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WEEK OF TO FEBRUARY 12 TO 18 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: **Homicide/Arrest**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-02-2024

Description of Incident: Two additional suspects have been arrested in connection with the murder of the Chief Executive Officer of the Cossy Hill Hotel in the Upper West Region. Mr. Eric Johnson was found lying in a pool of blood in one of the rooms at the hotel on February 11, 2024. The suspects identified as Charles Tuoze and Favour Nuobe, both workers at the Hotel have been detained in Police custody.

Location of incident: Jirapa, Upper West Region

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: 2 persons arrested

Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspects are assisting the police with investigations.¹

Incident N*02.

Title of Incident: **Armed Robbery**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-02-2024

Description of Incident: A mobile money (MoMo) operator was shot at Walewale in the North East Region. The attack occurred at a bus station near the Nalerigu junction along the Tamale-Bolga road which is in the center of the Walewale township. The gunmen numbered about three arrived on motorbikes and fired sporadic warning shots before targeting the operator with gunshots.

Location of incident: Walewale, North East Region.

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

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

Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim was rushed to the Walewale Government Hospital for treatment.²

Incident N*03.

Title of Incident: **Homicide/Arrest**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-02-2024

Description of Incident: The Akatsi Police in the Akatsi South Municipality of the Volta Region have arrested three suspects for allegedly killing a 31-year-old man at Witley-Agama Kope. The deceased, Christopher Alavi, who lived at Ziope until the revelation, went missing after he left home to attend a family meeting at Lume Ahugakope. Simon Dorve, the prime suspect, aged 41, a fetish priest and resident in the area had since confessed to having murdered the deceased, with his head and both legs removed for some ritual purposes. Reports revealed that upon further investigations, two suspects, namely Godfred, a student, and Ahomey Gbeti, also a fetish priest, were arrested for having in their possession some belongings of the deceased.

Location of incident: Witley-Agama Kope, Volta Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: 3 persons (males) have been arrested

¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/death-of-jirapa-dubai-ceo-two-more-suspects-grabbed/>

² <https://www.adomonline.com/momo-vendor-shot-in-walewale/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A police source confirmed the arrest of Mr Dorve and his other two accomplices and are currently remanded into police custody.³

✚ Incident N*04.

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 13-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 55-year-old farmer, Isaac Donkor, who mistook a hunter for a game shot and killed him, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment and a GH¢600 fine by the Tarkwa Circuit Court. The farmer, who was charged with negligently causing harm and possessing a firearm without authority, pleaded guilty on both counts.

✚ **Location of incident:** Timtimhwe, Western Region.

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 Person has been arrested

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police who were dispatched to the scene, inspected the body and conveyed it to the mortuary for preservation and autopsy. Meanwhile, the suspect has been remanded in prison custody at Tarkwa.⁴

✚ Incident N*05.

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Assault**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 13-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Some angry residents in Konongo in the Ashanti Region, attacked fire officers and caused damage to a fire tender. The incident occurred on Saturday, February 10, 2024, when the angry residents accused the fire officers of delaying their response to a fire outbreak. The Fire officers from Konongo were deployed to a fire scene near Nkwakwa and while at the scene, they received another distress call and had to rush back to Konongo township. However, the residents, unhappy about the officers' delayed arrival at the scene, began pelting stones and other offensive items at the crew.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Fire engine destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Police have initiated investigations into the incident, although no arrests have been made.⁵

✚ Incident N*06.

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 14-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A robbery suspect, who stabbed a policeman after he had robbed a woman, has been arrested. Francis Addo inflicted knife wounds on General Constable Foster Alipoe Ablerrh, who pursued and arrested him, after he tried to get away with the GHC2,400.00 and iPhone 14 pro max he allegedly robbed from one Lovia Narh. Two knives and a blue Royal motorbike retrieved from the suspect have been retained at the station for evidential purposes.

✚ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect is currently in Police custody assisting investigations.⁶

✚ Incident N*07.

³ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/fetish-priest-two-others-arrested-over-murder-at-akatsi-south/>

⁴ <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/farmer-gets-3-years-for-mistakenly-killing-hunter/>

⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/konongo-residents-attack-fire-officers-for-arriving-late-to-an-outbreak/>

⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/police-arrest-suspect-after-he-stabs-policeman-in-robbery-expedition/>



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🚩 **Title of Incident: Drug Trafficking/Arrest**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 16-02-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Five teenagers have been apprehended for possessing suspected narcotic drugs during a police swoop in Kumasi, in the Ashanti Region. The teenagers are part of a total of 18 suspects who were arrested during a security operation, which took place on February 13, 2024 at about 5:30am. The teenagers included Okeke Samuel, 17 years, Chinedu Omah, 17 years, Jerry Adams, 17 years, Monday Peter, 19 years and Abdul Rashid Zibo, who is reported to be 19 years old.

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

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** 18 person arrested

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** All suspects are in police custody and exhibits retained for evidential purposes. Meanwhile, all suspects will be screened and those found connected to exhibits will be prosecuted.⁷

🚩 Incident N*08.

