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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: **Police arrest 2 suspects for robbery at mining company in Bogoso**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 8-09-2023
- Description of Incident: The Police on September 6, arrested two robbery suspects for attacking a mining company at Bogoso in the Western Region. The suspects, Derrick Kwabena and Daniel Ofori, in the company of six others currently on the run, attacked the mining company and some police officers on duty at the site.
- Location of incident: Bogoso, Western Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: 2 persons
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The two suspects are in lawful custody while efforts are underway to arrest the remaining suspects to face justice.¹

● Incident N*02

- Title of Incident: **Alleged mobile money fraudster arrested in Kasoa**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 03-09-2023
- Description of Incident: The Kasoa District Police Command has arrested Emmanuel Dawson, a 33-year-old taxi driver from Kasoa Opeikuma in the Central Region, for his alleged involvement as a serial mobile money fraudster. According to a reporter the accused monitors and robs mobile money vendors who are new to the business.
- Location of incident: Kasoa, Central Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: 1 person arrested
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Emmanuel Dawson is currently facing trial at the Kasoa Akweley District Court. He is yet to fulfil his bail terms which include a sum of GH20,000 and two plots of land.²

● Incident N*03

- Title of Incident: **Court orders arrest of teacher for alleged forgery**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 4-09-2023
- Description of Incident: An Accra Circuit Court has issued a bench warrant for the arrest of a 40-year-old teacher for allegedly forging documents for his promotion. Atta Boadi Senior, who has been charged with forging official documents and altering forged documents, failed to appear in court.
- Location of incident: Greater Accra
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: 1 male
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Chief Inspector Gohoho said further investigation found that Boadi was not due for promotion and had not followed the required process for advancement. After investigations, Boadi was charged with the offence and brought before court.³

¹ <https://myjoyonline.com/police-arrest-2-suspects-for-robbery-at-mining-company-in-bogoso>

² <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Alleged-notorious-mobile-money-fraudster-arrested-in-Kasoa-1836854>

³ <https://myjoyonline.com/court-orders-arrest-of-teacher-for-alleged-forgery>



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● Incident N*04

- Title of Incident: **Goaso Krontihene found dead**

- Scale of Incident: Low

- Date of occurrence of Incident: 4-09-2023

- Description of Incident: The Krontihene of the Goaso Traditional Areas in the Ahafo Region, Nana Yenhyira Kojo Kuma, was found dead in a bush. Nana Yenhyira Kojo Kuma was reportedly missing for about six days. His body was however found on Monday 4, 2023 morning in a bush, raising suspicions of murder.

- Location of incident: Goaso, Ahafo Region

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

- Property damaged/Affected population: 1 person killed

- Coping mechanism/Responses: The police have commenced investigations into the incident.⁴

● Incident N*05

- Title of Incident: **Man jailed eight years for operating illegal Microfinance**

- Scale of Incident: Low

- Date of occurrence of Incident: 05-09-2023

- Description of Incident: An Accra Circuit Court has sentenced a 34-year-old man to eight years in for operating a Microfinance institution without a license. Kofi Asante was also charged with forging the Bank of Ghana's (BoG) license for deposit-taking businesses.

- Location of incident: Greater Accra

- Casualty [Male &female]: None

- Property damaged/Affected population:

- Coping mechanism/Responses: He pleaded guilty to operating a microfinance business without a license and forging official documents to do so and was sentenced to four and eight years in prison, respectively. Both sentences are to run concurrently.⁵

● Incident N*06

- Title of Incident: **Court sentences unemployed, grants bail to another over theft of electronic devices**

- Scale of Incident: Low

- Date of occurrence of Incident: 6-09-2023

- Description of Incident: An Accra Circuit Court has sentenced an unemployed man to a fine of 600 penalty units, equivalent to GH¢7,200.00, over the theft of electrical devices valued at GH¢10,500.00, belonging to one Mr Robert Mills. In default, Adolf Kosah, aged 25, would spend eight months in prison in hard labour. Kosah had pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit a crime, unlawful entry, causing unlawful damage to a door valued at GH¢2,000.00 and stealing of the gadgets. His alleged accomplice, Benjamin Botchwey, alias Atta Armarh, aged 31, a driver who denied conspiring with Kosah to steal the items was granted a GH¢70,000.00 bail with three sureties, two to be civil servants.

