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GHANA

WEEK OF JULY 10 TO 16, 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/Homicide**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-07-23

✚ Description of Incident: The police are investigating the burning of a 25-year-old man after it was alleged that he had murdered a 70-year-old woman. Some angry youth in the community avenged the old woman's death by setting fire to the suspect, accusing him of persistent harassment of the townfolks.¹

✚ Location of incident: Apaaso near Bekwai, Ashanti Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: None

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The police are investigating the incident.

✚ Incident N*02

✚ Title of Incident: **Tano Forest police officer shot dead**

✚ Scale of Incident: Medium

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-07-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Some unknown assailants have allegedly shot dead a police officer stationed at the Tano Forest checkpoint. The Officer was shot in the back and was found lying on of his AK-47 rifle, with an empty shell lying beside him. The victim has been identified as Sergeant Titus Avoka Azasiyande.

✚ Location of incident: Tano Forest, Ahafo region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: None

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: A driver alerted the police after he had arrived at the checkpoint. The body of the deceased was transported to the Goaso mortuary for preservation and autopsy. The police are investigating the incident.²

✚ Incident N*03

✚ Title of Incident: **2 Pastors jailed 11 years for stealing through fake prophecies**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-07-2023

✚ Description of Incident: The head pastors of the Cornerstone Ministry International, Kpando, Volta Region, have been convicted for allegedly stealing an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) card and cheque book of a pensioner, made several withdrawals and deposited them into their own accounts.

✚ Location of incident: Kpando, Volta Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 2 persons arrested

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The pastors were arrested and interrogated leading to their confession to the crime.³

¹ <https://myjoyonline.com/man-set-ablaze-to-avenge-murder-of-an-old-woman-near-bekwai>

² <https://myjoyonline.com/tano-forest-police-officer-shot-dead>

³ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/lifestyle/life/2-pastors-jailed-11-years-for-stealing-through-fake-prophecies.html>



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🚩 Incident N*04

🚩 Title of Incident: **425 persons arrested for engaging in cybercrimes through loan apps**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Medium

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-07-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Four hundred and twenty-five individuals including three foreign nationals suspected to be engaging in cyber-crimes using loan applications have been apprehended by authorities. The arrest was made in Accra in a collaborative effort between the Bank of Ghana (BoG), the Cyber Crime Authority, the Economic and Organized Crime Office (EOCO) and the Ghana Police Service (GPS).

🚩 Location of incident: Greater Accra

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: 425 persons arrested

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO) has cautioned the public to desist from having any form of engagement with unlicensed financial entities who ply their trade online.⁴

🚩 Incident N*04

🚩 Title of Incident: **Police corporal arrested for allegedly stealing his colleague's cement bags**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-07-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Corporal Lansah Umar, stationed at Asaam near Mampong, but on leave, allegedly broke the security door to the house of his colleague and stole some bags of cement with the help of an accomplice.

🚩 Location of incident: Mampong, Ashanti Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: The victim's security door was damaged; two persons arrested.

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The officer and his accomplice were arrested subsequently.

🚩 Incident N*05

🚩 Title of Incident: **Labourer jailed 3 years for stealing electrical cables**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-07-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: A 25-year-old labourer who allegedly stole electrical cables worth GH¢73,000 belonging to the Quality Properties Real Estate, has been sentenced to three years imprisonment by an Adentan Circuit Court after he stole the cables on July 1, 2023, at East Legon Hills, Accra.

🚩 Location of incident: East Legon Hills, Accra, Greater Accra

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None region

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Burglar-proof window damaged / 1 male arrested

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The stolen electrical cables were retrieved from the suspect.⁵

🚩 Incident N*06

🚩 Title of Incident: **Homicide**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-07-23

🚩 Description of Incident: The Police have commenced investigations into the cause of death of a final year student of the Ofori Panyin Senior High School. The 19-year-old was found in a pool of blood with multiple knife wounds and gasping for breath when a passerby raised the alarm around the Koforidua Technical University. He was rushed to the Effiduase St Joseph Hospital where he passed on.⁶

🚩 Location of incident: Koforidua, Eastern Region

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

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: None

⁴ <https://myjoyonline.com/425-persons-arrested-for-engaging-in-cyber-crimes-through-loan-apps>

⁵ <https://myjoyonline.com/labourer-jailed-3-years-for-stealing-electrical-cables>

⁶ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/police-probe-death-of-opass-student-found-with-multiple-knife-wounds/>



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✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Personnel from the Adweso Police Command have launched an investigation into the incident.

