



# WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING

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## GHANA

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1 TO 4, 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: **Drug Trafficking/Arrest**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 02-02-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: A 52-year-old drinking spot operator who had in his possession a quantity of dried leaves suspected to be a narcotic has appeared before the Accra Circuit Court. He was charged with unlawful possession of narcotic drugs. Upon arrest and interrogations, he admitted ownership of the alleged substance and also confessed that he had his supplies from a certain dealer at the Timber market. The arrest was made when the Police Intelligence Directorate (PID) in collaboration with the Formed Police Unit (FPU) embarked on intelligence led operation at Kantamanto Market and its environs to clamp down on criminal activities within the enclave.

🚩 Location of incident: Greater Accra

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

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

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The accused is on bail in the sum of GHC100,000 with three sureties, one to be justified with landed property. The Police is making an effort to arrest his accomplice to assist investigations.<sup>1</sup>

### 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: **Assault**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 02-02-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: A teacher at Bechem Presbyterian Senior High School (PRESEC) has allegedly assaulted, a final year Visual Arts student and five other students for failing to pay their dining fees, leaving multiple bruises on their faces.

🚩 Location of incident: Bechem, Ahafo Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 6 injured (males)

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Six persons affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The victims are responding to treatment at the Bechem Government Hospital. Meanwhile, the parent of the student has appealed to the Ghana Education Service (GES) to investigate the circumstances leading to the by the teacher at the school.<sup>2</sup>

#### 🚩 Incident N\*02

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

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 1-02-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: A 26-year-old nurse has been stabbed multiple times by her ex-boyfriend after a fight in the Pramso suburb of Sweduru in the Bosomtwe District. Kwasi Asuman (assailant) inflicted machete wounds on Comfort Oppong's abdomen and arms, which resulted in significant blood loss.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.myjoyonline.com/drinking-sport-operator-in-court-for-allegedly-possessing-narcotic-drugs/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.myjoyonline.com/teacher-in-bechem-accused-of-beating-student-over-unpaid-dining-fees/>



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📍 **Location of incident:** Pramso, Ashanti Region

📍 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 (Female) Injured

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

📍 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Comfort Oppong was rushed to the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital by neighbors for treatment and has been discharged from the hospital. Meanwhile, the assailant has been arrested for further investigations.<sup>3</sup>

#### 📍 Incident N\*03

📍 **Title of Incident:** **Assault/Interdiction**

📍 **Scale of Incident:** Low

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

📍 **Description of Incident:** A Police officer, General Corporal Wise Bessey, has been interdicted by the Ghana Police Service for allegedly assaulting a civilian at Takoradi in the Western Region.

📍 **Location of incident:** Takoradi, Western Region

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

📍 **Property damaged/Affected population:** One victim affected, and the officer arrested

📍 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana Police Service is investigating the incident. Meanwhile, the victim has been contacted by the Inspector-General of Police (IGP), Dr. George Akuffo Dampare, and assured him of the needed assistance.<sup>4</sup>

#### 📍 Incident N\*04

📍 **Title of Incident:** **Homicide**

📍 **Scale of Incident:** Low

📍 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 03-02-2024

📍 **Description of Incident:** A 39-year-old man has been found dead on a farm close to River Asuo Kofi at Kwawu Asona in the Kwawu West Municipality of the Eastern Region. The deceased, Kwadwo Takyi was found dead after going missing for a week. The deceased went to the farm but never returned and all attempts to find him proved futile. However, his lifeless body was found subsequently.

📍 **Location of incident:** Kwawu Asona, Eastern Region

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

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

📍 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body has since been deposited at a mortuary awaiting autopsy.<sup>5</sup>

## 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 Accidents**

📍 **Scale of Incident:** Low

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

📍 **Description of Incident:** There has been heavy traffic on the Accra-Tema Motorway as the driver of a Hyundai truck is feared dead in an accident. This was after the truck he was driving skidded off the road, landing in one of the main storm drains in the middle of the expressway. The driver was heading towards Tema when the accident occurred just before the Community 18 junction.

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

📍 **Casualty [Male &female]:** One person dead

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/nurse-26-stabbed-multiple-times-by-ex-boyfriend/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/police-officer-interdicted-for-assault/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/man-39-found-dead-after-going-missing/>



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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The cause of the accident is unknown. Meanwhile, the Police are investigating the matter.<sup>6</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 03-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A bus conveying level 400 students of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) was involved in an accident. The students are with the KNUST Obuasi campus' department of Civil Engineering and were on their way to a field trip. The KNUST shuttle collided with an SUV but no one died.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Cars destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The students who were involved in the accident have been checked at the KNUST Hospital and declared fit.<sup>7</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** Riots/Attacks on Police station/Arrest of suspects

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 04-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Ghana Police Service on Sunday, February 4, 2023, announced the arrest of 25 individuals at Kwahu Bepong following an attack on a local police station. Details emerging in the aftermath of the attack indicates a series of incidents triggered by the murder of a man and his sister some two weeks ago.<sup>8</sup>

✚ **Location of incident:** Kwahu Bepong, Eastern Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:**

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana Police Service arrested 25 people in connection with the attack on Police officers and the destruction of some properties at the police station.

## 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:** Air quality in Accra unhealthy – GMet

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported on 04-02-24

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Ghana Meteorological Agency (GMet) has stated that air quality in Accra is very unhealthy. In a tweet on February 4, 2024, the agency added that the situation is because of dust concentration in the atmosphere.<sup>9</sup>

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** The population in Accra

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/one-feared-dead-in-tema-motorway-crash-video/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/50-knust-students-involved-in-accident-video/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Riots-at-Bepong-Details-of-double-murder-violent-attack-on-police-station-palace-1915042>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Air-quality-in-Accra-unhealthy-GMet-1915016>



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- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Further forecasts suggest that the situation could improve in the coming days as there is an anticipated influx of moisture which would reduce the dust levels in the air.