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GHANA

WEEK OF JANUARY 1 TO 7, 2024

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:** **Attempted Murder/Arrest**

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 6-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** An alleged attempt by some disgruntled elders at Gomoa Amoanda to have the chief of the town and seven (7) others killed proved futile after the 'juju' man who was contracted to kill him exposed the suspects to the chief. The suspects allegedly paid GHC 5,000 together with the pictures of the elders and the chief and promised to pay a balance of GHC 2,000 with a cow and two sheep after the 'juju' man successfully does his work.

- **Location of incident:** Gomoa Amoanda, Central Region

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

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 12 people arrested

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspects were arrested by the Youth of the community at their hideout on January 5, 2024.¹

● Incident N*02

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

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-01-2023

- **Description of Incident:** A 22-year-old mother of one was allegedly shot dead while returning from 31st night church service by a fetish priest who claimed to be performing rituals to the gods at Abirem near Kenyasi in Kumasi. Madam Lydia Boatema died shortly after being hit in the right side of her head by bullets fired from a single-barrelled gun allegedly fired by the suspect, Nana Kwarteng.

- **Location of incident:** Abirem, Ashanti Region

- **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead (female), 1 injured (female)

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 2 persons affected (females)

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The deceased's one-and-a-half year-old daughter, who survived the incident, was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. Meanwhile, the surviving toddler has undergone surgery to remove pellets stuck in her body.²

● Incident N*03

- **Title of Incident:** **Theft/Arrest**

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 06-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** The Magistrate Court in the Tema Metropolis of the Greater Accra Region has sentenced a 33-year-old unemployed squatter to 15 months imprisonment for stealing water meters in the Tema area. Richard Afful was first apprehended by the Tema Community 11 Police in Tema Community 12 and was later brought before the T.D.C. Magistrate Court. He faced two counts of stealing water meters, stopcock, and non-return valves, and an additional count for causing damage in the process.

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

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

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 arrested (male)

¹ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Attempted-killing-of-Chief-fails-as-Juju-man-exposes-killers-at-Gomoa-Amoanda>

² <https://www.myjoyonline.com/woman-returning-from-new-year-eve-watchnight-service-allegedly-shot-dead-by-a-priest/>



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- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The accused pleaded guilty to all counts and was subsequently convicted. Meanwhile, In default of payment, an additional four months' imprisonment was imposed, with all sentences to run concurrently.³

● Incident N*04

- **Title of Incident:** Theft

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 03-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** In the town of Eguafu, located in the Komenda Edina Eguafu Abirem Municipality of the Central Region, an incident unfolded as a young man, suspected to be in his twenties, was in a taxi and attempting to steal. The unidentified suspect was located in the trunk of the taxi and found himself unable to exit even after the compartment was opened. The incident might be connected to supernatural forces, attributing it to juju or mystical charms. Upon inspecting the trapped individual, authorities discovered a set of tools including a knife, a screwdriver, and a pair of scissors in his possession.

- **Location of incident:** Eguafu, Central Region

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

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 person affected

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The incident has since been reported to the police for further investigation.⁴

● Incident N*05

- **Title of Incident:** Clash/Arrest

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 07-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** Suspected land guards numbering about 20 attacked a police officer in broad daylight, stole his AK47 and destroyed a vehicle at Ofaakor Jamaica City in the Central Region. Information gathered indicates that the police officer who is the owner of the land refused to pay the digging fee to the land guards when they demanded.

- **Location of incident:** Ofaakor Jamaica City in the Central Region

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

- **Property damaged/Affected population:**

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Central Regional Police Command personnel rushed to the scene to restore calm. A manhunt was launched subsequently led to the arrest of four suspects. The stolen AK47 gun has been retrieved.⁵

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/Arrest

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 01-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** A 22-year-old at Fomena in the Adansi North District of the Ashanti Region has allegedly killed his 56-year-old father identified as Kofi Oppong. Suspect Kwame Agyemang allegedly perpetrated the act during a confrontation on New Year's Day. It is unclear what led to the misunderstanding but the two were involved in a banter in public. After calm was restored, Agyemang is said to have chased his father on his way home and smacked him with a club leading to his death.

