



## Press Release

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### **Electoral Violence Cases Recorded on the 2024 Elections**

Ghana has successfully conducted eight elections between 1992 and 2020, and peacefully transferred power from one government to the other on three occasions in this Fourth Republic. Electoral violence has been a persistent feature across all eight general elections held in Ghana. The escalated incidents that have been recorded so far from the 2024 General Elections confirm the entrenched nature of electoral violence in Ghana's electoral cycle, posing significant threats to human security. In several instances, properties such as buildings, vehicles, and motorbikes belonging to political parties, the police service, and the Electoral Commission (EC) have been vandalized. More alarmingly, some incidents have resulted in severe atrocities, including serious injuries and loss of lives. The passage of the Vigilantism and Related Offences Act 2019, Act 999; and the National Peace Council's Roadmap to ending political vigilantism have not had any positive impact on electoral violence in Ghana's elections.

In all the eight elections, justice for most of the victims is yet to be served despite persistent calls from various organizations and the public for the justice delivery institutions – (from arrest, investigations, and prosecutions to adjudication), to speed up the process and provide regular information to the public on the status of these cases. There has been little public information and updates on the cases. This seem to corroborate citizens' perception that perpetrators of electoral violence always go unpunished and the victims and their families will be denied justice. Public fears and anxiety regarding justice for victims of electoral violence are understandable, as only a small number of such cases have been successfully prosecuted and concluded over the years.

To support the process in seeking justice for electoral violence victims, the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), in partnership with the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), under the auspices of the National Elections Response Group (NERG) and the Coalition for Domestic Election Observers

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(CODEO), launched a post-elections security accountability project in 2021, aimed at supporting justice delivery institutions and aiding victims affected by electoral violence in their pursuit of justice. Although the pilot project ended in February 2022, many cases from the 2020 elections remained unresolved. The 2024 General Elections have also seen a rise in violence and criminal incidents that require the attention of all stakeholders to prioritize and ensure justice for the victims.

We present our findings of the incidents related to the 2024 elections, and also provide an update on the status of our **“Post-Elections Security Accountability Project”** initiated in 2021 to track major cases recorded from the 2020 elections. Additionally, we will outline our planned collaborative interventions moving forward.

We believe that, by providing data to support advocacy, promoting the swift and efficient adjudication of election-related violence cases, and promoting peaceful co-existence and fostering social cohesion, we can contribute to building a more sustainable and harmonious environment in Ghana.

### **Methodology**

- a. **Election Violence Monitoring Desk:** CDD-Ghana conducted a desk review of election-related violence cases reported in the media during Ghana's 2024 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections. Each case was meticulously reviewed, with priority given to incidents involving **deaths, injuries, and damage to properties**. Four Election Conflict Monitoring Desk Officers were trained and stationed at CDD-Ghana to conduct online review of electoral violence cases, and verify from CODEO long-term observers within the various constituencies and regions. Special tracking indicators/checklists were provided for the Desk Officers to guide the information-gathering process. This took place from November 1 to December 6, 2024.
- b. **Incident Desk at the CODEO National Information Center:** Seventeen volunteers were trained for the Election Day (December 7, 2024) to manage the CODEO Incidents Desk using the online “Appolo system” to track, collate, follow up, and file reports on all the cases that were reported in the system. In addition, three volunteers from the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center were also trained and tasked to track all election-related violence cases that were reported in the media. The CODEO Incidents Desk volunteers also worked closely with Penplusbytes, a media and IT organization specializing in information verification and dissemination, dedicated to cross-checking and authenticating gathered information.
- c. **Post-elections Violence Monitoring Desk:** The four Violence Monitoring Desk

Officers who monitored the pre-election incidents continued their work in the post-election environment and captured all reports after the elections.

## **Findings**

So far, a total of 76 separate incidents have been recorded related to the 2024 elections.

The breakdown:

### **i. Destruction, seizure, vandalism and invasion of public facilities = 24 cases**

For example, ballot papers and pink sheets were destroyed at various Collation Centers. The EC offices in the Damango and Ayensuano Constituencies were set ablaze.

### **ii. Deaths = 6 cases**

For example, at the Nyankpala lorry station in the Tolon Constituency, one **Haruna Shaibu**, a **31-year-old steel bender** was **shot** and **killed** on the spot. A **35-year-old Mukila Ziblim** died from a gunshot wound he sustained from a **stray bullet** in the Damongo Constituency during the collation.

