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## GHANA

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5 TO 11 2024

### Organised Crime and Violent Extremism

(key concept clarification; causes; indicators and signs that push to radicalization; profiling and assessment of 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: **Fraud/Arrest**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 05-02-2024

Description of Incident: The Lands Commission has interdicted 14 staff for their involvement in a Stamp Duty fraud. The interdiction happened after the Audit Unit of the Commission realized that the tax figures paid by some property owners for the registration of their properties failed to reflect the expected tax amount. However, the fraud is alleged to involve a 100 million Ghana Cedis tax loss.

Location of incident: Greater Accra

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: 14 person affected

Coping mechanism/Responses: The affected staff are being taken through the court processes by the National Investigations Bureau.<sup>1</sup>

#### Incident N\*03.

Title of Incident: **Assault**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 08-02-2024

Description of Incident: Hotel owner, Kwasi Amankwaa, popularly known as Rasta, was alleged to have been murdered at Mallam Kokroko in the Greater Accra region. An eyewitness indicates that he heard the assailant threatening the deceased, and realized subsequently that the victim had been shot. The gunman fled the scene subsequently. Residents suspect a Canadian woman fighting the deceased in court over ownership of the hotel.

Location of incident: Mallam Kokroko, Greater Accra region.

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

Property damaged/Affected population: 1 person affected

Coping mechanism/Responses: The police have begun investigations into the matter.<sup>2</sup>

#### Incident N\*04

Title of Incident: **Homicide/Arrest**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-02-2024

Description of Incident: A 20-year-old Mohammed Abdullah has been remanded by the Ofaakor Circuit Court for allegedly killing a 74-year-old stroke patient after robbing her in her three-bedroom house at Kasoa Lamtey. The incident occurred near Ballon Hotel at Awutu Senya East in the Central region. The suspect, Mohammed Abdullah, tied the woman with rope, cut her neck, and ransacked the three-bedroom house, stealing valuable items and an undisclosed amount of money. The cameras in the house captured the suspect, leading to his arrest.

Location of incident: Ballon Hotel, Central Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: 1 person affected (female), 1 person arrested (male)

Coping mechanism/Responses: The Municipal Chief Executive, Anita Love Obo Amissah appealed to residents in the municipality to install CCTV cameras in their houses and stores to assist the police in fighting against criminals in the municipality.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/14-lands-commission-staff-interdicted-for-stamp-duty-fraud/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/hotel-owner-allegedly-killed-at-mallam/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/kasoa-man-remanded-for-allegedly-killing-74-year-old-stroke-patient-during-robbery/>



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#### ✚ Incident N\*05.

✚ Title of Incident: **Armed Robbery**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-02-2024

✚ Description of Incident: At least five Chinese nationals have been shot, with three left in critical condition in an armed robbery attack on a mining site at Akyem Akokoaso in the Eastern Region. The victims were targeted at the office of Jia Xin Industrial mining company, which undertook underground mining within old shafts in the area. The incident happened after a group of approximately 15 armed robbers stormed the mining site during a social gathering at night, making off with Ghc10,000 cash and two gold bars.

✚ Location of incident: Akyem Akokoaso, Eastern Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 5 persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The police are investigating the matter. However, the injured victims have been hospitalized and receiving treatment.<sup>4</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*06.

✚ Title of Incident: **Homicide/Armed Robbery**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 09-02-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A 30-year-old man has been shot by unknown assailants at the Kasoa High Tension in the Awutu Senya East constituency of the Central Region. The victim, identified as Baba Mohammed, was thrown out from a moving taxi. It is alleged that the victim may have sustained the gunshot wounds during an armed robbery operation.

✚ Location of incident: Kasoa High Tension, Central Region

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

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

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim was rushed to the Kasoa Polyclinic for urgent medical attention but was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. Meanwhile, police have launched a manhunt for the suspects.<sup>5</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*07.

✚ Title of Incident: **Homicide**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-02-2024

✚ Description of Incident: Mr. Eric Johnson, the owner of the Royal Cosy Hills Hotel in the Upper West Region, has passed on. It is alleged that Mr Johnson was murdered by some unknown assailants.

✚ Location of incident: Jirapa, Upper West Region

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

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

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Meanwhile, the police have begun investigating the matter. So far 4 suspects have been arrested in connection with the incident.<sup>6</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: **Homicide**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 06-02-2024

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/armed-robbers-attack-mining-company-shoots-over-five-chinese-at-akyem-akokoaso/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/man-fatally-shot-body-dumped-at-kasoa-high-tension/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.myjoyonline.com/jirapa-dubai-owner-eric-johnson-dead/>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** A woman believed to be in her 30s was found dead and partially unclothed near the Otokporlu Bridge, off the Odumase-Asesewa road in the Eastern Region. The victim had her tongue and private part removed. It is alleged that the lady was killed and dumped in the area.

