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## GHANA

### WEEK OF MARCH 18 TO 24, 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:** Impersonation/Arrest

**Scale of Incident:** Low

**Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 18-03-2024

**Description of Incident:** The Nima District Police Command on March 17, 2024, arrested a young man identified as Hassan Avorgah, 24, on charges of deceiving a public officer, impersonation and possession of police accouterments without lawful authorization. Mr Hassan had arrested someone and sent the person to the Holy Garden Police Station for detention. But he raised suspicion when he was unable to provide accurate details of himself as a police officer also leading to his arrest.

**Location of incident:** Nima, Greater Accra Region

**Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

**Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect, Mr Avorgah was processed for Court.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Incident N\*02.**

**Title of Incident:** Armed Robbery

**Scale of Incident:** Low

**Date of occurrence of Incident:** 19-03-2024

**Description of Incident:** In a robbery incident on the Teselima-Banda Nkwanta stretch of the Bole-Bamboi highway, a Police team met six suspected armed robbers who had attacked a Benz cargo truck. Upon seeing the police, the armed robbers shot at the police, and the police retaliated. The armed robbers absconded into a nearby forest area. Upon return to the scene later in the morning, the police found one of the robbers, believed to be of Fulbe extraction, in the bush with gunshot wounds, an automatic pump action gun and 47 rounds of BB ammunition with two empty cartridges.

**Location of incident:** Bole-Bamboi highway, Savannah Region

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

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

**Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body of the deceased was deposited at the Leyaata Hospital morgue for further action.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Incident N\*03.**

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

**Scale of Incident:** Low

**Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 17-03-2024

**Description of Incident:** A civilian employee with the Police Band in Kumasi, the Ashanti Regional Capital, was shot dead after they were attacked by suspected armed robbers on Sunday, March 17, 2024. The Police Band was returning to Kumasi at about 8:45 pm after performing at a programme between Nyinahin. They were attacked between the Kumasi-Bibiani road which resulted in the death of the civilian identified as Benjamin Osei Bonsu.

**Location of incident:** Kumasi-Bibiani road, Ashanti Region

**Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 person dead (male), 2 injured (males)

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/fake-policeman-who-dragged-suspect-to-station-arrested/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/highway-robber-killed-in-gun-battle-with-police-others-on-the-run/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Two who were in critical condition and others who were beaten were sent to the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital to receive treatment. Meanwhile, the Police are investigating the matter.<sup>3</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*04.

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 21-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** One member of the Okyeman Environmental Protection Taskforce, Offei Noah, aged 35 was shot and killed in an armed attack at Asuaba near Adeiso in the Eastern Region. Three other members sustained several gunshot injuries on their hands, chest and other parts of the body. The Taskforce was ambushed by the unknown assailants on their return from Adeiso.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 person dead, 3 injured (males)

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body of the deceased has been deposited at the Police hospital in Accra while the injured are receiving treatment at the Eastern Regional Hospital in Koforidua.<sup>4</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*05.

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 22-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Three individuals were apprehended for their alleged involvement in setting multiple houses ablaze in Bole. These incidents occurred amid escalating tensions between the Bole community and the Jahori tribe, following a longstanding land dispute.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Three persons arrested

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police are investigating the matter.<sup>5</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*06

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 22-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Accra Circuit Court has sentenced a 21-year-old salesman to one-and-half years in prison for stealing GH¢17,500 belonging to the owner of a cement shop, at Lashibi, in Accra. Samuel Akuffo, who was charged with stealing, pleaded guilty to stealing the money, and asked the court to give him time to work and earn money so that he could refund the amount. But, the court, presided over by Mrs Kizita Naa Koowa Quashie, convicted Akuffo on his plea.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Akuffo was arrested at his hideout and convicted to one-and-half years in prison.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/one-killed-two-in-critical-condition-as-robbers-attack-police-band/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/one-killed-three-sustain-gunshot-wounds-at-asuaba-photos/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/police-arrest-three-persons-for-burning-several-houses-in-bole/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/salesman-convicted-for-stealing-traders-gh%2%a217500/>



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## 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:** 20-03-2024

**Description of Incident:** Two Individuals were accused of attacking a fishmonger with a cutlass in the Ayebofo farming community within the Akyemansah District of the Eastern Region. The incident occurred after the victim requested repayment of GH¢6, borrowed from her months earlier. The victim, Mary Obosu, was attacked in her room on Wednesday night, March 20, at Ayebofo.