### **iii. Injuries = 46**

These are persons who were identified and treated, with three (3) in critical conditions. For example, the Nyakpala incident left **Abdul Aziz Wunpini** hospitalized, and the Nsawam collation chaos recorded a shooting incident that affected one **Richard Taboh** in the thigh.

Some of the clashes led to serious injuries, and most victims were sent to the hospital for treatment.

***(See details of all the incidents attached)***

## **The Partners (WANEP and CDD-Ghana on the CODEO and NERG Platform) Plans Going Forward**

- ***Follow-Up and Validation of the cases***

The CDD-Ghana Security Sector Governance team will follow up in the regions, constituencies and communities where the incidents happened to validate the data we have in our system. The validation process will seek to collect and confirm the details of the cases, including names of the affected people, their locations, and a brief of the story behind each of the cases. The team will engage with the security

officers, the victims and their families at the various locations.

- **Tracking the cases through the justice delivery chain**

A robust tracking mechanism within the justice delivery system will be established to track and update the status of the cases periodically. CODEO volunteers will be trained with a special tracking checklist to follow the cases in the locations and file reports to the CODEO secretariat every month. They will visit the police stations and sit in court proceedings for cases that have been processed for court. The reports will be validated at the national level in collaboration with the Ghana Police Service, and the public will be kept informed through quarterly press briefings.

### **Victims Platforms**

The project will establish a platform for survivors and the families of deceased victims to engage in discussions and explore way forward for their respective cases. This will seek to bridge the gap between investigators and the affected families devoid of suspicion and to canvas citizens' support to aid the investigations. The platforms will also seek to provide updates on the cases and brief the victims and their families of the legal processes being followed to complete the cases.

### **Action taken by the NESTF on the cases:**

1. Periodic updates on the incidents
2. 132 suspects so far arrested
3. 45 remanded in custody
4. 71 on police enquiry bail
5. 16 on court bail

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S/N	Region	Constituency / District and Community	Incident – What happened How did it happen	Number of Deaths	Number of Injuries	Status of Case
1	Greater Accra	Ayawaso North	On October 13, 2024, a clash occurred between supporters of the NPP and the NDC in Mamobi, Accra. The two groups disagreed over their respective routes during a weekend political campaign walk. A clash between the two supporters resulted in nine (9) people sustaining various degrees of injuries.	None	Nine (9)	On Monday, October 14, the Ghana Police Service issued a statement and an arrest warrant for a suspect identified as <b>Fatwu Ibrahim</b> . The suspect was subsequently arrested by the police.
			On December 8, the Ayawaso Municipal Assembly office was looted by some constituents who took items including fridges, freezers and sewing machines. These items were allegedly intended to support persons with disabilities (PwDs) under the Assembly's welfare scheme.	N/A	N/A	The Ayawaso Municipal Assembly office appealed to the Police to bring the perpetrators to book.
		Ayawaso East	On December 9, 2024, a group of angry youth attacked the National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO) head office in Kanda, Accra, causing extensive damage. The attackers forcibly entered the premises, locked out staff, vandalized property, and looted items such as desktops, air conditioners, a concrete mixer, wheelbarrows, and four motorbikes. They also tried to seize vehicle keys, but they were unsuccessful.	N/A	N/A	Investigations are ongoing, with local authorities working to identify those responsible for the attack.
		Okaikei South	On December 7, Michael Allotey, an agent of the NDC, was arrested by the police at the St. Theresa School polling station for possessing a firearm. Allotey reportedly verbally assaulted an Electoral Commission official and was found carrying a pistol before voting began.	None	None	Michael Allotey was arrested and sent to the police station for thorough investigations.
			On December 9, a group of angry youth, suspected to be NDC supporters, stormed the Metro Mass Transport yard in Kaneshie. According to driver George K. Abu, the group arrived around 8 a.m. and demanded to see the manager. When denied access, they attempted to steal a company pick-up vehicle.	None	None	The police managed to calm the situation but did not arrest anyone involved. After the officers left, the group returned with greater intensity, once again demanding either the manager or the vehicle.

