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GHANA

WEEK OF JANUARY 15 TO 21, 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: **Armed Robbery/Arrest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-01-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A 30-year-old timber merchant who planned to rob a cocoa merchant at Obengkrom, near Bogoso in the Prestea Huni-Valley has been sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in hard labour by the Tarkwa Circuit Court. Superintendent Juliana Essel-Dadzie, prosecuting, revealed that the complainant usually carried huge sums of money with him when traveling on his motorbike from Bogoso to Obengkrom and its environs to purchase cocoa beans from cocoa farmers, so the convict contracted someone to procure some weapons to rob the complainant. The person who procured the weapons for the suspect broke out the news which led to the arrest of the suspect.

✚ Location of incident: Bogoso, Western Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person arrested

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect was arrested and during investigations, he admitted to the offense and was subsequently put before the court.¹

✚ Incident N*02

✚ Title of Incident: **Theft/Arrest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-01-2024

✚ Description of Incident: The Tarkwa Circuit Court has sentenced a 25-year-old unemployed, Adjei Sowah, to five years imprisonment in hard labour for stealing electrical cables worth GH¢10,600. Sowah resides in the same neighborhood as the complainant who owns a five-bedroom uncompleted apartment in the area. The fixtures and the electrical wiring of Adjei’s building have been done, but yet to connect to the grid, Sowah went into Asare’s building and removed all the copper cables used in wiring the building.

✚ Location of incident: Tarkwa, Western Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person arrested

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The convict was arrested when he was seen coming from Asare’s building with the cables packed in a sack.²

✚ Incident N*03

✚ Title of Incident: **Arrest/Destruction of public property**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-01-2024

✚ Description of Incident: The Police have arrested two persons in connection with the erection of an unauthorized speed ramp along the Ho – Sogakope highway in the Volta Region. The two suspects, Saviour Azakasi and Quarshie Godson, were seen in a viral video, in the company of other suspects, causing damage to the highway with concrete blocks and other materials.

✚ Location of incident: Ho – Sogakope highway, Volta Region

¹ <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/man-30-jailed-15-years-for-attempted-robbery/>

² <https://www.adomonline.com/unemployed-jailed-over-electrical-cable-theft/>



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- 🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- 🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons arrested
- 🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspects are in custody assisting the investigation. Meanwhile, the Police are underway to get the other suspects arrested.³

🚩 Incident N*04

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Robbery/Assault**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 16-01-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** One person has been shot dead in a robbery attack in Saboba, Northern region. Reports indicate that the deceased was shot after being awakened by a scuffle involving his brother, a businessman in the Saboba market, and the robbers. The deceased was reportedly shot in the stomach when he came out of his room.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Saboba, Northern Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 male

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** 2 persons were affected and 1 died

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** He was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Saboba District Hospital.⁴

🚩 Incident N*05

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Impersonation /Arrest**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 17-01-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** The Jasikan Municipal Police Command in the Oti Region have arrested Bless Agbenyenu, a teacher, for allegedly impersonating Mr. Yao Gomado, the Member of Parliament (MP) for Akan Constituency. The suspect was said to have created a Facebook account and named it after the legislator. The imposter exploited this false identity to engage in deceitful activities, causing harm and potential financial loss to unsuspecting individuals.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Jasikan, Oti Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person arrested (Male)

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect is in Police custody assisting investigations. But the local authorities are arguing that anyone who may have fallen victim to this fraudulent scheme should come forward and report their experiences to the Police.⁵

🚩 Incident N*06

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Fraud/Arrest**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 16-01-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A self-styled fetish priest, alleged to have duped many people at Osem in the Asante Mampong Municipality of the Ashanti Region, has been arrested by the Nkawie Police. Nana Baffour Attah Badu, 25, succeeded in collecting a total of GH¢30,000.00 from some unsuspecting people at Osem to solve their spiritual and other problems but failed to do so and absconded from the community. He was arrested after a police officer and some of the victims from Osem reported the matter to the Nkawie District Police Command.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Nkawie, Ashanti Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person arrested (male)

