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GHANA

WEEK OF AUGUST 21 TO 27, 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: **Man arrested after attempting to set suspect at Bereku police station free**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 21-08-2023

✚ Description of Incident: A suspected land guard identified as Razak allegedly attempted to release a detainee at the local police station in Awutu Breku. The situation escalated rapidly, prompting a swift response from a Police Patrol team, who were forced to fire several warning shots to restore order.

✚ Location of incident: Awutu Bereku, Central Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One male arrested

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect and his accomplice were subsequently re-arrested after the intervention of the police officers. Chief Superintendent Joshua Semanyo also noted that investigations have commenced into the matter.¹

✚ Incident N*02

✚ Title of Incident: **12 West African nationals rescued; 15 laptops seized in suspected trafficking case at Kpone**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 21-08-2023

✚ Description of Incident: The Tema Regional Police Command uncovered a suspected human trafficking syndicate at the Sebepor community in the Kone Katamanso Municipality. This led to the arrest of two West African nationals, whom residents claimed were holding 12 other nationals' captive, on Sunday, August 20, 2023. During the operation, 15 laptops were retrieved from a five-bedroom house where 12 Nigerians aged 18 to 30 were allegedly subjected to horrors and coerced into engaging in cyber-crime for sustenance by two ring leaders.

✚ Location of incident: Kpone, Greater Accra

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 2 persons

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: A combined team of police and military personnel were called in to make the arrests. The seized items were subsequently transferred to the Emefs Police Station.²

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: **Electrician remanded for allegedly strangling girlfriend**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 23-08-2023

¹ <https://myjoyonline.com/man-arrested-after-attempting-to-set-suspect-at-bereku-police-station-free>

² <https://myjoyonline.com/12-west-african-nationals-rescued-15-laptops-seized-in-suspected-trafficking-case-at-kpone>



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Description of Incident: A Kaneshie District Court has remanded into police custody a 38-year-old electrician accused of strangling his 20-year-old girlfriend at Kpone Bawaleshie in the Greater Accra Region. Kwame Krampah is said to have tied the deceased’s neck from behind with a blue nylon rope and strangled her after which he allegedly had sex with the dead body before burying it in the neighborhood.

Location of incident: Kpone Bawaleshie, Greater Accra Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: The victim was killed, while the suspect was arrested

Coping mechanism/Responses: The prosecution told the court that an order was obtained from a court and the body was exhumed and deposited at the Police Hospital Mortuary for preservation and autopsy.³

Incident N*02

Title of Incident: **Two out of three Women are mistreated or abused during childbirth – Study reveals**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 24-08-2023

Description of Incident: A study conducted on obstetric violence among Ghanaian women have revealed that two out of three pregnant women have suffered violence in the hands of Health professionals during labour and childbirth. The study, conducted by a German based Ghanaian Researcher, Dr. Abena Yalley and her team of researchers engaged 2,142 mothers between September 2021 and February 2022 on Obstetric Violence in Western and the Ashanti Regions.

Location of incident: Western and the Ashanti Regions

Casualty [Male &female]: Women

Property damaged/Affected population: Women

Coping mechanism/Responses: The study recommended that curricula of Health institutions must be revisited, and students armed with information on giving ‘human face’ to their work, strategic intervention to break the cycle of violence and complaints systems to enable the abuse channel grievances.⁴

Incident N*03

Title of Incident: **Ahafo Region records 10 maternal deaths in first half of 2023; Minister expresses concern**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 21-08-2023

Description of Incident: The Ahafo Regional Minister, George Boakye, has raised alarm over the number of maternal death cases recorded in the region during the first six months of 2023. He has called upon the Regional Health Directorate to step up its efforts to address this concerning trend. The Minister voiced his concern during the Ahafo Regional Health Directorate’s 2023 Mid-Year Performance Review Meeting held in Goaso.