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						Eventually, the group left after they were unable to take the vehicle.
		Ablekuma North	On the morning of December 8, some supporters, allegedly belonging to the NDC forcefully broke the burglar-proof doors of the collation center (Kwashieman Cluster of Schools) due to their dissatisfaction with certain parliamentary results and issues related to the pink sheets. They threatened the Electoral Commission officials and other stakeholders, confiscated the pink sheets, tore them apart, and threw them out of the window.	None	None	Police arrived at the scene to rescue the EC official and collect pink sheets from the NDC and NPP parliamentary candidates.
			On December 17, the Kwashieman Cluster of Schools in Ablekuma North Constituency was set ablaze destroying several ballot boxes. The fire started in the school's library, which had been temporarily used to store ballot boxes from the closely contested elections in the constituency.	N/A	N/A	The Ghana Police Service, in collaboration with the Ghana National Fire Service have started investigation.
		Ablekuma West	On December 9, 2024, some 15 unidentified intruders broke into the office of Ursula Owusu-Ekuful, the outgoing Member of Parliament for the Ablekuma West Constituency, stealing valuables and causing significant damage. Items stolen included cash, a branded Nissan Hardbody vehicle, a TV, a printer, two stabilisers, mobile phones, food supplies, and three new motorbikes. The intruders also vandalised CCTV cameras, barbed wire, and the main door.	N/A	N/A	The Ghana Police Service released a statement confirming a Crime Management team had examined the site as part of their investigation. A targeted intelligence-led operation is underway to apprehend the suspects.
		Tema West	On December 10, 2024 some people stormed Ghana Ports and Harbours headquarters displayed aggressive behaviour and attempted to enter the premises	N/A	N/A	The military personnel stationed at the headquarters prevented them from entering.

		Korle Klottey	Some people broke into the police security barricade at the Accra Regional Collation center at Ridge. One person sustained a head injury.	N/A	One	The Military personnel arrived at the collation center to calm the situation.
		Ayawaso Central (ATTC School compound)	Around 7.30 some unknown people stormed the compound, firing warning shots as the POs were still submitting their ballot boxes. The intruders snatched several ballot boxes, breaking them in the process. The Returning Officer of the Electoral Commission was injured and immediately rushed to the hospital. Several others also sustained injuries. The police arrived shortly after the perpetrators had fled the scene.	None	None	Police arrived to put the place in order.
		Okaikei North	On December 7 <sup>th</sup> 2024, a group of aggrieved individuals, suspected to be NDC supporters, gathered at a building suspected of housing thumb-printed ballot papers. The supporters broke the glass door to confront the NPP Parliamentary Candidate, Nana Ama Dokuah Asiamah. It was later established that the office was being prepared as the collation center for the parliamentary candidate, and no thumb-printed ballot papers were found. According to the NPP Parliamentary Candidate, the NDC supporters brandished a gun, damaged laptops and printers, and left with other laptops.	N/A	N/A	Officials from the Ghana Police, Fire Service and Immigration stepped in to deescalate the situation.
		Weija Gbawe	On December 16, supporters of NDC's parliamentary candidate for Weija-Gbawe, Felix Nii Odartey, burnt car tires in front of the Regional Office of the Electoral Commission, calling on the	N/A	N/A	

			electoral body to declare their Parliamentary candidate the winner of the 2024 elections.			
		Okaikei North	On December 9, a group of individuals broke into the Forestry Commission depot at Achimota, Accra, and stole valuable items, including 24 air conditioners, laptops, and other essential equipment. Witnesses reported that the intruders were wearing National Democratic Congress (NDC) branded shirts and chanted, "Our government is now in power," as they stormed the facility. The group also attempted to take vehicle keys but was unsuccessful.	N/A	N/A	The Police arrived at the venue to restore order and have launched an investigation.
		Dome Kwabenya	The chairman of the NDC party constituency, Mr. Isaac Nii Lamptey, was accused by party supporters of bringing photocopied ballot papers to the collation center, which resulted in a physical altercation and an assault on the Chairman.	None	One (1)	He was later arrested by the Police. The results were announced at the constituency collation center around 10pm on December 10th, 2024
		Ayawaso North	Tension erupted between the party agents and the police officer deployed to oversee the election processes at the Rombrown school polling station. The situation reportedly began when security officials attempted to close the doors of the polling station, a move that party agents strongly opposed. The party agents argued that polling stations are meant to remain open to ensure transparency and accessibility for voter.	None	None	N/A
		Okaikei Central	Unidentified individuals, believed to be executives and supporters of the NDC from Fadama, invaded the collation center. They assaulted the Presiding Officer by slapping him twice and threw metal chairs at the Electoral Commission officials and observers. A CODEO observer	None	Four (4)	The police later returned to escort the Presiding Officer away.