³ <https://3news.com/news/police-arrest-two-people-for-causing-damage-to-road/>

⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/one-shot-dead-in-robbery-attack-at-saboba/>

⁵ <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/teacher-arrested-for-impersonating-akan-mp/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect has been arrested and transferred to Osem for further investigations.⁶

✚ Incident N*07

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Fraud/Arrest**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported 17-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two persons, who allegedly took GH¢37,000.00 from a farmer under the pretext of supplying him with soft drinks, but failed, have been put before the Accra Circuit Court. The accused, Justice Mamor, a 43-year-old trader, and Mustapha Alhassan, 61, are jointly held for conspiracy to commit crime and defrauding by false pretense. All the accused pleaded not guilty to the charges, and the court presided over by Mrs Halimah El-Alawa Abdul-Baasit, granted them (accused) GH¢40,000.00 bail each with two sureties to be justified.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons arrested

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The accused have been granted bail, but the court directed them to deposit their Ghana cards at the court registry and to report to the police every two weeks until otherwise stated. Meanwhile, the case has been adjourned to February 12, 2024.⁷

✚ Incident N*08

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Shooting/Homicide**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 18-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A Deputy Registrar of the Bolgatanga Technical University (BTU), Alhassan Azumah has been shot dead by unknown gunmen. The deceased was promoted to the rank of Deputy Registrar in the university about two months ago. Two gunmen on a motorbike shot him multiple times outside his residence in Sokabisi, a suburb of Bolgatanga. He was walking around his residence when the unknown assailants surfaced, shot him, and sped off.

✚ **Location of incident:** Sokabisi - Bolgatanga, Upper East Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected (male)

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police are currently investigating the matter.⁸

✚ Incident N*09

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 19-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A Circuit Court at Dormaa Ahenkro in the Bono Region, has convicted a 19-year-old student to pay a fine of GH¢1,800 for stealing an iPhone 12 pro-max mobile phone valued at GH¢9,200. He pleaded guilty to both counts of unlawful entry and stealing and was sentenced accordingly by the court or in default serve a 20- month prison term in hard labour. Upon receiving information from an informant that Asahene-Addo, was having in his possession an iPhone suspected to have been stolen, the Police traced the accused person to an area called SM, a suburb of Dormaa Ahenkro, but the accused person on seeing the Police took to his heels and managed to escape but was later apprehended.

✚ **Location of incident:** Dormaa Ahenkro, Bono Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/self-styled-fetish-priest-arrested-for-duping-clients/>

⁷ <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/2-granted-gh%2%a237000-bail-over-alleged-fraud/>

⁸ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/deputy-registrar-of-bolga-technical-university-shot-dead.html>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect has been apprehended by the Police and sentenced accordingly.⁹

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:** Defilement/Arrest

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 47-year-old driver who had sex with his 13-year-old stepdaughter at Tetegu in Accra, has been sentenced to 15 years imprisonment by the Gender-Based Court at the Police Headquarters. The victim's mother traveled to Ajumako in the Central Region to visit some family relations and left the children in the care of the accused person. Joseph Yankson took advantage of the absence of the victim's mother and defiled the 13-year-old twice and repeated the act after promising to appease the victim's family with a sheep.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One affected (female), One arrested (male)

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A complainant was lodged with the Domestic Violence and Victims Support Unit, Weija Divisional Police Command, and a medical form was issued to the complainant to send the victim to hospital for examination and treatment.¹⁰

✚ Incident N*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** Defilement/Arrest

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Gender-Based Violence Court has sentenced Joseph Gyadu to eight years imprisonment for defiling a 14-year-old girl at New Amanfrom, Accra. The complainant is a seamstress and the mother of the victim who is also a good friend of the accused person's wife. The complainant and the accused person's wife left for work at Odorkor, and the accused person took advantage of their absence and lured the victim into his room and had sexual intercourse with her.