- Location of incident: Greater Accra

- Casualty [Male &female]: None

- Property damaged/Affected population: 2 males

- Coping mechanism/Responses: Chief Inspector Benneh said efforts were underway to arrest their accomplice for further investigation.⁶

● Incident N*07

- Title of Incident: **Two jailed 20 years after threatening woman with cutlass, snatching mobile phone**

- Scale of Incident: Low

- Date of occurrence of Incident: 8-09-2023

- Description of Incident: Two men who threatened a woman with a cutlass and robbed her of her mobile valued at GH¢650, have been sentenced to 10 years imprisonment each by an Adentan Circuit Court. Stephen Kobi, a driver's mate, and Bernard Nyarko pleaded guilty to the charges of conspiracy to commit crime and robbery. Kobi told the court that the commercial vehicle he had been driving was taken away from him, so he went on a robbery

⁴ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/goaso-krontihene-found-dead-in-the-bush.html>

⁵ <https://myjoyonline.com/man-jailed-eight-years-for-operating-illegal-microfinance>

⁶ <https://myjoyonline.com/court-sentences-unemployed-grants-bail-to-another-over-theft-of-electronic-devices>



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spree. In the case of Nyarko, he claimed his actions were motivated by economic hardship and that his girlfriend was also pregnant, so the court should pardon him.

- **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

- **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The prosecution, led by Chief Inspector Maxwell Lanyo, had earlier asked the court to impose a deterrent sentence because the area had become a robbery hotbed and directed the Ghana Police Service to beef up security in the area to limit the increased crimes.⁷

● **Incident N*08**

- **Title of Incident:** **21-year-old man jailed for stealing phone**

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 6-09-2023

- **Description of Incident:** A 21-year-old unemployed man has been handed a six-month prison sentence for stealing a mobile phone in the Nkwanta South District Court of the Oti Region. Detective Inspector Bright Nkansah, the police prosecutor in this case, informed the court that Tadir Njandi, aged 21, had stolen the phone from a resident's home in Pibilla, a farming community located in Nkwanta North of the Oti Region. The stolen phone was valued at GH¢1,100.

- **Location of incident:** Nkwanta South District, Oti Region

- **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The presiding judge, Joseph Annang Okorokpa, sentenced the young man based on his own plea. During the pronouncement of the judgment, Judge Okorokpa said this sentencing served as a strong deterrent to potential thieves in the area. This, he added, is aimed at protecting the community from such criminal activities in the future.⁸

● **Incident N*09**

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

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 05-09-2023

- **Description of Incident:** Two women died in separate incidents on Monday 4, 2023 morning in Koforidua. According to eyewitness reports, the first woman who is elderly died on the spot after she was knocked down by a speeding taxi driver, who ran away after the incident. Another woman's lifeless body was found after allegedly being attacked and killed by unknown assailants.⁹

- **Location of incident:** Koforidua

- **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead (females)

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

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police have commenced investigations into the incident.

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*02**

- **Title of Incident:** **Teacher jailed 12 years for defilement**

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 05-09-2023

- **Description of Incident:** A 20-year-old teacher, Jephthah Agyarko, who defiled a pupil in his class has been sentenced to 12 years in prison by the Tarkwa circuit court. Agyarko pleaded guilty to the charge of defilement when he first appeared in court and the presiding judge, Mrs Hathia Ama Manu deferred the sentence.

⁷ <https://myjoyonline.com/two-jailed-20-years-after-threatening-woman-with-cutlass-snatching-mobile-phone>

⁸ <https://myjoyonline.com/21-year-old-man-jailed-for-stealing-techno-phone>

⁹ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/09/koforidua-police-investigate-death-of-two-women/>



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- **Location of incident:** Tarkwa, Western Region
- **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- **Property damaged/Affected population:**
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A report was made to the police and the accused was subsequently arrested and during interrogation, he admitted the offence in his investigation caution statement, Chief Inspector Lartey said.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:** Accident at the Accra-Tema toll booth
- **Scale of Incident:** Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 4-09-2023
- **Description of Incident:** A vehicle accident at the Tema side of motorway at the weekend left one person dead and another injured. The truck was reportedly skidded off the road and collided with one of the toll booths.
- **Location of incident:** Greater Accra
- **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 persons
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 2 persons
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The driver of the truck, who suffered injuries, was taken to the hospital, but his assistant [mate] reportedly died on the spot.¹¹

