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# **GHANA WEEK OF APRIL 22 TO 30, 2024**

# Organised Crime and Violent Extremism

(key concept clarification; causes; indicators and signs that push to radicalization; profiling and assessment or perpetuators 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: Murder/Homicide

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 23-04-2024

- Description of Incident: Residents of Afrangua, near Saltpond in the Mfantsiman Municipality of the Central Region woke up to discover the remains of a man believed to be in his 40s in a walkway. The lifeless body, wrapped in a sack, near the Roman Catholic Church plunged the community into a state of shock and disbelief. Upon unpacking the sack, the remains of the victim was found in a decomposed state, suggesting that the individual may have been killed several days prior to the discovery. The assemblyman for the area, Issah Alhassan said the deceased is not known in the area and he suspects the victim was killed elsewhere, placed inside the sack, and then abandoned in the vicinity. He explained that no missing person's report has been filed.
- Location of incident: Afrangua, Central Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 dead (Male)
- Property damaged/Affected population: 1 person affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The police in Saltpond have transported the body to the Cape Coast mortuary for preservation and further investigations.<sup>1</sup>

## Incident N\*02

Title of Incident: Theft/Arrest

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 24-04-2024

- Description of Incident: Two men were sentenced to 42 and 30 months respectively. They were accused of stealing a Mossberg Pump Action gun. Osman Adams, 25 years, a caretaker of Abosomakotre Herbal Center at Kumasi Abrepo-Asubonteng reported to the Bohyen Police that, he was attacked and robbed by three unidentified men who took away the gun belonging to his boss, Nana Abosomakotre.
- Location of incident: Kwadaso, Ashanti Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons arrested (males)
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police man-hunted and arrested the suspects, arraigned them before court and were sentenced accordingly.2

## Incident N\*03

Title of Incident: Theft/Arrest

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 24-04-2024

- Description of Incident: A 22-year-old shop attendant who stole GH¢39,385 from a Telecommunication shop was fined 100 penalty units (GH¢1,200) by the Accra Circuit Court. The convict was also to serve a day in prison. The suspect, Paulina Boateng was charged with stealing, pleaded guilty and was convicted on her own plea.
- Location of incident: Greater Accra
- Casualty [Male &female]: None

https://www.adomonline.com/dead-body-in-a-sack-discovered-in-front-of-church-at-afrangua/

https://www.adomonline.com/kwadaso-circuit-court-jails-two-for-stealing-gun/



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- Property damaged/Affected population: One person arrested (female)
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect was arrested and convicted on her own plea.<sup>3</sup>

### Incident N\*04

- Title of Incident: Theft/Arrest
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 25-04-2024
- Description of Incident: The Tema Circuit Court sentenced two persons involved in the stealing of 1,146 bags of rice valued at GH¢846,000.00 to various terms of imprisonment. Abdul Karim Abdul Aziz, a 36-year-old driver, was sentenced to five years each for the two counts of conspiracy to commit crime and stealing, while Ibrahim Mohammed, a 49-year-old transport agent, also received a 12-year jail sentence each with hard labor for the same offenses.
- Location of incident: Tema, Greater Accra
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons arrested (males)
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The accused persons, Abdul Karim Abdul Aziz and Ibrahim Mohammed were arrested and convicted.4

### **Incident N\*05**

- Title of Incident: Arson
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 26-04-2024
- Description of Incident: The Labone headquarters of Class Media Group (CMG) in Accra was attacked early morning on Thursday, April 25, 2024, by unknown assailants. In the incident, four men on motorcycles threw petrol bombs and stones over the fence wall, causing damage to the glass door of the reception area. The CCTV footage at the premises captured the suspects fleeing the scene following the act. However, the motive behind the attack was unclear.
- Location of incident: Labone, Greater Accra
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: Glass door destroyed
- Coping mechanism/Responses: An official report was made at the Cantonments Police Station, leading to commencement of investigations.5