✚ Incident N*07

✚ Title of Incident: **Homicide/Arrest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 16-07-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Five (5) people are in the custody of the Police for their roles in the murder of an unidentified person believed to be in his mid-30s. The motive behind the act is not immediately known, but the suspects confessed to committing the crime on Sunday, July 16, 2023, were arrested at different locations.⁷

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

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Five persons arrested

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Police investigators have revealed that they also found traces of blood on the back of a certain house about 200 meters away from the body; an indication that the deceased might have been killed there and the body dragged and dumped at the spot it was discovered.

✚ Incident N*08

✚ Title of Incident: **Homicide**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-07-2023

✚ Description of Incident: A 16-year-old boy lost his life after allegedly being stabbed by some twin brothers at a pub in Berekum located in the Bono Region. According to reports, the incident occurred on Saturday July 15, 2023, night, after a misunderstanding between the deceased and the twins. Following the altercation, the twins reportedly fled the scene, leaving the victim with fatal injuries.⁸

✚ Location of incident: Berekum located in the Bono Region.

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: In response to the incident, the deceased's brother filed a report with the local police for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the homicide.

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: **Parental irresponsibility, broken homes causing a surge in streetism in Kumasi**

✚ Scale of Incident: Medium

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-07-2023

✚ Description of Incident: Young people, both male and female, roam the streets during the day to make a living at lorry terminals and pass the night under bridges and open spaces. At Asafo, one of the biggest lorry terminals in Kumasi, the menace of streetism has been a threat to society and a worry to city authorities.

✚ Location of incident: Asafo, Ashanti Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Young people, both male and female

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Many of the street dwellers say it is not their desire to live on the street, but they have no option and are appealing to the government to come to their aid by enrolling them in apprenticeship programs.⁹

⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/5-grabbed-over-murder-at-Pokuase-1805723>

⁸ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Stabbing-incident-at-Berekum-Pub-leaves-16-year-old-boy-dead-1805858>

⁹ <https://myjoyonline.com/parental-irresponsibility-broken-homes-causing-a-surge-in-streetism-in-kumasi>



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🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 Title of Incident: **2 persons lynched for attacking woman at Assin Bereku**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 14-07-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Two individuals have been allegedly lynched by the angry youth of Assin Bereku, a community in the Assin North district of the Central Region. The incident occurred after one suspect, Koo Ofori, allegedly inflicted cutlass wounds on a woman named Afia Takyiwa.

🚩 Location of incident: Assin Bereku, Central Region.

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 3 injured (1 female, 2 males)

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: 2 persons

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim was sent to the St. Francis Xavier Hospital for treatment. Nana Frimpong Baah, the Tufohene of Assin Bereku, expressed his concerns about the situation and called on the Government to take action to ensure security.¹⁰

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: **Binduri Day SHS shut down over lack of food**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-07-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, some agitated students boycotted classes to protest and express their displeasure about the inability of the school's administration to provide them with the one hot meal daily for some time now.

🚩 Location of incident: Binduri, Upper East Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Students

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The Binduri District Director of the Ghana Education Service (GES), John Doka Jaggery, who visited the school during the protest, said although the protest was intended to register their concerns, it was important for them to calm down as the situation would be addressed.¹¹

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 Title of Incident: **2 dead, 55 injured in accident on Accra- Cape Coast highway**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Medium

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 14-07-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: The accident involved three vehicles; a Yutong bus, an articulated truck with a foreign registration, and a Honda CR-V. The driver of the Honda CR-V, James Nii Ayi, spoke to the media and indicated that the articulated truck was engaged in wrongful overtaking, which ultimately led to the accident.

