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GHANA WEEK OF JUNE 26 TO 30, 2023

Organised Crime and Violent Extremism

(key concept clarification; causes; indicators and signs that push to radicalization; profiling and assessment or perpetuators 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

- 4 **Title of Incident: Armed Robbery**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 27-06-2023
- Description of Incident: Five armed robbers attacked some market women who were returning from Yeji and heading towards Sunyani. The attacks occurred at the outskirts of the Ahyiaem, town of Nkoranza. The attackers were identified as persons from the Fulbe extraction.¹
- Location of incident: Ahyiaem, Nkoranza, Bono East region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (male)
- Property damaged/Affected population: Commuters
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police have provided escort to the vehicles, and commenced investigations to arrest the suspected armed robbers.

Incident N*02

- Title of Incident: Contract staff steals GHC 1.2 million from customer's account
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 26-06-2023
- Description of Incident: Four more suspects in court for the alleged stealing GH¢1.2 million from customers' accounts. The customers affected included deceased inspector General of Police and a judge.²
- Location of incident: Greater Accra Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: 4 persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The 4 persons have been granted bail to re-appear in court on June 29, 2023, although investigators are still looking into the case.3

- Title of Incident: Armed robbers attack mobile money agent at Wenchi
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 23-06-2023
- Description of Incident: Three suspected armed robbers shot a mobile money agent at Wenchi in the Bono Region and fled with thousands of Ghana cedis and three mobile phones. Information gathered suggests that the suspected robbery happened on Friday, June 23, 2023, around 21:00 hours.⁴
- Location of incident: Wenchi in the Bono Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 injured (male)
- Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim, Raymond Kombanga, 32 years, is reported to have been sent to the Wenchi Methodist Hospital for treatment.

¹ https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Courageous-driver-runs-over-suspected-armed-robber-1793075

https://www.adomonline.com/gh%C2%A21-2-million-stolen-bank-money-4-more-accused-appear-in-court/

³ https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/4-more-suspects-said-to-have-conspired-with-bank-worker-to-steal-gh-1-2million-shows-up-incourt.html

https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Armed-robbers-attack-mobile-money-agent-at-Wenchi-1793168



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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: Defilement/Arrest
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 27-06-2023
- Description of Incident: A 22-year-old shop attendant has been imprisonment for 15 years for defiling a 16-yearold girl on two occasions.
- Location of incident: Agbogbloshie, Greater Accra
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 female
- Property damaged/Affected population: 1 person affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim informed the complainant, and a report was lodged with the Domestic Violence and Victims Support Unit (DOVVSU) of the Ghana Police Service where a medical report form was issued to the victim to seek medical care and afterwards the arrest was made.⁵

Incident N*02

- Title of Incident: Homicide
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 20-06-2023
- Description of Incident: A 26-year-old farmer has been remanded after he reported himself to the police for killing his girlfriend. This happened after the couple had a misunderstanding over an aborted pregnancy.⁶
- Location of incident: Trom Junction 5, Koforidua, Eastern Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (Female)
- Property damaged/Affected population: None
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect has been remanded into police custody.

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)

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- 4 Title of Incident: Strike
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 26-06-2023
- Description of Incident: Oil tanker drivers embarked on a nationwide strike over the deplorable condition of the Tema Oil Refinery to Kpone road.
- Location of incident: Kpone, Greater Accra.
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: Consumers
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Following a petition sent to the Government on the poor state of road from 2016 by the Ghana National Tanker Drivers Association, the Government had not responded to their plea. After a meeting between the Ghana National Petroleum Tanker Drivers Union, the Ministry of Roads and Highways and the Ministry of Transport, the union has come to an agreement to suspend their sit down industrial action.8

Incident N*02

Title of Incident: Atwima Nwabiagya South constituents 'attack' their Member of Parliament (MP)

⁵ https://mviovonline.com/shop-attendant-jailed-15-vears-for-defiling-minor

https://citinewsroom.com/2023/06/koforidua-26-year-old-farmer-remanded-for-killing-girlfriend friend/

 $^{^7\,}https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/tanker-drivers-on-sit-down-strike-over-tor-kpone-bad-road.html$

⁸ https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/tanker-drivers-union-suspends-strike/



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- Scale of Incident: Medium
- **♣ Date of occurrence of Incident:** 26-06-2023
- Description of Incident: Hon. Emmanuel Agyei Anhwere, MP for Atwima Nwabiagya South constituency, was nearly assaulted in his constituency over the poor nature of roads in the area.
- Location of incident: Atwima Nwabiagya South constituency, Ashanti Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** Commuters
- 4 Coping mechanism/Responses: After the incident, the MP acknowledged their concerns and said he would engage the Roads Minister to fix the problem.9

Incident N*03

- Title of Incident: Strike Threats
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 26-06-2023
- Description of Incident: Organised Labour says it will embark on a nationwide strike beginning July 10 over the sacking of three workers at Sunon Asogli Power who tried to form a labour union at the company. 10
- Location of incident: Greater Accra
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: 3 persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Organised Labour has therefore called for their reinstatement and threatened a nationwide strike beginning July, 10, 2023.