Location of incident: Ahafo Region

Casualty [Male &female]: 10 mothers

Property damaged/Affected population: 10 persons

Coping mechanism/Responses: The Directorate is currently conducting a comprehensive assessment to identify the underlying causes of this increase and to develop targeted strategies for its prevention.⁵

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

³ <https://myjoyonline.com/electrician-remanded-for-allegedly-strangling-girlfriend>

⁴ <https://myjoyonline.com/two-out-of-three-women-are-mistreated-abused-during-childbirth-study>

⁵ <https://myjoyonline.com/ahafo-region-records-10-maternal-deaths-in-first-half-of-2023-minister-expresses-concern>



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🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 21-08-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Two people have been injured in an accident involving Nkoranza North independent parliamentary candidate, Charles Owusu. The accident occurred in the afternoon of Saturday, August 19, 2023, around Anyinam in the Eastern region. Information gathered suggests that Owusu was on his way to meet the Muslim leadership at Nkoranza North in the Bono East region. The accident occurred in a head-on collision involving a truck which veered off its lane.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Anyinam, Eastern region.

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** 2 persons

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured have been identified as Mr Owusu's cameraman and the driver and they are currently undergoing treatment at a health facility in the Eastern Region.⁶

🚩 **Incident N*02**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Immigration officers interdicted for breaching professional conduct**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 24-08-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** The board and management of the Ghana Immigration Service (GIS) have interdicted some 27 officers for their alleged involvement in various offences at their duty stations.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** 27 persons

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Management has also launched a code of conduct to guide officers on the professional conduct and ethical standards set out in the Ghana Immigration Service.⁷

🚩 **Incident N*03**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Water, electricity tariffs to go up again on September 1, 2023 – PURC**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Medium

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 22-08-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** The Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC) has announced an increase in electricity and water tariffs by 4.22 % and 1.18% respectively, effective September 1, 2023. This comes on the back of a conclusion of regulatory process for the quarterly adjustment of tariff by the PURC.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Nationwide

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The quarterly tariff review mechanism aims to track and incorporate changes in key factors used in determining natural gas, electricity and water tariff.⁸

🚩 **Incident N*04**

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Alleged assault on Alan's agent - North East Region**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 26-08-2023

🚩 **Description of Incident:** There was an alleged confrontation between a regional youth organizer and an agent of Alan Kyeremanteng for showing his thumb-printed ballot paper to bystanders, during the super delegate conference to select the top 5 flagbearer hopefuls. In an image that went viral on social media, the agent was seen with cuts and bruises on his face.⁹

🚩 **Location of incident:** North East Region

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** One persons was injured in the process

⁶ <https://myjoyonline.com/two-injured-in-accident-involving-independent-candidate-charles-owusus-convoy>

⁷ <https://myjoyonline.com/immigration-officers-interdicted-for-breaching-professional-conduct>

⁸ <https://myjoyonline.com/water-electricity-tariffs-to-go-up-again-on-september-1-2023-purc>

⁹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/politics/Alleged-assault-on-Alan-s-agent-exaggerated-North-East-Regional-NPP-1832759>



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- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Communications Director for the North East New Patriotic Party (NPP) explained that the incident was a two-man affair and not a ploy from the candidate Bawumia camp as reported.

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:** **Fire destroys 5 bedrooms at Bibiani**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 21-08-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Some residents in Bibiani Anhwéaso Bekwai Municipality, in the Western North Region, lost their homes to a fire outbreak. The incident saw five bedrooms burn to the ground out of a total of 13 in the affected building. Alongside the structural damage, numerous valuables including education certificates, mattresses, fridges, television sets, and clothing were consumed by the fire.

✚ **Location of incident:** Bibiani Anhwéaso Bekwai, Western North Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Five bedrooms and numerous valuables including education certificates, mattresses, fridges, television sets, and clothing.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Richmond Appiah, the Public Relations Officer for the Bibiani Fire Service, delivered a stern reminder about the importance of fire safety to the community. He emphasized the need for residents to diligently turn off household appliances before leaving their homes.¹⁰

¹⁰ <https://myjoyonline.com/fire-destroys-5-bedrooms-valuables-at-bibiani>