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GHANA

WEEK OF AUGUST 1 TO 6, 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: Two Arrested for Selling Fake ECG Meters**

🚩 **Scale of Incident: Low**

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident: 1-08-23**

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Two persons who posed as workers of the Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG) have been arrested by the Tarkwa Central Police and charged with false pretense among other charges. The two impersonators also managed to sell and install a fake electricity meter for an unsuspecting customer in Damang at the cost of 4700gh.¹

🚩 **Location of incident:** Tarkwa, Western Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons arrested

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspects are in the custody of the Tarkwa Central Police.

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 **Title of Incident: Robbery**

🚩 **Scale of Incident: Low**

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident: 1-08-23**

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Some individuals believed to be in their 50s are in the custody of the Mankessim Police Command for allegedly robbing passengers of their valuables on the Mankessim stretch of the Cape Coast Highway. The suspects hire a taxi and pretend to be heading to Cape Coast. They then stop at bus stops where one quickly snatches the bags of passengers while the waiting taxi speeds off.²

🚩 **Location of incident:** Mankessim, Central Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Mankessim Police Command have arrested the suspects.

🚩 Incident N*03

🚩 **Title of Incident: Murder/Homicide**

🚩 **Scale of Incident: Low**

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident: 02-08-23**

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A 21-year-old believed to be a fetish priest in the Saltpond and doubles as a taxi driver has been found dead. The lifeless body of the young man was found near a refuse dump in the Anglican School area. Eyewitnesses alleged that the deceased had been involved in some stealing activities but did not know if that was the reason for the murder.³

🚩 **Location of incident:** Saltpond, Central 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.

¹ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/08/two-arrested-for-selling-fake-ecg-metres-in-tarkwa/>

² <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/08/couple-arrested-for-allegedly-robbing-passengers-on-cape-coast-highway/>

³ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/08/21-year-old-fetish-priest-killed-at-saltpond/>



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🚩 Incident N*04

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Police chase cargo robbery suspects who killed one person**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 06-08-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** The Police in the Ashanti Region are conducting a manhunt for suspects involved in a robbery incident at Anyinamso No. 1. Two cargo vehicles were targeted, resulting in the death of one person. The assailants managed to flee into a nearby bush with GHC 2,000.00 and three mobile phones after encountering a police patrol team during the attack.⁴

🚩 **Location of incident:** Anyinamso No. 1, Ashanti Region

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police have mounted a search for the suspects.

🚩 Incident N*05

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Arrest/Theft of boxes of medicine**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-08-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** The Police through an intelligence operation have arrested suspects Raymond Asoke, Noeyelle Bridget and Raheem Fasilat for stealing some boxes of medicine at the Bolgatanga Regional Hospital_ Suspect Raymond Asoke, a driver at the Bolgatanga Regional Hospital was arrested on August 4, 2023, when he was monitored loading boxes of medicines from a certain unmarked house into a saloon car.⁵

🚩 **Location of incident:** Bolgatanga, Upper East Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Three persons arrested

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A statement from the Ghana Police Service indicated that a search in the car led to the retrieval of twelve (12) boxes of various medicines. The search was extended into the house where twenty-two (22) additional boxes containing various kinds of medicines were discovered and retrieved.

🚩 Incident N*06

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **27 officers interdicted by Ghana Immigration Service over visa fraud**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 05-08-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** The Ghana Immigration Service (GIS) has interdicted 27 of its officers, including three senior officers and 24 junior officers, following a misconduct that has marred the image of the service. The affected officers were accused of being involved in recruitment and visa fraud among other offences which breached regulation 138(1 and (k) of the Immigration Service regulations, 2016(L.I.2245).⁶

🚩 **Location of incident:** Accra, Greater Accra region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Twenty-seven officers affected

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The service also urged the general members of the public to report any officer who indulges him/herself in such uncouth acts to authorities for actions to be taken.

🚩 Incident N*07

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Two suspected robbers arrested for allegedly robbing a stone quarry**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 05-08-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** The Central East Regional Police Command has apprehended two accused armed robbers in connection with a robbery attack at a stone quarry. The suspects, who are thought to be part of a

⁴ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Police-chase-cargo-robbery-suspects-who-killed-one-person-1819475>

⁵ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Three-persons-arrested-over-stealing-boxes-of-medicine-at-Bolgatanga-Regional-Hospital-1819391>

⁶ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/27-officers-interdicted-by-Ghana-Immigration-Service-over-visa-fraud-1818977>



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group of six, allegedly raided the Pilot Stone Quarry site in Gomoa Ojobi and stole GHC200,000.00 and a laptop from the company.⁷

✚ **Location of incident:** Gomoa Ojobi, Central region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Following a distress call to the Central East Regional Command, the police arrested the suspects at a barrier installed at Buduburam on the Winneba-Kasoa section. A laptop, several mobile phones, and the specified amount were discovered in the vehicle transporting the two suspects.

✚ **Incident N*08**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Homicide**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 03-08-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Reports have suggested that the daughter of the Bekwai Municipal Chief Executive (MCE), Kwaku Kyei Baffour was shot dead by some unknown assailants. This incident happened at Bebu, near Kumasi in the Ashanti Region, when the victim was attacked by the assailants on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at about 8 pm in the evening.⁸

✚ **Location of incident:** Bebu, near Kumasi in the Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:**

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body of the deceased has since been deposited at the Bekwai Municipal Hospital morgue pending autopsy. Police in the region have commenced investigations into the circumstances surrounding the death of the victim.

