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GHANA

WEEK OF JULY 24 TO 31, 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: Suspected cable thief lynched in Koforidua; his tricycle set ablaze

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 27-07-2023

Description of Incident: A man suspected to be part of a cable-theft gang, was lynched at Abogiri, a suburb of Koforidua in the Eastern region. The deceased, whose name was mentioned as Abdul, was believed to be a student in his early 20s and a resident of Effiduase, a suburb of Koforidua.

Location of incident: Koforidua, Eastern Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: 1 male

Coping mechanism/Responses: The police have launched investigations into the matter.¹

Incident N*00

Title of Incident: Scrap dealer jailed 10 years for stealing car gearbox

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 29-07-2023

Description of Incident: An Accra Circuit Court has sentenced a 25-year-old scrap dealer for stealing a Renault gear box and its housing belonging to a driver. Mohammed Mansur also stole engine heads of Toyota Corolla S, and Renault air conditioner motor, all totaling GHS8,500.00.

Location of incident: Greater Accra

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: 1 male arrested

Coping mechanism/Responses: The prosecution said the neighbors identified the stolen items as the property of the complainant and informed him about the theft. It said the convict together with the stolen items were sent to the Police station, where a complaint was lodged.²

Incident N*02

Title of Incident: Missing farmer found dead

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 26-07-2023

Description of Incident: A farmer who is a resident of Abura Dunkwa in the AAK District of the Central region was discovered dead. He had previously been reported missing after failing to come home for a couple of weeks, only to be discovered in the deepest part of a bush, his body had decayed beyond recognition. Game hunters discovered the farmer's mortal remains during a hunting trip.

Location of incident: Abura Dunkwa, Central Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: 1 male

Coping mechanism/Responses: On the suggestion of the District Environmental Health Officer, the body was buried, and police have begun an investigation into the case.³

Incident N*03

Title of Incident: Nine people wearing masks and wielding AK-47 rifles in Berekum arrested

Scale of Incident: Low

¹ <https://myjoyonline.com/suspected-cable-thief-lynched-in-koforidua-his-tricycle-set-ablaze>

² <https://myjoyonline.com/scrap-dealer-jailed-10-years-for-stealing-car-gearbox>

³ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Missing-farmer-found-dead-1811975>



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✦ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-07-2023

✦ **Description of Incident:** A group of persons were apprehended in a vehicle with a foreign license plate and in possession of firearms. The culprits were apprehended on their way to Sunyani from Akrankwanta.

✦ **Location of incident:** Berekum, Bono Region

✦ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✦ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 9 persons arrested (both males and females)

✦ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspects attempted to fight off the officers and drove away. However, reinforcements intervened to control the situation.⁴

✦ **Incident N*04**

✦ **Title of Incident:** **Missing Forest guard: 31 years old Vitus Yourdong found after 2 weeks**

✦ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✦ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 25-07-2023

✦ **Description of Incident:** Vitus Yourdong was found at a refuse dump with his hands and legs tired. He was allegedly captured by some chainsaw operators in the Asekese forest reserve at Sunyani, assaulted, held and later dumped unconsciously.

✦ **Location of incident:** Nkawkaw, Eastern Region

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

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

✦ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victim was sent to a hospital to seek medical care. Further investigations are underway to unravel the facts of the situation.⁵

✦ **Incident N*05**

✦ **Title of Incident:** **3 soldiers, 3 others put before court for alleged conspiracy to rob bullion van**

✦ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✦ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 26-07-2023

✦ **Description of Incident:** Three soldiers at the Headquarters Central Command of the Ghana Armed Forces in Kumasi and three others are standing trial for allegedly conspiring to rob a bullion van belonging to a mining company in the Ahafo Region.

✦ **Location of incident:** Ashanti Region

✦ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✦ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 6 persons

✦ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspects have also been granted a bail of GH¢100,000 each with three sureties.⁶

✦ **Incident N*06**

✦ **Title of Incident:** **Fisherman jailed for six years for stealing**

✦ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✦ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 26-07-2023

✦ **Description of Incident:** The Accra Circuit Court Ten has sentenced a fisherman to six years imprisonment in hard labour for stealing £5,000, \$100, GH¢4,000.00, mobile phones and personal effects belonging to a couple. Emmanuel Tetteh, who claimed he found the money and items at the seashore, confessed to using the money and the proceeds from the sale of the items to buy fishing gear.

