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GHANA

WEEK OF APRIL 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/Homicide**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 17-04-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: A suspected armed robbery attack targeting students at the University of Energy and Natural Resources (UENR) in Sunyani on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, resulted in the death of one student. The incident occurred around 7:00 p.m. near Boffourkrom in the Sunyani West Municipality when Level 300 and 400 BSc Renewable Energy Engineering students were returning from a field trip at the Bui Power Authority (BPA) in the Banda District. The incident left several students injured and emotionally distressed.

🚩 Location of incident: Boffourkrom, Bono Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 1 person dead, several injured

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Students affected (one dead, several injured)

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: One suspect was apprehended by the Sunyani police in connection with the incident.¹

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 Title of Incident: **Theft**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 17-04-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: Suspected thieves have allegedly raided the Methodist Church of Ghana at Asuboni White house in the Kwahu West Municipal of the Eastern Region. They made away with musical instruments including a keyboard organ, power amp, compressor and other items. Resident pastor of the church, Rev Isaac Arhinful, indicates that the suspects made a small opening in the entrance of the burglar proof door to access the building. He added that the robbery went unnoticed due to the darkness in the area caused by the absence of street lights.

🚩 Location of incident: Asuboni, Eastern Region.

🚩 Casualty [Male & female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Asuboni Methodist Church of Ghana members affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The district police command which was notified has visited the scene to assess the situation. Investigation has commenced with no arrests made so far.²

🚩 Incident N*03

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

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 18-04-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: Armed robbers have attacked the Akroma Gold Mining Company located in Esaase, within the Kwahu West Municipality of the Eastern region. The robbers brandished weapons and bolted with bars of gold upon gaining entry into the company. During the violent attack, a Chinese worker was shot, and other sustained various degrees of injuries.

🚩 Location of incident: Esaase (Kwahu West Municipality), Eastern region.

¹ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/sunyani-uenr-student-killed-in-suspected-armed-robbery-attack.html>

² <https://www.adomonline.com/thieves-break-into-methodist-church-bolt-with-musical-instruments/>



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- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (male), 1 injured (male)
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 2 Chinese men affected (1 dead, 1 injured)
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The injured individual was promptly rushed to the Nkawkaw Hospital for urgent medical attention. Meanwhile, the police have been notified of the incident and efforts are underway to apprehend the perpetrators.³

✚ Incident N*04

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

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 19-04-2024

✚ Description of Incident: Two young men fell victim to stray bullets after a clash between the Assin Fosu Police patrol team and alleged marijuana smokers. The Police received a tip-off that smokers frequently occupied the Assin Fosu Roman Hill Road and attacked residents who ply that route in the evening. The Police therefore did a swoop in the area and in the process, a confrontation ensued between the Police and the youths allegedly involved in the crime, resulting in gunfire. Two individuals who were passing by at the time of the incident were hit by stray bullets.

✚ Location of incident: Assin Fosu Roman Hill Road, Central Region.

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 2 persons injured.

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The injured persons were admitted at the St. Francis Xavier Hospital in Assin Fosu for treatment. Meanwhile, some of the suspects were arrested and processed for court.⁴

✚ Incident N*05

✚ Title of Incident: **Homicide**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 19-04-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A woman was allegedly shot dead on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, on her farm at Adaklu Tevikpo in the Adaklu District. She left for the farm at about 05:30 AM after which her husband, Kwame Ayew also left for another farm. The son of the deceased went to the farm at about 1400 hours after school in search of his mother on the farm but did not find her there. He later found her mother lying supine with blood all over her body from gunshot wounds. It was alleged that since the incident occurred, Kwame Ayew, the husband of the late Maama, absconded and was yet to be seen.

✚ Location of incident: Adaklu Tevikpo, Volta Region

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

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

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The body of the deceased was conveyed to the Ho Teaching Hospital morgue for autopsy. Meanwhile, the police launch a search for Kwame Ayew, whom they considered as the prime suspect.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**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-04-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A 20-year-old welder apprentice, Felix Ayertey was electrocuted at an electric welding shop at Akwadum along the Koforidua-Suhum Road. The incident occurred while he was operating a welding

³ <https://www.adomonline.com/armed-robbers-attack-akroma-mining-company-chinese-worker-shot/>

⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/two-hit-stray-bullet-as-police-clash-with-wee-smokers-photos/>

⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/woman-in-her-late-thirties-allegedly-shot-dead-on-her-farm-at-adaklu-tevikpo/>



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machine. Before officers of the Ghana Police Service at the Akwadum Police Station under the Effiduase Office Command emergency services got to the scene to assess the situation and take necessary actions. He was pronounced deceased upon their arrival.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Akwadum, Eastern Region

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** His body was transferred to St. Joseph’s mortuary in the New Juaben North Municipal Assembly for further examination.⁶

