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Organised Crime and Violent Extremism

(key concept clarification; causes; indicators and signs that push to radicalization; profiling and assessment of 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: 23-05-2024

Description of Incident: Suspected armed robbers allegedly raided the IBM fuel station at Pakyi Number 2 in the Amansie West District of the Ashanti Region. The suspected armed men broke into the office of the station, disconnected the CCTV and took away the digital video recorder from the premises. In the incident, five fuel attendants and a security guard had their hands tied by the gang who made away with one million cedis.

Location of incident: Pakyi Number 2, Ashanti Region

Casualty [Male &female]: 6 persons assaulted.

Property damaged/Affected population: Fuel attendant, security man affected

Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police are investigating the matter. However, the Director of IBM fuel station, Kwabena Tawiah, appealed to the Police to intensify their patrol in the area.¹

Incident N*02

Title of Incident: Murder

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 24-05-2024

Description of Incident: There was tension in Maame Krobo Nkwanta in the Afram Plains South District of the Eastern Region, following the discovery of two beheaded male adults. The victims, identified as herdsmen, were found by the brother of one of the deceased in a nearby bush. The bodies showed signs of mutilation and had gunshot wounds on their backs. However, the circumstances surrounding the murders remain unknown. The incident has caused fear and panic among residents, who were worried about potential reprisal attacks.

Location of incident: Maame Krobo Nkwanta, Eastern Region

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

Property damaged/Affected population: Two affected (males)

Coping mechanism/Responses: The Police rushed to the scene and patrolled the area to prevent further violence and have requested reinforcements to maintain peace and avert potential reprisals.²

Incident N*03

Title of Incident: Theft/Arrest

Scale of Incident: Low

Date of occurrence of Incident: 25-05-2024

Description of Incident: The matron and bursar of Somé Senior High Sschool in Agbozume within the Ketu South Municipality were arrested for allegedly stealing food supplies intended for boarding students. It was alleged that the two have been involved in these illegal activities for several years. The stolen items were tin tomatoes, mackerel, detergents, and insecticide spray, which were found in the matron's bag and the bursar's car.

Location of incident: Somé SHS in Agbozume, Volta Region

Casualty [Male &female]: None

Property damaged/Affected population: Two arrested (one male, one female)

¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/armed-robbers-attack-fuel-station-bolt-with-1-million-cedis/>

² <https://www.adomonline.com/tension-mounts-in-maame-krobo-nkwanta-following-discovery-of-beheaded-bodies/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspects were detained in police custody at the Agbozume Police Station.³

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:** 22-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A mother and her two daughters were found murdered in their apartment at Net Link Estate in Kasoa of the Central Region. The middle-aged woman, Alberta Armah Hagan and her daughters were found in their apartment with multiple stab wounds. Two of her other children, 9 months and 6 years were also found with severe injuries. However, the motive behind the attack remains unclear.

✚ **Location of incident:** Net Link Estate, Kasoa, Central Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 3 dead (females), 2 injured.

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police began an investigation to unravel the mystery behind the attack and bring the culprits to book.⁴

✚ Incident N*02

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

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 23-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** The police have arrested a suspect in connection with the murder of Alberta Armah Hagan and her two daughters at Net Link Estate in Kasoa of the Central Region. The suspect, who is reportedly the deceased's boyfriend, allegedly committed the crime over a dispute involving mobile money transfers. The deceased reportedly lodged a complaint to the police, accusing her boyfriend of transferring GH¢20,000 sent by her ex-husband in the US for their daughters. It was alleged that in a bid to avoid facing the consequences of the report made by the deceased, the suspect allegedly killed Alberta and her daughters with multiple stab wounds.

✚ **Location of incident:** Net Link Estate, Kasoa, Central Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 3 dead (females), 2 injured

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Three affected (females), One arrested (male)

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police launched investigation into the incident to uncover the full extent of the crime and any additional motives behind the attack.⁵

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:** 20-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two people died with another person in critical condition after an accident at Akuni in the Okere District of the Eastern region. The accident involved a vehicle belonging to the Abuakwa North Municipal Assembly and another vehicle. According to a report, the Abuakwa North Assembly driver reportedly made a wrongful overtaking, colliding with the Toyota Corolla. The females died on the spot while a cadet instructor was critically injured. The occupants of the Toyota Corolla were identified as a Physical Education (P.E)

³ <https://www.adomonline.com/matron-and-bursar-of-some-shs-arrested-for-allegedly-stealing-food-items/>

⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/woman-2-kids-stabbed-to-death-in-their-home-at-kasoa/>

⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/police-arrest-boyfriend-of-woman-killed-alongside-her-two-daughters/>



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teacher, a National Service person both females and a cadet instructor of the Yilo Krobo Senior High School (SHS) at Somanya.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Akuni, Eastern region.

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead (females), 3 injured (male)

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** 5 persons affected

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** A Chinese national and his driver, Bernard Owusu Agyemang, who were also involved in the crash as well as the cadet instructor received treatment at the Yilo Krobo District Hospital. Meanwhile, the bodies of the deceased have also been deposited at the hospital's mortuary.⁶

🚩 Incident N*02

🚩 **Title of Incident:** **Strike/Demonstrations**

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 21-05-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Members of the Ghana National Petroleum Tanker Drivers Union have declared an indefinite sit-down strike to demand improved working conditions. The drivers stated that a policy framework, designed to enhance their salaries and overall working conditions has been pending with the National Petroleum Authority (NPA) Board since November 2023 and despite numerous efforts, the NPA Board has not approved the policy.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Greater Accra

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

🚩 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Members of the Ghana National Petroleum Tanker Drivers Union, Commuters affected.