✦ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

✦ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✦ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 male arrested

✦ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The prosecution said on April 19, 2022, Tetteh was arrested at the Accra Regional Police Headquarters where he petitioned the Command that he was being harassed by the complainants. After investigations, he was charged with the offences and put before the court.⁷

⁴ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Nine-people-wearing-masks-and-wielding-AK-47-rifles-in-Berekum-arrested-1812911>

⁵ <https://youtu.be/DVtq4cN-ucg>

⁶ <https://myjoyonline.com/3-soldiers-3-others-put-before-court-for-alleged-conspiracy-to-rob-bullion-van>

⁷ <https://myjoyonline.com/fisherman-jailed-for-six-years-for-stealing>



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✚ Incident N*07

✚ **Title of Incident: Police officer, two others remanded over robbing Indian nationals of over GH¢595,000, \$45,000**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A Police officer stationed at the Nima Police Station, Inspector Abednego Bortier and two others including a tutor have been remanded into police custody for one week by the Circuit Court in Accra. They are said to have succeeded in robbing their Indian victims of huge sums of monies, but the police succeeded in retrieving GH¢595,665 and USD\$45.140 upon arrest.

✚ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 2 male, 1 female arrested

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police have retrieved a total sum of GH¢595,665 and USS45.140 from the accused persons and same retained as exhibits while investigations continue.⁸

✚ Incident N*08

✚ **Title of Incident: One person dead, two injured at Aboabo fire festival**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 28-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 14-year-old has allegedly died as a result of a stray bullet during the display of magical prowess by some celebrants of a Fire Festival. Two other persons reportedly sustained gunshot wounds.

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

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 male dead, 2 injured

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The deceased has been sent to the hospital for autopsy to be conducted while investigation is still ongoing.⁹

✚ Incident N*09

✚ **Title of Incident: Unemployed man sentenced to ten years in prison for stealing**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 28-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** An Accra Circuit Court has sentenced an unemployed young man who stole from a military officer to ten years in prison with hard labour. Prince Kyei is also accused of breaking into the Military Officer's home and causing GH¢400.00 in damage to his wooden door lock. Kyei pleaded guilty to unlawful entry, causing unlawful damage, and three counts of stealing.

✚ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The prosecution stated that efforts were being made to apprehend the accomplices and recover other stolen products from the buyers.¹⁰

✚ Incident N*10

✚ **Title of Incident: 2 Urban Roads workers embezzle GH¢1.9million - Auditor General's report**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 31-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two account officers of the Greater Accra Regional Department of Urban Roads have been cited for embezzlement of GH¢1.9 million between January 2020 to March 2022. They are a former Greater Accra Regional Accountant and an account staff of the department. While the Regional Accountant alone embezzled about GH¢1.6 million from fraudulent withdrawals, both of them on separate occasions collected a total revenue of GH¢333,851 but failed to account for the revenue.

⁸ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Police-officer-two-others-remanded-over-robbing-Indian-nationals-of-over-GH-595-000-45-000-1813421>

⁹ <https://3news.com/one-person-dead-two-injured-at-aboabo-fire-festival/>

¹⁰ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Unemployed-man-sentenced-to-ten-years-in-prison-for-stealing-1813571>



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- ✦ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra
- ✦ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- ✦ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 2 persons
- ✦ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Auditor General therefore recommended that the Ag. Regional Director of the department should recover the amount of GH¢333,851.00 from the two staff without delay.¹¹

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:** **40-year-old man arrested for allegedly defiling minor and infecting her with HIV**
- ✦ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✦ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-07-2023
- ✦ **Description of Incident:** A man in his 40s is being held by the police for allegedly defiling a 14-year-old girl in Yeji. The suspect, named Alhassan Kambala, is claimed to be a contractor who works on the roads in Gushegu. According to the victim's father, the minor contracted tuberculosis and HIV as a result of the encounter.
- ✦ **Location of incident:** Yeji, Bono East Region
- ✦ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 female
- ✦ **Property damaged/Affected population:** A 14-year-old female.
- ✦ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Awuni Tia, the victim's father, is seeking justice.¹²

