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GHANA

WEEK OF MAY 6 TO 12, 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: 06-05-2024

✚ Description of Incident: Ten suspected armed robbers made away an undisclosed amount of money after attacking the premises of Sethi Brothers Ghana Limited in the Tema heavy industrial area. Seven of them, armed with assault rifles and pistols, scaled the wall of the company and opened the main gate for the remaining three to join the robbery adventure, while a standby vehicle waited for them on the Accra-Aflao highway. CCTV footage from the premises showed the masked robbers tied up the hands of a security man, who, under the threat of death, took them to various offices and rooms of four expatriate staff who were also manhandled. Afterward, they locked them up and ransacked the safes and offices before leaving the premises.

✚ Location of incident: Tema heavy industrial area, Greater Accra

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: 5 people assaulted

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Five persona affected

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: No arrest has been made so far. However, Police are investigating the matter.¹

✚ Incident N*02

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

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 07-05-2024

✚ Description of Incident: The National Taskforce Division of the Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD) intercepted 130 bags of smuggled cocoa beans at Mpraeso in the Kwahu South Municipality of the Eastern Region. The cocoa beans were smuggled from Suhum with an exit into Mpraeso through to the Afram Plains then finally to Togo. However, the team had a tip-off while embarking on their daily routine surveillance within the Kwawu block, leading to the arrest of the smugglers.

✚ Location of incident: Mpraeso, Eastern Region

✚ Casualty [Male &female]: None

✚ Property damaged/Affected population: Two persons arrested (males)

✚ Coping mechanism/Responses: The suspects, Kwasi Edem 55 and Dennis Hodo, a 28-year-old tipper truck driver, were taken into Police custody at the Mpraeso Central Police station, assisting with investigations.²

✚ Incident N*03

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

✚ Scale of Incident: Low

✚ Date of occurrence of Incident: 10-05-2024

✚ Description of Incident: A footballer and four others were arrested for allegedly killing two police officers at Trasacco in the Adenta Municipal of the Greater Accra Region. The suspects are Mohammed Alhassan, 46, a Public Servant, Ginkor Abdullah Alhassan, 54, a fireman, Alex Appoh, 36 and gardener, Bright Nana Kwame Owusu, 27, factory worker, and Ganiu Iddrisu, 25, footballer.

✚ Location of incident: Greater Accra

¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/armed-men-rob-sethi-brothers-in-tema/>

² <https://www.adomonline.com/taskforce-impounds-130-bags-of-smuggled-cocoa-at-mpraeso/>



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- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead (males)
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Five arrested (males)
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The accused persons were put before the Achimota District Court presided over by Mr. Prince Osei Owusu to commence a committal trial. However, the footballer and three others were remanded.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:** **Assault**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 06-05-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** A man allegedly set himself ablaze after a failed attempt to kill his wife at Abeka in the Greater Accra Region. The incident occurred in the early hours of Monday, May 6, 2024, following several threats by the husband to kill the wife and commit suicide. Collins Jones attacked with a heavy stick, causing blood to ooze out of her forehead. In a struggle, Collins grabbed her neck and strangled her while she gasped for breath. She later managed to break free from his grip and fled the room. However, Collins, sensing danger in his bid to evade any attack or arrest, set himself ablaze in their room.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Abeka, Greater Accra
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 injured (female), 1 dead (male)
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Two persons affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Some neighbours came to her rescue and rushed her to the hospital for medical attention. However, Collins, the suspect has died.⁴

✚ Incident N*02

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** **Suicide**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 07-05-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** A policeman, Lance Corporal Francis Adusei of Service Workshop, allegedly shot himself with a service rifle at his residence at Atomic Police barracks, Kwabenya in Accra. The incident happened on Monday, May 6, 2024, at about 8:45 am. Some neighbours heard a gunshot from Block 3 room No. 10B, where the deceased was residing and when they rushed in, the Police officer had shot himself.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Atomic Police barracks, Kwabenya, Greater Accra
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead (male)
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** He was rushed to Ghana Atomic Energy Commission Hospital (GAEC) for medical attention, where he was stabilized but later transferred to the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital emergency ward where he passed on. However, the body of the deceased was deposited at the Police Hospital mortuary for preservation pending autopsy.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 Accident**

³ <https://www.adomonline.com/footballer-3-others-remanded-over-murder-of-2-policemen-at-trasacco/>

⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/man-sets-himself-ablaze-after-alleged-attempt-to-kill-wife-fails-video/>

⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/policeman-reportedly-kills-himself-at-kwabenya/>



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- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 06-05-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Several people have reportedly sustained various degrees of injuries after a school bus ran into a tree at Nobewam on the Konongo-Kumasi Highway in the Ashanti Region. It involved the bus of Bethel Assembly of God Montessori School which was traveling towards Juaso. In the incident, the driver overtook vehicles ahead of him and after he saw an approaching vehicle from the opposite direction, he attempted to avoid a collision, but failed his brakes and ran into a tree.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Nobewam, Ashanti Region.
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** Several injuries
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** School bus damaged
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The injured persons were rushed to the Nobewam SDA Clinic for treatment.⁶

