



# WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING

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## GHANA

### WEEK OF JULY 1 TO 9, 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: **Mob Justice /Theft**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 2-07-2023

Description of Incident: A suspected thief was lynched by angry residents after being caught allegedly stealing electrical cables in the early hours of Sunday, July 2, 2023. The suspect was caught by unknown vigilantes who beat him and amputated his wrist. He bled profusely before passing out and his body was covered with leaves.<sup>1</sup>

Location of incident: Oboutumpan, Suhum Municipality, Eastern Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: None

Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect's body was taken by the Koforidua Central Police Station to aid with investigations. The assemblyman of the area has also asked the youth to desist from resorting to mob justice but rather let police authorities handle issues of such nature.

#### Incident N\*02

Title of Incident: **Armed Robbery**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 02-07-23

Description of Incident: A robbery gang allegedly killed a 24-year-old man and stole his motorbike. This incident occurred when the gang hired his services and shot him halfway through the journey before robbing him of his motorbike.<sup>2</sup>

Location of incident: Kwarfukrom near Nsawam, Eastern Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: None

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

### 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: **Two women jailed for manslaughter**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 04-07-2023

Description of Incident: Two women have been convicted for attacking and killing 90-year-old Akua Denteh at Kafaba in the Savannah Region after they accused and abused the victim for being a witch. The two were arrested after the incident, and have since been in and out of court until their conviction

Location of incident: Kafaba - Savannah Region

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: None

<sup>1</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/eastern-region-suspected-thief-lynched-by-angry-residents-at-aboutumpan/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/eastern-region-24-year-old-okada-rider-shot-dead-in-robbery-attack/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** After further investigations and court proceedings, the two namely, Hajia Serina Mohammed was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment on each of the two counts while Latifa Bumaye was also sentenced to 12 years of imprisonment on each of the 2 counts to run concurrently.<sup>3</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Suicide**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-07-23

✚ **Description of Incident:** A farmer has allegedly committed suicide. The victim was found hanging on a rope after family members broke into his room to search for him. Some family members have alleged that he was struggling to pay a debt of Ghc600 which may have caused of his actions. However, the family head also had reports that the victim was behaving strangely.<sup>4</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Tei Nkwanta near Koforidua, Eastern Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police arrived to take inventory of the scene and convey the body to a morgue pending investigations.

#### ✚ Incident N\*03

✚ **Title of Incident:** **3 students suspended for a year over leaked sex tape.**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The incident involved a male student who attempted to blackmail two first-year Kwadaso SDA Nursing and Midwifery Training College students in Kumasi, the regional capital of the Ashanti region. The sex tape was leaked after the woman in the video had given her phone to a co-worker for repairs.

✚ **Location of incident:** Kwadaso, Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Public Relations Officer for the school, Williams Adinkra, met the three students immediately after the video surfaced online. The students admitted to the offense.<sup>5</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (KNUST) student attempts suicide but saved by friends**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The student is said to have attempted to jump off a 7-storey block hostel on campus but apparently lost his nerve and continued hanging onto the windows until he was saved.

✚ **Location of incident:** KNUST-Kumasi, Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The timely intervention of some other students of the school saved the life of their colleagues.<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

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Fireman jailed for beating bailiff**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

<sup>3</sup> <https://myjoyonline.com/two-women-jailed-for-manslaughter>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/farmer-found-dead-at-tei-nkwanta/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://myjoyonline.com/leaked-sex-tape-3-students-suspended-for-a-year-at-nursing-training-college-in-kwadaso>

<sup>6</sup> <https://myjoyonline.com/knust-student-attempts-suicide-but-timely-saved-by-friends>



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🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-07-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A Fire Service Officer has reportedly assaulted a bailiff. The bailiff was scheduled to serve the fireman in an ongoing case before a court. However, the fireman, Mr. Quansah, refused to accept the summon. He later allegedly teamed up with his household to beat up the bailiff who was only performing his official duties.