● Incident N*02

- **Title of Incident:** 16 Staff at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital sanctioned for various offenses
- **Scale of Incident:** Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 1-09-2023
- **Description of Incident:** In a bid to uphold discipline and enhance patient care standards, the Management of the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) has taken decisive action against 16 of its staff members. These individuals have been found guilty of various infractions, resulting in sanctions ranging from dismissals to cautionary measures and suspensions without pay. According to Professor Otchere Addai-Mensah, the hospital's Chief Executive Officer, these infractions include cases of extortion by some of the implicated staff. He announced these actions during the 2023 mid-year performance review conference in Kumasi, emphasizing the hospital's commitment to maintaining discipline within its ranks.
- **Location of incident:** Ashanti Region
- **Casualty [Male &female]:** None reported.
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 16 persons affected
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Professor Addai-Mensah expressed optimism that this intervention would significantly enhance healthcare services in the region.¹²

● Incident N*03

- **Title of Incident:** Road Accident
- **Scale of Incident:** Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 05-09-23
- **Description of Incident:** Two people were in critical condition and receiving treatment at the Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital following an accident which occurred at Mamfe on the Accra-Koforidua Highway. According to eyewitnesses the accident occurred after a tanker truck that was descending the Mamfe Hill allegedly developed a brake failure and in the process ran into six vehicles on the opposite side, damaging all six cars.¹³
- **Location of incident:** Mamfe, Koforidua, Eastern Region.

¹⁰ <https://myjoyonline.com/teacher-jailed-12-years-for-defilement>

¹¹ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/the-tema-toll-booth-accident-which-claimed-one-life-video.html>

¹² <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/16-staff-at-komfo-anokye-teaching-hospital-sanctioned-for-various-offenses.html>

¹³ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/09/tanker-truck-accident-at-mamfe-leaves-2-in-critical-condition/>



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- Casualty [Male &female]: 2 injured.
- Property damaged/Affected population: Six Cars (damaged)
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Personnel from the Ghana Police Service, National Fire Service and the Ambulance service were dispatched to rescue casualties and manage traffic.

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 Senchi Ferry Health Centre**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 7-09-2023
- Description of Incident: Fire engulfed the Senchi Ferry Health Centre in the Asuogyaman District of the Eastern Region, leaving behind a trail of significant destruction. The inferno raged for hours and destroyed two separate rooms dedicated to Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) as well as a mental health unit. Several items, including vaccine carriers, furniture, air conditioning units, glass doors, ceilings, and other health equipment valued at over GHS 10, 000, were destroyed in the fire.
- Location of incident: Asuogyaman District, Eastern Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: Two separate rooms, mental health unit.
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Reports indicated that a team of Fire Service personnel was dispatched to assess the situation and compile a detailed report on potential solutions, with the aim of swiftly resolving the challenge at hand.¹⁴

● Incident N*02

- Title of Incident: **Over 100 people rendered homeless after heavy rainstorm in Yeji**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 05-09-2023
- Description of Incident: Over 100 residents in Yeji in the Pru East District, in the Bono East Region, were rendered homeless following a heavy rainstorm that lasted for two hours. This downpour which began on Tuesday 5, 2023 afternoon, was accompanied by strong winds and thunderstorms. The aftermath of the rainstorm was extensive damage to both private residential buildings and businesses in the area, including the Yeji Senior High Technical School. Floods also took over the entire community. As a result, residents who lost their homes and belongings sought shelter with neighbours who managed to salvage their properties.
- Location of incident: Yeji, Bono East Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: Residents
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The affected residents have called on the president as well as the local authorities, particularly the District Chief Executive (DCE), to come to their aid.¹⁵

● Incident N*03

- Title of Incident: **Explosion at quarry in Western region, 4 confirmed dead, many missing**
- Scale of Incident: Medium
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 09-09-2023

¹⁴ <https://myjoyonline.com/fire-destroys-senchi-ferry-health-centre>

¹⁵ <https://myjoyonline.com/over-100-people-rendered-homeless-after-heavy-rainstorm-in-yeji>



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- **Description of Incident:** An ammonia nitrate explosive disaster at a quarry in the Shama District of the Western Region has killed some four persons with many reported missing and injured. According to reports, the explosion happened at night at a quarry site operated by some Chinese at Anto-Aboso.¹⁶
- **Location of incident:** Shama District of the Western Region
- **Casualty [Male &female]:** 4 dead, many injured
- **Property damaged/Affected population:**
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police and the Ghana Fire Service have arrived at the site and are working together to control the situation.

¹⁶ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/BREAKING-Huge-explosion-at-quarry-in-Western-region-leaves-many-dead-and-injured-1841438>