🚩 Location of incident: Gomoa Okyereko junction on the Accra- Cape Coast Highway, Central Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 2 dead, 55 injured

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: 2 dead, 55 injured

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The authorities are conducting investigations into the accident. The deceased have been sent to a mortuary.¹²

🚩 Incident N*03

¹⁰ <https://myjoyonline.com/2-persons-lynched-for-attacking-woman-at-assin-bereku>

¹¹ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/binduri-day-shs-shut-down-over-lack-of-food.html>

¹² <https://myjoyonline.com/2-dead-55-injured-in-accident-on-accra-cape-coast-highway>



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✚ Title of Incident: **Brain drain and healthcare delivery in Ghana**

✚ Scale of Incident: High

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-07-2023

✚ Description of Incident: The President of the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA), Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo, has admitted that brain drain in the health sector is having a negative impact on healthcare delivery in Ghana. She explained that experienced nurses who would have been training newly recruited nurses are the ones leaving the shores of Ghana to seek better working conditions elsewhere.

✚ Location of incident: Greater Accra

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Health workers

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The President, Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo has called for an urgent intervention to ensure that this matter is resolved.¹³

✚ Incident N*04

✚ Title of Incident: **Road Accident**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident:

✚ Description of Incident: Twenty-two individuals have been affected following a road accident. The incident occurred when the vehicle they were traveling on lost control while descending the Mamfe Hill. The driver of the Benz Sprinter bus explained that the accident resulted from a brake failure after he tried to avoid colliding with another vehicle ahead. The bus veered off the road at a sharp curve, somersaulting multiple times and causing injuries to all passengers on board.¹⁴

✚ Location of incident: Mampong, Eastern Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 22 injured passengers

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: The vehicles involved were damaged in the process

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Emergency personnel from the Ghana National Ambulance Service arrived at the scene, assisted by a police service vehicle from Mamfe Akropong. They promptly transported all the victims to the Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital for treatment.

✚ Incident N*05

✚ Title of Incident: **Road Accident**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident:

✚ Description of Incident: An accident that occurred on Thursday July 13, 2023, in the morning at the Assin Fosu stretch of the Cape Coast-Kumasi highway left several passengers including children between 5 and 10 years in critical condition. The accident involved a stationary Sprinter bus, a Nissan Caravan commercial bus, and a Toyota Vitz Taxi.¹⁵

✚ Location of incident: Assin Fosu stretch of the Cape Coast-Kumasi, Central region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: Unconfirmed number injured.

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: The vehicles involved were destroyed in the process

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Central North Regional M TTD upon receiving the information including the officials from the Assin Fosu Fire Station proceeded to the. The victims who sustained various degrees of injuries were rushed to the St. Francis Xavier Hospital in Assin Fosu for treatment. Police have commenced investigation into the accident.

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)

¹³ <https://3news.com/brain-drain-is-having-a-toll-on-healthcare-delivery-in-ghana-grnma-president/>

¹⁴ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Dozens-injured-in-Mampong-road-accident-1805273>

¹⁵ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/Dozens-in-critical-condition-in-accident-at-Assin-Fosu-1804001>



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🚩 Incident N*01

🚩 Title of Incident: **Missing fishermen reportedly found**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-07-23

🚩 Description of Incident: Fishermen in Takoradi are living in fear as a canoe and its nine crew members had gone missing on the high seas. The crew members set sail on June 27, 2023, from the Ngyirasia fishing harbour towards Half Assini and had not returned. The fishermen lost contact with their colleagues shortly after setting out to sea. The owner of the boat revealed that the crew men called him on July 7, 2023, indicating that they were all alive but did not have fuel in the boat. Their phones went off immediately and their location was unknown.¹⁶

🚩 Location of incident: Takoradi, Western Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Boat crew

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: Multiple sources including the Ghana Maritime Authority and the Fisheries Enforcement Unit confirmed subsequently that the crew had been found. This comes after six fishing boats set out to look for the missing crew while MTN tried to track their last location.¹⁷

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 Title of Incident: **Ghana on High Alert over Bird Flu**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-07-23

🚩 Description of Incident: Ghana is on high alert following the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Flu (H5N1) popularly called bird flu in Togo. The outbreak was announced by the Volta Regional Health Directorate which said over 1000 birds had been killed in Togo following the outbreak.¹⁸

🚩 Location of incident: Border Communities in the Volta Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: None

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana Health Service has cautioned residents to avoid direct contact with wild birds. It has also urged health facilities to heighten surveillance activities for HPAF (H5N1).