✚ Incident N*02

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** **Road Accident**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 06-05-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Over 10 people were in critical condition after a tipper car collided with a Toyota Fish at Mustapha Plus near Potsin Junction on the Kasoa-Winneba Highway. According to a report, the accident occurred after the tipper driver made a wrongful overtaking, lost control and collided with the Toyota which had passengers onboard and traveling from Takoradi to Accra.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Kasoa-Winneba Highway, Central Region
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** Over 10 people injured.
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Commuters affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victims of the accident were rushed to the Winneba Trauma and Specialist Hospital for treatment.⁷

✚ Incident N*03

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** **Demonstration/Strike Action**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 06-05-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** The Truck drivers operating at the Tema port declared a sit-down strike action to protest a series of issues, including armed robbery attacks, harassment by uniformed personnel, and unlawful detention.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Tema, Greater Accra
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Truck drivers operating affected
- ✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The truck drivers announced a press conference at the JAPTU Ghana Secretariat at the Tema Port to drum home their concerns, to which they demanded immediate action.⁸

✚ Incident N*04

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** **Road Accident/Arrest**
- ✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 07-05-2024
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** A 10-year-old hawker met her untimely death after a tipper truck crashed into her at Mankessim in the Mfantseman Municipality of the Central Region. The deceased identified as Hawa was reportedly crossing the Mankessim to Cape Coast Highway when she was run over in the middle of the road.
- ✚ **Location of incident:** Mankessim, Central Region.
- ✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 1 dead (female)
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 1 person affected

⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/several-injured-after-school-bus-runs-into-tree/>

⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/over-10-injured-in-accident-on-kasoa-winneba-highway-video/>

⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/tema-port-truck-drivers-declare-sit-down-strike/>



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✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The deceased was rushed to the Mercy Women’s Catholic Hospital at Mankessim but was pronounced dead upon arrival. However, her body was deposited at the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital mortuary for preservation while the truck driver was arrested for further investigation.⁹

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** Security-Civic Clashes /Arrest

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 07-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Kwaku Sey, 19, a resident of Dambai Lakeside, was allegedly shot dead following clashes between the Police and angry youth at Dambai Town Hall in the Oti region. The Police, who were on night patrol, went to the area to arrest some “ghetto” youths, who were smoking suspected hard drugs at the time. The young man resisted arrest, which degenerated into chaos with warning shots by the police, as a result of which Sey was hit by a stray bullet and later died in hospital.

✚ **Location of incident:** Dambai, Oti Region

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** One person affected, two motorcycles of the police officers destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The body of the deceased was taken to Worawora Hospital for preservation. However, Police have arrested two people to assist in investigations.¹⁰

✚ Incident N*06

✚ **Title of Incident:** Road Accident

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 08-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A man and his two-year-old son were crushed to death by an over speeding vehicle near Jukwa on the Twifu Praso to Cape Coast Highway. The two were on their motorbike when the vehicle ran over them, killing them on the spot. According to a report, the minibus driver lost control in an attempt to overtake another vehicle but crashed into the motorbike and veered off into a bush. About 14 passengers onboard the commercial vehicle also sustained various degrees of injuries.

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

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

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** 2 motorist and commuters affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victims were rushed to the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital (CCTH) for medical attention. Meanwhile, the dead bodies were deposited at the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital mortuary for autopsy and preservation. The Jukwa Police Command has also commenced investigation into the accident.¹¹

✚ Incident N*07

✚ **Title of Incident:** Voters’ registration disruption/Arrest

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 08-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Three people were arrested for engaging in a fight, causing a temporary disruption of the limited voter registration exercise at Tapa in the Ashanti region. The three were identified as Abass Abukari, George Vinor and Abdul Karim.

✚ **Location of incident:** Tapa, Ashanti region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The suspects were arrested and are in Police custody, assisting with investigation. Meanwhile, calm was restored at the registration center after the disruption.¹²

⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/truck-crashes-10-year-old-hawker-to-death-at-mankessim/>

¹⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/stray-bullet-kills-teenager-as-police-clash-with-civilians-at-dambai/>

¹¹ <https://www.adomonline.com/father-and-son-killed-14-injured-in-accident-near-jukwa/>

¹² <https://www.adomonline.com/three-arrested-for-disrupting-voters-registration-exercise-at-tapa/>



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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:** 06-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** One person was injured after a huge tree fell on a motorbike and on the front bumper of an SUV vehicle shortly after a heavy rainfall at Cantonment close to the Italian Embassy in the Greater Accra Region. It was alleged that the tree fell on the lower limb of the body of the motor rider, but the driver of the SUV vehicle was safe. In another incident, the heavy rainfall also brought down two billboards on the Korle-Bu Road, one mounted at the Korle Bu Traffic Light intersection fell on the part of the road from the Bukom Boxing Arena towards the Lavender Hill at Korle Bu and the other on the same stretch of the road.

