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GHANA

WEEK OF MARCH 25 TO 31, 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: **Assaults/Attack**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 25-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: Fire Service personnel allegedly attacked and injured security guards at the Techiman Holy Family Hospital in the Bono East Region during an altercation. The incident occurred after a misunderstanding ensued between five Fire Officers who had arrived at the hospital to visit a female colleague admitted there. They were denied entry by the hospital security because it was 9:pm past visiting hours. Confirming the incident, W.O. 1 Kwakuru Kingsley David, the Head of Security at the Holy Family Hospital, reported that the Fire Officers, dissatisfied with being denied entry, proceeded to physically assault and injure the security guards.

✚ Location of incident: Techiman, Bono East Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: Number of Male security guards were injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Security guards were affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The hospital management has filed an official complaint with the Ghana Police Service, seeking investigations and appropriate sanctions against the culprits.¹

✚ Incident N*02.

✚ Title of Incident: **Armed Attack**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 26-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: There was chaos in Jankufa, a farming community near Suma Ahenkro in the Jaman North District of the Bono region when a group of suspected criminals allegedly followed the chief of Suma Ahaenkro, Odeneho Dr. Afram Brempong, who was attending a funeral in the same community. They vandalized properties, launched a brutal attack on those in attendance and also fired gunshots which left several individuals severely injured.

✚ Location of incident: Jankufa, Bono Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 8 persons injured.

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Eight persons affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Aduanahene of the Suma Traditional Area and the people of Jankufa urged the Ghana police service and National Security to investigate the attack and ensure that those responsible are brought to justice.²

✚ Incident N*03.

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

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 27-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A 37-year-old man and resident of Tema Community One Site 15, Richard Amoah, escaped death after he was stabbed multiple times by an unidentified man who came to steal some items from his room. The victim struggled with the suspect to reclaim some items he stole from his room but the thief managed to escape with two mobile phones and GHS300. It took the intervention of some community members who screamed for help upon seeing what was going on to save the life of Mr Amoah.

✚ Location of incident: Tema Community One Site 15, Greater Accra Region

¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-service-personnel-allegedly-attack-security-men-at-techiman-holy-family-hospital/>

² <https://www.adomonline.com/8-injured-in-brutal-attack-at-funeral-at-jankufa/>



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- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 injured (male)
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim was rushed by neighbors to the Lagoon clinic at Tema Community One for treatment. The incident was reported to the Tema Community One police station to commence investigations.³

✚ Incident N*04.

✚ Title of Incident: **Theft/Arrest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 26-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A 19-year-old loading boy, Mohammed Samed, was arrested by the Bole Police for allegedly stealing two bags of cashew in the Savannah region. Mohammed hid the stolen cashew in an uncompleted building near a judge's residence in Bole. However, the judge became suspicious of the suspect's action after sighting him in the uncompleted building and gave him a chase.

✚ Location of incident: Bole, Savannah Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

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

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: He was apprehended and handed over to the Police while his accomplice absconded and is currently on the run.⁴

✚ Incident N*05.

✚ Title of Incident: **Armed Robbery/Mob Justice**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 28-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: Some angry residents at Chereponi in the North East Region on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, allegedly lynched an armed robber in a failed operation. The suspect and another person attacked and robbed passengers onboard a Benz bus from Tamale to Chereponi at about 8:00 pm. However, luck eluded him as he was restrained by a policeman who was off duty.

✚ Location of incident: Chereponi, North East Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The police are investigating the matter. Meanwhile, two guns which were retrieved with the body of the deceased were taken to the police station.⁵

✚ Incident N*06.

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

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 29-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: The Tamale Magistrate Court has remanded four persons into police custody in connection with the alleged murder of a businessman at Zingban, a community near Gushegu in the Northern region. The suspects are Baba Abuba, Mayiuba Mayiubor, Wunbei Abu, and James Adam. The deceased was ambushed by the suspects and made away with an amount of GHS 350,000 carried by the deceased to buy soya beans. They were charged with conspiracy to commit murder, murder, and robbery when they appeared in court on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

✚ Location of incident: Zingban, Northern Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected, Four persons arrested (males)

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspects are expected to reappear in court on April 11, 2024. Meanwhile, the police retrieved GHS 320,000 from the suspects.⁶

³ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-escapes-death-after-multiple-stabs-by-thief-at-tema/>

⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/19-year-old-arrested-for-stealing-cashew-another-on-the-run/>

⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/angry-chereponi-residents-lynch-robber-after-botched-operation/>

⁶ <https://ghheadlines.com/agency/daily-guide/20240329/165319163/4-caged-over-alleged-murder-of-businessman-at-gushegu>



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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: **Baby Theft/Arrest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 25-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: Members of the Church of Pentecost at Asante Akyem Agogo in the Ashanti region were in shock after a 16-year-old girl allegedly stole a baby during service. The suspect, Emelia Yendulom tricked the grandmother into handing over the baby, claiming the mother needed to breastfeed him. The incident occurred during a naming ceremony in church on Sunday March 24, 2024.