- **Location of incident:** Fomena, Ashanti Region

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

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 dead (male), 1 arrested (male)

³ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/man-33-jailed-15-months-for-stealing-gwcl-meters/>

⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/thief-trapped-in-attempt-to-steal-from-taxi/>

⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/land-guards-attack-police-officer-in-broad-daylight-steal-ak47/>



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- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect was subsequently arrested and the body was deposited at Peaceland morgue at Aadamra near Adansi Asokwa.⁶

● Incident N*02

- **Title of Incident:** Homicide

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 03-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** A caretaker believed to be in his late 40s was discovered deceased in a locked uncompleted building situated in Domeabra within the Ga South Municipality of the Greater Accra Region. The individual had relocated to the area approximately two months ago to oversee the maintenance of the uncompleted structure on behalf of a couple residing in Osu. His decomposing remains were stumbled upon and the Danchira police were promptly contacted for assistance.

- **Location of incident:** Domeabra, Greater Accra

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

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 person affected (male)

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Police officers swiftly arrived at the scene, forcibly entered the locked premises, and retrieved the deceased. The body was subsequently conveyed to the Police Mortuary for further procedures as investigations into the incident continue.⁷

● Incident N*03

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

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** The Asokwa Circuit Court in Kumasi has remanded into police custody a 22-year-old house help for the alleged murder of an 83-year-old woman at Ayigyia, in the Oforikrom Municipality. Maku Kuame is alleged to have carried out the crime in connivance with her boyfriend, at dawn when the old woman was asleep. The old woman was said to have accused the suspect of stealing monies her children abroad sent to her.

- **Location of incident:** Ayigyia, Ashanti Region

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

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 dead (female), 1 person arrested (female)

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect has been remanded to enable the police to continue with the investigations.⁸

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:** Arrest

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 5-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** A 34-year-old accountant with Medeena Consult Limited, Micheal Sumnaya Adedina, has been remanded by the Circuit Court in Accra into Police custody for unauthorized attempt to collect tax contrary to Section 75 of the Revenue Administration Act 2016 (Act 915). The accused is said to have allegedly forged 39 Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) official payment receipts leading to the loss of over GHC 2.4 million to the state. The accused pleaded not guilty to all the counts and had been remanded to appear on January 17, 2024.

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

⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-22-kills-father-on-new-years-day-at-fomena/>

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/caretaker-found-dead-in-uncompleted-building-at-domeabra/>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/22-year-old-house-help-allegedly-murders-woman-in-her-sleep/>



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- **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person arrested
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The accused is currently into Police custody assisting investigations.

● **Incident N*02**

- **Title of Incident:** **Farmer herder disputes**

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 07-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** Nomadic herders residing in KpareKpare, Anyabor, and Chamber-Akura in the Krachi East municipality of the Oti Region fell victim to an attack by enraged youth. A significant number of residences and immovable assets belonging to these herders and their families were set ablaze and demolished. The incident unfolded as a group of Fulbe migrants, originating from Adaklu Anyigbe in the Volta Region, journeyed to KpareKpare, seeking settlement. The infuriated local youth claimed that the herders were disrupting their farming activities by allowing their cattle to graze freely. They argued that the arrival of the herders would exacerbate the existing challenges. A truck transporting the herders along with their wives and cattle, faced an attack, compelling them to retreat to their hometown. The assault resulted in 16 individuals sustaining severe injuries, and six cattle killed.

- **Location of incident:** Oti Region

- **Casualty [Male &female]:** 16 persons injured.