Incident N*04

- **Title of Incident: Arrest**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- **♣ Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-06-2023
- Description of Incident: A military imposter was arrested at a polling station in Assin Breku during the Assin North by-election.
- Location of incident: Assin Breku, Central Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: 1 person arrested as at the time of the report.
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Officers took him into a pick-up truck and drove him off to a police station.¹¹

Incident N*05

- 4 **Title of Incident: Arrest**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 27-06-2023
- Description of Incident: Police detain five other individuals involved in disruptive acts during the Assin North byelections
- Location of incident: Assin North, Central Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: 5 persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: An officer from the Assin Bereku police station confirmed the arrests of the individuals but declined to provide further details. 12

- **Title of Incident: Road Accident**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 30-06-2023

⁹ https://myjoyonline.com/atwima-nwabiagya-south-constituents-attack-mp-twice-in-less-than-a-year-over-poor-roads

¹⁰ https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/tuc-declares-nationwide-strike-beginning-july-10-over-3-sacked-asogli-workers.html

¹¹ https://myjoyonline.com/live-updates-military-imposter-arrested-at-assin-breku-in-assin-north-by-election

¹² https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/politics/police-detain-five-individuals-involved-in-disruptive-acts-during-assin-north-by-election.html



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- ♣ Description of Incident: Two vehicles were reportedly involved in an accident at the traffic light close to the Jubilee House on Thursday, June 30, 2023 evening. Visuals from the scene of the accident showed one of the cars involved in the accident; a red private vehicle, completely overturned. 13
- Location of incident: Accra, Greater Accra Region.
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 injured (male)
- **Property damaged/Affected population:**
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police were on the scene to engage in rescue efforts and also manage oncoming vehicles.

Incident N*07

- **Title of Incident: Road Accident**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 29-06-2023
- Description of Incident: Fifteen passengers were injured in an accident involving a sprinter bus near Asukawkaw bridge in the Krachi East Municipality of the Oti Region. The accident occurred when the sprinter bus skidded off the road after it burst a rear tyre and plunged into a bush.14
- Location of incident: Krachi East Municipality of the Oti Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 15 injured
- Property damaged/Affected population: Fifteen persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The victims were transported to WoraWora Government Hospital for further treatment.

Incident N*08

- 4 **Title of Incident: Road Accident**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 27-06-2023
- Description of Incident: An accident on the Accra-Kumasi reportedly has killed two people. The accident involved an OA minibus that ran into a pothole at the Apedwa Junction. The vehicle reportedly summersaulted after hitting the pothole, killing the two victims instantly. 15
- Location of incident: Apedwa Junction, Eastern Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 2 dead, several others injured.
- Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The bus was towed away by the police after rescue efforts were concluded.

- **Title of Incident: Road Accident**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 27-06-2023
- Description of Incident: One person was killed in an accident at Adeiso in the Eastern Region. The deceased was among some group of people who were on their way to Eid-Adha prayers when their vehicle crashed. The brakes of the vehicle failed, thus leading to the vehicle summersaulting, and killing one person instantly. 16
- Location of incident: Adeiso, Eastern Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead, 14 injured
- Property damaged/Affected population:
- Coping mechanism/Responses: No ambulance was available to transport the injured, however taxis were contracted to transport the injured persons to a hospital.

 $^{^{13}\} https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Two-vehicles-crash-in-front-of-Jubilee-House-1795127$

 $^{^{14}}$ https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Fifteen-injured-as-Sprinter-bus-burst-tyre-on-Asukawkaw-Dambai-Highway-1794347

¹⁵ https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Two-people-die-in-an-accident-on-the-Accra-Kumasi-Highway-1793771

¹⁶ https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/regional/One-person-dead-and-numerous-others-injured-while-on-their-way-to-Eid-prayers-1794173



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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-pastoralis conflicts); natural and man-made disasters, humanitarian crisis, climate change (industrialisation, pollution, destruction of ecosystem). Biodiversity)

Incident N*01

- Title of Incident: Flooding/Drowning
- Scale of Incident: Medium
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 24-06-2023
- Description of Incident: Three Daboase Senior High School students reportedly drowned after swimming in overflowing water. The incident occurred on Saturday, June 24, when a group of seven students allegedly sneaked out of the school premises to engage in the swimming excursion.
- Location of incident: Daboase, the District Capital of Mpohor Wassa East District, Western Region
- Casualty [Male & female]: 3 dead (males)
- Property damaged/Affected population: 3 persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Following the incident, the school authorities and local assembly have notified the parents of the victims.¹⁷

Incident N*02

- Title of Incident: Flooding
- Scale of Incident: High
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 23-06-2023
- Description of Incident: A National Disaster Management Organization (NaDMO) officer in the Ashanti Region was found dead after he was washed away by flood waters following heavy rains on Friday, June 23. Suleman Ahmed was crossing a bridge with his motorcycle after the downpour near Kenyase-Duase in the Kwabere East
- Location of incident: Kenyase-Duase in the Kwabere East district, Ashanti Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 male
- Property damaged/Affected population: 1 person reported dead
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The Kenyase Police Unit recovered the body and deposited it at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital Morgue pending autopsy. 18

- Title of Incident: 7 bodies retrieved from flood waters in Ashanti Region
- Scale of Incident: Medium
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 28-06-2023
- Description of Incident: Seven bodies out of eight people who were killed following the rains that occurred in some parts of the Ashanti Region have been retrieved, according to the Regional Coordinator of the National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO), Mr Frank Kwadwo Duodu. The seven bodies included a six-yearold boy who was swept away when he attempt-ed to catch his ball that was being carried away by the flood water.19
- Location of incident: Ashanti region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 7 dead
- Property damaged/Affected population: Eight persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The search had been intensified to find the eighth person.

¹⁷ https://myjoyonline.com/3-daboase-shs-students-drown-after-sneaking-out-to-swim-in-overflowing-river

¹⁸ https://myjoyonline.com/nadmo-officer-one-other-person-swept-away-by-flood

¹⁹ https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/7-bodies-retrieved-from-flood-waters-in-ashanti-region/