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## WEEK OF 06 TO 12 JANUARY 2013

S/ No	Scale of incident	Date of Occurrence	Country	Incidents	Location	Casualty/property damages/ Affected Population	Coping Mechanism/ responses
	Low	07-01-13	Benin	<b>Explosion:</b> an explosion occurred as the power plant at Alèglèta was about to be switched on during the testing phase. One American expert who was supervising the work was injured and is receiving treatment at the National University Hospital Hubert K. Maga.	Alèglèta, Abomey-Calavi	1 American expert injured	
	Medium	10-01-13	Burkina	<b>Armed robbery:</b> 12 suspected armed robbers have been arrested at Boulmiougou. Among the objects retrieved are Motorbikes.	Boulmiougou , Ouagadougou	*12 suspects detained at the gendarmerie of Boulmiougou	* Suspects presented to the media on 10 January.
	Low	07-01-13	Cote d'Ivoire	<b>Fire:</b> Fire has erupted at "Société Globale Coton", located within the Robert Gonfreville company in Bouaké (Gbeke region) at about 16:30. The fire quickly extends to the other building of the factory. Bouake military firefighters were able to quench the fire. There was however no loss of life. Investigations are	Bouake, Vallee du Bandama	*Properties consumed by the fire.	Bouake's Fire service quenched the fire.



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				ongoing to ascertain the cause of the fire.			
	Low	10-01-13	Cote D'Ivoire	<b>Detention:</b> the Military court of Abidjan has remanded 6 policemen and 1 gendarme for 4 to 20 months detention in prison for racketing at the Assouba corridor of Aboisso locality.	Abidjan	*6 policemen and 1 Gendarme detained	The 7 have been detained in the framework of the fight against corruption.
	Medium	07-01-2013	Gambia	<b>Detention:</b> Journalist Abdoulie John has been arrested and detained by the National Intelligence Agency since Monday as he went to do his routine reporting since his first arrest by the agency 3 weeks ago. John was first arrested in the southern Senegalese town of Tambacounda where he went to report about the release of several Senegalese soldiers by the rebel MFDC group through the Gambia government. After this 1 <sup>st</sup> detention for few days he was released and asked to report daily at the offices of the agency in Banjul.	Kanifing, Banjul	Abdoulie John detained	* Efforts to secure his release are ongoing by the Gambian Press Union.  * John has been released after enormous effort.
	Low	08-01-2013	Gambia	<b>Arrest:</b> The Gambian Immigrations department has made arrest of 17 Gambians and one Senegalese for allegedly using young children to do domestic work	Banjul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>79 people rescued</li> <li>18 perpetrators</li> </ul>	- The victims are at the social welfare shelter at Batokeh The suspects are released on



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				and other petty trades for them in Banjul. The arrest was made after investigations revealed that the employed a total of 79 people including 77 Senegalese aged between 11 to 28 and 2 Gambians aged 20 and 22 years, and kept them in an incomplete building, where they were used to do domestic jobs for them. The victims are however with the social welfare shelter at Batokeh while the culprits have been released on bail to be reporting as investigation continues		arrested	bail to report when needed as investigations continue
	Medium	07-01-2013	Ghana	<b>Outbreak of Disease:</b> There has been an outbreak of Cholera in Obuasi, Ashanti Region of Ghana claiming one life and leaving over 50 people hospitalized. The doctors at the hospitals where the victims are receiving treatment are battling to prevent further deaths. The mining community is currently suffering from sanitation inadequacies resulting from the breakdown of some of the municipal	Obuasi, Ashanti	-1 dead  - about 50 people sick	-Efforts are underway to prevent further death by doctors



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	Low	09-01-2013	Ghana	<b>Accident:</b> accident occurred at the Kotokuraba Market in Cape Coast claiming two lives and injuring five. The driver of the vehicle who was conveying passengers from Mankessim to the market was at high speed, when the vehicle developed a brake failure and crushed against a wall.	Kotokuraba Market, Cape Coast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•2 dead</li> <li>•5 injured</li> </ul>	The victims are responding to treatment at the Central Regional Hospital
	Medium	10-01-2013	Ghana	<b>Accident/ extortion:</b> Following a demonstration by taxi drivers in Kintampo, Tamale over the extortion of money by police officers from them, an accident occurred as the demonstration became violent. Two taxis collided in a bid to flee from the police officers who had turned out en masse to control the crowd. Three people sustained injuries and are receiving treatment.	Kintampo, Tamale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 injured</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victims responding to treatment in hospital</li> </ul>
	Medium	11-01-2013	Ghana	<b>Fire/ Explosion:</b> A tanker conveying about 30,000 liters of diesel from Kumasi to Sefwi-Edwenase has exploded in Nkawie Nyinamso No1 village. The tanker was	Nkawie Nyinamso village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•2 dead</li> <li>•2 cars burnt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The bodies have been deposited at Toase medical center</li> </ul>