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

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 16-02-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A man, whose identity is yet to be established, was stabbed to death at dawn on Thursday, February 15, 2024, by suspected armed robbers at Ashaiman in the Greater Accra Region. He was found lifeless with stab wounds and blood-soaked clothes. The incident occurred near the Goodness Filling Station at Ashaiman main trotro station. The victim was said to be holding a bag with money and a phone when he was approached by the criminal gangs.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Ashaiman, Greater Accra

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police are investigating the matter.⁸

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:** 13-02-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A 60-year-old nomad was shot dead at Jilo, a community in the Nanumba North municipality of the Northern Region, by unidentified gunmen while returning from a mosque. The son of the victim was accompanying the father from the mosque when the two attackers engaged them with guns, shooting him in the stomach and shoulder.

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

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police transported the body to a hospital morgue subsequently. An investigation has begun into the incident⁹

🚩 Incident N*02.

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

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/18-including-five-teenagers-grabbed-with-narcotics/>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-stabbed-to-death-by-suspected-robbers-at-ashaiman/>

⁹ <https://citinewsroom.com/2024/02/northern-region-60-year-old-man-shot-dead-at-jilo/>



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✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-02-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A 51-year-old 'trotro' driver, Michael Oppong, was remanded into Police custody by the Ashaiman Circuit Court for stabbing a passenger with a knife. A misunderstanding ensued between the victim and the accused person over a 50 pesewas balance, which the accused demanded from the victim after he offered to pay Gh¢ 4.50 pesewas instead of five cedis.

✚ Location of incident: Ashaiman, Greater Accra

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

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

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim, Ketogloh Mawunyegah Edoh, has since been treated for his wounds and discharged from the hospital to await further treatment.¹⁰

✚ Incident N*03.

✚ Title of Incident: Rape/Arrest

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 14-02-2024

✚ Description of Incident: The Police at Bechem in the Tano South Municipality of Ahafo Region have arrested and placed three of suspects in custody for an alleged gang- rape and have also launched a manhunt for three other suspects who are on the run. An accomplice, Kyeremaa Hamida, a female final-year student who aided the suspects to commit the crime is also in Police custody, assisting investigations

✚ Location of incident: Bechem, Ahafo Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 person (female)

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 1 person affected (female), 4 persons arrested (3 males, 1 female)

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The mother of a 15-year-old form one student of Bechem Presbyterian Senior High School has appealed to the Police to be expeditious in their investigations for justice to prevail.¹¹

✚ Incident N*04.

✚ Title of Incident: Allegation of Sex for Grades Against Some Lecturers.

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 17-02-2024

✚ Description of Incident: Management of the Sunyani Technical University (STU) has set up a committee to probe an allegation of sex for grades against some lecturers. This follows allegations by the former Student Representative Council (SRC) President of Owusu Agyekum.

✚ Location of incident: Sunyani Technical University (STU), Bono Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Students

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The probe into the allegations have begun. All stakeholders in the matter have been urged to remain calm as the investigation continues.¹²

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: 13-02-2024

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/trotro-driver-stabs-passenger-over-50-pesewas/>

¹¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/six-students-allegedly-gang-rape-15-year-old-at-bechem-presec/>

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/sunyani-technical-university-probes-sex-for-grades-allegations-against-some-lecturers/>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** Five people on board a Toyota Corolla car, including the driver, have sustained body injuries after a road accident. This was after the Toyota Corolla vehicle, which was traveling at top speed crashed into a moving Benz Tipper truck.

✚ **Location of incident:** Tech roundabout, Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 5 persons injured (males)

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 5 persons affected (males)

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victims are currently receiving treatment at a hospital.¹³

✚ Incident N*03.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Land Disputes/Clash

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 13-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Tension erupted at Awutu Prison Junction in the Awutu Senya East Municipality of the Central Region as over 200 irate youth clashed with military officers and police over the ownership of 11 acres of land at Kasoa Prison Junction. One of the claimants disclosed he purchased the land in 2008 and it had been in possession for 15 years. The second claimant attempted to sell the same land to him, which he denied. The second claimant subsequently brought police officers to the land site, resulting in the first claimer facilitating an arrest for trespassing. The second claimant also sought the use of military personnel to seize the land which caused the irate youth to clash with the military personnel.

✚ **Location of incident:** Awutu Prison Junction, Central Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Police personnel from Kasoa and the Central East Regional Police Command were deployed to the area to maintain peace and prevent further escalation of the situation.¹⁴

✚ Incident N*04.

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 12-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** An assault on the Mempeasem community in the North Gonja District of the Savannah Region has resulted in the arrest of one individual. The community faced an assault, destroying numerous properties valued at thousands of Cedis on Monday, February 12. The attack compelled the Gonja Chief and his supporters to once again vacate the community out of fear for their safety. It is alleged that the incident is connected to land chieftaincy disputes in the area.

✚ **Location of incident:** Mempeasem, Savannah Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Police personnel were dispatched to the community to uphold law and order.¹⁵

✚ Incident N*05.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A school bus belonging to the Ampea Memorial Institute was involved in a fatal accident on the Nkawkaw highway in the Eastern region. The bus transporting pupils to their various destinations collided with another vehicle while negotiating a curve into the main road. The bus rammed into a Nissan patrol owned by a Municipal Chief Executive (MCE) in the Ashanti Region.

