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GHANA

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18 TO 24, 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 over Adoagyiri chieftaincy disputes**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 18-09-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: The police are investigating the death of three persons in two separate incidents connected to the chieftaincy dispute at Adoagyiri in the Eastern Region. The first incident, which occurred months ago, a death was recorded from a suspected gun shot. Weeks later, precisely on Tuesday, August 29, two deaths were recorded in a cross fire at Adoagyiri. The Eastern Regional Security Council (REGSEC) Chairman, Seth Kwame Acheampong, who doubles as the Regional Minister, had mentioned the incident contravened the Public Order Act and Arms and Ammunition Act, which deals with possession of arms or ammunition without authority.

🚩 Location of incident: Adoagyiri, Eastern Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 2 persons

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: 2 persons

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: A ban on outdoor activities has been enforced, while heavy police presence has been sustained for public safety and stability.¹

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 Title of Incident: **Leaders of group linked to Russia's Wagner arrested**

🚩 Scale of Incident:

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 19-09-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: The suspects, whose names have been given as Michael Asiedu, 23, Ernest Asiedu, 26, and Evans, 25, were suspected to have been arrested after they organized some young people to stage a demonstration to announce their presence in the community. They were suspected to have amassed about 15 other young people believed to be senior high school (SHS) students to execute their agenda. Some members of the community who spoke to Connect FM's Omanabpa morning show indicated that the suspects – who are known to be unemployed – started showing off luxurious lifestyles which got many of them wondering.

🚩 Location of incident: Diabene, Western Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: 3 males

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: One of the spinners (name withheld) who was arrested together with the suspects indicates that whilst they were in the cell, the suspects confessed to receiving an undisclosed amount of money from their financier in Australia with the promise that more would be remitted after the protest.²

🚩 Incident N*03

🚩 Title of Incident: **Violent Clash**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Medium

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 20-09- 2023

🚩 Description of Incident: There were violent clashes between traders and landguards at Taifa junction over an eviction exercise at the Muus Timber Market (Ofranko Timber Market). According to multiple reports, the altercation between the two groups came about when the original owner of the land (Naa Sackey), on which the traders use as their market; tried to forcibly evict them, using land guards.

🚩 Location of incident: Greater Accra, Taifa Junction

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead, 3 Injured

¹ <https://3news.com/two-arrested-over-adoagyiri-chieftaincy-disputes/>

² <https://3news.com/w-r-leaders-of-group-linked-to-russias-wagner-arrested/>



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- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Traders (Wood sellers) and unconfirmed wooden structures demolished.
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The inspector General of Police deployed some senior police personnel and calm has been restored for investigations to begin.

✚ Incident N*04

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** **Armed Attack**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 21-09-23
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** About 9 people have been killed with 6 others in critical condition in an ambushed attack in what is believed to be related to a chieftaincy conflict in neighbouring Bawku. The attack is said to have occurred when heavily armed men ambushed a police convoy escorting traders from Bawku to Cinkase in Togo. The attack occurred near the Gbewaa Training College on the road from Missiga to Pulimakom.³
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Pusiga, Upper East Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 9 dead (6 females, 3 males) 6 injured (female)⁴
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 police vehicle damaged
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Police are investigating the incident.

✚ Incident N*05

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** **Arrest**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 22-09-23
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** One person has been arrested in connection with the arm attack on traders on the Bawku sankasi highway in Pusiga District in the Upper East Region⁵
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Pusiga, Upper East Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** Nil
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 person affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Police are investigating 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*06

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** **Ashanti region: 18-year-old woman allegedly raped and murdered at Anwiankwanta**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 18-09-2023
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** An 18-year-old apprentice was allegedly picked up by individuals in a vehicle who offered to drop her off at her home. When she failed to return, concerned community members began searching for her, and tragically, her lifeless body was discovered in an uncompleted building just a few meters from her residence. Eyewitnesses say she was partially unclothed, leading to suspicions that she may have been sexually assaulted before her death.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Anwiankwanta, Ashanti Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 female
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 female
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A comprehensive inquiry has been launched to uncover the circumstances surrounding her untimely and mysterious death. Also, Frank Awuah, the assembly member for the Awiankwanta electoral area, in an interview with Citi News, said the police are still investigating, but urged anyone with information to come forward.⁶

³ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/at-least-9-killed-in-highway-ambush-at-pusiga/>

⁴ WANEP Early Warning report

⁵ Wanep Early Warning report

⁶ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/ashanti-region-18-year-old-woman-allegedly-raped-and-murdered-at-anwiankwanta.html>



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🚩 Incident N*07

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

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 20-09-23

🚩 Description of Incident: A 29-year-old man has allegedly hacked his mother to death. According to the sister of the suspect, her brother butchering their mother with said “motive behind the horrifying act remains a mystery”. According to eyewitnesses, the culprit also attempted to take his life after the heinous crime but was apprehended by the police and rushed to the Goaso Government Hospital for medical attention.⁷

🚩 Location of incident: Wurumrumso, Asutifi South District, Ahafo Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (female) one injured

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: 2 person affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The culprit is on admission at the hospital under police guard

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*08

🚩 Title of Incident: **Ghana Health Service warns of rapid spread of hemorrhagic conjunctivitis across all 16 regions**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Medium

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 18-09-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: The general public has been urged to maintain a habit of frequent handwashing to deal with the increasing cases of Acute hemorrhagic conjunctivitis, commonly referred to as Apollo. More than 50% of eye cases reported at the Police Hospital’s eye clinic are linked to Apollo and health officials warn of a fast spread across all 16 Regions.