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				descending a hill towards the village when the driver lost control of the steering wheel and hit a speed ramp causing it to overturn and later exploding in flames as the diesel spilled all over the road. The driver and his mate are reported to be burnt beyond recognition while two cars and several houses were equally trapped in the inferno leaving the residents no option than to flee for safety.		•12 houses and kiosks destroyed	•The Fire service were at the scene to quench the fire but only succeeded t after 5 hours
	Medium	12-01-2013	Ghana	<b>Fire:</b> ECOMOG, a slum area of Kwame Nkrumah circle was razed with fire at about 2:30pm. The fire which flattened several homes is reported to have started after officials of the Electricity Company of Ghana worked on a faulty electricity pole. Hundreds of wooden structures and properties destroyed.	ECOMOG, Accra	• wooden structures destroyed  *Properties destroyed  *affected residents	• Residents are calling on government for assistance to enable them restart as most of them are counting their loses
	Medium	12-01-2013	Ghana	<b>Fire outbreak:</b> Fire has erupted at a chemical and paint manufacturing firm, BBC industries at Tema Industrial Area. The workers on duty at the time of the inferno	Tema Industrial Area	• Workers of BBC industry affected  *Property	• Investigations are underway to unravel the cause of the fire



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				are reported to be likely trapped. It took the officials of the fire service about 10 hours to halt the fire.		destroyed	
	Low	07-01-13	Ghana/ Burkina	<b>Demonstration peaceful:</b> Fulani from Barikansi who sought refuge in the Bawku West town of Sapeliga (Ghana) following a conflict in their town are being evacuated to another town in Burkina Faso. The Fulani refugees numbering about 600 fled after conflict erupted in their town on 31st December 2012. Reportedly, the refugees will be evacuated to Youga in Burkina Faso until the conflict situation in the town is brought under control.	Sapeliga, Bawku	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulani Refugees from Barikansi in Burkina</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Authorities of Burkina are sending down buses to transport them back to their home country.</li> <li>* Government delegation conducted by Jerome Bougouma (minister of security) presented their condolences to bereaved family at Zabre, central-east region and presented the moral support to refugees hosted at Youga and Tenkokogo sites.</li> </ul>
	Medium	06-01-13	Liberia	<b>Censure:</b> Henry Costa is in a double jeopardy for allegedly making disparaging comments about President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf during the Friday, January 4, 2013 edition of the show. In addition to the issuance of censure against the host by three civil society organizations over the	Monrovia	*Henry Costa and his talk show censured	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Condemnation from 3 CSOs and the radio management</li> </ul>



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				weekend, the station's management has taken an administrative action against the show and its host.			
	Low	07-01-13	Liberia	<b>Detention:</b> At least two police officers were arrested and charged with armed robbery in connection with the attack of a Liberia Bank for Development and Investment (LBDI)'s vehicle carrying about US\$150,000 on August 29, 2012. The vehicle was attacked on the Buchanan Highway. Several unknown gun men opened fire on a vehicle belonging to the LBDI and made away with \$150,000.00.	Buchana highway, Grand Bassa county	*2 policemen arrested	
	High	07-01-13	Mali	<b>Armed attack:</b> Clashes erupted between alleged Ansar dine, AQIM and MUJAO fighters and the Malian army around Konna in Douentza in the afternoon of Monday. With the movement of the islamists, towns like Sebare, Koro, Konna , Djabaly and Nara are under threat. It is recalled that Ansar dine renounced the cease fire proposition it suggested towards the end of last year. About 50 cars of jihadists were seen converging towards Mopti. Negotiation between Malian government delegation and the Ansar Dine-MNLA scheduled for 10 <sup>th</sup> January in	Konna, Douentza, Mopti region	No casualty from the army	* Deployment of the European Union force of approximately 400 members in Mali expected for February 2013. This force among other mission will train and help restructure the Malian army forces. *Following the UN resolution 2085, the ECOWAS and AU forces are also expected in Mali on or before 22 January. * Position of Malian army reinforced by additional



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				Ouagadougou has been postponed to 21 <sup>st</sup> .			soldiers at Konna and Djabaly. * France responded favorably to the Malian interim president call for help to repeal islamists offensive.
	Low	09/01/13	Mali	<b>Demonstration:</b> The Malian government has ordered the closure of the Schools in Bamako and Kati following various demonstrations in these 2 towns. The reopening date has not been stated. Demonstrators of COPAM were asking for the liberation of the northern Mali, the departure of the president Dioncounda Traore and the organization of national consultations. Road blocked and tyres burnt created traffic on main road. Four armed persons arrested for allegedly shooting within town during the demonstrations.	Bamako & Kati	*At least 1 injured *6 armed people on board vehicles arrested  *Vehicles hijacked *Fuel stations ransacked	*Security forces dispersed people with tears gas *Schools of Bamako and Kati to be reopened on 14-01-13.
	High	09/01/13	Mali	<b>Armed attack:</b> fighting with heavy arms reported between the Malian army and the jihadists in the region of Mopti during the night of Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> . Following the clashes, Konna locality has been taken by the jihadists. Several death and wounded reported.	Konna, Mopti	*many deaths *Many injured with some evacuated at Severe hospital. * Properties destroyed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burkina Faso government called for restrain of the 2 belligerents</li> <li>• Alleged Military Flights and foreign soldiers deployed to Severe.</li> <li>• Counter-attack of Malian forces supported by</li> </ul>





