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GHANA

WEEK OF MAY 13 TO 19, 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: Shooting/Murder

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 15-05-2024

Description of Incident: A Policeman with the Ashanti Regional Police headquarters was shot dead by unknown assailants in the Bobiri Forest Reserve at Kubease near Ejisu. According to a report, a complaint was made by one Caleb Adu Agyemang, the Assemblyman of Kubease Electoral Area, that a male adult believed to be in his 30s was found dead at the Forest Reserve. The deceased was lying unconscious in a pool of blood with a gunshot wound on the right leg below the knee. Sergeant Amoah Moses was identified by officers from the Ejisu District Police headquarters led by DSP Patrick Okai Kodjoe.

Location of incident: Kubease, Ashanti Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: 1 person affected

Coping mechanism/Responses: The victim was rushed to the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival by a medical officer. The body has since been deposited at the same hospital's morgue for preservation and autopsy. Meanwhile, Police investigators indicate that efforts are underway to unravel the mystery behind the death of the policeman.¹

Incident N*02

Title of Incident: Arson/Arrest

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 15-04-2024

Description of Incident: Two brothers, suspected to be mentally unstable were arrested by the police in Abuakwa Manhyia in the Atwima Nwabiagya South Municipality of the Ashanti region for allegedly burning their home and killing their mother. The incident occurred when the siblings engaged in a misunderstanding with their grandmother, who resides in the same house, and threatened to set her ablaze. Their grandmother, in fear of her safety, reported to the police. However, in her absence, the brothers allegedly set their home ablaze, unaware that their sick mother was inside the residence, resulting in her demise.

Location of incident: Abuakwa Manhyia, Ashanti Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: One affected, two arrested (males)

Coping mechanism/Responses: Firefighters arrived at the scene to extinguish the flames. The suspects were arrested and the body of the deceased was conveyed to a morgue, as authorities investigate the incident.²

Incident N*03

Title of Incident: Theft/Arrest

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: Reported, 16-05-2024

Description of Incident: The Adentan Magistrates Court in the Greater Accra Region has sentenced a 35-year-old mason to three months imprisonment, for stealing iron rods valued at GH¢23,000. Reports indicate that the complainant kept the materials in an uncompleted building, under the care of Biekro, who was his employee, for safekeeping. The court heard that when the complainant visited the building site, Biekro was not there, and he realized that all the iron rods were stolen. Etonam Kojo Biekro, who pleaded guilty to one count of stealing,

¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/policeman-reportedly-shot-dead-in-forest-reserve-near-ejisu/>

² <https://www.adomonline.com/woman-burnt-to-death-after-sons-set-house-ablaze-photos/>



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wanted the court to give him time to pay for the cost of iron rods. However, the court, presided over by Ms Nancy Adadey, sentenced him, and ordered him to pay the cost of the iron rods, after serving the jail term.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Ablor-Adjei, Greater Accra Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 person affected (arrested)

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect was arrested and sentenced to three months imprisonment.³

🚩 Incident N*04

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

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 16-05-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Military personnel performing duties on the Asutsuare Bridge in the Eastern region after a tip-off at about 9:00 pm intercepted 231 bags of smuggled cocoa beans destined for Togo through Asutsuare and Adidome. The beans were concealed under animal feed, transported in a Benz Ateco truck, driven by Issah Baba, with Joseph Aha as the mate. They were escorted by De-Graft Otto Mote, Soga Godwin and Inspector Adam Maham who were in a Mazda pickup vehicle.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Asutsuare Bridge, Eastern Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Five arrested (males)

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The five suspects were arrested and handed over to the Akosombo Divisional Police Command for further investigation and possible prosecution.⁴

🚩 Incident N*05

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Attack**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 16-05-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Tensions soared at the Achimota District Court during the hearing of a high-profile case involving the murder of a soldier in a land dispute at Kasoa Millennium City. The courtroom atmosphere turned volatile when family members of the slain soldier launched a physical attack on Chief Benlord Ababio outside the premises of the court. This happened while he was being paraded following a court break, the irate family members confronted Ababio, loudly accusing him of responsibility for the soldier's death. The situation quickly escalated with the family hurling items and throwing punches at the suspect who was swiftly whisked away.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Achimota District Court, Greater Accra Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male :&female]:** None

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The court security intervened to restore order. Meanwhile, the case is set to resume next week.⁵

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:** 13-05-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Five students of Apam Senior High School (SHS) in the Gomoa West District of the Central Region were arrested by the Apam District Police Command for allegedly assaulting their classmates during a fight. In the incident, one of the victims nearly lost an eye after he sustained a deep cut on the face. The cause of the fight was unknown.

