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GHANA

WEEK OF AUGUST 7 TO 13, 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:** **Ejisuman SHS student allegedly attacked by armed robber**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

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

✚ **Description of Incident:** A suspected robber attacked a student at Ejisuman Senior High School (SHS) with a machete while studying in the classroom during prep time. The victim, who is a final-year student, sustained deep wounds to his head and eye.

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

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect behind the attack has been identified as a second-year student at the same school. He has since been arrested and handed over to the Ejisu Police.¹

✚ Incident N*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** **2023 BECE: Four arrested for allegedly engaging in exam malpractice**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 07-08-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The West African Examination Council (WAEC), says four persons have been arrested for allegedly engaging in examination malpractice at the start of the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE). The arrest has been attributed to stringent measures implemented this year to tackle exam malpractices.

✚ **Location of incident:** Ashanti Region, Greater Accra and Central Region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 4 persons affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** According to WAEC rules and regulations governing the conduct of examination, breaching the rules attracts a report to law enforcement agencies, and prosecution in court.²

✚ Incident N*03

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Man jailed 8 years for forging Bank of Ghana micro-finance license**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

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

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 34-year-old man, who forged a Bank of Ghana (BoG) license to operate a micro finance company at Suhum in the Eastern region and its environs, has been sentenced to eight years imprisonment by an Accra Circuit Court. Kofi Asante, aka Davis, pleaded guilty to the charge of engaging in deposit-taking without license and was sentenced.

✚ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person arrested and sentenced

¹ <https://myjoyonline.com/ejisuman-shs-student-allegedly-attacks-colleague-with-machete>

² <https://myjoyonline.com/2023-bece-four-arrested-for-allegedly-engaging-in-exam-malpractice>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** During interrogation, Asante admitted that KM Community Bank and PRYM Capital were neither registered by the Office of the Registrar of Companies nor licensed by the Bank of Ghana to undertake deposit-taking business and confessed he had forged the Bank of Ghana license retrieved from his office.³

✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Robbers snatch fisheries director's vehicle at gunpoint**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

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

✚ **Description of Incident:** The police are on a manhunt for the suspects who snatched the official vehicle of the Savannah Regional Director of the Fisheries Commission at gunpoint in Tamale. The incident occurred in front of his residence in Tamale.

✚ **Location of incident:** Tamale, Northern Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police are on a manhunt for the suspects.⁴

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Kasoa: Police grab 4 criminals for blocking road to attack residents**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 11-08-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Four armed men who were wielding weapons including machetes and knives, had mounted a road block at Queen City near Ofaakor, off the Bawjiase Road leading to the New Kasoa Market. The incident happened at about 1:30 a.m. on Friday August 11.

✚ **Location of incident:** Kasoa, Central Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None reported.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 4 armed men arrested

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police have arrested the four suspects while investigations is continue.⁵

✚ Incident N*06

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Man sentenced to death for offering son as sacrifice**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 12-08-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** An Accra High Court has sentenced to death a 33-year-old man for throwing his two-year-old son into the sea at Akuma Village, Accra, as a sacrifice in his bid to become rich.

✚ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The convict was arrested, and the victim rescued and sent to the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, but he died the next day.⁶

³ <https://myjoyonline.com/man-jailed-8-years-for-forging-bank-of-ghana-micro-finance-license>

⁴ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/ghana-news-savannah-region-vehicle-of-regional-fisheries-commission-director-snatched-at-gunpoint.html>

⁵ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/kasoa-police-grab-4-suspected-criminals-for-blocking-road-to-attack-residents.html>

⁶ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/man-33-sentenced-to-death-for-offering-son-as-sacrifice.html>



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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: Man allegedly shoots woman whose daughter refused to marry him

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-08-2023

Description of Incident: A man has allegedly shot a 50-year-old woman over her refusal to allow her daughter to marry him. The suspect allegedly threatened the mother on several occasions before actually taking the action.

Location of incident: Dunkwa, Central Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: 1 female

Coping mechanism/Responses: The affected person is seeking medical attention while further investigation is ongoing.⁷

Incident N*02

Title of Incident: Defilement

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 9-08-23

Description of Incident: A 45-year-old barber has been remanded after he allegedly defiled a 14-year-old girl. The culprit is described as a physically challenged individual and a respected muasin (someone who calls for prayers).⁸

Location of incident: Nayilifon, Yendi, Northern Region

Casualty [Male &female]: 1 injured (Female)

Property damaged/Affected population: None

Coping mechanism/Responses: The culprit has been remanded into police custody and is set to appear before court on 15th August 2023.

Incident N*03

Title of Incident: Pedophile remanded in cell in the Upper West Region

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 08-08-2023

Description of Incident: A 35 year old alleged pedophile with over 30 victims in Wa in the Upper West Region has been remanded in police cells for fear for his life. The accused by name Rashid Ahmed, is well known for his very skillful acts of emceeding at Islamic wedding ceremonies in the regional capital of Wa. Rashid popularly known as Anaata was in April this year reported to the Wa police for defilement of some three children, but he absconded from the region and hid somewhere in Burkina, according to the charge sheet.