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 16 persons affected; 6 cattle killed

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Deputy National Youth Leader of the region urged the police to step in and apprehend the culprits responsible for this brutal act.⁹

● **Incident N*03**

- **Title of Incident:** **Strike/Demonstration**

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 02-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** The National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Technical University Senior Administrators' Association of Ghana (TUSAAG) has declared a nationwide strike effective Monday, January 8, 2024. The industrial action is to drum home their demand for full compliance with the conditions of the roll-over of the retirement date, as outlined in the referred portions of the Conditions of Service.

- **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

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

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

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Technical University Senior Administrators' Association of Ghana (TUSAAG) insisted that the strike will be implemented until the conditions of the roll-over of the retirement date, as outlined in the Conditions of Service, are wholly implemented by the Management of all Technical Universities.¹⁰

● **Incident N*04**

- **Title of Incident:** **Communal Clash**

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 02-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** Several vehicles, houses, and school properties in Atwima Agogo and Atwima Twedie of the Ashanti region have been vandalized following a communal clash in the early hours of the New Year. After a misunderstanding erupted between the inhabitants of the two communities on Christmas Eve, some residents of Atwima Agogo allegedly attacked their counterparts from Atwima Twedie. This destroyed several vehicles,

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/16-injured-as-kparekpare-youth-attack-herdsmen-6-cattle-killed/>

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/technical-university-senior-administrators-association-of-ghana-to-strike-on-jan-8/>



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houses, and other belongings of Twedie residents. In retaliation, some residents of Twedie also stormed the Atwima Agogo community, where they vandalized vehicles, houses, and other belongings of the residents of Atwima Agogo and Boaso. While residents live in fear, the clash has adversely affected transport services within the vicinity.

- **Location of incident:** Atwima Agogo and Atwima Twedie, Ashanti Region
- **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** Several vehicles, houses, and other belongings destroyed.
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The early intervention of the police helped bring the situation under control. Meanwhile, no arrests have been made so far as investigations continue.¹¹

● Incident N*05

- **Title of Incident:** **Chieftaincy Dispute**
- **Scale of Incident:** Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 02-01-2024
- **Description of Incident:** One person has died with four others injured following renewed clashes in Nkwanta South of the Oti region. The deceased who is said to be a farmer was shot in his farm. In a second incident, victims identified as head potters were attacked. They were returning from Odomi Challa, a suburb in Nkwanta South with gari. The driver of their vehicle said they were ambushed by gunmen who shot at them, leading to the injury.

- **Location of incident:** Nkwanta South, Oti Region
- **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead, 4 injured
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 5 people affected
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Two of them who are in critical condition have been referred to the Nkwanta Municipal Government Hospital for further treatment. Meanwhile there is a curfew in the area and a ban on carrying arms, ammunition or any offensive weapons.¹²

● Incident N*06

- **Title of Incident:** **Arrest**
- **Scale of Incident:** Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 03-01-2024
- **Description of Incident:** In efforts to maintain peace and uphold security measures in the region, the Nkwanta South police in the Oti Region have apprehended 21 individuals for violating curfew regulations. These 21 individuals were taken into custody after being found outside during the designated curfew hours and are scheduled to face potential charges in the Dambai Circuit. This decision was prompted by an incident involving the loss of 12 lives in a recent shooting in the Nkwanta South Municipality.

- **Location of incident:** Nkwanta South, Oti Region
- **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 21 persons arrested
- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** These 21 individuals were taken into custody.¹³

● Incident N*07

- **Title of Incident:** **Assault/Attack**
- **Scale of Incident:** Low
- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-01-2024
- **Description of Incident:** A violent incident unfolded at Potsin Polyclinic as outraged residents of Gomoa Dominase attacked the facility, resulting in the assault of three nurses and two police officers. The attack was triggered by the death of a 35-year-old man, identified as Ato, who had been brought to the clinic after collapsing at home. The circumstances surrounding Ato's death incited the anger of Gomoa Dominase residents, who accused the clinic staff of refusing their demands to release the deceased's body without following proper

¹¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/vehicles-houses-vandalized-in-communal-clash-in-ashanti-region/>

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/one-dead-4-injured-in-renewed-clashes-in-nkwanta-south/>

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/police-arrest-21-for-flouting-curfew-directives-at-nkwanta-south/>



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procedures. The enraged mob, numbering over 200, stormed the facility, wreaking havoc by destroying computers in the O.P.D., vandalizing a glass door, flatscreen TV, weighing scale, and water basins. Dr. Jerry Vlad-Nkegbe, the medical superintendent, expressed fear and panic among the staff, as the perpetrators threatened to track them down at their homes.