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

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

³ <https://www.adomonline.com/mason-jailed-3-months-for-stealing-iron-rods/>

⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/military-intercept-231-bags-of-smuggled-cocoa-at-asutsuare/>

⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/millennium-city-shooting-family-of-slain-soldier-attacks-benlord-ababio-in-court/>



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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victim who nearly lost his eye was rushed to the St. Luke’s Catholic Hospital in Apam for treatment. Meanwhile, the suspects, representatives from the Gomoa West Education Directorate and the school authorities from Apam SHS are assisting the Police with investigations.⁶

✚ Incident N*02

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 22-year-old man, Kwame Krah was arrested for allegedly killing his two-year-old son at Berekum-Korasoo in the Berekum West District of the Bono Region. He allegedly tied the body in a sack and dumped it in a bush. However, luck eluded him as he was seen by some community members while dropping the sack and accosted him.

✚ **Location of incident:** Berekum-Korasoo, Bono Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One affected, One arrested (males)

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspect was apprehended by the youth in the community and assisting the Police in investigation.⁷

✚ Incident N*03

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Homicide**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 13-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A young woman believed to be an 18-year-old was found dead in the Upper Manya Krobo district in the Eastern Region after locals stumbled upon her body floating near the shore of River Afram in the Akotoe community. She was found with a sack loaded with stones tied around her waist, in an apparent attempt by her assailants to drown her body. Despite the weight of the stones tied around her waist, her body remained visible at the shore of the river in the community.

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

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body was retrieved and transported to the Police Hospital morgue in Accra for further investigation.⁸

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:** 13-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two people lost their lives after a taxi driver rammed into a truck on the Juapong road in the North Tongu District of the Volta Region. The taxi driver failed to identify the truck parked along the shoulder of the road. The collision left the taxi mangled, rendering it almost unrecognizable.

✚ **Location of incident:** Juapong Road, Volta Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons affected; vehicle damaged

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The police and ambulance service arrived at the scene to rescue the victims but both occupants of the car were already deceased.⁹

⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/5-apam-shs-students-in-police-custody-over-alleged-assault-on-classmates-photos/>

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-22-allegedly-kills-son-dumps-him-in-a-bush-at-berekum/>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/woman-found-dead-sack-loaded-with-stones-around-her-waist/>

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/2-dead-after-taxi-rams-into-truck-on-juapong-road/>



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🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 **Title of Incident: Road Accidents**

🚩 **Scale of Incident: Low**

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident: 13-05-2024**

🚩 **Description of Incident:** An accident on the Accra-Kumasi road near Kubease, close to Sekyere-Nkwanta resulted in the loss of four lives, including a one-year-old baby. The collision occurred when an articulated truck lost control at a specific part of the road, moved from its designated lane and collided with a Benz Sprinter bus carrying the victims. The impact of the crash caused the Benz Sprinter bus to somersault and plunge into a nearby ditch. Some other victims sustained some degree of injuries.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Accra-Kumasi Road near Kubease, Ashanti Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 4 dead many injured

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** More than four persons affected; vehicle destroyed

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured persons received prompt medical attention as they were swiftly transported to the Ejisu Government Hospital for treatment. However, the bodies of the deceased were deposited at the Juaben Government Hospital mortuary.¹⁰