✚ **Location of incident:** Nkawkaw Highway, Eastern region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 4 persons dead, Some injured

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Passengers in the affected vehicle

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/five-injured-in-accident-on-kumasi-accra-highway/>

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/military-clash-with-irate-kasoa-youth-over-land/>

¹⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/one-arrested-in-mempeasem-chief-and-community-members-flee/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured victims have been rushed to the Holy Family Hospital in Nkawkaw and the bodies of the deceased were deposited at the same hospital's morgue.¹⁶

✚ Incident N*06.

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Members of the Civil and Local Government Staff Association, Ghana (CLOGSAG) in the Northern Region are set to embark on a strike following an assault on a member, Suleman Yakubu Tikumah, the Regional Environmental Health Officer at the Tamale Regional Coordinating Council. They accused the Tamale Metropolitan Chief Executive, Sule Salifu for assaulting their member which has sparked outrage among the Civil and Local Government Staff Association, Ghana (CLOGSAG) members.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Members of the Civil and Local Government Staff Association, Ghana (CLOGSAG) affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** All Civil and Local Government Staff Association, Ghana (CLOGSAG) members at the Tamale Metropolitan Assembly and the Northern Regional Coordinating Council have been urged to stay at home until further notice.¹⁷

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:** 13-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Savannah Regional New Patriotic Party (NPP) Chairman, Sulemana Iddrisu, had his 15-bedroom house burnt in a fire outbreak at Gumani in the Northern Region. Personal valuables like land documents, certificates, motorcycles, flat-screen television sets, fridges, clothes, and foodstuff among others were burnt.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Personal valuables like land documents, certificates, motorcycles, flat-screen television sets, fridges, clothes, and foodstuff among others were burnt.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Personnel of the Ghana National Fire Service in the Sagnarigu Municipality led by Station Officer Dauda Basit, said despite their prompt arrival at the scene, it was too late to save the situation, although, their additional pumps from the fire station made it possible for them to prevent the fire from spreading to nearby houses and properties.¹⁸

✚ Incident N*02.

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 13-02-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A fire has ravaged through 8 bedrooms, reducing them to ashes, in Obuasi Anyimadukrom, located in the Obuasi East District of the Ashanti Region. The fire also caused extensive damage to additional properties in the area. However, the exact cause of the fire is unknown.

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

¹⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/4-dead-others-injured-in-gory-school-bus-accident-at-nkawkaw/>

¹⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/tamale-clogsag-to-embark-on-strike-over-assault-on-member/>

¹⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-destroys-npp-chairmans-15-bedroom-house-photos/>



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- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Properties destroyed
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana National Fire Service rushed to the scene to provide support and assistance to combat the fire. However, investigations are ongoing to determine the cause of the fire¹⁹

✚ Incident N*03 .

- ✚ Title of Incident: **Air Pollution**
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 14-02-2024
- ✚ Description of Incident: Aside vehicles emitting fumes, the role of fishmongers in polluting the air is often overlooked. However, residents of Korle-Boode, a suburb in Jamestown, are keenly aware of the devastating impact of these activities on their environment. The incidence of the smoke rising into the atmosphere reveals a troubling reality to the residents in the community.
- ✚ Location of incident: Korle-Boode, Greater Accra
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Residents affected
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Some residents have raised concerns about how this pollution is affecting their health and appealed to the Government to take necessary actions to stop this menace.²⁰

✚ Incident N*04.

- ✚ Title of Incident: **Building Collapse**
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-02-2024
- ✚ Description of Incident: Eight people including four basic school pupils and a teacher are in critical condition after a school building collapsed on them in the Upper West Akim District of the Eastern region. The incident happened after it started raining and the victims had to seek shelter in the school building which is in a dilapidated state.
- ✚ Location of incident: Eastern Region
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 8 person injured
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 8 persons affected
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The victims received treatment at the Adeiso District Hospital.²¹

✚ Incident N*05.

- ✚ Title of Incident: **Rainstorms**
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 16-02-2024
- ✚ Description of Incident: The roof of the Gomoa Okyereko police station in the Central region has been ripped off, leaving the police officers stranded. This was as a result of a heavy downpour in the Municipality. The heavy downpour on Thursday, February 15, also led to the destruction of all documents, furniture and computers.
- ✚ Location of incident: Gomoa Okyereko, Central Region
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Gomoa Okyereko police station affected, documents, furniture and computers destroyed.
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Chief of Gomoa Okyereko, Nana Kofi Donkor appealed to the authorities to fix the roof of the Gomoa Okyereko Police station.²²

¹⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-guts-8-bedroom-house-at-obuasi-anyimadukrom/>

²⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/dire-air-pollution-situation-at-korle-boode-accra-demands-immediate-action/>

²¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/eight-including-4-pupils-injured-after-school-building-collapses/>

²² <https://www.adomonline.com/rainstorm-rips-off-roof-of-gomoa-okyereko-police-station-statements-destroyed-photos/>