Location of incident: Wa, Upper West Region

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: At least 30 females

Coping mechanism/Responses: The Upper West State Attorney, Lawyer Abdul Saeed Shakur, considering the gravity of the case, prayed the court not to grant the accused bail for fear of his life as people may take the laws into their own hands. The case has been adjourned to Monday 14th August to begin a daily trial.⁹

Incident N*04

Title of Incident: Man commits suicide after girlfriend he spent allegedly on jilted him

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-08-2023

⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Man-allegedly-shoots-woman-whose-daughter-refused-to-marry-him-1819982>

⁸ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/08/yendi-45-year-old-barber-remanded-for-defiling-14-year-old-girl/>

⁹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Pedophile-remanded-in-cell-in-the-Upper-West-Region-1820570>



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- ✚ **Description of Incident:** A man in his early 20s has allegedly committed suicide by hanging at Eshiem, a community in the Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolis of the Western Region. The young man, whose name has been given as Clement, is said to be a worker of a tile manufacturing company in the area. A spokesperson for the Chief of the community, Nana Kofi, who confirmed the news revealed that the deceased has been contemplating suicide after his girlfriend he spent a lot of money on jilted him.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Eshiem, Western Region.
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead (male)
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 male
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Assembly Member for the area, Armstrong Arthur, indicated that police have taken over the issue and have initiated investigations to unravel circumstances leading to the incident.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:** **Protest/Road Accident**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 7-08-23
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Fifteen people from Awoshie Mangoase have been arrested for blocking some parts of the Awoshie- Pokuase Highway. The residents did that after a man was knocked down by a car. The residents were protesting frequent incidents of cars hitting residents on that stretch.¹¹
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Awoshie Mangoase, Greater Accra Region.
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 person
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Fifteen arrests, one accident victim
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** 15 people were arrested by the police.

- ✚ **Incident N*02**
- ✚ **Title of Incident:** **6 police officers injured in clash with tricycle riders over KMA's restriction/Arrests**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 07-08-2023
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Six police officers have sustained injuries following a clash with tricycle riders at the premises of the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA). The riders pelted stones, destroying the windscreens of two cars owned by KMA staff. The aggrieved tricycle riders besieged the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly to retrieve their seized tricycles. But their action was fiercely resisted by the police.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Kumasi, Ashanti Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 6 injured (males)
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 6 persons, 2 cars
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured persons are currently receiving treatment at the KMA clinic, and the Assembly also called for military intervention, who managed to disperse the mob and arrested 12 tricycle riders.¹²

- ✚ **Incident N*03**
- ✚ **Title of Incident:** **DVLA interdicts 13, sacks 3 others**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 11-08-2023
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Thirteen staff of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA) have been interdicted and three others have had their appointments terminated due to staff indiscipline.

¹⁰ <https://3news.com/tdi-man-commits-suicide-after-girlfriend-he-spent-allegedly-on-jilted-him/>

¹¹ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/08/15-persons-arrested-for-blocking-awoshie-pokuase-highway/>

¹² <https://myjoyonline.com/6-police-officers-injured-in-clash-with-tricycle-riders-over-kmas-pragya-restriction>



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✚ **Location of incident:** Sunyani, Bono Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 16 persons

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Board Chairman of the authority, Frank Davies said the board would not shield anyone who breached the authority's disciplinary code and urged staff to live above reproach and put-up behavior worthy of emulation.¹³

✚ **Incident N*04**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Assault**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 7-08-23

✚ **Description of Incident:** A bolt driver has been reportedly assaulted by a man in military attire following a traffic dispute. The driver reportedly expressed caution to the military personnel for reckless driving. In response the military man allegedly stabbed the driver's head before physically assaulting him.¹⁴

✚ **Location of incident:** Santa Maria, Greater Accra Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victim was rushed to the Deseret Hospital and is currently on admission.

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:** **Flooding**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 9-08-23

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Tunguri community was submerged in water following heavy rainfall in the early hours of the day. Several houses, farmlands, livestock and other valuables have reportedly been flooded. The main road linking Nalerigu and Walewale became inaccessible after a trench was created across the road to allow for the free flow of water. The main bridge linking Gambaga to Nalerigu has also reportedly collapsed, putting the lives of road users in danger. Several other communities have also been flooded.¹⁵

✚ **Location of incident:** Tunguri, North East Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None reported at the time of incident.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Several homes, farmlands and livestock destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO) personnel are currently in the affected communities to assess the situation.

✚ **Incident N*02**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **4 farmers drown in Golinga Dam in Tolon District**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 13-08-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The seven residents of Galinkpegu were returning from their farms on the western part of the Golinga Dam when the disaster occurred. Three bodies were recovered on Saturday, August 12 around 4pm, while the last body was recovered on Sunday, August 13.

✚ **Location of incident:** Golinga Dam, Northern Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 4 dead (males)

¹³ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/dvla-interdicts-13-sacks-3-others.html>

¹⁴ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/08/soldier-allegedly-assaults-bolt-driver-over-traffic-dispute/>

¹⁵ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/08/north-east-tunguri-community-submerged-after-heavy-rainfall-on-wednesday/>



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Coping mechanism/Responses: A team of National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) officials led by the District Director Abdullah Salifu, recovered the fourth body.¹⁶

¹⁶ <https://myjoyonline.com/4-farmers-drown-in-golinga-dam-in-tolon-district>