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GHANA

WEEK OF MARCH 4 TO 10, 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**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A 26-year-old man, Michael Kyei, was shot dead with four others sustaining gunshot wounds at Onyemso in the Kwahu East District of the Eastern region. The shooting, according to reports, occurred in a clash involving suspected thieves and the Onyemso community watchdog. Around 2am an unregistered vehicle whose occupants were not known in the area entered the community and upon interrogation, the suspected thieves started firing warning shots.

✚ Location of incident: Onyemso, Eastern region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 person (Male) dead, four (4) injured.

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Community residents

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The casualties were rushed to the Nkawkaw Holy Family Hospital for treatment.¹

✚ Incident N*02.

✚ Title of Incident: **Theft/Arrest**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported 08-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: An Accra Circuit Court has sentenced a man to six months imprisonment for stealing mobile phones and unlawful entry. Telfonic Cudjoe Ofori admitted to unlawfully entering the rooms of Hamida Khalid, Veri-tas Fiatuse and Ruby Hiovor, and making away with their mobile phones.

✚ Location of incident: Greater Accra

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

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

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Chief Inspector Teye-Okuffo indicated that the convict admitted he stole the phones, after he was interrogated. He was convicted on his own plea to a six-month-jail term in hard labor on each count, which runs concurrently.²

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: 04-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: Panic engulfed residents of Ksoa-Kaemebre junction in the Awutu Senya East Municipality of the Central Region as a lifeless body of a woman in her late 40s was discovered in front of a shop. Reports indicate that the deceased was found with blood emanating from her nostrils and mouth, lying motionless beside her phone.

✚ Location of incident: Ksoa-Kaemebre junction, Central Region

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

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected

¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/one-dead-4-in-critical-condition-after-community-watchdog-clashes-with-suspected-thieves/>

² <https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/man-gets-6-months-for-stealing-phones-unlawful-entry/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Police personnel have conveyed the body to a morgue for further investigation leading to her death.³

✚ Incident N*02.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Assault

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 05-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A man sustained gunshot wounds in an altercation with the Tema police night patrol team. The incident happened Friday night, February 23, 2024, in Kpone. The victim reported being shot in the shoulder from behind while seated in his car. The police began pursuing his vehicle without apparent cause around the time of 11:30 pm to midnight as he was making his way home. His car became stuck on a pile of soil, and as he endeavored to dislodge it, he observed a vehicle rapidly approaching and he was met with a barrage of gunfire.

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

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police Command is yet to investigate the matter.⁴

✚ Incident N*03.

✚ **Title of Incident:** Homicide

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 07-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Baifikrom community near Mankessim in the Mfantseman Municipality of the Central Region was thrown into shock and horror as the lifeless body of a 26-year-old man was discovered under bizarre circumstances. The victim, identified as Kweku Kakra, was found dead in the Baifikrom cemetery with multiple bullet and cutlass wounds on his body.

✚ **Location of incident:** Baifikrom, Central Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police command has launched an investigation into the case, although no arrests have been made thus far.⁵

✚ Incident N*04.

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 09-03-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 54-year-old fisherman at Eikwe-Krisan in the Ellebelle District of the Western Region is on the run after allegedly defiling and impregnating a 14-year-old girl in the area. After the incident, the parents of the girl at Eikwe, in the district, confronted the fisherman, who admitted to the offense before running away.

✚ **Location of incident:** Eikwe-Krisan, Western Region

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police in the district have launched a manhunt for the suspect whose name was given as Ndede Kojo, and hails from Axim in the Nzema East Municipality.⁶

³ <https://www.adomonline.com/panic-as-dead-body-is-discovered-in-front-of-shop-at-kasoa/>

⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-sustains-gunshot-wounds-from-alleged-police-attack-in-tema/>

⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/notorious-thief-found-dead-in-cemetery-at-mankessim/>

⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/fisherman-54-allegedly-impregnates-14-year-old-girl/>



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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: Reported, 04-03-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: Two fatalities have been confirmed following an accident at Akumadan, Offinso North Constituency of the Ashanti Region. The National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) verified the casualties, attributing the incident to a truck transporting a cement mixer along the Nkenkensu road towards the Local Government University construction site. Reports suggest that the cement mixer dislodged unexpectedly, colliding with an oncoming SsangYong bus.

🚩 Location of incident: Akumadan, Ashanti Region.