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

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

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Personnel of the Ghana National Fire Service rushed to the scene to cut the tree logs to avoid and direct road traffic. However, the motor rider was rushed to the Police Hospital at Osu.¹³¹⁴

✚ Incident N*02

✚ **Title of Incident: Fire Outbreaks**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** Reported, 06-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A fire destroyed multiple structures at Saban Park in Chorkor Chemuena in the Greater Accra Region. The incident occurred when most of the affected persons were in church. The fire gutted multiple chamber and hall self-contained rooms.

✚ **Location of incident:** Saban Park, Chorkor Chemuena, Greater Accra Region.

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Residents of Chorkor Chemuena affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The Ghana National Fire Service responded swiftly to the incident and prevented the fire from spreading to neighboring houses. Meanwhile, the cause of the fire is yet to be established, but some witnesses have attributed it to an electrical fault.¹⁵

✚ Incident N*03

✚ **Title of Incident: Destructive Rainstorms**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 06-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Some residents at Kasoa suffered the destruction of a heavy downpour, as the wall of the Zongo cemetery collapsed and left four injured. The victims include a 60-year-old woman and a six-month-old baby.

✚ **Location of incident:** Kasoa Zongo, Central Region

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** Four (4) injured

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Residents of Kasoa Zongo affected

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The victims were rushed to the Kasoa polyclinic for treatment.¹⁶

¹³ <https://3news.com/news/1-person-in-critical-condition-after-tree-falls-on-motorider-and-suv-vehicle/>

¹⁴ <https://www.adomonline.com/mondays-downpour-collapses-billboards-in-accra-photos/>

¹⁵ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-destroys-multiple-structures-in-chorkor/>

¹⁶ <https://www.adomonline.com/four-injured-after-cemetery-wall-collapses-at-kasoa-video/>



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✚ Incident N*04

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Fire Outbreaks**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 09-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Fire engulfed multiple houses in Techiman which left affected residents counting thousands of losses. The fire spread into other houses due to the nature of the structures built in the area. Residents lost valuable things such as mattresses, televisions, and other household items.

✚ **Location of incident:** Techiman, Bone East Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Residents affected; properties damaged

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Personnel of Ghana National Fire Service rushed to the scene and assisted in rescuing affected individuals, including a baby. Meanwhile, the cause of the fire is yet to be established.¹⁷

✚ Incident N*05

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Fire outbreak**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 10-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** A fire outbreak left nine container shops reduced to ashes, causing significant financial losses and damage to properties at Obuasi Bogobiri Stadium Junction. The fire lasted for multiple hours destroying several properties such as; a container, that had various spare parts such as bumpers, fan belts, bonnets, and car bodies, worth GH¢350,000. In addition, some shops which also contained 15 bales of clothing, five sets of stuffing chairs, wardrobes and other materials were also destroyed in the fire.

✚ **Location of incident:** Obuasi, Ashanti Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Shop owners affected; several properties damaged

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Despite the devastating impact, the Obuasi firefighters responded to the scene. Meanwhile, the cause of the fire is yet to be established.¹⁸

✚ Incident N*06

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Fire Outbreaks**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 10-05-2024

✚ **Description of Incident:** Fire engulfed an eight-bedroom house in Busunya, the capital of the Nkoranza North District in the Bono East region. The incident occurred around 4:30 p.m. and left the occupants unharmed but caused significant destruction to their belongings. However, the cause of the fire was not established.

✚ **Location of incident:** Busunya, Bono East Region

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** None

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Properties destroyed

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** The local residents rallied to combat the fire before Fire Service personnel arrived about 45 minutes later.¹⁹

✚ Incident N*07

✚ **Title of Incident:** **Explosion**

✚ **Scale of Incident:** Low

✚ **Date of occurrence of Incident:** 10-05-2024

¹⁷ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-sweeps-through-several-houses-at-techiman/>

¹⁸ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-destroys-nine-shops-at-obuasi/>

¹⁹ <https://www.adomonline.com/fire-guts-8-bedroom-house-at-busunya/>



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✚ **Description of Incident:** Two persons died and five others were hospitalized after a gas explosion at Joyea Construction at Spintex along the Accra-Tema motorway in the Greater Accra Region. In the incident, there was no fire generated in the explosion. However, the cause of the explosion was unknown.

✚ **Location of incident:** Joyea Construction, Greater Accra

✚ **Casualty [Male &female]:** 2 dead, 5 injured

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

✚ **Coping mechanism/Responses:** Personnel of the Ghana National Fire Service were dispatched to the scene to ensure all hazards were put in check. Meanwhile, the injured persons were rushed to the hospital while personnel of the Ghana National Fire Service investigated the cause of the explosion.²⁰

²⁰ <https://www.adomonline.com/2-dead-5-hospitalised-in-spintex-gas-explosion/>