🚩 Incident N*02

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

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 16-04-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A man believed to be in his 20s has been apprehended for allegedly inflicting cutlass wounds on a 14-year-old boy at Fetentaa in the Berekum West District of the Bono region. The incident occurred while the victim, Raphael Oteng was working with his sister on their cashew farm. His sister, Matilda Baafi narrated that the suspect came to the farm to ask them for water and after granting his request, he began to make sexual advances towards her which she declined. The suspect who probably felt his ego had been bruised grabbed Raphael and started struggling with him.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Fetentaa, Berekum West District, Bono region

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victim was rushed to the Berekum Holy Family Hospital for treatment. The suspect was subsequently apprehended and handed over to the police.⁷

🚩 Incident N*03

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Assault**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 19-04-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A woman, Philomena Owusu battled for her life after her husband bathed her with acid and killed their 9-month-old baby girl at Gomoa Pomadze in the Central region. The incident happened after her husband initially asked her to put the baby on the ground to have a discussion, but she declined and that angered the suspect and poured the acid on them. Her husband, Enoch Mensah wanted to kill her and save their daughter but, in the process, the two were affected in the incident.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Gomoa Pomadze, Central region

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons affected (female)

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victim was admitted at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital for treatment.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:** **Road Accidents**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-04-2024

⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/young-electric-welder-electrocuted-to-death-at-akwadum/>

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-arrested-for-inflicting-cutlass-wounds-on-teenage-boy/>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/woman-bathed-with-acid-by-her-husband-breaks-silence-listen/>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** About five people were injured in an accident on the Ahodwo-Sokoban Road in the Nhyiaeso Constituency of the Ashanti region. The accident involved two vehicles and a tricycle. It occurred at about 10:30 am when one of the drivers made a U-turn. In the incident, a speeding Nissan commercial vehicle driver who was coming from Akropong towards Ahodwo crashed into the Golf car and the tricycle. The unconscious Nissan driver was trapped in the car with his hand cut off.

✚ **Location of incident:** Ahodwo-Sokoban road, Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 5 persons injured.

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victims were rushed to the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) and other health facilities for treatment.⁹

✚ Incident N*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** Assault

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 16-04-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Some traders at the Kejetia Market in Kumasi on Monday, April 15, 2024, allegedly assaulted two workers of the Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG) over disconnection of market from the national power grid due to debt owed ECG. The victims were alleged to be part of a revenue mobilization team who visited the market.

✚ **Location of incident:** Kejetia Market, Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 assaulted.

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police have taken up the case and have commenced investigations.¹⁰

✚ Incident N*03

✚ **Title of Incident:** Protest

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 17-04-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Farmers and some residents whose properties have been affected by the construction of a bypass from Asiakwa in the Eastern region to Konongo in the Ashanti region are demanding compensation. These farmers hail from Asiakwa, Osino, Asaman Tamfoe, among other towns and villages. According to them, they have had their farms and buildings destroyed to pave the way for the road project to ease vehicular traffic and congestion on the Accra-Kumasi highway.

✚ **Location of incident:** Asiakwa, Eastern region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Residents of Asiakwa were affected and farms and buildings also destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Meanwhile, the Eastern Regional Minister, Seth Acheampong, is urging them to exercise restraint as they work around the clock to pay the needed compensation to the affected people.¹¹

✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** Rail Accident/Arrest

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 18-04-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A train recently procured from Poland by Ghana and meant to serve the Tema-Mpakadan railway line has crashed during a test run within the Asuogyaman District. The train approached a curve and confronted a stationary vehicle obstructing the rail track, leading to the accident. There were no fatalities from

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/five-injured-in-gory-accident-on-ahodwo-road-video/>

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/kejetia-traders-allegedly-assault-2-ecg-staff/>

¹¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/asiakwa-farmers-and-residents-demand-compensation-for-bypass-construction-disruptions/>



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the accident. All drivers, crew members, and bystanders all emerged unharmed from the incident. However, the driver of a Hyundai truck was apprehended for allegedly causing the collision.

✚ **Location of incident:** Eastern Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The driver of the Hyundai truck was arrested, and investigations are currently underway to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the incident.¹²¹³

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:** Rainstorms/Homicide

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 16-04-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A five-year-old girl, Richlove Adobea Haminu died after she was swept away by heavy rain at Koforidua in the Eastern region. The incident occurred right in front of the parent's home near the Normal Technical School while her parents were away at work. She was with her 14-year-old sibling, who was gathering rainwater for storage, when she slipped into the rushing water and was swept away.

✚ **Location of incident:** Koforidua, Eastern Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A prompt effort to rescue the girl was launched by a collaborative team involving the Police, the National Disaster Management Organization, as well as family members and volunteers from the community. But despite their efforts, the victim is yet to be found.¹⁴

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/new-ghana-train-on-test-run-involved-in-accident-photos/>

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/truck-driver-allegedly-responsible-for-train-accident-arrested/>

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/koforidua-five-year-old-girl-swept-away-by-floodwaters-on-her-birthday/>