🚩 Incident N*03

🚩 Title of Incident: **Anthrax outbreak, ban lifted**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-07-23

🚩 Description of Incident: Ban on the movement of ruminants and donkeys, slaughtering, sale and consumption of meat products in the Upper East has been lifted effective Tuesday 11th July 2023. This was contained in a statement issued by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture.¹⁹

🚩 Location of incident: Bindiru District, Upper East Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: None

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ministry indicated that strict measures would be enforced despite the lifting of the ban to ensure that animal slaughter is done under close supervision by veterinary officers.

🚩 Incident N*04

🚩 Title of Incident: **Police arrest chief for destroying 33,000 rubber trees**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Medium

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-09-2023

¹⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/nine-fishermen-reportedly-missing-at-sea/>

¹⁷ <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/9-missing-fishermen-found-rescued-off-ngyiresia-coast/>

¹⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/ghana-on-high-alert-over-bird-flu-outbreak-in-togo/>

¹⁹ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/07/anthrax-outbreak-in-upper-east-contained-ban-on-ruminants-others-lifted/>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** The police have arrested an Odikro of Gyabenkrom and two others for destroying more than 33,000 mature rubber trees on a plantation belonging to the Ghana Rubber Estate Limited (GREL)

✚ **Location of incident:** Ahanta West Municipality, Western Region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 33,000 rubber trees destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The chairman of the Association of Chiefs on whose lands GREL Operates, has urged the police to thoroughly investigate and arrest all culprits involved in the act and prosecute them.²⁰

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Drowning**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 11-07-23

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two brothers drowned after they went to a pond to swim. Information gathered indicated that one brother had drowned but, in an effort, to save him the other brother also drowned. The Assemblyman for the area stated that, after the information has spread to residents and relatives, they rushed to the scene and find the dead bodies of the two victims.²¹

✚ **Location of incident:** Adjeikrom, Nsawam, Eastern Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two brothers

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police and the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) were called to retrieve the bodies.

✚ Incident N*06

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Illegal mining/ Illegal Mining Accident**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported on 16-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The bodies of two adult males were trapped in an illegal mine at Odumase near Konongo in the Asante Akim Central Municipality of the Ashanti Region have been found. Three people were trapped after the incident, according to information received, however one of them was able to get away. The other two perished in the tragedy. The pit caved in while the illegal miners were inside, looking for gold deposits, according to representatives of the National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO) in the Municipality.²²

✚ **Location of incident:** Odumase near Konongo in the Asante Akim Central Municipality of the Ashanti Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The local community members and an excavator operator both assisted the NADMO officials in recovering the dead.

✚ Incident N*07

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Buruli ulcer endemic in 30 communities in Dormaa Municipality**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported on 16-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Buruli ulcer is endemic in the Dormaa Municipality of the Bono Region, Mr Daniel Kwame Owusu-Mensah, the Dormaa Municipal Disease Control Officer, has said. He said the Municipality had recorded more than 60 cases in 30 endemic communities in the area since 2010 with many of the affected people having various deformities.²³

✚ **Location of incident:** Dormaa Municipality of the Bono Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 60 cases

²⁰ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/police-arrest-chief-for-destroying-33-000-rubber-trees.html>

²¹ <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/2-brothers-drown-in-pond-at-abandoned-quarry-site/>

²² <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Two-persons-found-dead-in-a-mining-pit-1805420>

²³ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/health/Buruli-ulcer-endemic-in-30-communities-in-Dormaa-Municipality-Disease-Control-Officer-1805288>



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- o High Capacity of the state to respond



Property damaged/Affected population: Thirty communities affected since 2010



Coping mechanism/Responses: Mr Owusu-Mensah appealed for collective efforts among all stakeholders to bring the situation under control.