✚ **Location of incident:** Odumase-Asesewa, Eastern Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 person killed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body of the deceased was conveyed to the Eastern Regional Hospital mortuary for preservation, identification and autopsy.<sup>7</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*02.

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Homicide**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 06-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A man believed to be in his early 40s was found dead in a bush at Ntoaso Chinese in the Nsawam Adoagyiri Municipality of the Eastern Region. The cause of death is not known. However, the body of the deceased was retrieved by a joint team of police and the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO).

✚ **Location of incident:** Ntoaso Chinese, Eastern Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Meanwhile, the body of the yet-to-be-identified man has been deposited at the morgue.<sup>8</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*03.

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Homicide**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported on 07-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A first-year student at Aburi Girls Senior High School (SHS) in the Eastern Region has passed on. The student, who complained of severe stomach pains, died on Monday, February 5, 2024. It is alleged that the student was denied medical attention by the school nurse, who reportedly accused her of repeatedly feigning illness.

✚ **Location of incident:** Aburi Girls Senior High School (SHS), Eastern Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The deceased student's body was deposited at the Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital pending autopsy.<sup>9</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*04.

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Man found unconscious in vehicle with engine running**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported on 06-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A yet-to-identified man on Monday, February 5 was found unconscious in his stationary car in traffic on the Lapaz Highway. The middle-aged man caused a gridlock on the stretch as he failed to move even with the green light on. The driver was not responsive despite multiple knocks on his car window and was feared dead as at the time he was found.

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

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Policemen on duty around the scene with the help of bystanders broke the car window to get access to the unconscious man and was rushed to the Lapaz Community Hospital.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/woman-found-dead-with-body-parts-missing-on-odumase-asesewa-road/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/fear-as-man-is-found-dead-in-bush-at-ntoaso/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/aburi-girls-shs-student-reported-dead/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/man-found-unconscious-in-his-car-at-lapaz/>



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🚩 Title of Incident: **Homicide**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-02-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: Michael Nyame, a journalist based in Takoradi in the Western region, was found dead in his room. He was scheduled to start work on Monday, February 5, but failed to appear. His colleagues became anxious when numerous attempts to reach him via phone went unanswered. They went over to his house and noticed his door was locked but his phone continued to ring. They eventually broke into his room and found him motionless on his bed.

🚩 Location of incident: Takoradi, Western region

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

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

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim was rushed to a hospital, but he was declared dead upon arrival.<sup>11</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: 06-02-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: The Savannah Regional Director of the Ghana Education Service (GES), Mabel Judith Micah, was in critical condition after an accident on the Accra-Kumasi highway. The Regional storekeeper, Baba Wusamah, who was travelling with Mrs Micah died on the spot. They were on their way to Accra on official duties when the accident occurred between Suhum and Nsawam in the Eastern region.

🚩 Location of incident: Suhum-Nsawam Highway, Eastern Region

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

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: Police investigations have begun into the matter.<sup>12</sup>

#### 🚩 Incident N\*02

🚩 Title of Incident: **Road Accidents**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 06-02-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: About seven passengers were feared dead in an accident near China Mall on the Amasaman-Nsawam road. The accident involved a passenger vehicle which had about 10 people on board, and a fuel tanker. The tanker driver who was behind the commercial vehicle failed its brakes and crashed into the commercial vehicle.

🚩 Location of incident: Amasaman-Nsawam road, Greater Accra

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 7 persons injured.

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: 7 persons affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police and Fire personnels were at the scene. Some bystanders also helped remove victims who were trapped in the mangled vehicle.<sup>13</sup>

#### 🚩 Incident N\*03.

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

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-02-2024

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/takoradi-based-tv-host-found-dead-in-his-room/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/one-dead-in-accident-involving-ges-director/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/fatal-accident-on-amasaman-nsawam-road-photos/>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** There is an uneasy calm at Agogo in the Ashanti region following the forceful closure of Salt FM. A team from the National Communications Authority (NCA) visited the station on Tuesday, February 6, to shut down the station over the non-renewal of its authorization license.

✚ **Location of incident:** Agogo, Ashanti region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The management of the Salt FM Station is yet to officially communicate to the public.<sup>14</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*04.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 08-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A nurse lost his life in an accident after he was hit by a Kia Renault vehicle. The incident happened when a Benz bus on top speed forced the driver of the Kia Renault to veer off the road and run into the victim.

