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GHANA

WEEK OF MARCH 11 TO 17 2024

Organized 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: Fraud/Arrest

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-03-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Northern Youth for Peace and Development, Prince Nardi Adams, has appeared before an Accra Circuit Court for allegedly defrauding a woman of GH¢225,999.94 and \$1,800. Adam, also businessman, is said to have collected the money from Charity Atiim under the pretext of supplying her with 1,000 bags of 50kg rice, 50 gallons of edible oil and 30 bags of sugar to be given to schools in the Northern Region.

🚩 Location of incident: Greater Accra

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: One person arrested

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: Adams was admitted to bail in the sum of GHC300,000 with two sureties.¹

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 Title of Incident: Assault/Arrest

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-03-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: Police in the Ashanti Region have apprehended five people in connection with an alleged assault on fire officers responding to a fire outbreak at the racecourse market on Monday, March 11, 2024. The incident escalated when the suspects allegedly attacked the fire service personnel for arriving at the scene late.

🚩 Location of incident: Racecourse market, Ashanti Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 1 person injured

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspects have been detained in police custody pending investigations.²

🚩 Incident N*03

🚩 Title of Incident: Theft/Arrest

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-03-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: An Achimota Circuit Court has remanded into police custody a 33-year-old man for allegedly stealing a Toyota Corolla worth GH¢100,000 from a car rental company in Accra. Andrew Amoah Ampaw rented the car for five days before giving it to someone he owed money to.

🚩 Location of incident: Greater Accra

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

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

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The accused person is expected to reappear on March 21, 2024.³

¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/ceo-in-court-over-alleged-fraud/>

² <https://www.adomonline.com/ashanti-region-five-arrested-for-attacking-fire-service-officers-at-racecourse/>

³ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-arrested-for-allegedly-stealing-rental-car/>



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✚ Incident N*04

- ✚ Title of Incident: Jail Break/Arrest
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 12-03-2024
- ✚ Description of Incident: Two prison officers have appeared before an Accra Circuit Court on charges of assisting Wang Xiao, a Chinese convicted prisoner at Nsawam Medium Prison, to escape. Joseph Oteng and Sergeant Isaac Boateng Bonsu have been charged with conspiracy and aiding escape. CCTV footage from a hotel exposed them.
- ✚ Location of incident: Nsawam Medium Prison, Eastern Region
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons arrested (males)
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The two accused have been granted bail in the sum of GhC100,000 each, with two sureties to be justified. Meanwhile, they are to reappear on April 9, 2024.⁴

✚ Incident N*05

- ✚ Title of Incident: Human Trafficking/Arrest
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 14-03-2024
- ✚ Description of Incident: A 31-year-old Nigerian, Okolo Chukwukadibia Jackson has been found guilty of trafficking a 16-year-old girl and three other females from Onitsha, Anambra State in Nigeria. The convict illegally entered the country in 2021 and orchestrated the trafficking of his victims into Ghana on February 13, 2024.
- ✚ Location of incident: Greater Accra
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Four persons affected (females), One person arrested (male)
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect has been sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined five hundred penalty units (GH¢1,200).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: Assault
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-03-2024
- ✚ Description of Incident: The Crime Check Foundation (CCF) has condemned an alleged incident involving a police officer stationed at Tema Community 8, said to have cut off a woman's ear with a pair of pliers. The policeman arrested her and then used a pair of pliers to cut off a portion of her left ear. The victim, Miss Judith Yaakuma, 20, had been left traumatized and in excruciating pain. The situation stirred public conversation over the need for reforms at the police stations.
- ✚ Location of incident: Tema, Greater Accra
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 person injured (female)
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected (female)
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana Police Service is investigating the matter.⁶

✚ Incident N*02

- ✚ Title of Incident: Homicide/Arrest
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-03-2024

⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/cctv-exposes-prison-officers-aiding-a-chinese-prisoners-escape/>

⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/31-year-old-nigerian-jailed-10-years-for-human-trafficking-illegal-entry/>

⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/policeman-allegedly-mutilates-womans-ear-with-pliers/>



