



WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING

West Africa Early Warning and Response Program - Weekly Alerts on Peace and Security in West Africa

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GHANA

WEEK OF MAY 1 TO 5, 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: Reported, 01-05-2024

Description of Incident: Five unknown armed men allegedly attacked and robbed a mobile money vendor at Zongo, a suburb of Tumu in the Sissala East Municipality at gunpoint and made off with GH¢600,000 and mobile phones. According to a report, the five men, who were all in long black jackets riding on three unregistered motorcycles with AK 47 rifles, entered the shop and at gunpoint, led him inside from the verandah and ordered everyone in the shop to lie down and after they finished collecting the money, they shot into the shop and broke all the glasses.

Location of incident: Tumu, Upper West Region

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: A mobile money vendor affected

Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police have commenced investigations after taking statements from the victim and had asked the victim to come with any information about the robbery. However, no arrest had been made yet.¹

Incident N*02.

Title of Incident: **Assassination**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 02-05-2024

Description of Incident: The Ghana Police Service has initiated a manhunt for two suspected gunmen following the shooting of two off-duty police officers in front of their private residence at Block Factory, East Trassacco, Accra. The incident occurred when the assailants arrived on a motorbike and opened fire on the officers without provocation. The gunmen left the area as soon as the attack was carried out, making no attempt to rob the victims.

Location of incident: East Trassacco, Greater Accra Region

Casualty [Male &female]: 2 dead (males)

Property damaged/Affected population: 2 police officers affected

Coping mechanism/Responses: An intelligence-led operation has been launched to apprehend the suspects and bring them to justice.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: **Assault/Arrest**

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 01-05-2024

Description of Incident: A 32-year-old man lost his left thumb after he reportedly slapped another at Gyeasehenekrom near Adansi Akrofuom in the Akrofuom District of the Ashanti Region. The incident happened

¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/armed-robbers-attack-momo-agent-in-broad-daylight-at-tumu/>

² <https://www.adomonline.com/police-on-manhunt-for-gunmen-who-shot-2-off-duty-police-officers/>



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after the suspect, Ebenezer Gbefe, cut off the left thumb of Francis Sarkodie in retaliation to a slap received from the victim the previous day.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Gyeasehenekrom, Ashanti Region

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected, one person arrested (males)

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect was arrested by the Akrofuom Police to assist investigations. Meanwhile, the victim was sent to Assin Praso Government Hospital for treatment.³

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:** 01-05-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A 43-year-old man, Isaac Kwame Frimpong, died at Nkawanda No. 2 on the Nkawakw-Accra main road when a car trying to avoid potholes knocked him down. The incident happened on his way home after he had led his family in performing their late sister's funeral at Kwahu Nkwatia.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Nkawanda No. 2, Eastern Region

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

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Residents in the area have appealed to the Government and the Ghana Highway Authority to urgently fill the potholes to prevent further loss of lives.⁴

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 Outbreak/Explosion

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

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

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Two people sustained various injuries after fire gutted a premix station at Anomabo in the Mfantseman Municipality of the Central Region. The incident, which occurred on Thursday, May 2, 2024, also destroyed several properties. However, the cause of the fire was unknown.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Anomabo, Central Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 persons injured

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons affected, several properties destroyed

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Mankessim and Cape Coast Metropolitan Fire Stations dispatched two pumps to douse the fire. Meanwhile, the injured persons were transported to the Anomabo Hospital for treatment as investigation continues to establish the cause of the fire.⁵

³ <https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/crime/Man-loses-left-thumb-for-slapping-another-1928630>

⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/43-year-old-man-dies-due-to-potholes-on-nkawakw-anyinam-highway/>

⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/two-injured-in-premix-fuel-explosion-at-anomabo/>