**Location of incident:** Ayebofo farming community, Eastern Region

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

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

**Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Akyem Ofoase District Police Command initiated a search for two individuals to be arrested.<sup>7</sup>

### Incident N\*02.

**Title of Incident: Homicide**

**Scale of Incident:** Low

**Date of occurrence of Incident:** 24-03-2024

**Description of Incident:** A man believed to be in his late thirties was found dead at a roadside at Kasoa Walantu junction in the Awutu Senya East Municipality of the Central Region. The yet-to-be-identified man was lying naked with visible head injuries. The deceased was allegedly killed elsewhere and dumped at the Walantu junction.

**Location of incident:** Kasoa Walantu junction, Central Region

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

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

**Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police are investigating the matter. Meanwhile, the Ebusuapani for the area, Nana Kofi Ahomka called on both the government to assist them in establishing a community watchdog group to support law enforcement efforts in combating crime.<sup>8</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/Arrest**

**Scale of Incident:** Low

**Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 19-03-2024

**Description of Incident:** A 26-year-old taxi driver was arrested for knocking down two pedestrians on the Sunyani-Abesim stretch, killing one of them. The crash occurred on Sunday, March 17, 2024, when the suspect Gilbert Adika was driving a Toyota Vitz taxicab from Abesim to Sunyani. On reaching a section of the road near the police Experimental school, the taxi cab veered off to the opposite lane and knocked down the two pedestrians against a tree.

**Location of incident:** Sunyani-Abesim stretch, Bono Region

**Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 person dead

**Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected, One person arrested

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/2-customers-inflict-cutlass-wounds-on-fishmonger-over-gh%2a26/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/man-found-dead-with-head-injuries-at-kasoa-walantu-junction/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police deposited the body of the deceased at the Sunyani Teaching Hospital mortuary for preservation. Meanwhile, the Police are still investigating the matter.<sup>9</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*02.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 19-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** An accident occurred after the Achimota overhead, heading towards the Dzorwulu traffic light after a black saloon car collided with a trailer parked along the shoulder of the highway with no indication. The accident resulted in the loss of life, as the driver of the vehicle involved died on the spot.

✚ **Location of incident:** Achimota overhead, Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 person dead

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected, Vehicle destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Investigations are ongoing. Meanwhile, the identity of the driver is yet to be confirmed.<sup>10</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*03.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 16-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A policeman identified as Detective Chief Inspector Musah Persus Huhu of the Sowutuom Station was pronounced dead after his car got involved in an accident at Ayigbe Town on the Mallam-Kasoa Highway, March 16, 2024. His vehicle, a Toyota Tundra Pick-Up skidded off the Highway and landed into a gutter in front of the Edumfa Church, trapping the deceased.

✚ **Location of incident:** Ayigbe Town, Greater Accra

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body of the deceased was deposited at the Police Hospital morgue for preservation and autopsy.<sup>11</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*04.

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 20-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Three teacher unions jointly declared a nationwide strike effective Wednesday, March 20, 2024. The unions include: the Ghana National Association of Teachers (GNAT), the National Association of Graduate Teachers (NAGRAT), and the Coalition of Concerned Teachers (CCT). The decision stems from what they perceive as the government's neglect in addressing their conditions of service.

✚ **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Teachers and students affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The three teacher unions urged the Government to come to their aid.<sup>12</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*05.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Clash

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 22-03-2024

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/sunyani-police-arrest-26-year-old-taxi-driver-for-knocking-down-two-pedestrians/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/another-accident-at-achimota-claims-one-life-after-kuami-eugenes-crash/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/police-inspector-dies-in-accident-on-mallam-kasoa-highway/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/teacher-unions-declare-nationwide-strike/>





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**Description of Incident:** Heavy security took over Bole and Sawla Districts in the Savannah region due to a chieftaincy dispute between Bolewura and the Jahori clan. This followed a ruling by the Tamale High Court between Jahori and the Bolewura. Youth from Bole set fire to houses belonging to members of the Jahori community who reside in Bole and Sawla districts. Tenants in some of the houses that were burnt could not hold back their tears as they have lost thousands of properties.

