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GHANA

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25 TO 30, 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: **Mob Justice/Armed Robbery /Arrest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 26-09-23

✚ Description of Incident: A car snatcher was beaten to death by a mob while his accomplice remains in the grips of the Awutu Breku District Command. According to sources, the deceased was in the company of one other suspect who snatched a Hyundai i10 taxi. The suspects who are residents of Nsawam, reportedly have a modus operandi of hiring the services of taxi drivers from Nsawam and snatching their vehicles in the Awutu area. The taxi driver was under attack when he blew the alarm and residents as well as farmers in the area caught one of the suspects, who was beaten to death.¹

✚ Location of incident: Awutu Bosomabena, Awutu Senya District, Central Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: None

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The police were called to pick up the body of the deceased while the other suspect remains in police custody.

✚ Incident N*02

✚ Title of Incident: **GWCL cable thief sentenced to 24 months in prison**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 28-09-2023

✚ Description of Incident: A cable thief sentenced to 24 months in prison. According to the Western and Central Regions Communications Officer of the Ghana Water Company Limited, the suspect was caught at their station at Inchaban on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at about 10:00 am. On that day, a senior Technical Assistant at the station, Solomon Kumornu, during his usual rounds at the station heard an unusual noise in one of their laboratories, and tactfully traced the noise to the suspect who was hiding to avoid being discovered.

✚ Location of incident: Shama, Western Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person arrested

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect initially told the court presided over by Ms. Patience Ablorh that he was 17 years old. He was then asked to provide his Ghana Card, which revealed that he was 18 years old. The court found him guilty and sentenced him to 24 months in prison.²

✚ Incident N*03

✚ Title of Incident: **Security agencies in Ghana, Burkina Faso launch manhunt for suspected terrorists hiding in Sissala**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 28-09-2023

✚ Description of Incident: The security agencies in Ghana and Burkina Faso have launched a manhunt for suspected terrorists hiding in the Sissala West District at Fatchu. Information gathered by the security agencies indicates that the suspected terrorists crossed the Burkinabe border into Ghana on Wednesday, September 27 at about 11:45 GMT. The security agencies raided the hideout of the suspects and found a Ghanaian voter ID card, two (2) mobile phones, an unspecified number of ammunitions, clothing, and eight motorcycles among other items.

✚ Location of incident: Sissala West District, Upper West Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

¹ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/09/central-region-alleged-car-snatcher-beaten-to-death/>

² <https://3news.com/tdi-gwcl-cable-thief-sentenced-to-24-months-in-prison/>



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- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damage or immediate person affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The security agencies in Gwollu have been notified of this development and are currently conducting patrols intermittently in and around Fatchu.³

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:** Homicide/Witchcraft Accusation
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 25-09-23
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** A 60-year-old woman has been shot and killed by a young man who is related to her. According to a brother-in-law of the deceased, she was in her room when they pulled her out and shot her. She was suspected of witchcraft.⁴
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Janga, West Mamprusi District, North East Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead (female)
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** A 60-year-old
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police are investigating the incident.

✚ Incident N*02

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** Homicide
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-09-23
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** The police are on a manhunt for a 22-year-old rider who allegedly poisoned his girlfriend. The rider was in an amorous relationship with the deceased, who recently completed her Junior High School Education. According to the Assemblyman of the area, the deceased who was pregnant for the rider declined to terminate the pregnancy when the suspect requested her to do so.⁵
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Koransang, Suhum Municipality, Eastern Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead (Female)
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** None
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police have deposited her body at the Suhum Government Hospital morgue while commencing investigations to apprehend the suspect who is on the run.

✚ Incident N*03

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** Murder/Suicide
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-09-23
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** A fetish priest, aged 62, has allegedly murdered his 25-year-old junior wife and committed suicide thereafter. The fetish priest killed his wife on suspicion of infidelity at their home. The assemblyman of the area confirmed the incident and stated that there was a misunderstanding between the couple which led to the stabbing of the young wife. The fetish priest also committed suicide after the act by stabbing himself.⁶
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Yeji, Pru East District, Bono East Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead (1 male, 1 female)
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The bodies have been deposited at the St. Mathias Catholic Hospital for preservation.

³ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/wanted-security-agencies-in-ghana-burkina-faso-launch-manhunt-for-suspected-terrorists-hiding-in-sissala.html>

⁴ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/09/north-east-region-60-year-old-woman-shot-dead-over-witchcraft-accusation/>

⁵ <https://citinewsroom.com/2023/09/suhum-22-year-old-okada-rider-allegedly-poisons-17-year-old-pregnant-girlfriend/>

⁶ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/yeji-62-year-old-fetish-priest-murders-25-year-old-wife-on-suspicion-of-adultery-commits-suicide/>



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🚩 Incident N*04

🚩 Title of Incident: **Assault/Witchcraft Accusation**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 28-09-23

🚩 Description of Incident: An 85-year-old woman is battling for her life after she was assaulted for being accused of being a witch. According to reports, a 55-year-old woman inflicted cutlass wounds on the old lady for being behind her predicaments. The suspect is also accusing the victim following the mysterious deaths of some residents in their vicinity. According to an eyewitness, the suspect stormed the victim's house in anger and started hacking the 85-year-old victim with the cutlass. The victim raised an alarm which drew the attention of neighbours who rushed to her aid.⁷

🚩 Location of incident: Enyan Ankukrom, Central Region

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

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: None

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The family of the victim is demanding prosecution of the culprit.

🚩 Incident N*05

🚩 Title of Incident: **Assault/ Attempted Murder**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 29-09-23

🚩 Description of Incident: Police are on a manhunt for a 54-year-old man who allegedly inflicted multiple machete wounds on his 34-year-old girlfriend for fear of ditching him. After the attack, the lady stated that she now lives in fear of being attacked by her runaway boyfriend.⁸

🚩 Location of incident: Patriensa near Kuntense, Ashanti Region

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

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: None

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim has been treated and discharged from the Kuntense Government Hospital.

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

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 27-09-23

🚩 Description of Incident: Two drivers were in critical condition after an accident occurred on the Kasoa Winneba Highway. The accident involved four cars. According to an eyewitness, the accident occurred when one of the drivers made a wrong overtaking and crashed into the other vehicles.⁹

🚩 Location of incident: Gomoa Potsin, Central Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 2 injured.

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Not specified

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The drivers who sustained severe injuries were taken to a hospital for treatment.

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 Title of Incident: **Road Accident**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Medium

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 27-09-23

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/woman-85-accused-of-witchcraft-battling-for-life/>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/a-r-police-chase-54-year-old-man-for-inflicting-machete-wounds-on-lover-for-ditching-him/>

⁹ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/two-drivers-in-critical-condition-after-ghastly-accident-at-gomoa-potsin/>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** Many people have been reported dead in an accident on the Accra-Peki Highway. The accident involved a VIP bus and a ford. A passenger in the VIP bus revealed that the driver in the Ford vehicle was speeding. He reportedly lost control and collided with the VIP bus, leading to loss of lives while several others were injured.¹⁰

✚ **Location of incident:** Peki, Volta Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** Several reported dead and injured.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** The vehicles involved were damaged in the process

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** None stated at the time of the report.

✚ Incident N*03

✚ **Title of Incident:** Tema Manhean Polyclinic operates under leaking roof

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 28-09-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Tema Manhean Polyclinic allegedly operates under a leaking roof according to reports. Sections of the facility, including the Out patients' Department (OPD) and other offices experience leaks whenever there is rainfall. The health centre was originally constructed as a health post during Dr Kofi Abrefa Busia's administration in the 1970s. With the ever-growing population of the metropolis due to increased industrial and commercial activities and settlements, the facility has come under immense pressure.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Hospital staff and patients

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The hospital administrator has appealed to the industries in Tema and also the Ghana National Petroleum Commission to make financial commitments to help complete the project.¹¹

✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** Persons living with kidney disease in pain as Korle-bu Teaching Hospital increases charges for dialysis

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-09-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A journalist, Thomas Cann, who is living with kidney disease, thus on dialysis has complained bitterly about Government's failure to capture dialysis under the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS). Thomas Cann claims that in 2016, he led an advocacy for the NHIS to cover kidney disease and its associated cost, but his clarion call has not been heard since. This is despite the huge numbers of Ghanaians, especially the youth who are suffering from the illness. "We have been pushing and calling for the National Health Insurance to absorb some of the cost for several years, but we have not been successful.