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

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 male

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Her Ladyship Justice Sarah Aryee, in her ruling handed the fire officer a two-day custodial sentence.<sup>7</sup>

#### 🚩 Incident N\*02

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Chieftaincy Clashes**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Medium

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 1-07-23

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Residents reportedly fled after a chieftaincy dispute at Lugni in the Nanumba South District led to the firing of gunshots. The feuding clans are the Binyam and Naahumi clans. The dispute began when the Binyam clan was against the decision to enskin a member of the Naahumi clan as the Konkomba Chief of Lugni. As a result, the aggrieved clan started firing gunshots leading to tensions in the area.<sup>8</sup>

🚩 **Location of incident:** Lugni, Nanumba South District, Northern Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police have arrested 2 suspects and have restored peace in the area.

#### 🚩 Incident N\*03

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Demonstration by the Coalition of Individual Bondholders at Finance Ministry**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-07-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** The Coalition of Individual Bondholders Groups has announced its decision to picket the premises of the Ministry of Finance beginning Thursday, July 6, due to Government's failure to pay their outstanding principals and honour other agreements between them.

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

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The coalition urged the Accra Regional Police Command for their cooperation in the process.<sup>9</sup>

#### 🚩 Incident N\*04

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Workers of Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital lament the inadequacy medical supplies.**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 01-07-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Several workers of Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital have expressed their discontent with the lack of basic medical supplies, such as gloves and gauges. They complained that their health was being compromised especially during a time when there are many communicable diseases.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Mampong Akuapem, Eastern Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Health workers

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The concerned workers have appealed to the Minister of Health, Kwaku Agyemang Manu, and the Government to move swiftly to their aid.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>7</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/fireman-jailed-for-beating-bailiff/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/police-arrest-two-suspects-involved-in-lugni-shooting-incident/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://myjoyonline.com/coalition-of-individual-bondholders-to-picket-finance-ministry>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.pulse.com.gh/news/local/er-workers-at-tetteh-quarshie-memorial-hospital-lament-about-inadequate-medical/lcc75rf>



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#### ✚ Incident N\*05

✚ Title of Incident: **Road Accident**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 2-07-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Three people were confirmed dead after a sprinter bus carrying passengers from Ablekuma to Kasoa crashed as a result of a burst tyre on the George Bush Highway. The vehicle was reportedly speeding leading it to somersault three times before coming to a stop, according to eyewitnesses.<sup>11</sup>

✚ Location of incident: Ablekuma, Accra, Greater Accra Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 3 dead and unconfirmed number of injuries

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Passengers

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The police and ambulance services were at the scene to convey the injured and dead to a hospital.

#### ✚ Incident N\*06

✚ Title of Incident: **Demonstration**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 03-07-23

✚ Description of Incident: A demonstration led by the Shama Traditional Council over bad roads turned chaotic after the police fired warning shots and teargas. Demonstrators are said to have blocked roads leading to various communities as well as the district capital.<sup>12</sup>

✚ Location of incident: Shama, Western Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: None

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: No subsequent intervention was reported at the time of filing this report.

#### ✚ Incident N\*07

✚ Title of Incident: **Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL) undergoes shutdown in and around Kasoa.**

✚ Scale of Incident: Medium

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 03-07-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL) has advised members of the public in and around Kasoa to store enough water as two of its three treatment plants at the Weija Headworks have been shut down for repair works.

✚ Location of incident: Greater Accra region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Customers in Kasoa, Weija township, Weija SCC, Nyanyano, Tuba, Tetegu, Macarthy Hill, Bortianor and surrounding areas.

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: According to the management of the Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL), they have assured consumers that the water supply will resume as soon as the work is completed.<sup>13</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*08

✚ Title of Incident: **Road Accident**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 04-07-23

✚ Description of Incident: A dispatch rider was burnt to death after he got trapped under a vehicle in an accident. According to a video, the deceased was knocked down and trapped under a Honda Accord vehicle that burst into flames. This made it difficult to rescue him in time. The Accord driver and his family however managed to escape the vehicle and the scene of the accident.<sup>14</sup>

✚ Location of incident: Haatso-Atomic Junction, Greater Accra Region.