✚ Location of incident: Asante Akyem Agogo, Ashanti Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

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

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect and grandmother of the baby are assisting police with investigation.⁷

✚ Incident N*02.

✚ Title of Incident: **Homicide**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 23-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A female medical student, Devaki Dessie, undertaking her internship at Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Hospital in Obuasi was on Saturday, March 23, 2024, found dead in her room. She was found dead at her residence in Brahabehome, Obuasi near the Hospital where she works. A rope was found with which she is believed to have hanged herself on the ceiling fan.

✚ Location of incident: Brahabehome, Ashanti Region

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

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

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The body has been deposited at Heaven's Gate mortuary for preservation pending autopsy.⁸

✚ Incident N*04.

✚ Title of Incident: **Sexual Assaults/Arrest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 26-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: The Kwahu Sumnakese Police apprehended a man identified as Kwadwo Opoku from Kwawu Asuoyaa in the Kwahu East District of the Eastern region for sodomy. The suspect in his mid-thirties was accused of sexually assaulting an eight-year-old boy.

✚ Location of incident: Kwahu Asuoyaa, Eastern Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

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

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The family of the victim reported the case to the Department of Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit (DOVSU) under the Nkawkwaw Divisional Police Command and the suspect was arrested. Meanwhile, Police have commenced investigations into the matter to ensure justice is served.⁹

✚ Incident N*05.

✚ Title of Incident: **Homicide**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/16-year-old-baby-thief-caught-in-church/>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/female-medical-student-found-dead-in-her-room/>

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-arrested-for-sodomizing-boy-at-kwawu-asuoyaa/>



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🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 28-03-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** The Deputy Volta North Regional Police Commander, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), Antiri Nicolas Aletso was found dead in a hotel at Hohoe on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. He was found lying dead in a lateral position in his hotel room and was rushed to the Hohoe Municipal Hospital where he was confirmed dead.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Hohoe, Volta Region

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body has since been conveyed to the Police Hospital Mortuary in Accra, pending an autopsy.¹⁰

🚩 Incident N*06.

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

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 30-03-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A 39-year-old man, Stephen Nartey, faced a charge for unlawfully causing harm to his lover, Charity Osoom Mameley. Stephen allegedly stabbed her abdomen, right hand, and right breast with a knife. It was alleged that the incident happened due to a misunderstanding between the two.

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

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victim, Charity Osoom Mameley, was rushed to a medical center nearby for treatment but later referred to the Tema General Hospital to stabilize her condition. Meanwhile, Stephen Nartey was remanded to police custody while the case was adjourned to April 11, 2024.¹¹

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:** **Chieftaincy Disputes/Homicide**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 25-03-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A clash between residents of Karaga and the military resulted in one fatality and left three others injured from gunshot wounds. The confrontation erupted when a rival regent was enskinned following the death of a self-proclaimed chief of the community. A group of supporters gathered at the regent's house to pay homage, leading to a confrontation with the military who intervened to prevent the gathering. The situation escalated into violence, with some individuals allegedly hurling stones at the military. It further escalated into gunfire, resulting in three individuals sustaining gunshot wounds and one fatality.

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

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 person dead, 3 injured

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Four person affected

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A curfew has been imposed in the area, and security personnel have been deployed to maintain peace and order.¹²

🚩 Incident N*02.

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Road Accidents**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-03-2024

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/police-commander-allegedly-found-dead-in-hotel-room/>

¹¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-remanded-for-allegedly-stabbing-pregnant-lover-in-ashaiman/>

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/karaga-one-dead-three-injured-in-clash-between-residents-and-military/>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** The Ghana Police Service lost three police officers in an accident at Kyekyewere along the Accra – Kumasi Highway while on their way for Police operational duties. The cause of the incident is yet to be determined.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 3 persons dead

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police are investigating into the cause of the accident. The service has issued a statement to mourn the three gallant officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.¹³

✚ Incident N*03.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 27-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A police patrol team from the Nsawam Police District encountered an accident while en route to Nsawam from Adeiso in the Eastern Region. The incident involved a Toyota pickup, which experienced a mechanical fault at Uptown on the Adeiso-Nsawam road. About five persons were injured in the incident.

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

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured persons were sent to the Nsawam Government Hospital for treatment. Meanwhile, the vehicles involved were impounded for testing as part of ongoing police investigations.¹⁴

✚ Incident N*04.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 29-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** About seven persons including a driver were injured in an accident at Alajo in Accra. It involved a commercial vehicle and a pick-up vehicle. The commercial vehicle, which was from Lapaz towards Kwame Nkrumah Circle, smashed the rear of the pickup vehicle. The front of the vehicle was badly mangled as passengers had to jump out of the windows to save their lives.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 7 persons injured

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Policemen at the Alajo traffic light stopped a taxi driver who conveyed them to the hospital for treatment.¹⁵

✚ Incident N*05.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 29-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** About two people died with five others left in critical condition after an accident at Sokoban in Kumasi. The accident occurred when a mini commercial bus suffered a brake failure and rammed into another bus. One of the deceased was a middle-aged woman who died after the vehicle overturned and landed on her. She attempted to escape the accident by rushing out of the car. The other victim, a lady, was rushed to the hospital but lost her life.