✦ Incident N*00

- ✦ **Title of Incident:** **Coconut seller sentenced 10 years for defilement at Twifo Praso**
- ✦ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✦ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 30-07-2023
- ✦ **Description of Incident:** A Cape Coast Circuit Court has sentenced Emmanuel Ofori, a 32-year-old coconut seller, to ten years imprisonment in hard labour for defiling a 13-year-old girl. The convict pleaded guilty simpliciter but the court convicted him on his plea as the survivor was a female under the age of 16 years.
- ✦ **Location of incident:** Central Region
- ✦ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 female
- ✦ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 female
- ✦ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A case was reported at Twifo Praso Dows by Deborah, leading to the arrest of the Ofori.¹³

✦ Incident N*02

- ✦ **Title of Incident:** **16-year-old girl allegedly harassed by aunt's husband**
- ✦ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✦ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 28-07-2023
- ✦ **Description of Incident:** A 16-year-old girl who alleges to be a victim of sexual harassment by her aunt's husband has appealed to the public for financial assistance to enable her to sit for the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE). According to her, she owes an amount of GH¢470 which her aunt is unable to pay due to financial constraints.
- ✦ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra region
- ✦ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- ✦ **Property damaged/Affected population:** A 16-year-old female.
- ✦ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victim is appealing to the public for financial assistance to enable her to sit for the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE).¹⁴

¹¹ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/2-urban-roads-workers-embezzle-gh-1-9million-auditor-generals-report.html>

¹² <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/40-year-old-man-arrested-for-allegedly-defiling-minor-and-infecting-her-with-HIV-1812905>

¹³ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Coconut-seller-sentenced-10-years-for-defilement-at-Twifo-Praso-1814867>

¹⁴ <https://myjoyonline.com/16-year-old-girl-allegedly-harassed-by-aunts-husband-begs-for-gh470-cedis-to-write-bece>



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✚ Incident N*03

✚ **Title of Incident: Court fines 24 commercial sex workers for sex soliciting**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 29-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The La District Court penalized 24 Nigerian commercial sex workers for soliciting sex in Osu, Accra. The sex workers have been identified as Favour David, 20, Nancy Victor, 23, Angel Isaiah, 23, Gloria Uyi, 27, Chukwuma Olivia Chinere, 22, Jennifer James, 27, Matilda Samuel, 28, Ogbona Success, 23 and Ibeh Mary, 20. Others are Berry Michael, 23, Angel Mbah, 23, Eze Jane, 23, Jenny Daniel, 23, Joy Timothy, 24, Comfort James, 23, Eze Kelly, 24, Lilian Ikpomwosa, 26 and Joy Bolle, 22.

✚ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 24 Nigerian females affected.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The prosecution said during investigation, they admitted the offence in their caution statements.¹⁵

✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident: Mother wants justice for defiled 3-year-old daughter**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 29-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The mother of a 3-year-old girl who is suffering from vaginal pox after being sexually abused at Twifo Mintaso in the Twifo Atimorkwa District, is pleading for justice. Hannah Dapaah, who currently resides in Tarkwa-Akyem, claimed she received a call from the grandmother that the 3-year-old victim was ill after they spotted blood spots in her trousers.

✚ **Location of incident:** Twifo Mintaso, Central Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 female injured.

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The mother of the victim is pleading with the police service to expedite investigations to bring the criminal to justice.¹⁶

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident: Boyfriend allegedly beats 17-year-old girlfriend to death in Terchire**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 30-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A second-year 17-year-old student of the Jedu Technical and Vocational Institute at Wamahinso in the Asutifi North in the Ahafo Region, Diana Oppong, has allegedly been beaten to death by her boyfriend. Diana's boyfriend identified only as Kofi who is also a final year student at the same institution reportedly beat her to a pulp on July 18, 2023, following a misunderstanding over a purported pregnancy.

✚ **Location of incident:** Wamahinso, Ahafo Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect has since been arraigned before the Duayaw Nkwanta Magistrate Court and remanded for two weeks to reappear on August 11, 2023.¹⁷

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: Asawase Police Station in Kumasi attacked by irate youth**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

¹⁵ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Court-fines-24-commercial-sex-workers-for-sex-soliciting-1814348>

¹⁶ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Mother-wants-justice-for-defiled-3-year-old-daughter-1814297>

¹⁷ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Boyfriend-allegedly-beats-17-year-old-girlfriend-to-death-in-Terchire-1814861>