- Title of Incident: Drug Trafficking/Arrest
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 26-04-2024
- Description of Incident: The police arrested a man for attempting to abscond after being nabbed for possession of dried leaves suspected to be marijuana. The incident occurred during routine inspections conducted at the Anloga Police Barrier in the Keta District of the Volta Region. The suspect was intercepted by Police personnel as his countenance attracted suspicion. He was nabbed with a bag full of suspected illicit drugs and upon confrontation, he dumped the bag and took to his heels. However, four Policemen quickly gave him a chase, apprehended and escorted him to his hideout, where additional bags containing what was believed to be the illicit substance were uncovered.
- Location of incident: Anloga Police Barrier, Volta Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: One person arrested (male)

https://www.adomonline.com/shop-attendant-22-convicted-for-stealing-over-gh%c2%a239k/

<sup>4</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/two-sentenced-for-stealing-over-1000-bags-of-rice/

https://www.adomonline.com/class-media-group-headquarters-in-accra-attacked-photosvideos/



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Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect was detained in police custody as investigations continue.<sup>6</sup>

### Incident N\*07

- Title of Incident: Smuggling/Arrest
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 29-04-2024
- Description of Incident: The Odumase Krobo Circuit Court, presided over by His Honour, Judge Kwesi Apiatse Abaiddu, handed a seven-year prison sentence to one Issifu Nyandi. He was found guilty of attempting to smuggle bags of cocoa beans from Ghana to neighboring Togo. The accused, who was convicted on his own plea, was arrested with the cocoa beans on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, by the Anti-Cocoa Smuggling Taskforce, while aboard a Ho-bound Ford Transit Bus with the intention to transport them into the Republic of Togo.
- Location of incident: Odumase Krobo, Eastern Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: One person arrested (male)
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The Anti-Cocoa Smuggling Taskforce swiftly arrested him while on board the bus and subsequently handed him over to the Police on the same day.<sup>7</sup>

# 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 ana against women; assessment of current events on women peace and security

#### Incident N\*01

- Title of Incident: Homicide/Arrest
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 29-04-2024
- Description of Incident: A middle-aged man, Amenyo, allegedly murdered his step daughter at Nsuobiri in the Ga South Municipality of the Greater Accra region. The deceased was identified as Dorcas Dzivor, a Junior High School (JHS) two pupil. Dorcas was in the company of some friends to fetch water when the suspect trailed her. Midway through the journey, Mr Amenyo asked Dorcas to escort him to an unknown location after sending the others on another errand. However, they returned and neither Dorcas nor her stepfather was nowhere to be found. A search party was immediately dispatched to look for the teenage girl and after several hours, her lifeless body was discovered in a cassava farm.
- Location of incident: Nsuobiri, Greater Accra
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 person dead (female)
- Property damaged/Affected population: One person affected (female), One person arrested (male)
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspect was arrested and in custody at the Kwaku Pamfo Police station pending investigations. Meanwhile, the body of the deceased was deposited at the Police Hospital pending autopsy.8

- Title of Incident: Homicide
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 29-04-2024
- **Description of Incident**: A man believed to be in his 70s was found dead in a gutter at Kasoa-Opeikuma Junction in the Awutu Senya East Municipality of the Central Region. The deceased, who was not a resident in the area, was earlier seen roaming the street on Sunday, April 28, 2024. Some residents who spoke to him said the deceased claimed to be looking for someone in the area. But to the shock of many residents, they woke up on Monday, April 29, 2024, and found the man sitting in a gutter, half-naked and dead.
- Location of incident: Kasoa-Opeikuma Junction, Central Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 person dead (male)

<sup>6</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/man-arrested-for-possession-of-bag-of-marijuana/

https://www.adomonline.com/man-jailed-7-years-for-cocoa-smuggling-photos/

<sup>8</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/man-allegedly-kills-stepdaughter-at-nsuobri-photos/