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:** **Child abuse**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported 06-08-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The security services and residents of Akaa Community in the Jasikan Municipality of the Oti Region have intensified their search for a 74-old-man who allegedly tied a nine-year old boy to a tree for 'stealing' oranges. Timothy Gyamfi Mensah, a retired Circuit Supervisor who perpetrated the act absconded after the boy was rescued.⁹

✚ **Location of incident:** Jasikan Municipality of the Oti Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The boy was rescued by some community members after several searches by his grandmother later discovered he was tied to the tree after the incident went viral in a video.

✚ **Incident N*02**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Man kills 7-year-old niece for money rituals at Wassa Nkyirifi/Arrest**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:**

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 37-year-old farmer in the Wassa Nkyirifi farming community of the Westem Region, has allegedly murdered his 7-year-old niece for money rituals. The suspect was apprehended after he killed and

⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Two-suspected-robbers-arrested-for-allegedly-robbing-a-stone-quarry-1818734>

⁸ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Daughter-of-Bekwai-MCE-shot-dead-1818458>

⁹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Manhunt-for-child-abuser-who-tied-a-nine-year-old-boy-to-orange-tree-1819127>



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buried the 7-year-old in a bush. He then reported to the police and then made several public service announcements to report her missing.¹⁰

🚦 **Location of incident:** Wassa Nkyirifi farming community of the Western Region

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

🚦 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons affected

🚦 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** According to the police, the suspect went through an intense interrogation due to his questionable body language, inconsistencies in story, and a lack of convincing responses to questions about his missing niece.

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:** Road Accident

🚦 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚦 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 01-08-23

🚦 **Description of Incident:** According to an eyewitness, an accident occurred involving three cars, A tipper truck, a Honda and a saloon car. The saloon car veered off its lane and hit the back tyre of the tipper truck in an attempt to move back into its lane. The saloon car collided with the Honda and ended up in a bush.¹¹

🚦 **Location of incident:** Gomoa Potsin, Central Region

🚦 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 injured (males)

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

🚦 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police, ambulance and other emergency workers arrived on the scene to save lives. Two police officers who were occupants in the saloon car suffered injuries and were rushed to the Gomoa Potsin Polyclinic for treatment.

🚦 Incident N*02

🚦 **Title of Incident:** Protest

🚦 **Scale of Incident:** Medium

🚦 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 2-08-23

🚦 **Description of Incident:** Tricycle operators in the Ashanti Region have escalated their protest against a directive to restrict their movements in parts of the Central Business District. The tricycle operators took to the streets and blocked a major road leading to Kejetia, causing disruptions to traffic and daily activities. The ban came into effect as part of the city's effort to address congestion and enhance pedestrian safety.¹²

🚦 **Location of incident:** Kejetia, Kumasi, Ashanti Region

🚦 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚦 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Tricycle riders

🚦 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Police officers were dispatched to manage the situation and ensure public safety.

🚦 Incident N*03

🚦 **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

🚦 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚦 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 02-08-23

🚦 **Description of Incident:** Four individuals have been confirmed dead and several others are injured after a head-on-collision between a truck and a yutong bus on the Kumasi-Techiman Highway. The accident occurred on the Nkenkaaso-Daaso stretch of the highway.¹³

¹⁰ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Man-kills-7-year-old-niece-for-money-rituals-at-Wassa-Nkyirifi-1819010>

¹¹ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/08/gomoa-potsin-two-police-officers-involved-in-accident/>

¹² <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/08/tricycle-operators-block-major-road-leading-to-kejetia-over-kma-ban/>

¹³ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/08/tragic-accident-on-kumasi-techiman-highway-four-confirmed-dead/>



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🚩 **Location of incident:** Nkenkaaso, Ashanti Region.

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 4 dead, unconfirmed number of injuries

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** A truck and A bus were damaged.

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Emergency services responded and rushed the injured to a hospital for treatment. The bodies of the deceased have also been deposited at a morgue.

🚩 **Incident N*04**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Sit down Strike**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 3-08-23

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Nurses at the Bimbilla Hospital in the Northern Region have initiated a sit-down strike due to prolonged absence of water in the hospital for the past two months. The issue arose after the community water company disconnected the water supply due to non-payment of bills. This has led to patients being turned away.¹⁴

🚩 **Location of incident:** Bimbilla, Nanumba North Municipality, Northern Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Patients

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** No response was received at the time of the report.

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:** **Unilever Ghana Plc targets 100% reusable plastics by 2025**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-08-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Unilever Ghana Plc in Tema is pushing towards achieving 100 % recyclable, reusable or compostable plastics by 2025 to help address the endless threats plastics pose to the environment. Over the last few years, about 400 million tones of plastics are said to be produced globally annually with half of this figure being single-used plastics and polluting the environment. A 2-hour cleanup exercise at Community 3 beach close to terminal 3 of the Tema port saw participants collecting over four tonnes of plastics after Coastal Conservancy Organization weighed them.

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

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:**

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Unilever Ghana Plc has called for deliberate and conscious attempts in bringing in the much-desired change.

¹⁴ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/08/bimbilla-hospital-nurses-on-sit-down-strike-over-prolonged-water-disconnection/>