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- ✚ **Description of Incident:** A 40-year-old man, Yusif Abubakar lost his life after he was stabbed by his colleague, Latif. This happened in front of a Mosque after prayers at Old Botianor in the Ga South Municipality of the Greater Accra Region. Abubakar and the suspect were engaged in a verbal altercation. However, the situation escalated into a fight and Latif subdued Abubakar, sat on him, and stabbed him in the chest with a knife he had concealed in his pocket.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Old Botianor, Greater Accra
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 person dead (male)
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected (male), One person arrested
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect was immediately arrested by officers at Kokrobite Police Command. Meanwhile, the body of the deceased has been deposited at the Korle-Bu hospital mortuary for preservation.⁷

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:** Destruction/Arrest
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 11-03-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Four students of Comboni Vocational Technical School have been arrested by the Sogakofe District Police Command for allegedly vandalizing the main gate of Sogakope Senior High School (SOGASCO) in the South Tongu District of the Volta region. The incident occurred on Sunday, March 10, 2024, around 1:00 AM. Sliding glasses of the main entrance of SOGASCO were allegedly shattered, while mosquito nets of one of the classroom blocks were also torched.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Sogakope, Volta Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Four persons arrested, main gate destroyed
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Calm has been restored. Meanwhile, the four students and four town folks have been picked up by the police in connection with the incident and assisting the police with the investigation.⁸

✚ Incident N*02

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 13-03-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Two people have died in two separate accidents at a spot close to the Oda River bridge near Esereso in the Bosomtwe District of the Ashanti region. A middle-aged man, 50-year-old Charles died after he was knocked down by a hit-and-run driver at about 2:00 pm on Tuesday, February 12, 2024. Two hours later, the driver of a KIA Rio salon car was also pulled out unconscious after his car plunged into the Oda River.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Oda River bridge, Ashanti Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 person dead (males)
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons affected (males)
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Residents of Esereso, who are angered by the development, have asked the authorities to introduce safety measures on the stretch, which is under construction.⁹

✚ Incident N*03

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** Demonstration
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 13-03-2024

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-stabs-friend-to-death-at-bortianor/>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/4-students-of-comboni-arrested-for-vandalising-property-at-sogasco-photos/>

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/two-dead-in-separate-accidents-on-oda-river-bridge/>



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- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Residents of WARD K, a suburb of Tamale Metropolis in the Northern region on Tuesday March 12, 2024 embarked on a demonstration to register their displeasure over the prolonged water crisis. It is alleged that water has not flown through their taps for over six months, making their lives unbearable.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Tamale, Northern Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Residents affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Residents called on the Ghana Water Limited (GWL) to put in place measures to ameliorate the situation.¹⁰

✚ Incident N*04

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 14-03-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** About eight people have died in an accident at Nkenkasu on the Offinso-Techiman Highway in the Ashanti Region. The incident occurred in the early hours of Wednesday, March 13, 2024. It involved a Youtong bus from Garu to Kumasi and a truck loaded with meat and about 14 passengers also sustained injuries.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Nkenkasu, Ashanti Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 8 persons dead (5 males, 3 females), 14 persons injured.
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Twenty-two persons affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police are investigating the cause of the accident. Meanwhile, the injured persons are receiving medical care at the Nkensasu Government Hospital, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital and the Holy Family Hospital at Techiman respectively.¹¹

✚ Incident N*05

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents/Arrest
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 14-03-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Four people have been injured after a private car ran into a food joint at Awutu Bereku in the Awutu Senya West District of the Central Region. The incident happened in front of the Awutu Bereku Durbar grounds on Wednesday March, 13 2024. It was alleged that the driver was under the influence of alcohol as he first drove into a nearby gutter and managed to remove the car with the help of some bystanders and stepped on the accelerator, hitting a meat seller by the roadside before crashing into the food joint.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Awutu Bereku, Central Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 4 persons injured
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Four persons affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured persons were sent to the Awutu Bereku Health Center while the driver was arrested by the Awutu Bereku Police for investigations.¹²

✚ Incident N*06

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** Demonstration over poor road infrastructure
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-03-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Residents of Amansie West District in the Ashanti region have staged a demonstration in demand for better roads. The residents vowed not to participate in the 2024 elections if their roads are not fixed. They claim to have been neglected for far too long.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Amansie West District, Ashanti region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/tamale-residents-demonstrate-over-water-crisis/>

¹¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/8-feared-dead-in-ghastly-accident-on-kumasi-techiman-highway/>

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/four-injured-as-car-rams-into-food-joint-at-awutu-bereku/>



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- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Residents of Amansie West District affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Residents called on the government to put in measures to fix their roads.¹³