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

Coping mechanism/Responses: The police arrived at the scene and conveyed the body to the Winneba Special and Trauma Hospital Mortuary for autopsy and preservation. Meanwhile, Police and the residents are searching for the family of the deceased.9

# 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: 22-04-2024

- Description of Incident: A Police officer was feared dead while others were seriously injured after a Kia Rhino crashed into their car at Akotsi Junction in the Gomoa East District of the Central Region. The truck was traveling from Gomoa Akraman towards Gomoa Akotsi junction. The Kia Rhino truck failed its brakes and hit a pickup truck with some Chinese nationals onboard before running over the police car with officers on board. The incident happened after the police had parked their car on the roadside buying items nearby with two of the officers waiting in the bucket of the pickup truck.
- Location of incident: Akotsi Junction, Central Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: Several injured
- Property damaged/Affected population: Some Police officers and Chinese nationals affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The officers and the Chinese nationals were rushed to the Winneba Trauma and Specialist Hospital. 10

## Incident N\*02

**Title of Incident: Road Accidents** 

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 24-04-2024

- Description of Incident: One person died while three others were in critical condition after a cargo truck collided with a commercial vehicle at the Mango line near Jayee University on the Accra-Kasoa Highway. It occurred in the late afternoon of Wednesday, April 24, 2024. However, the exact cause of the incident was yet to be determined.
- Location of incident: McCarthy junction-Mango line, Greater Accra
- Casualty [Male &female]: 1 person dead, 3 injured
- Property damaged/Affected population: Four persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The police are investigating the matter. Meanwhile, the Greater Accra Administrator of Ghana National Ambulance Service rushed to the scene and the injured persons were rushed to Greater Accra Regional Hospital (RIDGE) for treatment. 11

### Incident N\*03

Title of Incident: Clash

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 24-04-2024

Description of Incident: The military operations team in Bawku clashed with the Prison Officers in the area leaving many people injured. The incident happened at the Bawku Naba Palace when the overlord of the Kusaug Traditional Area was inaugurating his 40 years of reign as the Bawku Naba. The military some time back, beat up some Prisons officers in the area after a disagreement and that triggered an old grudge between the two

https://www.adomonline.com/man-found-dead-in-gutter-at-opeikuma-junction/

<sup>10</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/one-feared-dead-as-truck-rams-into-police-officersphotosvideo/

<sup>11</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/one-feared-dead-3-injured-in-accident-at-mccarthy-junction-photos/



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camps. At the Bawku Naba Palace, the military confronted the officer over an alleged missing phone and beat him to pulp. In what was believed to be a reprisal attack, the prison officers reportedly stormed the Bawku Naba Palace armed with guns, shot and disarmed the military officers and beat them.

- Location of incident: Bawku Naba Palace, Upper East Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: Several injured
- Property damaged/Affected population: Several affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The injured military personnel was rushed to the Vineyard Hospital in Bawku.<sup>12</sup>

#### **Incident N\*04**

- Title of Incident: Road Accident
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 25-04-2024
- Description of Incident: There was heavy vehicular traffic on the Kumasi-Accra Highway after a collision involving two articulator trucks. According to a report, the accident was a few meters from the Abossey Okai Chop Bar at Nkawkaw. The accident is said to have occurred in an attempt by the drivers of both trucks to avoid potholes on the stretch.
- **Location of incident:** Nkawkaw, Eastern Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: Commuters affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Security personnel were at the scene controlling traffic. Meanwhile, no casualties have been confirmed.13

### Incident N\*05

- Title of Incident: Road Accident
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 26-04-2024
- Description of Incident: Five people have died with others who sustained various degrees of injuries in an accident at Kyekyewere along the Accra - Kumasi Highway. The deceased were said to include two women and three men whose identities were not immediately known. The accident occurred at about 3:25 pm. It involved a green sprinter bus, an Accra-Kumasi bound bus. However, the cause of the accident is not known.
- Location of incident: Kyekyewere, Ashanti Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: 2 dead persons (female), 3 person dead (males)
- Property damaged/Affected population: Five persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The bodies of the deceased were deposited at the Suhum Government Hospital while the injured were treated.<sup>14</sup>