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Vice President of the Ghana National Petroleum Tanker Drivers Union, Sunday Alabi, petitioned the presidency to intervene in the matter.⁷

🚩 Incident N*03

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

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 23-05-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Two people lost their lives in an accident at Gomoa Simbrofo in the Gomoa West District of the Winneba -Mankesim Highway of the Central Region. The accident occurred around 5:00 am when the driver of a sprinter bus lost control after one of its back tires burst. The driver struggled to maintain control of the vehicle, which eventually veered off the road and run into a tree.

🚩 **Location of incident:** Gomoa Simbrofo, Central Region

🚩 **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead, several injured

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

🚩 **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Emergency responders rushed to the scene to assist the injured passengers. Meanwhile, the passengers were transported to the Winneba Trauma and Specialist Hospital for medical treatment.⁸

🚩 Incident N*04

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

🚩 **Scale of Incident:** Low

🚩 **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 23-05-2024

🚩 **Description of Incident:** Three people died with others injured in an accident at Anyinasusu in the Offinso South Municipality of the Ashanti Region around 11 p.m. It involved a Yutong bus traveling from Kumasi to Gaaru and a Rhino vehicle. The speeding bus allegedly made an overtaking and collided with the truck which was carrying mangoes at the time.

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

⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/two-dead-one-critically-injured-in-accident-at-akuni/>

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/tanker-drivers-declare-indefinite-strike-over-poor-conditions-of-service/>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/2-dead-many-injured-in-accident-at-gomoa-simbrofo/>



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- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 3 dead
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Three persons affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victims were rushed to the St. Patrick's Government Hospital for treatment while the bodies of the deceased were deposited at the mortuary.⁹

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:** **Illegal mining/Arrest**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 20-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Bekwai Forestry Commission arrested two persons for allegedly destroying trees in the Bosomtwi Range Forest reserve in search of gold. The duo was arrested in the Bosome Freho District of the Ashanti region with an excavator and various structures that housed illegal miners. The suspects are 20-year-old Ghanaian, Baba Nyaaba and a Chinese national, Lii Keying aged 53. In connection to their arrest, the team also seized two pickups and one land cruiser Prado. Meanwhile, efforts are underway to identify and arrest the owner of the vehicles.

✚ **Location of incident:** Bosome Freho, Ashanti region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 2 persons affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Forestry Commission team expressed shock over the devastation and appealed to intensify the fight against illegal mining. Meanwhile, the Commission has engaged some farmers to replant the trees.¹⁰

✚ Incident N*02

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Fire Outbreak**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 20-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Sixteen persons sustained severe injuries after a leakage at a premix fuel depot at Egyiresia, a fishing community near Sekondi in the Western Region led to a fire outbreak. The fire outbreak occurred after the leaked premix fuel encountered fire from fishmongers in a nearby smoking facility. Despite the timely arrival and intervention of personnel from the Western Regional command of the Ghana National Fire Service, two vehicles, including a Range Rover and an Opel Astra Taxi, were also destroyed.

✚ **Location of incident:** Egyiresia, Western Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead (males), 14 injured

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 16 Fishmongers affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Thirteen of the victims were sent to the Effia Nkwanta Regional Hospital in Takoradi, where they are receiving treatment, while three were sent to the Saint Benedict Hospital at Inchaban. Meanwhile, the Police are investigating the fire outbreak.¹¹

✚ Incident N*03

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Drowning**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 20-05-2024

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/three-killed-others-injured-in-gory-accident-at-anyinasusu-photos/>

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/bekwai-forestry-commission-arrests-2-illegal-miners-burns-excavator-photosvideo/>

¹¹ <https://citinewsroom.com/2024/05/essikado-ketan-explosion-at-premix-fuel-depot-16-people-severely-injured/>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** An incident occurred in Manso Nkwanta in the Amansie West District of the Ashanti Region, where a five-year-old girl drowned in an abandoned galamsey pit while playing with her friends. According to a report, the children were playing near the pit when the girl accidentally fell into the water-filled excavation site. Upon realizing the danger, her friends immediately alerted the community, prompting a desperate search effort. Despite their determined efforts, the search ended as they eventually found the girl's lifeless body.

✚ **Location of incident:** Manso Nkwanta, Ashanti Region.

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Residents have repeatedly called for measures to secure these hazardous sites, which remain a perilous threat to the community, particularly to children.¹²

✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Drowning**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 20-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** An 8-year-old boy, Baba Yakubu, who had gone missing for days was found drowned in River Adjei at Nurses Quarters near Domeabra in the Ga South Municipality of the Greater Accra Region. He went to the river with his 12-year-old elder brother and friends to swim on Sunday, May 19, 2024, but did not return home. Later his body was found floating in the river the next day.

✚ **Location of incident:** River Adjei, Greater Accra

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** His body was retrieved with the help of some residents.¹³

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Rainstorm**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 22-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Two young men escaped death at Teshie in Accra after the entire roofing of a building under construction fell off and trapped them. The incident occurred after strong winds that preceded a heavy but brief downpour within the area caused the incident.

✚ **Location of incident:** Teshie, Greater Accra Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** vehicles damaged

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Police and Fire Service personnel were at the scene to direct traffic since it led to the blockage of the road.¹⁴

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/girl-5-drowns-in-galamsey-pit-while-playing-with-friends/>

¹³ <https://www.adomonline.com/8-year-old-drowns-in-river-adjei/>

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/2-narrowly-escape-death-after-being-trapped-under-falling-roof-in-wednesdays-rainstorm/>