🚩 Incident N*03

🚩 **Title of Incident: Road Accidents**

🚩 **Scale of Incident: Low**

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported 13-05-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A motor rider and his pillion died after a tipper truck transporting sand ran over them. The accident occurred around 7am on the Akotoe to Asesewa road in the Upper Manya Krobo District in the Eastern Region. The motor rider allegedly lost control and went under the truck in an attempt to overtake it, resulting in the instant death of the rider.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Akotoe-Asesewa road, Eastern Region

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons affected

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The pillion was rushed to Asesewa Hospital but also passed on around midday the same day.¹¹

🚩 Incident N*04

🚩 **Title of Incident: Road Accidents**

🚩 **Scale of Incident: Low**

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 15-05-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** An accident along the N1 highway in the Greater Accra Region resulted in the death of a motor rider. The accident occurred after a tipper truck speeding along the Accra-Lapaz Road in an attempt to overtake a pick-up vehicle entering from the Accra-Ashaiman Road. The collision left the pick-up driver trapped inside the vehicle while another driver was also left injured following the triple collision.

🚩 **Location of incident:** N1 highway, Greater Accra

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

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** One affected, two injured

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The pick-up driver was rescued by the collaborative efforts of pedestrians and some emergency respondents.¹²

🚩 **Title of Incident: Road Accidents**

🚩 **Scale of Incident: Low**

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 19-05-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** A vehicle from the convoy of President Akufo-Addo was involved in an accident at Bunso Junction in the Eastern Region. According to reports the vehicle was crossed by a KIA Rhino truck,

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/articulator-truck-claims-4-lives-at-kubease/>

¹¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/motor-rider-pillion-killed-in-ghastly-accident-in-eastern-region/>

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/motor-rider-dead-another-injured-in-gory-accident-on-n1-highway/>



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resulting in the crash. The driver of the Toyota Land Cruiser died on the spot, while three other occupants of the vehicle sustained varying degrees of injury. The accident happened when President Akufo-Addo was in attendance at the funeral of former Deputy Finance Minister, John Kumah, in Kumasi over the weekend though the president was not in the convoy during the accident.

- 📍 **Location of incident:** Bunso Junction, Eastern Region.
- 📍 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead (male), 3 injured
- 📍 **Property damaged/Affected population:** 4 persons affected
- 📍 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured persons were evacuated to the University of Ghana Medical Centre for further treatment and observation.¹³

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 Outbreaks**
- 📍 **Scale of Incident:** Low
- 📍 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 13-05-2024
- 📍 **Description of Incident:** Two children were burnt to death in a fire outbreak at Akyem Oda in the Eastern region. They were identified as Clement Adjei and Desmond Adjei Karikari, pupils of Ridge Experimental Basic School. It was alleged that the house was connected to electricity barely three weeks ago and the electric pole caught fire, leading to the outbreak. The two children were part of a five-member family who were asleep when the incident happened around 11:00 pm. The children struggled for some time before they could unlock their door to rescue them. However, the two children trapped in the room were caught up in the fire.
- 📍 **Location of incident:** Akyem Oda, Eastern Region
- 📍 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead (males)
- 📍 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons affected
- 📍 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana National Fire Service rushed to the scene to prevent the fire from spreading to other houses.¹⁴

📍 Incident N*02

- 📍 **Title of Incident:** **Rainstorm**
- 📍 **Scale of Incident:** Low
- 📍 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 17-05-2024
- 📍 **Description of Incident:** A rainstorm ripped off roofings of classrooms at Adinkrakrom M/A Basic School near Agogo in the Asante Akyem North. According to a report, the roofing sheets were scattered all over the school's compound, while some were also seen hanging. The incident happened after they had closed from school.
- 📍 **Location of incident:** Asante Akyem North, Ashanti Region
- 📍 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- 📍 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Classroom roofing sheets destroyed
- 📍 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The headmaster appealed to the Government and other philanthropic organizations to come to their aid.¹⁵

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/akufo-addos-convoy-involved-in-tragic-accident-at-bunso-junction-photos/>

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/two-children-killed-in-house-fire-at-akyem-oda-video/>

¹⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/rainstorm-rips-off-roofs-of-classrooms-at-adinkrakrom-m-a-basic-school/>