✚ **Location of incident:** New Amanfrom, Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected (female), One arrested (male)

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The accused was subsequently arrested and subjected to an investigation.¹¹

✚ Incident N*03

✚ **Title of Incident:** Homicide/Sexual Abuse

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 18-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 27-year-old kente weaver, Prosper Ayirebi has been remanded into prison custody by a Kpando District Court for his alleged involvement in the murder of one Margaret Mireku at Golokuati in the Volta Region. Ayirebi is alleged to have tied the victim with a rope and subjected her to sexual abuse.

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

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One dead (female), One person arrested (male)

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/student-convicted-for-stealing-an-iphone/>

¹⁰ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/driver-jailed-15-years-for-defiling-stepdaughter/>

¹¹ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/labourer-jailed-8-years-for-defiling-neighbours-daughter/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body of the deceased has been deposited at the Kpando Margaret Marquart Catholic Hospital morgue for preservation. Meanwhile, the accused is in Police custody as investigations are underway.¹²

✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Assault/Arrest**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 16-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Police have arrested a member of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) who attacked the Northern Regional Treasurer, Hajia Shamima Yakubu. Hajia Shamima Yakubu was assaulted by the regional party officer of the NDC during a stakeholder meeting to discuss the campaign strategy in Tamale. The meeting turned chaotic, and Hajia Yakubu suffered injuries to her face.

✚ **Location of incident:** Tamale, Northern Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected (female), One person arrested (male)

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured person is currently receiving treatment at a hospital. Meanwhile, the party officer has been arrested and investigations are underway.¹³

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Assault**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 18-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A nurse at the Tamale Teaching Hospital, Emergency Burns Unit Red Zone, Zeinab Muhammad Ali, has allegedly poured boiling water on her husband over a misunderstanding that ensued between them. The suspect, who is a mother of two, poured boiling water on the husband over his refusal to allow her to use his car which has resulted in the husband sustaining severe burn injuries.

✚ **Location of incident:** Tamale, Northern Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victim is on admission at the Tamale Teaching Hospital receiving treatments. Meanwhile, the family is demanding justice and the removal of the suspect from her post as the suspect is still under search.¹⁴

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:** **Protest/Arson**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Some angry residents of Sabronum in the Ahafo Ano South-East District of the Ashanti Region blocked and set a truck ablaze allegedly transporting an excavator for illegal mining in a forest reserve. The residents stopped the truck from moving and burnt it in protest. They have vowed to oppose any illegal mining activities in the area. One person sustained severe machete wounds after some thugs accused him of inciting the arson on the truck as it brought the excavator to the forest reserve.

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

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected (male), One truck burnt and destroyed.

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/kente-weaver-27-remanded-over-murder/>

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/ndc-officer-who-assaulted-treasurer-arrested/>

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/tamale-nurse-pours-boiling-water-on-husband-over-refusal-to-drive-his-car/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured person is currently receiving treatment at a hospital. Meanwhile, the Police are investigating the matter.¹⁵

✚ Incident N*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** Demonstrations

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 17-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Some residents of Dominase in the Gomoa East District of the Central Region took to the streets to demonstrate over what they say is medical negligence on the part of staff at the Potsin Polyclinic, leading to the death of a 35-year-old man, identified as Ato. Residents took to the streets to vent their displeasure, citing medical negligence as the rationale behind the attack on staff at the polyclinic.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Residents have called on the Government for the dismissal of staff at the Potsin Polyclinic. Meanwhile, the Police were there to calm the angry residents¹⁶

✚ Incident N*03

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Five persons died, and others injured in an accident at Lamboya, near Zebilla, in the Upper East Region. The accident occurred when two tires of a Toyota Hiace with 15 passengers on board, traveling from Bolgatanga towards Bawku, burst. Four of them perished on the spot while another died on arrival at the Zebilla Government Hospital. Reports suggest that all the casualties are yet to be identified.