✚ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Kidney patients

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** According to Thomas Cann, no politician has since talked about the welfare of persons living with kidney disease and called on the Government and other advocates to speak against the increase in the charge for dialysis at Korle -Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, as this might compel other hospitals to also increase their charges.¹²

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/many-feared-dead-after-in-accident-near-peki/>

¹¹ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/tema-manhean-polyclinic-operates-under-leaking-roof.html>

¹² <https://3news.com/persons-living-with-kidney-disease-in-pain-as-korle-bu-teaching-hospital-increases-charges-for-dialysis/>



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🚩 Incident N*05

🚩 Title of Incident: **20 Perish in gory accident at Peki**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 30-09-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: At least twenty people have perished in an accident at Peki. The involved vehicles were a Grandbird bus travelling from Accra to Chinderi in the Oti Region, while a Toyota minibus travelling from Hohoe to Accra. The Toyota was torn into two upon impact at collision, while the Grandbird veered off the road and landed on its side. Fifteen passengers onboard the minibus died on the spot, while five passengers on the Grandbird perished in the crash which occurred around 11:40 a.m.

🚩 Location of incident: Peki, Volta Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 20 persons dead, others injured.

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: At least 20 persons

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: Personnel of the Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) were joined by staff of the Ghana Water Company Limited in the rescue operation at the scene of the accident.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*01

🚩 Title of Incident: **400 school children stranded as rainstorm rips off roof of classroom block**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 28-09-2023

🚩 Description of Incident: A nine-unit classroom block and adjoining offices at the African Unity School were destroyed in May this year but they have not seen any renovation yet. In the case of Manle Dada Basic School, three classrooms out of the nine-unit block were destroyed by a rainstorm on September 22. Information gathered suggests that when the African Unity School could no longer be used for teaching and learning, all the pupils were moved to share classrooms with their counterparts at the Manle Dada Basic School.

🚩 Location of incident: La Dadekotopon Municipality, Greater Accra

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: 400 school children

¹³ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/20-perish-in-gory-accident-at-peki.html>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The La-Dadekotopon Municipal Assembly and the Municipal Education Directorate were working to keep the children in school, while measures were taken to renovate their classrooms.¹⁴

✚ Incident N*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Man, 37, drowns in Okwe River**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 28-09-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A man allegedly drowned in the Okwe River. Mr Peter Tawaiah Adechiere, brother of the deceased, had raised concerns about the disappearance of the victim, who went missing on Saturday morning, September 23, 2023, after embarking on a fishing expedition in the Okwe River. In a show of community solidarity, residents supported family members to launch a search operation along the riverside in an effort to locate the victim.

✚ **Location of incident:** Eastern Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** However, attempts to get a reaction of the police for comment were unsuccessful.¹⁵

✚ Incident N*03

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Houses, properties still submerged in water 5 months after flood in Agbozume**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 29-09-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Properties, including houses still submerged in water 5 months after flood in Agbozume. According to the residents, the flood started in May 2023, destroying many properties and rendering families homeless, leaving them distressed and frustrated. Some of the communities affected are Nogokpo, Sonuto, Babanawokope, Kpedzakope, and Ativuta among others. They have been completely cut off from the main Agbozume township.

✚ **Location of incident:** Ketu South Municipality, Volta Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A headteacher in one of the schools, Mr. Shine Bokor said his entire building had been submerged in the water, as a result, he now stays at a guest house. Bokor noted that life has been tough since the flood and wants the Government to do something about the situation. Meanwhile, residents complained stating some of them still live in the floods because they do not have anywhere to go.¹⁶

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** **5 reportedly dead in mining pit collapse at a community mining site in Tarkwa**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 29-09-2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Five reportedly dead in mining pit collapse at a community mining site in Tarkwa. A miner at the place where the accident occurred said, *"We got to work, but felt the atmosphere had changed. No one could say anything so we stayed around for a while. It was then that one of our people came to hint us of the extent of the accident that had happened underground and right in front of us they brought four boys who had died, and we thought that would be all but unfortunately, we heard more people were involved."* He further clarified that the number of people confirmed dead is more than the five reported by media outlets.

✚ **Location of incident:** Tarkwa, Western Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** At least 5 persons dead

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 5 persons

¹⁴ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/400-schoolchildren-stranded-rainstorm-rips-off-school-roof.html>

¹⁵ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/man-37-drowns-in-okwe-river/>

¹⁶ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/houses-properties-still-submerged-in-water-5-months-after-flood-in-agbozume/>



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- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Bodies of the deceased have been removed and deposited at the Tarkwa Morgue however, the company has assured that safety measures are being enhanced.¹⁷

¹⁷ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/5-reportedly-dead-in-mining-pit-collapse-at-community-mining-site-in-tarkwa/>