🚩 Location of incident: Greater Accra

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Unconfirmed

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: Dr. Franklin Asiedu-Bekoe, the Director of Public Health at the Ghana Health Service in an interview with Citi News stressed the need for individuals to refrain from touching their eyes and advocated for the promotion of frequent handwashing.⁸

🚩 Incident N*09

🚩 Title of Incident: **40 police Chief Inspectors sue IGP Dampare for refusing to promote them**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 18-09-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: Forty Police Chief Inspectors in the Ghana Police Service have sued the Inspector General of Police (IGP) over what they describe as the unjustifiable refusal of the police service to promote them. In a writ filed at the High Court in Kumasi, the police officers claim they have been excluded from a series of promotions. Even though the police service have been prompted to grant special amnesty to police officers who had obtained degrees before 2020.

🚩 Location of incident: Greater Accra

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: 40 police Chief Inspectors affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The 40 plaintiffs are urging the court to order the IGP and the other defendants to increase their ranks, grant them direct access to the Police Academy and further restore their loss income following the failure to promote them.⁹

🚩 Incident N*10

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/29-year-old-man-allegedly-kills-mother-in-ahafo-region/>

⁸ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/09/ghs-warns-of-rapid-spread-of-apollo-across-all-16-regions/>

⁹ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/40-police-chief-inspectors-sue-igp-dampare-for-refusing-to-promote-them.html>



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🚩 Title of Incident: **Protest**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Medium

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 21-09-23

🚩 Description of Incident: The police arrested 49 protestors who showed up within the vicinity of the Jubilee House and the 37 Military Hospital to participate in the #occupyjubilee house demonstration. In a press statement the police indicated that these suspects were taken into custody for unlawful assembly and violation of the Public Order Act. The police noted that the arrested persons disregarded court documents served on the organizers, Democracy Hub, to refrain from embarking on the planned demonstration.¹⁰

🚩 Location of incident: Accra, Greater Accra region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None reported

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: 49 persons affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: None reported at the time the report was made

🚩 Incident N*11

🚩 Title of Incident: **Road Accident**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 21-09-23

🚩 Description of Incident: A Chief from Mankuma in the Bole District has lost his life in an accident. He was riding a motorcycle when a Burkina Faso bound articulated truck ran over him. This was after the driver reportedly lost control and hit a pothole.¹¹

🚩 Location of incident: Mankuma, Bole District, Savannah Region

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

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: None

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The Fire Service duty crew with assistance from a Zoomlion towing truck retrieved the body and handed it over to the police.

🚩 Incident N*12

🚩 Title of Incident: **Arrest**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 21-09-23

🚩 Description of Incident: Five students of the T. I. Ahmadiyya Senior High School have been arrested for their involvement in a violent attack which resulted in 12 students sustaining injuries. The suspects who were mostly Form Three students carried out the attack on their colleague students at night as a revenge for an earlier disagreement. The attackers took advantage after the alarm signaled for lights out and launched the attack using weapons like knives on the victims.¹²

🚩 Location of incident: Gomoa Potsin, Central Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 12 Injured

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: 12 persons affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: Injured victims were taken to Potsin Polyclinic for treatment.

🚩 Incident N*13

🚩 Title of Incident: **Challenges recorded during limited registration**

🚩 Scale of Incident:

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident:

🚩 Description of Incident: A total of 370 challenges from various registration points were recorded in the Ashanti Region by the Electoral Commission in the first week of the limited voter registration exercise. Out of the 370, 211 of them were related to underage registration challenges. The Ashanti Regional Director of the Electoral Commission, Benjamin Bannor-Bio, described the incidents of minors attempting to register as worrisome.

🚩 Location of incident: Ashanti Regional

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: Nil

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Nil

¹⁰ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/occupyjulorbihouse-49-arrested-for-unlawful-assembly-police/>

¹¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/chief-dies-in-gory-accident-on-bole-road/>

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/five-t-i-ahmadiyya-shs-students-arrested-for-stabbing-12-colleagues/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** He has therefore appealed to all stakeholders within the electoral process, particularly the political parties and Assembly Members not to encourage underage persons to register.¹³

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*014

✚ **Title of Incident:** Flooding

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 19-09-23

✚ **Description of Incident:** A section of the Wa-Kumasi Highway has been cut off following a 12-hour downpour on Sunday. The downpour caused the Doli Dam to overflow leading to the collapse Doli Bridge which links the Bole-Bamboi District to the Sawla-Tuna-Kalba District. The heavy rains also washed away a section of the N12 Highway which links the southern sector to the north-western part of the country as well as Burkina Faso and Mali. Vehicles were stranded for hours until alternative routes were announced by the Highway Authority.¹⁴

✚ **Location of incident:** Doli, Bole District, Savannah Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Sections of highway destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Alternative routes have been announced by the Highway Authority.

✚ Incident N*015

✚ **Title of Incident:** Collapse story building

✚ **Scale of Incident:** low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 23-09-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** After the downpour on Friday, a caretaker of a three-story discover the pillars were sinking, within 30 minutes after noticing the pillars sinking, the entire structure collapsed. The incident happened at Ofankor in Accra.

✚ **Location of incident:** At Ofankor in Accra in

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** Nil

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Three story building destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police have visited the scene and are investigating the incident¹⁵

¹³ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/politics/ongoing-limited-registration-exercise-underage-challenge-tops-list-in-ashanti.html>

¹⁴ <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/doli-bridge-linking-wa-kumasi-washed-awaypassengers-stranded/>

¹⁵ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/this-building-collapsed-at-ofankor-in-accra-saturday-morning.html>