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✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 23-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Some irate youths in Asokore Mampong in Kumasi vandalized the Asawase Police Station, following the alleged killing of a young man by the police. Louvre blades of windows and benches at the station were destroyed by the youth who pelted stones and other materials at the station structure.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Louvre blades of windows and benches at the station were destroyed.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Calm has been restored and investigation is ongoing to arrest the culprits.¹⁸

✚ **Incident N*02**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Fuel prices set to go up from August 1; petrol to sell for ₵13.27, diesel for ₵13.93 – COPEC**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 30-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** According to the Executive Secretary of the Chamber Of Petroleum Consumers (COPEC), Duncan Amoah, the “pump prices of Petrol and Diesel are likely to increase on average by about 9% over the current mean price of GHS11.90/L across the country whilst LPG prices increase by about 20%.”

✚ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Consumers/motorist

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** COPEC is by this advocating for reduction or removal of some of the fuel taxes to lessen the burden on consumers.¹⁹

✚ **Incident N*03**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Driver and bodyguard of Kwabena Minta Akandoh in critical condition after car accident**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 30-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The driver and bodyguard of Juaboso Member of Parliament (MP), Kwabena Minta Akandoh, are said to be in critical condition after a Toyota Land Cruiser they were travelling in collided head-on with a bus at Nyinahin. Police say, Mr Amo, in a bid to overtake a vehicle ahead, collided head-on with the Mercedes Benz Sprinter Bus, a Kumasi-Sefwi Wiawso bound bus at Twere Nyame.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** Unknown number injured.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Commuters

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Police and hospital sources say victims, including the MP are responding well to treatment.²⁰

✚ **Incident N*04**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **GES takes action in response to viral video of violence at Adisadel College**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 25-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Ghana Education Service (GES) has taken immediate action following the emergence of a video showing an act of violence involving two students of Adisadel College. The video, which has been circulating on social media, sparked outrage and raised concerns about the safety of students within the country’s educational institutions.

✚ **Location of incident:** Cape Coast, Central Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One student injured

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** In response to the incident, the school’s authorities have suspended the alleged perpetrator pending further investigation.²¹ The Housemaster has also been relieved of is role, pending further investigations.

¹⁸ <https://myjoyonline.com/asawase-police-station-in-kumasi-attacked-by-irate-youth>

¹⁹ <https://myjoyonline.com/fuel-prices-set-to-go-up-from-august-1-petrol-to-sell-for-%C2%A213-27-diesel-for-%C2%A213-93-copec>

²⁰ <https://myjoyonline.com/driver-and-bodyguard-of-kwabena-minta-akandoh-in-critical-condition-after-car-accident>

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✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Police swoops: Dagomba Line residents accuse police of extortion**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 25-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The inhabitants of Dagomba Line in the Asokore Mampong Municipality have accused the police in Kumasi of extortion under the guise of regular swoops. They claim the police officers charge as much as GH¢500 per suspect arrested in such swoops. The swoops, they claimed, have led to the loss of two lives in the past years.

✚ **Location of incident:** Dagomba Line, Asokore Mampong Municipality, Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police in the Ashanti Region are yet to respond to the allegations.²²

✚ Incident N*06

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Police interdict police officer seen in viral video dragging suspect**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 28-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Police officer in a viral video is seen dragging a suspect on the floor during an arrest at Dadease, near Kumawu in the Ashanti Region.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 injured (male)

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police have commenced investigation into the viral video.²³

✚ Incident N*07

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Birth Asphyxia: 50,000 Babies die annually - Ghana Health Service**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** High

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** About 50,000 babies die from birth asphyxia in Ghana every year. The Programme Manager for Newborn and Child Health of the Ghana Health Service, Dr Edward Antwi, said the figure could be more, given that some of the cases that occurred in home deliveries and outside recognized health facilities might not have been captured in the data.

✚ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 50 000 babies

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Babies

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Minister of Health, Mr Agyeman-Manu noted that the Ministry of Health was committed to working to further reduce newborn deaths and urged health workers and managers to effectively collaborate to reduce the incidence of birth asphyxia.²⁴

✚ Incident N*08

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Sunyani announces death of Nana Asor Nkrawiri**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 26-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Sunyani Traditional Council, yesterday, announced the death of the Omanhene of Sunyani, Nana Bosoma Asor Nkrawiri II. The official pronouncement at the Old Sunyani Palace was characterized by firing of muskets, blowing of horns, drumming and wailing. The news threw the entire Sunyani town and adjoining communities into a state of mourning.