**Location of incident:** Bole/Sawla, Savannah Region

**Casualty [Male &female]:** None

**Property damaged/Affected population:** Houses and other properties destroyed.

**Coping mechanism/Responses:** Heavy security measures are in place in the two districts to protect the lives and properties of the Jahori clan.<sup>13</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:** Drowning/Arrest

**Scale of Incident:** Low

**Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 18-03-2024

**Description of Incident:** A 25-year-old man, Godfred Bobi drowned in a 'galamsey' pit at Denkyira Brofoyeddu in the Upper Denkyira West District of the Central region. The incident happened when Godfred together with other young people went to mine in the pit. The concession owner was arrested by Dunkwa-on-Offin Divisional Police Command for investigation after the Kyidomhene, Francis Gyibi Dacosta suspected foul play. He accused the concession owner of sending 'macho' men to kill Godfred and dump him in the pit.

**Location of incident:** Denkyira Brofoyeddu, Central region

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

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

**Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect was arrested for investigations and the body of the deceased was deposited at Dunkwa Municipal Government Hospital pending autopsy.<sup>14</sup>

### Incident N\*02.

**Title of Incident:** Fire Outbreaks

**Scale of Incident:** Low

**Date of occurrence of Incident:** 19-03-2024

**Description of Incident:** Fire engulfed the Alahiat E/A School block in Yagbonkura, Damongo, in the Savannah Regional Capital. The inferno ravaged sections of the school block which resulted in the complete destruction of books and a desktop computer in one of the rooms. However, all pupils were evacuated safely, averting potential tragedy.

**Location of incident:** Damongo, Savannah Region

**Casualty [Male &female]:** None

**Property damaged/Affected population:** Properties destroyed

**Coping mechanism/Responses:** The fire was brought under control by the efforts of Damongo Fire Service personnel. Meanwhile, investigations are ongoing to determine the cause of the outbreak.<sup>15</sup>

### Incident N\*03.

**Title of Incident:** Fire Outbreaks

**Scale of Incident:** Low

**Date of occurrence of Incident:** 19-03-2024

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/chieftaincy-dispute-heavy-security-deployed-in-bole-and-sawla-districts/>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/concession-owner-arrested-after-galamsey-pit-kills-25-year-old-man/>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/school-block-lights-up-in-flames-during-lessons-at-damongo/>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** Fire ravaged a drinking spot, shops, and residential homes in Teshie Mobil near the Shell Filling Station, destroying several properties. The fire broke out around 6:30 am and was suspected to have originated from the burning of a car tyre by a resident. The fire engulfed the drinking spot before spreading to adjacent buildings, causing extensive damage to numerous shops and homes.

✚ **Location of incident:** Teshie Mobil, Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Several properties destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana Fire Service responded to the emergency, dispatching three fire engines to the scene to combat the raging flames.<sup>16</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*04.

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Drowning**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 20-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 11-year-old boy, Richard Kweku Okyere, died after drowning in a stream at Gomoa Potsin in the Gomoa East District of the Central Region. The deceased went swimming with his friends when the incident occurred.

✚ **Location of incident:** Gomoa Potsin, Central Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police are investigating the matter.<sup>17</sup>

#### ✚ Incident N\*05.

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Illegal Mining Accident**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 20-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 30-year-old illegal miner lost his life at a galamsey site at Dampayaw mountain near Hwiremoase in the Adansi Asokwa District of Ashanti Region. Mohammad Endopab was illegally mining when the pit he was working in caved in. He was trapped underneath, and it took frantic efforts by colleagues and residents to rescue him. However, he was rushed to the Fomena Government hospital where he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

✚ **Location of incident:** Dampayaw mountain, Ashanti Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person dead (male)

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Meanwhile, the Fomena Police Command has deposited Endopab's body at the hospital's morgue pending investigations.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-destroys-several-properties-at-teshie-mobil-photos/>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/11-year-old-boy-drowns-in-stream-at-gomoa-potsin-photos/>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.adomonline.com/miner-dead-after-galamsey-pit-caves-in-at-hwiremoase/>