✚ Incident N*07

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 16-03-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Twenty-one persons have been confirmed dead in a head-on collision involving a Sprinter bus and a minibus on the Kumasi – Accra highway. Other passengers are reported to have sustained various degrees of injuries from the car crash. The incident happened on the Breku stretch of the road in the Ashanti region. One of the drivers who was speeding made a wrong overtaking, leading to the collision.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Ashanti Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 21 persons dead
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Twenty-one persons affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The bodies of the deceased have since been deposited at the Yawkwei Steward Mortuary and Konongo Government Hospital respectively with other survivors of the accidents undergoing treatment.¹⁴

✚ Incident N*08

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** Illegal Mining
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 16-03-204
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** One person is feared dead, several others injured in a clash between local miners and the military in the Talensi District of the Upper East Region. The incident occurred on Friday, March 15, 2024, when Earl International, previously known as Shanxi Mining Company, requested military assistance to halt illegal mining activities within their concession. Tensions escalated rapidly as local miners, joined by some women, protested and resisted the intervention, leading to a confrontation with the military personnel. In response to the resistance, the military opened fire, causing multiple casualties among the protesting miners.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Talensi, Upper East Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 person dead
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured persons are receiving treatment at the regional hospital.¹⁵

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, 11-03-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** The Saint Ignatius of Loyola, otherwise known as Lassia Tuolu Senior High School in the Upper East region, has temporarily been closed down after fire gutted the school’s multipurpose dining hall complex. The incident, which occurred during the wee hours of Saturday, February 9, 2023 burnt several properties of the school including 900 new desks, 500 pieces of dining tables and sets of benches, and several dozens of assorted food items valued at thousands of Ghana cedis.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Lassia Tuolu Senior High School, Upper West Region

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/no-roads-no-votes-amansie-west-youths-stage-protest-for-better-roads/>

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/twenty-one-confirmed-dead-others-injured-in-gory-accident-on-kumasi-accra-highway/>

¹⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/one-dead-multiple-injured-as-local-miners-clash-with-military-in-talensi/>



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- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Several properties destroyed
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Authorities are currently investigating the cause of the fire.¹⁶

✚ Incident N*02

- ✚ Title of Incident: Fire Outbreaks
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 11-03-2024
- ✚ Description of Incident: A fire outbreak at the Racecourse Market in Kumasi has resulted in the destruction of over 400 shops and goods worth millions of cedis. The inferno, which began in the early hours of the morning February 11, 2024, has wreaked havoc and affected traders. The fire engulfed countless stalls and warehouses filled with foodstuffs.
- ✚ Location of incident: Race course market, Ashanti Region
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 400 shops and goods worth millions destroyed
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Meanwhile, investigations are underway to identify the cause of the fire.¹⁷

✚ Incident N*03

- ✚ Title of Incident: Drowning
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 12-03-2024
- ✚ Description of Incident: A 15-year-old Junior High School (JHS) three pupil of the Blessing Academy at Afasebong, in the Atwima Kwanwoma District, drowned in the Dwahyen River at Takyiman New Site on late Saturday, March 9, 2024. The pupil asked permission from the school authorities to buy food from outside the school on the Saturday afternoon. However, on reaching the bridge over the Dwahyen River, the pupil met some friends who were swimming in the river and joined in. The pupil drowned and his friends could not save him because they were also drowning when they tried to help him.
- ✚ Location of incident: Dwahyen River, Ashanti Region
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 person dead
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The body has since been deposited at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) for an autopsy.¹⁸

✚ Incident N*04

- ✚ Title of Incident: Fire Outbreaks
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-03-2024
- ✚ Description of Incident: Fire gutted 12 tailoring shops at the Obuasi Central Market reducing valuable equipment and items to ashes. The fire outbreak occurred overnight, with several victims discovering the destruction when they arrived at their shops in the morning. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined. However, victims estimated losses between GH¢90,000 to GH¢100,000, including industrial sewing machines and other valuable items.
- ✚ Location of incident: Obuasi central market, Ashanti Region
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: 12 tailoring shops destroyed
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) is investigating the matter to determine the cause of the fire.¹⁹

¹⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/lassia-tuolu-shs-temporarily-closed-after-fire-guts-multipurpose-dining-hall/>

¹⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-destroys-over-400-stalls-at-race-course-market/>

¹⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/15-year-old-pupil-drowns-in-dwahyen-river/>

¹⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/12-tailoring-shops-burnt-into-ashes-at-obuasi-central-market/>