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

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 person dead (females), 5 persons injured

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

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/police-loses-three-officers-in-accident-at-kyekyewere/>

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/another-accident-leaves-5-police-officers-injured-in-nsawam/>

¹⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/driver-in-critical-condition-6-injured-in-accident-at-alajo-photos/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police are investigating the matter. Meanwhile, the injured persons were rushed to the hospital for treatment.¹⁶

✚ Incident N*06.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Chieftaincy Dispute/Homicide

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 31-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Four persons were shot dead in a renewed chieftaincy dispute at Sampa in the Bono Region on Friday, March 29, 2024. Some individuals also sustained gunshot wounds, including a 12-year old boy. The incident happened after two people in the area, allegedly claimed to be the rightful paramount chief of the Sampa Traditional Area. They are Nana Samgba Gyafra II, who swore allegiance to Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, Asantehene and Okogyema Yaw Saamor-Dua II, who is said to be recognized as a rightful chief by the people in the area.

✚ **Location of incident:** Sampa, Bono Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police are investigating the matter. Meanwhile, the injured persons are receiving medical attention at various health facilities in the area.¹⁷

✚ Incident N*07.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accidents

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 31-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two cars were involved in an accident at the intersection in front of the Jubilee House in Accra. However, the cause of the accident is not known but it was alleged that it was as a result of the dysfunctional traffic lights on the stretch.

✚ **Location of incident:** Jubilee House, Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Cars destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Officials from the Ghana Police Service were seen at the scene directing traffic.¹⁸

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 26-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 40-year-old man lost his life while trying to retrieve an undisclosed amount of money from an abandoned well, which was filled with water. Samuel Owusu, who is said to be a teacher, drowned immediately he risked his life and entered the deep well on Friday, March 22, 2024, around 2pm. The money belonged to Owusu's neighbour, and it accidentally fell into the well that fateful day. He decided to help by retrieving the money from the well and drowned in the process.

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

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

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

¹⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/2-dead-5-injured-in-accident-at-sokoban-in-kumasi/>

¹⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/sampa-four-shot-dead-in-renewed-chieftaincy-dispute/>

¹⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/two-cars-involved-in-accident-in-front-of-jubilee-house-video/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A team of fire personnel from Tapa came and removed the deceased from the well. The body has since been deposited at Plus Lab mortuary at Mankranso for preservation and autopsy.¹⁹

✚ Incident N*02.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Rainstorms

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 26-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A building belonging to a mother of nine (9) in Kenyasi No. 2, Ahafo Region, has been destroyed by a rainstorm, leaving her, her children, and grandchildren homeless. Report indicates that during the downpour, she was in her kiosk while some of her children and grandchildren were in the building when it collapsed. She said her major concern now is that they are homeless and have nowhere to go. However, they are living in a kiosk which is in a bad state because it leaks when it rains.

✚ **Location of incident:** Kenyasi No. 2, Ahafo Region,

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** Some injured

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** A mother and nine (9) children have been affected and buildings destroyed.

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The children were rescued and rushed to the Asutifi North District Hospital for treatment. The victim has appealed to the government, NGOs, and individuals to assist them with a place to lay their heads.²⁰

✚ Incident N*03 .

✚ **Title of Incident:** Explosion

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 25-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 50-year-old carbide welder was killed in a gas explosion incident at the Suame industrial enclave in the Ashanti Region. Kwabena Afriyie, the deceased, was fatally injured when a vehicle equipped with a liquid oxygen cylinder burst while he was repairing it. The explosion tore his body apart. The incident happened on Monday, March 25, 2024, late in the afternoon.

✚ **Location of incident:** Suame Magazine, Ashanti Region.

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body of the deceased was laid to rest after the incident.²¹

✚ Incident N*04.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Fire Outbreaks

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 28-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Ten kiosks belonging to squatters at the Kasoa New Market in the Awutu Senya East Municipality of the Central Region were engulfed in fire. The fire which started around 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 27, 2024, raged for an hour before firefighters managed to bring it under control. Despite their efforts, the damage was already severe, leaving the affected residents worried for the loss of their livelihoods.

✚ **Location of incident:** Kasoa New Market, Central Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana Fire Service is investigating the matter.²²

¹⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/teacher-drowns-in-attempt-to-retrieve-neighbours-money-from-well/>

²⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/ahafo-region-mother-of-9-left-homeless-as-rainstorm-destroys-building-photos/>

²¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-ripped-apart-in-gas-tanker-explosion-at-suame-magazine/>

²² <https://www.adomonline.com/squatters-rendered-homeless-as-10-kiosks-burns-to-ashes-at-kasoa/>