2.	<b>Central Region</b>		narrowly escaped injury during the incident, which resulted in more than four people being injured.			
		Amasaman constituency	On December 8, around 2 PM, the Constituency Returning Officer was attacked by a crowd at the collation center due to their dissatisfaction with the delay in declaring the election results. Security Officers intervened to protect the Returning Officer. He was later taken to Amasaman Hospital for treatment.	None	One (1)	The parliamentary results were announced to reduce tension. Following this, the presidential results were also declared. The constituency returning officer was discharged on December 9.
		Ayawaso West Wuogon	Some people alleged to be supporters of the NDC besieged the Headquarters of the Ghana Gas, tried to force their way into the facility.	None	None	The soldiers and the police were present, to calm the situation.
		Adentan Constituency	Akosua Manu (aka Kozie), NPP parliamentary candidate for Adentan constituency alleged that two persons, one of them wearing an NDC shirt attacked her driver during rounds with polling agents on the evening of December 1. The driver sustained a deep wound on his head.	None	One (1)	The incident was reported to the police and video footage has been requested.
		Twifo/Hemang/Lower Denkyira	According to the NDC Communications Officer of the Twifo-Hemang area, a unity walk was held on 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2024 and was disrupted by a suspected group that had defected from the NPP after losing the parliamentary primary. The attackers who were armed with cutlasses and stones attacked the peace them forcing them to flee.	None	Four (4)	Police have launched a manhunt for the perpetrators.
		Agona Nyakrom	Three supporters of former Gender Minister Hon. Cynthia Morrison, an independent candidate, survived a shooting attempt in Agona Nyakrom, Central Region, around 7:40 PM on October 27, 2024. injuring three individuals. They were subsequently treated at the	None	Four (4)	Morrison and her team promptly sought safety at a nearby police station to report the attack. Authorities have launched an investigation into the case.

			Agona Nyakrom Health Centre. Among the injured was Mr. Haruna Rashid, the NASARA Coordinator for the Agona West constituency. Mr. Chris Arthur also sustained a gunshot wound to the ribs and is currently receiving treatment at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital.			
		Awutu Senya East Constituency / Kasoa	On December 7th, a shooting incident in the Awutu Senya East constituency of the Central Region led to the death of one person and the other critically injured.	One (1)	One (1)	Police have arrested four suspects: Awudu Yakubum, Kwabena Essah, Hakeem Bawa, and Issakah Mashual. One AK-47 rifle and 69 rounds of ammunition was retrieved.
		Effutu Constituency/ Winneba	The NDC Vice-Chairman for Effutu constituency, Abraham Ato Addo, was reported but the police later issued a statement that he was fine and with his family.	None	Unspecific	The Winneba Police Command launched an investigation into the incident. Later informing the public that Mr. Addo was alive and living with his family.
3.	<b>Eastern</b>	Lower-Manyasa Krobo /Akuse	On November 29th, it was reported that the windscreen of one of the vehicles in the convoy of the NDC's presidential running mate, Professor Jane Naana Opoku-Agyemang, was damaged. The driver of the pickup vehicle confirmed that a motorcyclist had struck the windshield with an object while they were traveling along the Akuse-Kpong road on the Akosombo Highway.	None	None	Police started an investigation into the matter by releasing a press statement
		Nsawam/Adoagyiri	Some people suspected to be NDC supporters stormed the center, causing chaos. As of 10:21 am on December 8th, the results were still not declared. The NPP parliamentary candidate arrived around 4 am. and was confronted by supporters demanding he accept the results, which he refused due to the disorder. <b>One Richard Tabor</b> was	None	Three (3)	The NDC's Eastern Regional Chairman Dr. Mark Oliver Kevor, said the NPP Parliamentary Candidate was the one who shot Richard, and also hit the two others with his car. He therefore called for his arrest.