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 2 persons dead, others injured

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected, Vehicle destroyed

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: Prompt emergency response teams were deployed to the scene to manage the aftermath and provide assistance to injured persons. Meanwhile, authorities have initiated an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the accident.⁷

🚩 Incident N*02.

🚩 Title of Incident: **Road Accidents**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 04-03-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: A 13-year-old girl who was on her way to school died in an accident which occurred at Kwabedu in the Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipality on Friday morning. The accident happened around 6:30 am which involved a Tata school bus, belonging to Lee's Kingdom Kids Montessori School. In the incident, when the driver got to a portion of the road, a taxicab from the opposite direction overtook a vehicle ahead of him, and suddenly met the bus at close intervals. The bus driver avoided crashing into the taxi and landed in a ditch, killing the victim in the process.

🚩 Location of incident: Kwabedu, Western Region

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

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

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The body was deposited at the Tarkwa Municipal Hospital mortuary for preservation and autopsy.⁸

🚩 Incident N*03.

🚩 Title of Incident: **Riots**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 05-03-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: Two have been reported dead in a clash involving students of Ngleshie Aman from Senior High School (NASEC) and Christian Methodist SHS during SRC week celebration. The incident happened at Block Factory on the Accra-Kasoa Highway in the Ga South Municipality of the Greater Accra Region. However, the cause of the incident is known. It is alleged that the fight started last week Friday, February 1, 2024 and authorities brought the situation under control but it was renewed on Tuesday, February 5, 2024.

🚩 Location of incident: Block Factory, Greater Accra

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: 2 persons dead

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Two person affected

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The authorities are investigating the matter.⁹

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/two-confirmed-dead-in-another-accident-in-offinso-north/>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/school-bus-traps-13-year-old-girl-to-death/>

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/two-shs-students-feared-dead-after-violent-clash-during-src-week-celebration/>



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✚ Incident N*04.

✚ Title of Incident: **Road Accidents**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 06-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: Some drivers and passengers escaped death when their vehicles collided with each other at Lapaz, just off the N1 stretch. The vehicles involved are a mini-pickup loaded with furniture, a salon taxi car, a Toyota 4x4 and a long vehicle carrying cement blocks. The driver responsible for the accident fled the scene.

✚ Location of incident: Lapaz, Greater Accra

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Vehicles damaged

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Police swiftly arrived at the accident scene to control traffic and conduct investigations. Meanwhile, a towing vehicle was quickly dispatched to transport the damaged vehicles to the Tesano Police station for further assessment.¹⁰

✚ Incident N*05.

✚ Title of Incident: **Chieftaincy Disputes**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 08-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: Two people have sustained injuries in a gun battle involving youth groups affiliated with the Damongo Chieftaincy factions of Chief Seidu Kelly and Chief Yakubu Imoro. The clash reportedly ensued over the alleged enskinment of sub-chiefs by Chief Seidu Kelly. The violent confrontation unfolded, prompting an immediate closure of businesses by traders and transport operators in the affected area.

✚ Location of incident: Damongo, Savannah region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 2 persons injured

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons affected, Youth groups affiliated with the Damongo Chieftaincy factions were affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: A combined force of police and military personnel were deployed to ensure security around the area.¹¹

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: **Rainstorm**

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 04-03-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A rainstorm wreaked havoc at Ejisu Senior High Technical School, displacing numerous students following the downpour which ripped off the roof of the boys dormitory. Following the incident, over 150 affected students sought refuge in classrooms, having been caught off guard while in the dining hall.

✚ Location of incident: Ejisu, Ashanti Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: The rainstorm damaged the boys dormitory, destroyed teaching and learning materials, including the school's storeroom containing textbooks and other essential items. Over 150 students were affected.

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: Authorities responded swiftly, by providing temporary accommodation for the displaced students, while engineers and officials from the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) assessed the extent of the damage. Meanwhile the Ejisu Municipal Assembly's Municipal Chief Executive, accompanied by the Education Director, visited the school and assured of prompt intervention.¹²

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/collision-at-lapaz-drivers-escape-unhurt-in-dramatic-crash-photovideo/>

¹¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/damongo-two-injured-in-violent-clash-over-chieftaincy-dispute/>

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/students-at-ejisu-shs-displaced-as-rainstorm-damages-boys-dormitory-roof/>



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🚩 Incident N*02.