✚ **Location of incident:** Lamboya, Upper East Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** Five persons died, others injured

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Those affected were treated and discharged from the Zebilla Hospital while five others, who were critically injured, were referred to the Bolgatanga Regional Hospital and Tamale Teaching Hospital.¹⁷

✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 18-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Many are feared dead in an accident on the Adenta-Dodowa road in the Greater Accra region. Several others have also sustained various degrees of injuries in the accident. The incident happened close to the Fidelity Bank branch at Frafraha. This involved a Hyundai commercial vehicle with passengers on board and a truck. The truck collided with the commercial vehicle, leaving it damaged. The cause of the accident is however yet to be established.

✚ **Location of incident:** Adenta-Dodowa road, Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** Number of casualties unidentified

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Number of persons affected unidentified; Vehicle damaged

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Meanwhile, emergency response teams, including personnel from the Ambulance Service, Ghana National Fire Service, were deployed to the scene to transport the victims to a hospital and also ensure the safety of road users as the accident resulted in a heavy traffic.¹⁸

¹⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/sabronum-angry-residents-set-ablaze-truck-allegedly-transporting-excavator-to-forest/>

¹⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/gomoa-dominase-residents-demand-dismissal-of-potsin-polyclinic-staff-over-alleged-medical-negligence/>

¹⁷ <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/tragedy-5-perish-others-injured-in-road-crash-at-lamboya/>

¹⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/gory-accident-on-adenta-dodowa-road-video/>



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✚ Incident N*05

✚ Title of Incident: **Strike/Demonstrations**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 17-01-2024

✚ Description of Incident: The Senior Staff Association-Universities of Ghana (SSA-UoG) and the Federation of Universities Senior Staff Association of Ghana (FUSSAG) have declared a nationwide strike. The indefinite action is in protest of the government's disregard for the welfare of the senior staff, particularly concerning critical issues of pensions and condition of service.

✚ Location of incident: Greater Accra

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Members of the Senior Staff Association-Universities of Ghana (SSA-UoG) and the Federation of Universities Senior Staff Association of Ghana (FUSSAG) affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Association has warned the Government to take full responsibility for any dire consequences, likely to arise from this action.¹⁹

✚ Incident N*06

✚ Title of Incident: **Shootings/Homicide**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 19-01-2024

✚ Description of Incident: One person has been confirmed dead with five others injured in a sporadic shooting incident at Bawku in the Upper East region. The incident occurred around Zongo near the Bawku Police Station. The deceased was identified as Musah Seidu and died as a result of a severe chest injury secondary to gunshot. The injured have also been identified as Firdaus Abdulai aged 17, Sumaila Munira aged 38, Amidu Bugri, 40, Bukari Seidu, 50, and Kamal Sadat 19. It is not clear what triggered the incident.

✚ Location of incident: Bawku, Upper East region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: One dead (male), Five injured (two females, three males)

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Six persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Firdaus and Munira are undergoing treatment at the Vineyard Hospital while the remaining three are also at the Presbyterian Hospital.²⁰

✚ Incident N*07

✚ Title of Incident: **Shootings/Homicide**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 18-01-2024

✚ Description of Incident: Security has been heightened in the Upper East Region following a reported attack by unidentified gunmen in Bawku resulting in the death of two individuals. The cause of this latest shooting is yet to be determined, as security personnel intensify investigations to prevent any escalation. This has caused widespread fear in the township.