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

²² <https://myjoyonline.com/police-swoops-dagomba-line-residents-accuse-police-of-extortion>

²³ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/police-interdict-police-officer-seen-in-viral-video-dragging-suspect.html>

²⁴ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/birth-asphyxia-50-000-babies-die-annually-ghana-health-service.html>



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- ✦ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 male
- ✦ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 male
- ✦ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The council has banned movement of animals in the city and declared that people who wished to come to the city within the one-month period must dress in all black. The council subsequently warned criminals, who would attempt to take advantage of the death of the chief to commit crime, to stay away from it.²⁵

✦ Incident N*09

- ✦ **Title of Incident:** **2 Wa Technical Institute students arrested for allegedly assaulting housemaster and student**
- ✦ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✦ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 26-07-2023
- ✦ **Description of Incident:** Two Wa Technical Institute students were arrested for allegedly assaulting a housemaster and one other student. One of them, 19-year-old Yussif Mudasshir is said to have been reproached by the housemaster for dressing improperly. According to the housemaster, Israel Musah Frinko, the student had agreed to change his attire but later resisted.
- ✦ **Location of incident:** Wa, Upper West Region
- ✦ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 injured (males)
- ✦ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 2 persons arrested
- ✦ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Teachers of the institution have since decided to boycott examination invigilation, saying that the school environment has become unsafe and demand the expulsion of the two students.²⁶

✦ Incident N*10

- ✦ **Title of Incident:** **Kpando Senior High School laments inadequate infrastructure**
- ✦ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✦ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 31-07-2023
- ✦ **Description of Incident:** The management of Kpando Senior High School in the Kpando Municipality of the Volta Region has lamented the inability of the school to accommodate the increasing number of students. The headmaster, Charles Evans Apreku, asserted that the school lacks classrooms, accommodation for teachers, dormitory for students and ICT logistics.
- ✦ **Location of incident:** Kpando, Volta Region
- ✦ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- ✦ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Students
- ✦ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The headmaster, Charles Evans Apreku called for a stakeholder collaboration toward resolving the infrastructure challenges.²⁷

✦ Incident N*11

- ✦ **Title of Incident:** **Couple injured in accident involving 4 cars on Kasoa-Cape Coast highway**
- ✦ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✦ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 31-07-2023
- ✦ **Description of Incident:** A couple have been injured in an accident occurred between a Toyota Corolla, a Honda Pilot, a Tipper car, and a sprinter Benz bus. According to eyewitness accounts, the driver of the Toyota Corolla was travelling from Accra to Winneba, while the other three cars were heading to Accra.
- ✦ **Location of incident:** Cape Coast, Central Region
- ✦ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 injured (1 male, 1 female)
- ✦ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Tow persons affected
- ✦ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Emergency services quickly proceeded to the scene and rushed the injured couple to the Potsin Polyclinic for medical treatment.²⁸

²⁵ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/sunyani-announces-death-of-nana-asor-nkawiri.html>

²⁶ <https://myjoyonline.com/2-wa-technical-institute-students-arrested-for-allegedly-assaulting-housemaster-and-student>

²⁷ <https://myjoyonline.com/kpando-senior-high-school-laments-inadequate-infrastructure>

²⁸ <https://myjoyonline.com/couple-injured-in-accident-involving-4-cars-on-kasoa-cape-coast-highway>



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Environmental security

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✚ Incident N*01

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Galamsey on Black Volta: Minister warns of crackdown on culprits**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 24-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** There have been reports of escalating illegal mining activities along the Black Volta River, particularly in areas such as Jama, Jugboi, Carpenter and Bamboi in the Savannah Region. The activities of the galamsey operators have destroyed the integrity of the river, affected agriculture and critical infrastructure, notably the Bui Power Generation Dam and Akosombo Power Generation Dam downstream.