- **Title of Incident: Road Accidents**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 29-04-2024
- Description of Incident: An accident which occurred at Dadwen area near Obuasi, within the Adansi North District of the Ashanti Region, claimed the lives of five individuals and left over 14 critically injured. The incident involved multiple vehicles, including a Toyota Hiace 'trotro', driven by 19-year-old Osei Ahenkorah, who was traveling from Dunkwa to Kumasi. Another vehicle involved was a trailer, driven by 41-year-old Kofi Mahama, heading from the Anwiankwanta highway to Obuasi. Additionally, a Jetta salon car, driven by 40-year-old Ofori Samuel Ankrah, was also part of the collision. The Toyota Hiace 'trotro' was traveling at a high speed and lost control, veering off its lane and collided with the trailer at Dadwen.
- Location of incident: Dadwen, Ashanti Region

<sup>12</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/many-injured-as-soldiers-clash-with-prison-officers-at-bawku/

<sup>13</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/accident-on-kumasi-accra-highway-causes-heavy-traffic-photosvideo/

<sup>14</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/five-feared-dead-in-accident-at-kyekyewere-video/



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- Casualty [Male &female]: 5 persons dead, 14 persons injured
- Property damaged/Affected population: Nineteen persons affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The bodies of the deceased individuals were transported to the Obuasi Government Hospital morgue for further arrangements.<sup>15</sup>

### Incident N\*07

- **Title of Incident: Student Riots**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 28-04-2024
- Description of Incident: Students of Kalpohin Senior High School (SHS) at Tamale in the Northern region clashed with residents who joined them during entertainment on Saturday, April 27, 2024. According to reports, the residents wore school uniforms to disguise themselves and evaded the school's security. Some of the students who spotted the 'foreigners' in the entertainment hall, ordered them out, which led to a scuffle. Both the students and residents pelted themselves with stones and this led to a lot of damage to school property, including a Toyota saloon car parked in front of the school. Reports indicate this is not the first time such a clash has occurred by the students and residents.
- Location of incident: Tamale, Northern region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: School property, including a Toyota saloon car damaged.
- Coping mechanism/Responses: No responses were communicated at the time of filing the report. 16

#### Incident N\*08

- Title of Incident: Land Disputes/Arrest
- Scale of Incident: Low
- **♣ Date of occurrence of Incident:** 30-04-2024
- **Description of Incident**: A military officer lost his life in a violent altercation over land rights at Kasoa Millennium City. Two other officers narrowly escaped death after a sub-chief allegedly opened fire on them in front of the district police station. The incident stemmed from a long-standing dispute over land ownership. It was reported that the brother of one of the military officers had purchased land on behalf of the officers. In a bid to find a resolution, the deceased officer and his companions visited the disputed land, only to find another group already working on it. Tensions escalated and the officers decided to lodge another complaint at the Police Command. However, upon learning that their initial complaint was forwarded to the Central East Regional Police Command, they set off to follow up on the matter. The sub chief reportedly attempted to stop them and when the officers refused to comply, he allegedly drew a pistol and opened fire on their vehicle.
- Location of incident: Kasoa Millennium City, Central 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 deposited at the 37 military hospital. Meanwhile, the Millennium City District Police Command arrested Benlord Ababio, the suspect in the killing of a military officer.1718

- Title of Incident: Attack/Arrest
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 24-04-2024
- Description of Incident: Family members of a 17-year-old boy allegedly launched an attack on health workers at the Kasoa Mother and Child Hospital. This was after the teenage boy whose name was only given as Nana Adu died after he was allegedly given wrong medication at the facility. As a result, the angry family from Kasoa Opeikuma in the Central region accused the hospital staff of medical negligence. According to reports, the

<sup>15</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/5-dead-over-14-injured-in-gory-accident-near-obuasi/

<sup>16</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/students-of-kalpohin-shs-clash-with-residents-photos/

<sup>17</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/military-officer-shot-dead-over-alleged-land-dispute/

<sup>18</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/latest-update-on-kasoa-military-officers-killing-over-land-dispute/



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incident occurred around 10:00 pm when the family rushed their unconscious 17-year-old to the hospital for treatment and passed on within an hour of his arrival.