			allegedly shot in the leg, and two others were also injured when they were hit a by a car suspected to be that of the NPP Parliamentary Candidate.			
		Akwatia	Some suspected NDC supporters were not comfortable when the DCE of the district went to the collation center, which resulted in violence where they started throwing stones at the coalition center but the police came in to calm the situation.	None	None	The Police and the security came in to save the situation.
		Ayensuano	Some unidentified people set the Electoral Commission office ablaze. The incident resulted in the destruction of election materials and devices used during the December 7th general elections.	None	None	The police have arrested 9 persons suspected to have torched the EC office.
		Suhum	On December 8, 2024, around 11:30 am, exchange of words occurred between the parliamentary candidates of the NPP and NDC. This confrontation prompted party supporters to storm the collation center, where they broke windows and doors. In response, the military intervened, escorted the pink sheets and the Electoral Commission (EC) officials to the police station. In light of the delays, NPP parliamentary candidate Frank Asiedu Bekoe threatened bloodshed if NDC supporters intimidated NPP members, urging the EC to expedite the declaration process.	None	None	N/A

4.	Ashanti	Ahafo Ano North/ Tepa	At approximately 1:00 am, tension escalated at the collation center in the Ahafo Ano North Constituency. Some supporters suspected to be NDC members vandalized electoral materials, devices, and police and military vehicles. The EC officials sustained injuries during the commotion. In response, military and police personnel were deployed to restore order and ensure the safety of EC officials. The EC Officials were escorted to the District Police Headquarters for their safety.	None	About four people sustained machete and gunshot wounds.	The police have released the identities of three suspects: George, the Assembly member for Maabang; Akakpo, the Assembly member for Akwasiasse; and Majeed
		Offinso North	Some youth from Akomadan, suspected to be NDC supporters, broke into a warehouse belonging to the NPP MP/candidate and looted bags of fertilizer. The incident occurred shortly after the election results were declared at the collation center. As the youths looted the fertilizers, some supporters of the NPP attempted to stop them. One person was stabbed to death and another person was injured by a bullet and died later at the hospital.	Two (2) Solomon Biali, 22yrs Jacob Nlor, 34 yrs.	One (1)	The police were called to intervene swiftly to restore peace and prevent further destruction of property.
		Ahafo Ano South West	During the collating process at the Electoral Commission office in Mankraso, unidentified supporters of the two leading political parties believed their opponents intended to rig the election. This led to a confrontation. Six got injured, and one of them (Akwasii Nimo, a 33-year-old man) later died at the Mankraso Government Hospital.	Akwasi Nimo, 33-years.	Five(5)	N/A
		Tolon Constituency/UDS Nyankpala Campus	The situation at the UDS Nyankpala polling station B became chaotic following an alleged unsuccessful vote-buying attempt. Dr. Osman Damba, the NDC parliamentary candidate, confronted Alhaji Rashid Salifu, the NPP regional organizer, at the Nyankpala lorry station. During the confrontation, gunshots were fired into the crowd, resulting	One (1)	Four (4)	N.A

5.	<b>Northern</b>		in the immediate death of Haruna Shaibu, a 31-year-old steel bender, and injuring four others.			
6.	<b>Savannah</b>	Damongo Constituency	A 35-year-old man, Mukaila Ziblim, died from gunshot wounds he sustained from a stray bullet when some youth, suspected to be members of the NDC attacked a collation center and set fire to the storeroom of the West Gonja Municipal Electoral Commission on December 8th, 2024.	One (1)	Two (2)	N/A
7.	<b>Bono East</b>	Kintampo South	On December 7, an official of the Electoral Commission, Joseph Dery, was arrested for an alleged electoral conspiracy. He issued fifteen (15) ballot papers to voters omitting the first presidential candidate at the Ampesika-Bayere polling station.	N/A	N/A	He was arrested by the police and is currently under investigation.
8.	<b>Bono</b>	Sunyani	On December 9, a group of young people, alleged to be NDC supporters looted items from the Bono Regional Forestry Commission Headquarters. They were armed with machetes and took two cars, motorbikes, chainsaw machines and other equipment from the office. They also attempted to take the keys of a newly purchased cars but were unsuccessful.	N/A	N/A	The police came to the scene but were unable to stop the trespassers.