting off the community from Ngleshie Amanfro.

### ✚ **Incident N\*04**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Flooding**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 23-06-2023 (reported on 25-06-2023)

✚ **Description of Incident:** A man identified to be an official of the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) of Tafo, Suleman Ahmed, has been retrieved at Duase in the Ashanti Region. The victim was carried away by flood water during a heavy rainfall when he attempted crossing the Duase bridge with his motorbike. His body including four other persons were swept away by flood in separate incidents on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.<sup>10</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Duase in the Ashanti Region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 5 dead (one male, four persons sex unconfirmed)

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** All dead bodies have been retrieved.

### ✚ **Incident N\*05**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Illegal mining and Arrest**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 25-06- 2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Seven suspects made up of six Chinese and a Ghanaian were found operating at an illegal mining site in defiance of the government's ban on the activity. The suspects were also engaging in other poor environmental practices at Mile 9 and other communities in the Amansie Central District of the Ashanti Region. Thirty excavators were seized with some of them being decommissioned. Other machines including Changfan machines, water pumping, machines fuel storage tanks and other improvised mining equipment and structures were also burnt by a Military team during the operation.<sup>11</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Mile 9 and other communities in the Amansie Central District of the Ashanti Region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspects were arrested and handed over to the Immigration Officers in the Bekwai Municipality whilst the excavators were taken to the Central Command of the Ghana Armed Forces in Kumasi.

### ✚ **Incident N\*06**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Drowning**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 24-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A pregnant woman died after falling into a government abandoned incomplete drain at Kasoa Opeikuma in the Awutu Senya East District of the Central Region. Amina Issifu, who was eight months into her pregnancy, fell while attempting to cross over the gutter to her house.<sup>12</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Kasoa Opeikuma in the Awutu Senya East District of the Central Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** One female dead

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

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/nadmo-official-swept-away-by-flood/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/galamsey-six-chinese-ghanaian-arrested-by-operation-halt-ii/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/pregnant-woman-dead-after-falling-into-incomplete-drain-at-kasoa/>



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- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** She was rushed to the hospital where she was unfortunately declared dead. The chief of the area Nana Opei Mensah II appealed to the Member of Parliament for Awutu Senya East, Mavis Hawa Koomson, and President Nana Akufo-Addo to complete the abandoned road to save lives.

#### ✚ Incident N\*07

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Drowning**

✚ **Scale of Incident:**

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:**

✚ **Description of Incident:** Residents of Mfriebem in the Akwapim South Municipality of the Eastern Region have accused the Blue Skies Company Limited over the drowning of two teenage boys in a flooded river. Aside from the deaths, farms have also been affected by the spillover of a dam the company constructed for irrigation purposes in the area. The situation has not only affected farm but has also caused environmental challenges. Nearby boreholes, streams and rivers have been polluted, posing a health risk to residents who depend on them for their daily needs. Corporate Affairs Manager of Blue Skies Company Limited Alistair Djimatey has denied the allegations.<sup>13</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Mfriebem in the Akwapim South Municipality of the Eastern Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead (males)

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons, farms and rivers affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Akwapem South Municipality Officers have visited the communities and given assurances. Corporate Affairs Manager of Blue Skies Company Limited Alistair Djimatey said his company is ready to help in investigation efforts." The deceased teenagers are set to be buried on Friday, June 23, 2023.

#### ✚ Incident N\*08

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Fire outbreak**

✚ **Scale of Incident:**

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 21-06-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A five-bedroom house at Pankrono Estate in the Old Tafo Municipality of the Ashanti Region was razed down by fire on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at approximately 5:30 pm. Firefighters swiftly responded to distress calls, however, upon their arrival, they faced initial resistance from some residents who expressed discontent over what they perceived as a delayed response.<sup>14</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** At Pankrono Estate in the Old Tafo Municipality of the Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Properties affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Joint efforts of the police and firefighters successfully contained the flames, preventing them from spreading to neighboring houses.

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/anger-at-blue-skies-after-two-teenagers-drown/>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-consumes-five-bedroom-house-at-pankrono-estate/>