- **Location of incident:** Potsin Polyclinic, Central Region

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

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** Computers, glass door, flatscreen TV, weighing scale, and water basins destroyed.

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** In response to the escalating situation, police officers have taken control of the facility to safeguard lives and protect property.¹⁴

● Incident N*08

- **Title of Incident:** **Strike/Demonstration**

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 05-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** The Senior Staff Association-Universities of Ghana (SSA-UoG) has issued a warning of potential industrial action if the Government fails to address the outstanding tier-2 Pension contributions for its members. The National President of the Association, the government is urged to promptly settle all outstanding debts and contributions, inclusive of the appropriate interest from February to December 2023 and this payment should adhere to the three percent penalty rates specified in the Pension's Act, Act 766 section 64.

- **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

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

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** Members of the Senior Staff Association affected.

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Association urges the government to promptly settle all outstanding debts.¹⁵

● Incident N*09

- **Title of Incident:** **Clash/Arrest**

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 07-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** Seven individuals have been apprehended in connection with the brutal killing of three individuals in the vicinity of Kyekyire near Brongkong, situated in the Afigya Kwabre South district of the Ashanti Region. The incident stemmed from a confrontation between two factions of young men when a group of young men, armed with weapons, initiated the violence by hurling stones at individuals and vandalizing vehicles at a residence in Kyekyire. In response, the targeted individuals confronted the group, resulting in the death of three individuals and injuries to several others.

- **Location of incident:** Kyekyire, Ashanti Region

- **Casualty [Male &female]:** 3 dead

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 3 dead, 7 persons arrested

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Subsequently, the police acted, arresting seven individuals suspected of being involved in the incident.¹⁶

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:** **Drowning**

- **Scale of Incident:** Low

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/three-nurses-police-officers-assaulted-in-attack-at-gomoa-potsin-polyclinic/>

¹⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/ssa-uog-serves-notice-of-industrial-action-over-governments-disregard-for-staff-pension/>

¹⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/7-arrested-over-clash-that-claimed-3-lives/>



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- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 03-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** In the Kujose River of the White Volta Lake at Daboya in the Savannah Region, local authorities have confirmed the demise of a woman in her late 20s. Identified as Nafisa, the incident occurred while she and three other female companions were washing in the river. The survivors, narrowly escaping the tragedy, promptly reported the incident to local authorities in Daboya. The group was playfully testing each other's bravery in the water when Nafisa accidentally ventured into the deeper part and could not recover.

- **Location of incident:** Daboya (Kujose River), Savannah Region

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

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 person affected (female)

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Despite efforts from onlookers to locate her immediately, the search proved unsuccessful until three days later when her lifeless body was discovered. Meanwhile, Nafisa was laid to rest following Islamic customs.¹⁷

● **Incident N*02**

- **Title of Incident:** **Fire Outbreak**

- **Scale of Incident:** Medium

- **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 07-01-2024

- **Description of Incident:** Over 50 shops were destroyed during the fire outbreak Dome Market in the greater Accra region. The incident is reported to have occurred in the late hours of Sunday, January 7, 2024.

- **Location of incident:** Dome in the Greater Accra Region.

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

- **Property damaged/Affected population:** Over 50 shops affected

- **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A member of the Public Relations Department at the Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) Headquarters, ADOII Alex Nartey, speaking with Citi News, revealed that the cause of the fire is currently unknown and is under investigation.

¹⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/one-dead-3-escape-drowning-while-swimming-in-white-volta/>