- Location of incident: Kasoa Opeikuma, Central region
- Casualty [Male &female]: Several injured
- Property damaged/Affected population: Doctors and nurses at Kasoa Mother and Child Hospital affected
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The Kasoa District Police Command has arrested three individuals alleged to have assaulted doctors and nurses at the hospital for further investigations. 19

# 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: Destructive Rainstorms**
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 23-04-2024
- Lescription of Incident: A few hours of heavy downpour in Accra on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, destroyed a lot of private properties and other essential facilities. Billboards and traffic lights in part of the capital were pulled down by the strong winds which accompanied the rains. Many trees in the capital were also uprooted. The heavy winds accompanied by the rain caused this devastation around the Ministries Police Station which also led to heavy vehicular traffic in the area.
- Location of incident: Greater Accra
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: Properties and essential facilities destroyed
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Officials from the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) were at the scene to ensure the safety of pedestrians and commuters.<sup>20</sup>

## Incident N\*02

- Title of Incident: Destructive Rainstorms
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 24-04-2024
- Description of Incident: The ceiling of Circuit Court '8' in Accra on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, collapsed following a downpour. The rainstorm destroyed the ceiling and some electrical wiring in the courtroom. There was no sitting in the courtroom when the ceiling collapsed. Also, a huge signpost infront of the Ministries Police Station also crumpled, blocking the road to commuters.
- Location of incident: Greater Accra
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: Ceiling and some electrical wiring destroyed
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) officials were at the scene to assess the situation and to ensure free flow of traffic.<sup>21</sup>

- Title of Incident: Fire Outbreaks
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 26-04-2024
- Description of Incident: A driver escaped death when a fully loaded fuel tanker burst into flames near Suhum on the Kumasi-Accra highway. The fire, believed to have been caused by a mechanical fault, started from the front of the tanker and spread across to the rear. Despite the intensity of the blaze, the tanker did not explode,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/billboards-traffic-light-collapse-after-heavy-downpour-in-accra-photos-video/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/court-ceiling-collapses-following-tuesdays-downpour/



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allowing the driver to escape in the nick of time. Though efforts were made by the Ghana National Fire Service to contain the fire, significant damage had already occurred by the time it was extinguished.

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- Location of incident: Suhum, Eastern Region
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: Vehicle destroyed
- Coping mechanism/Responses: The Ghana National Fire Service swiftly responded to the emergency, and deployed personnel to the scene. Meanwhile, the cause of the fire is yet to be determined.<sup>22</sup>

- Title of Incident: Explosion/Fire Outbreaks
- Scale of Incident: Low
- Date of occurrence of Incident: 29-04-2024
- Lescription of Incident: A fuel tanker exploded along the Kumasi-Accra Highway on Monday, April 29, 2024. The tanker involved was a Man Diesel fuel truck. Despite the gravity of the situation, the firefighters managed to contain the flames within a matter of minutes.
- Location of incident: Kumasi-Accra Highway
- Casualty [Male &female]: None
- Property damaged/Affected population: Fuel tanker burnt and destroyed
- Coping mechanism/Responses: Firefighters from the Suhum Fire Station, led by STNO II Darwah Prince Ofobi, arrived at the scene to contain the flames. Meanwhile, the Ghana Fire Service are investigating the matter<sup>23</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/fuel-tanker-bursts-into-flames-on-accra-kumasi-highway/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> https://www.adomonline.com/fuel-tanker-bursts-into-flames-on-kumasi-accra-highway-photos/