✚ Location of incident: Bawku, Upper East Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: Two dead

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Police are investigating the matter to bring perpetrators to book.²¹

✚ Incident N*08

✚ Title of Incident: **Road Accident**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

¹⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/senior-staff-association-of-universities-declares-indefinite-strike/>

²⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/one-dead-five-injured-in-shooting-incident-at-bawku/>

²¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/security-high-in-bawku-after-gunmen-killed-2/>



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🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 19-01-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A 27-year-old taxi driver, Kofi Donkor is in police grips for running over a police officer on duty at Agona Swedru in the Central region. The incident happened at the Agona Swedru Chief Palace junction when the officer, Constable Ernest Opare, was directing traffic on the dual carriage road. The driver was driving on the shoulders of the road. The driver who was speeding reportedly run over the police officer who sustained injuries to his back and hands.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Agona Swedru, Central Region

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected (male), One person arrested (male)

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured Police Officer was rushed to the Agona Swedru Municipal Hospital where he is receiving treatment. Meanwhile, the taxi driver is in police custody assisting with investigations.²²

🚩 Incident N*09

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Protest/Demonstrations**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 19-01-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A group of women in the Bawku township staged a protest due to the alleged brutality by military personnel against residents. The protest was sparked when soldiers allegedly entered the Bawku township and discharged firearms indiscriminately, resulting in casualties. The number of people injured during the protest has not been verified yet. The women numbering about hundred were chanting, "We don't need them (the military), we want them out."

🚩 **Location of incident:** Bawku, Upper East Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured have been taken to the Vineyard Hospital for treatment as they await justice. Meanwhile, the demonstrators have appealed to the Government to take the military out of Bawku.²³

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:** **Illegal Mining/Collapse of Galamsey pit**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-01-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Two persons, a male and a female have been confirmed dead after the illegal mining pit they were working in collapsed on them at Ataase, a community near Nkonya in the Amenfi East Municipality of the Western Region. The two were part of a group of about a hundred illegal miners who were in a pit when the incident occurred. Only the two victims were in the open pit bringing out the load when the pit caved in.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Ataase, Western Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead (1 male, 1 female)

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Their bodies have since been retrieved and deposited at the Wassa Akropong Government Hospital for preservation and investigation.²⁴

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Fire Outbreaks**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

²² <https://www.adomonline.com/taxi-driver-runs-over-police-officer-at-agona-swedru/>

²³ <https://citinewsroom.com/2024/01/women-protest-against-military-intervention-in-bawku/>

²⁴ <https://3news.com/news/amenfi-east-two-confirmed-dead-after-collapse-of-galamsey-pit/>



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• HIGH

- o High potential for political destabilisation/instability
- o High number of death (above 20)/major properties damages
- o High number of population affected (inability of the population to cope)
- o Low capacity of the state to respond to it

• MEDIUM

- o Significant effect on political destabilisation
- o Significant reported cases of loss of life (5 to 20) and property
- o Moderate Capacity of the state to respond to it

• LOW

- o Low effect on Political destabilisation
- o Loss of life (0 to 5)and property destruction not significant
- o High Capacity of the state to respond

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 17-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Some residents of Achimota College, a suburb in the Okaikwei North Constituency, are counting their losses following a fire incident that gutted about 15 structures. Several properties, including television sets, refrigerators, and a car, among other items, have been damaged as a result.

✚ **Location of incident:** Achimota College, Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Residents affected, television sets, refrigerators, and a car, among other items damaged.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana National Fire Service are currently investigating the matter.²⁵

✚ **Incident N*03**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Fire Outbreaks**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 17-01-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two people, a male and a female, have been confirmed dead at Fiapre in the Sunyani West Municipality in the Bono Region after a fire swept through a household in the community. It took personnel from the Ghana National Fire Service some hours to douse the fire. Several properties, running into thousands of Ghana Cedis, were also destroyed. The bodies of the two were discovered after the fire was extinguished.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead (1 male, 1 female)

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons affected; some properties destroyed.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The cause of the fire is unknown. Meanwhile, Ghana National Fire Service are investigating the matter.²⁶

²⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/achimota-college-residents-count-losses-after-fire-guts-15-structures/>

²⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/sunyani-two-perish-in-fire-outbreak-at-fiapre/>