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One car burnt, and motorbike destroyed.

<sup>11</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/three-persons-perish-in-accident-on-george-walker-bush-highway/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/one-injured-teargas-fired-during-massive-demo-over-bad-roads-at-shama/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://myjoyonline.com/ghana-water-to-shutdown-weija-plant-on-tuesday-for-maintenance>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Dispatch-rider-burnt-to-ashes-in-gory-crash-on-Haatso-Atomic-stretch-1797287>



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✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: None was reported at the time of filing this report.

#### ✚ Incident N\*09

✚ Title of Incident: **Building Collapse**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 4-07-23

✚ Description of Incident: One person died while four others were in critical condition following the collapse of a health center under construction. Eyewitnesses claim the building collapsed after rain started. Concerns were raised by some witnesses about the quality of materials used while others believed several factors could have led to the collapse of the building.<sup>15</sup>

✚ Location of incident: Ga South Municipality, Greater Accra Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead, 4 injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: A building

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Municipal Fire Commander in Kasoa came in to rescue trapped victims.

#### ✚ Incident N\*010

✚ Title of Incident: **Schools to close down if Food Suppliers are not paid by end of this week**

✚ Scale of Incident: Medium

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

✚ Description of Incident: Food Suppliers who have been picketing at the National Food Buffer Stock Company (NAFCO) have said that they are owed two years' arrears. A spokesperson for the National Food Suppliers Association Koku Amedume said that this situation is putting pressure on them because they took loans from banks to enable them to meet the supply needs of the Buffer Stock.

✚ Location of incident: Nationwide

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Students & Workers

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Builsa South Member of Parliament Dr Clement Apaak entreated the President to step up and do the needful so that school would not close because the suppliers would no longer be in a position to supply food.<sup>16</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*011

✚ Title of Incident: **Eight passengers sustain injuries after an accident on the Kasoa-Mallam highway**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

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

✚ Description of Incident: According to eyewitnesses, the driver of the sprinter bus lost control of the steering wheel after another vehicle crossed his path while merging into the lane.

✚ Location of incident: Kasoa-Mallam highway, Greater Accra

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 8 injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Commuters

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Passersby rescued the injured passengers, who were then taken to nearby health facilities for medical treatment.<sup>17</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*012

✚ Title of Incident: **Food Suppliers spend night at premises of National Food Buffer Stock**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

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

✚ Description of Incident: Members of the National Food Suppliers Association spent the night at the premises of the National Food Buffer Stock Company (NAFCO) on July 4, 2023, to press home their demands for payment of their over two years arrears for food supplies made to various schools.

✚ Location of incident: Premises of National Food Buffer Stock Company (NAFCO). Greater Accra.

<sup>15</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/ga-south-one-dead-in-building-collapse-four-others-critically-injured/>

<sup>16</sup> <https://3news.com/schools-to-close-down-if-food-suppliers-are-not-paid-by-end-of-this-week-apaak/>

<sup>17</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/eight-passengers-sustain-injuries-after-accident-on-kasoa-mallam-highway/>



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- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Members of the National Food Suppliers Association
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The spokesperson for the NAFCO, Kwaku Amedume, called on the Government to pay their arrears, as they are being chased by their creditors from their homes.<sup>18</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*013

- ✚ Title of Incident: **Road Accident**
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 08-07-23
- ✚ Description of Incident: The driver of a fuel tanker has been confirmed dead after an accident occurred on the Accra-Tema Motorway in the early hours of Saturday, July 8. According to the Ghana National Fire Service, they received a call from the police indicating that a fuel tanker had landed on the divisional island of the Tema Motorway. The cause of the accident had however not been ascertained at the time of the report.<sup>19</sup>
- ✚ Location of incident: Near Ashaiman under bridge, Accra, Greater Accra Region
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (male)
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: None
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana Ambulance Service was at the scene to convey the driver and the passenger to a hospital.