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

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body of the deceased has been deposited at the Bimbilla Government Hospital. Meanwhile, the two drivers have been arrested and are currently in police custody.<sup>15</sup>

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✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 08-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A group of preachers have been involved in an accident at Bompata in the Ashanti Region. The vehicle they were travelling in crashed, leaving three individuals injured.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 3 persons injured (males)

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 3 persons affected (males)

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured persons were rushed to the Stewards Hospital for treatment. Meanwhile, the exact cause of the accident is yet to be established.<sup>16</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*06.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 09-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two people have died in an accident at Ohene-Duampompo on the Kumasi-Accra Highway in the Ashanti Region. The accident was a collision involving three cars, a Toyota RAV 4, a Hyundai Grace, and a Man Diesel Truck. However, the cause of the collision is unknown.

✚ **Location of incident:** Ohene-Duampompo, Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 2 persons affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana National Fire Service are investigating the cause of the accident.<sup>17</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*07.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Farmer-Herder Disputes/Arrest

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/agogo-residents-protest-over-closure-of-salt-fm-by-nca/>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/nurse-killed-in-fatal-crash-at-bimbilla/>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/preachers-involved-in-ghastly-accident-1-in-critical-condition/>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/two-killed-in-accident-on-kumasi-accra-highway-photos/>



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✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 06-02-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A farmer was left with severe cutlass wounds following an altercation with a herdsman at Seripe, a farming community in the Bole district of the Savannah region. The incident occurred when the herdsman's cattle destroyed the victim's cassava and yam farm. This resulted in a confrontation between the two men of which the herdsman allegedly inflicted cutlass wounds on the farmer.

✚ Location of incident: Seripe, Savannah Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 1 person affected (male), 1 person arrested (male)

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Meanwhile, the victim is undergoing treatment at the Bole District Hospital, while the suspect is scheduled to appear before the Bole District Magistrate court.<sup>18</sup>

## 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: Fire Outbreaks

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported on 05-02-2024

✚ Description of Incident: Scores of residents have been left homeless as over 52 structures were burnt in a fire that gutted Ayigbetown, a suburb in the Tema metropolis. The fire gutted a wooden structure on Sunday night February 4, after a young man tried connecting a regulator to a gas cylinder close to an open fire.

✚ Location of incident: Ayigbetown, Greater Accra

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Residents affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana Fire Service in the Tema region was at the scene to control the spread of the fire. Meanwhile, residents have been cautioned to observe safety standards when handling gas cylinders.<sup>19</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*02.

✚ Title of Incident: Fire Outbreaks

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 05-02-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A sprinter bus was burnt beyond recognition at a welding shop in Sawaba a suburb of Tamale. The fire incident occurred after the driver of a commercial vehicle sent the vehicle to the welding shop for the bumper to be worked on. While working on the vehicle, thick smoke was seen coming out from the car. Some workers made efforts to control the fire, but it proved futile.

✚ Location of incident: Sawaba, Northern Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Vehicle destroyed

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Fire Service arrived at the scene, but they could not salvage the situation as the car was already burnt beyond repairs.<sup>20</sup>

### ✚ Incident N\*03.

✚ Title of Incident: Fire Outbreaks

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 06-02-2024

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/herdsman-inflicts-cutlass-wounds-on-farmer/>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/scores-rendered-homeless-in-tema-fire/>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-guts-sprinter-bus-in-tamale/>



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🚩 **Description of Incident:** Over 20 people have been displaced after fire destroys a seven-bedroom house at Mpatasie in the Bono Region. The fire was noticed when smoke started coming out from one of the rooms which eventually spread to the other rooms causing several properties, an undisclosed amount and the house destroyed.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Mpatasie, Bono Region.

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana Fire Service is investigating the matter to determine the cause of the fire.<sup>21</sup>

#### 🚩 Incident N\*04.

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Illegal Mining/Arrest**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 06-02-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A task force against illegal mining at Wenchi in the Bono Region has arrested six persons who were reportedly mining in the River Tain. The miners were busily perpetuating the illegality in the river when the task force embarked on the clampdown.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Wenchi, Bono Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** 6 person arrested

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The alleged illegal miners, after their arrest, were handed over to the Wenchi police for onward processing.<sup>22</sup>

#### 🚩 Incident N\*05.

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

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 09-02-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Fire has gutted Sunyani main garage in the Bono region. The exact cause of the inferno remains unknown, but it ravaged a warehouse containing vehicle spare parts, several mechanic shops, and two residential apartments. Some mechanics made efforts to contain the fire, but it quickly spread causing damage to properties and personal belongings.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Sunyani, Bono Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Properties and personal belongings destroyed by the fire

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana National Fire Service initiated an investigation into the cause of the fire.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-burns-7-bedrooms-leaves-several-displaced-at-mpatasie/>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/six-illegal-miners-arrested-for-mining-in-river-tain/>

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/sunyani-main-garage-engulfed-in-fire-photos/>