✚ **Location of incident:** Savannah Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** The Black Volta, and residents who are dependent on the river for the water resource needs

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** An appeal has been made to the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to create more police barriers within the Savannah enclave and let police officers focus more on the monitoring and impounding of excavators being moved to the area for illegal mining.²⁹

✚ Incident N*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Pramso community grapples with high iron water contamination**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 28-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Piped water users within the Pramso Water Supply area in the Bosomtwe District of the Ashanti region are grappling with high iron water contamination. For over a decade now, water distributed through pipelines in the community has been heavily polluted with iron residues, with no established source of the contamination.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Managers at the water station developed strategies to flush water lines occasionally to reduce the chemical concentration in various households. For the time being, water users would have to resort to other domestic uses of the water source rather than consumption.³⁰

✚ Incident N*03

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Public Health Alert: Suspected black flies invade Dawhenya**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** High

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 24-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Some insects suspected to be black flies have invaded some communities in the North Dawhenya Electoral Area of the Greater Accra Region. The flies have created anxiety among residents and some even say they have been continuously scratching their skin resulting in swells on their body.

✚ **Location of incident:** North Dawhenya, Greater Accra

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Residents of Abbeykope, Miotso, Eagle Nest Estates, Mackweon Estates among others.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Assembly member for North Dawhenya Electoral Area, Moses Nii-P Kutor on Monday morning July 24, 2023, informed the District Health Directorate and the Environmental Health Office to come to the aid of the community.³¹

²⁹ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/galamsey-on-black-volta-minister-warns-of-crackdown-on-culprits.html>

³⁰ <https://myjoyonline.com/pramso-community-grapples-with-high-iron-water-contamination>

³¹ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/health/public-health-alert-black-flies-invade-dawhenya.html>



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✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Pastor arrested for alleged illegal mining at Twifo-Praso**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 26-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A Ghanaian based in America, Kwaku Gyebi of the House of Prayer Evangelistic Ministry, at Twifo-Phase, has been arrested by the Police for allegedly engaging in illegal mining at Perwudie, near Twifo Praso in the Twifo-Atti-Morkwa District of the Central Region. He was arrested, following a formal petition by the Minerals Commission to get the suspect arrested for his alleged illegal mining activities in the area.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** A pastor was affected.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Commission claims that the suspect’s illegal mining activities were not environmentally friendly and posed risk to people in neighboring communities. The suspect is being held in Police custody to assist with investigations.³²

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** **2 fishermen die after colliding with patrol boat, they were on a Homowo ritual fishing in Tema**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two fishermen died after their canoe reportedly collided with a patrol speed boat at the anchorage of the Tema Port. The patrol boat belongs to the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA). The canoe, Adesa Na Ohetsui had onboard 12 fishermen who were said to have embarked on a Homowo ritual fishing sanctioned by the Tema Traditional Council and collided with the patrol boat at the anchorage at about 1:30 am.

✚ **Location of incident:** Tema, Greater Accra

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 2 male dead

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The deceased have been identified as Francis Tetteh Larbi, aged 27 and Samuel Acquaye Allotey, aged 45.³³

✚ Incident N*06

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Police arrest 14 suspects over Mpameso forest disturbances**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Fourteen suspects said to be connected to a clash, which led to the death of two persons at the Mpameso Forest near Dormaa Ahenkro in the Bono Region have been arrested by the police. A search conducted on them following their arrest led to the retrieval of eight pump action guns, a cutlass and a knife.

✚ **Location of incident:** Mpameso Forest near Dormaa Ahenkro, Bono Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 14 persons arrested, 2 dead

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** All the suspects are currently in Police custody assisting investigations and will be put before court to face justice.³⁴

✚ Incident N*07

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Tema: 4 fishermen convicted for flouting closed season**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 28-07-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Four fishermen have been convicted at the TDC District Court in Tema for flouting the closed season fishing imposed by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development. The four; Kennedy Ganavudo, 22, Francis Bobole, 20, Jonas Ametepe Kushi, 35 and Kobla Aboste, 46, were fined a total of GH¢19,200 (400 penalty units each) or in default would each be subjected to a one-month jail term.

³² <https://myjoyonline.com/pastor-arrested-for-alleged-illegal-mining-at-twifo-praso>

³³ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/2-fishermen-die-after-colliding-with-patrol-boat-they-were-on-a-homowo-ritual-fishing-in-tema.html>

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✚ **Location of incident:** Tema, Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 4 males

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Magistrate, Benedicta Antwi slapped sentence on the four after hearing the brief facts of the case. The court further ordered the police to confiscate the catch found in possession of the fishermen as well as their fishing equipment.³⁵

³⁵ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/tema-4-fishermen-convicted-for-flouting-close-season.html>