#### ✚ Incident N\*014

- ✚ Title of Incident: **22-year-old shot dead at Chinese illegal miner's premises**
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 05-07-2023
- ✚ Description of Incident: A security officer of some Chinese illegal miners allegedly shot to death a 22-year-old young man, Kwaku Etsi, at Hiawa, a community in the Amenfi Central Constituency of the Western Region. The incident as narrated by a resident alleged that the man was shot dead after he was seen at the premises of the Chinese miners in the middle of the night of Thursday, June 29, 2023. According to sources, the deceased was allegedly there to steal their black sand containing raw gold.
- ✚ Location of incident: Amenfi Central Constituency, Western Region
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (male)
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Some properties belonging to the Chinese nationals
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Residents are reported to have invaded the premises of all the known apartments occupied by Chinese illegal miners in the community, asking questions about the death of their colleague. They are also reported to have destroyed some properties belonging to the Chinese nationals. Ebenezer Obimpeh, the Assembly Member of the community, indicated that the situation was under control and members of the community who invaded the premises were arrested and have been granted bail after they were paraded before a court.<sup>20</sup>

### 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: **Fanmilk PLC recalls Fanyogo**
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Medium
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 04-07-23
- ✚ Description of Incident: Fanmilk PLC, producer of Fanyogo, has recalled some batches of the product after consumers raised concerns about the abnormal texture of the product. The company admitted the anomaly, stating that there was a recent change in their starch source and variations in its handling. Investigations by their expert team have however confirmed that the batches are safe for consumption.<sup>21</sup>
- ✚ Location of incident: Nationwide

<sup>18</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/food-suppliers-spend-night-at-premises-of-national-food-buffer-stock/>

<sup>19</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/accra-tema-motorway-accident-driver-confirmed-dead/>

<sup>20</sup> <https://3news.com/w-r-ghanaian-22-allegedly-shot-dead-by-security-of-illegal-chinese-miners/>

<sup>21</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/fan-milk-plc-recalls-fanyogo-batches-after-customer-complaints/>



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- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population:
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Fanmilk PLC is working with the Food and Drugs Authority to resolve the issue.

### ✚ Incident N\*02

- ✚ Title of Incident: **Anthrax Outbreak Under Control**
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 4-07-23
- ✚ Description of Incident: The Ghana Veterinary Services has assured citizens that anthrax was now under control in the affected locations.
- ✚ Location of incident: Upper East Region
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: None
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Official statement released indicated that a total of 1,243, 000 had been vaccinated in the Upper East Region. The statement also stated that community members were now cooperating and had had a good number of their animals undergoing vaccination. The statement also reported that for now there were no signs of anthrax in the area.<sup>22</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*03

- ✚ Title of Incident: **Food & Drug Authority (FDA) suspends Anointed Family sachet water**
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Medium
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 04-07-2023
- ✚ Description of Incident: During an inspection by the FDA as a routine activity to ensure the safe production of sachet water for public consumption, it described the sachet water brand as a risk to public health safety, adding that the company was operating under unhygienic conditions.
- ✚ Location of incident: New Bortianor, Ga South Municipal District, Greater Accra
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Consumers
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The FDA team has advised consumers to be vigilant and report any concerns regarding the safety and quality of regulated products to the FDA.<sup>23</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*04

- ✚ Title of Incident: **Flooding**
- ✚ Scale of Incident: High
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 09-07-23
- ✚ Description of Incident: Residents of the Ho Municipality are facing significant losses after flooding occurred following a torrential three-hour rainfall. The unexpected rainfall wreaked havoc, causing damages as well as inundating several homes and businesses. Affected residents and shop owners were spotted fetching water out of their homes and salvaging their items.<sup>24</sup>
- ✚ Location of incident: Ho Municipality, Volta Region
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Several homes and Businesses were destroyed
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The National Disaster Management Organization and the Ho Municipal Assembly have commenced a thorough evaluation of the flooding incident.

<sup>22</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/anthrax-outbreak-under-control-now-ghana-veterinary-service-assures/>

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/health/public-health-alert-fda-suspends-anointed-family-sachet-water.html>

<sup>24</sup> <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/flooding-in-volta-region-residents-count-losses-after-downpour/>