🚩 Title of Incident: **Rainstorm**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 04-03-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: A powerful rainstorm that struck Saturday evening has caused significant damage to the roofing of the VIP stands and other sections of the Sunyani Coronation Park. The most affected areas were the left and right wings of the VIP stands, portions of the Jubilee stand, and the DKM stand.

🚩 Location of incident: Sunyani Coronation Park, Bono Region

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Sunyani Coronation Park destroyed

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: Mr. Foster Kwame Opoku Boakyee, the Bono Regional Director of the National Sports Authority appealed for support to facilitate the re-roofing of the park, as much of the roofing had been in place for many years.¹³

🚩 Incident N*03.

🚩 Title of Incident: **Fire Outbreaks**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 04-03-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: Fire destroyed a house said to be a property of Highlife legend, Kojo Antwi at Hong Kong, near Kwashieman in the Ablekuma North Constituency of the Greater Accra Region. It started in one of the corridors close to a kitchen in the building. However, the cause of the fire is yet to be determined.

🚩 Location of incident: Hong Kong (Kwashieman), Greater Accra

🚩 Casualty [Male &female]: None

🚩 Property damaged/Affected population: Property destroyed

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) responded and prevented the fire from spreading to nearby houses. Meanwhile, investigations are ongoing to determine the cause of the fire.¹⁴

🚩 Incident N*04

🚩 Title of Incident: **Rainstorm**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: 05-03-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: A two-year-old baby, Ama Atta died after being hit by a falling tree during a rainstorm. The mother of the deceased, Ama Ntiwaa was carrying her at her back while returning from the farm when the incident occurred.

🚩 Location of incident: Assin Juaso, Central Region

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

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

🚩 Coping mechanism/Responses: The mother, Ama Ntiwaa is in a critical condition at the St. Francis Xavier Hospital in Assin Fosu. Meanwhile, the body of the deceased has been deposited to the same hospital morgue.¹⁵

🚩 Incident N*05.

🚩 Title of Incident: **Fire Outbreaks**

🚩 Scale of Incident: Low

🚩 Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 06-03-2024

🚩 Description of Incident: A fire outbreak at Angola in Accra Newtown near the Mallam Atta Market in the Ayawaso North District of the Greater Accra region has destroyed about 10 rooms. A number of people have been rendered homeless following the outbreak whose cause is yet to be established. The incident happened on Tuesday afternoon, February 5, 2024.

🚩 Location of incident: Angola, Greater Accra

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/rainstorm-destroys-vip-stands-of-sunyani-coronation-park/>

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-destroys-kojo-antwis-house-photosvideo/>

¹⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/toddler-killed-by-falling-tree-mother-in-critical-condition/>



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- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Several properties destroyed
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) deployed four tenders to the scene to bring the situation under control.¹⁶

✚ Incident N*06

- ✚ Title of Incident: **Fire Outbreaks**
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 05-03-2024
- ✚ Description of Incident: Fire ravaged a house, reducing it to ashes at Appia Nkwanta in the Adansi Asokwa District of the Ashanti region. The fire incident occurred at about 10:00 pm on Tuesday February 5, 2024. When personnel from the Fomena Fire Station arrived at the scene at about 1:00 AM on Wednesday, February 6, 2024 nothing could be salvaged as occupants watched helplessly. The cause of the fire is unknown.
- ✚ Location of incident: Appia Nkwanta, Ashanti Region
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 1 person injured.
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected; properties destroyed
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The injured person is receiving treatment at a hospital. Meanwhile, The Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) is investigating the matter to determine the cause of the fire.¹⁷

✚ Incident N*07.

- ✚ Title of Incident: **Fire Outbreaks**
- ✚ Scale of Incident: Low
- ✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 05-03-2024
- ✚ Description of Incident: An industrial sawmill at Berekum in the Bono Region was on Tuesday, February 5, 2024 razed down by fire. Items worth millions of cedis including sawmill machines, wood, and finished and unfinished wooden products were all burnt. All attempts to douse the fire proved futile due to its intensity.
- ✚ Location of incident: Berekum, Bono Region
- ✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None
- ✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Several properties destroyed
- ✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The Fire Service arrived at the scene on time but unauthorized structures impeded their operations.¹⁸

¹⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-destroys-several-rooms-at-accra-newtown-photos/>

¹⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/house-burns-to-ashes-at-appia-nkwanta-photos/>

¹⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-destroys-sawmill-in-berekum/>