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							<p>European military included France on 11/01/13 to reconquer Konna.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security reinforced in Bamako with policemen deployed at various strategic points.</li> <li>• Government Cabinet meeting reported for security reason. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• extraordinary summits held on Mali</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Low	11-01-13	Mali	<p><b>Demonstration violent:</b> following the arrest of Nema Ould, the promoter of the biggest transport company known as "Sonef", angry youths besieged the headquarters of the company which they destroyed around 06.30 pm. Buses were parked within the compound. It is recalled that the promoter has been arrested after recovery by security men of two boxes of arms of "FM" type without ammunitions. On 22 February 2012, a trader named Mohamed Ibrahim Ag Mohamed, a Malian Arabic was arrested onboard a bus of the company at Segou with quantity of war's arms and ammunitions.</p>	Bamako	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property destroyed</li> <li>• Arrest of Nema Ould</li> </ul>	



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	High	11/01/13	Mali	<p><b>Armed attack:</b> With the Support of France Foreign troops in an operation baptize Serval, the Malian troop raided the town of Gao, Lere and Douentza. The Malian troops is said to have been supported by about 550 French soldiers with the technical support of other European country like UK and USA while African troop are preparing for deployment from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, January. French Mirage fighter jets pounded Mali for 3 days till sunday. Franco-Malian raid reported alongside the border with Mauritania. Douentza bombarded</p>	Northern Mali	<p>*more than 60 deaths among jihadists including one lieutenant of Ansar dine, Chief Iyad Ag Ghaly.          * death of a French lieutenant, Damien Boiteux          *suspected death of several Malian soldiers          * several injured (86 people in Gao and Mopti according to Red Cross society)          . Mujao headquarters destroyed at Douentza</p>	<p>*African forces expected in Mali in the framework of AFISMA:          - Burkina, Niger and Senegal will provide each 500 soldiers for the African led-intervention force.          * Burkina deployed soldiers to secure its three regions which shared borders with Mali.          * Interim president declared state of Emergency from midnight on the territory on 11/01/13.          *UN security council allows the rapid deployment of an international intervention force to Mali. (10/01/13)          * ECOWAS gave the go ahead for the immediate deployment of troops in Mali.          * ECOWAS welcome the intervention of France in Mali and commended the efforts of ECOWAS Committee of chiefs of Defense staff in the implementation of the UN</p>
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							Resolution 2085
	High	12-01-13	Mali	<b>Threat/security crisis:</b> following the security situation in Mali with the recent clashes between the Malian army and the islamists combatants, the interim president of Mali Dionconda Traore of Mali has imposed a state of emergency on whole country starting from Saturday 12-01-13 at midnight. The decision has been taken after a government cabinet meeting	Bamako	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents in Mali</li> </ul>	
	Medium	13/01/13	Mali	<b>Threat /human right abuse:</b> Child soldiers reported among the Islamists. Most of them are said to have been conscripted in Gao while some have been abducted from neighboring Niger.	Northern Mali	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child soldiers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for their immediate release by the Islamists.</li> </ul>
	High	14-01-13	Mali	<b>Armed attack:</b> Jihadists' combatants led by Abou Zeid, one of the leaders of AQIM have taken control over the town of Diabali, formally under the control of the Malian government troop (at about 400 km north of Bamako). The assailants are suspected to have fled areas around the border with Mauritania where France troop has raided for days. It is recalled that since Sunday, France fighters raided rebels' positions in Gao, Kidal, Nampala, Lere (close to Mauritania).	Douentza	*Population affected - Soldiers and islamists combatants killed * Soldiers and islamists combatants injured	* Niger and Algeria closed their borders with Mali.  * Tens of Malians and foreigners in Bamako responded to the call of FDR by giving their blood in support to the soldiers in the battle field. * security reinforced in Markala & Niono after falling of Diabaly (15-01-13)



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	Low	05/01/13	Mali/ Mauritania	<b>Demonstration/rebellion</b> It is reported that MNLA combatants have been allowed to enter Mauritania territory after handing over their heavy arms, ammunitions and 4x4 vehicles in their possession to the Mauritania army. Alleged Disarmed MNLA combatants were seen going towards Mbera, near Bassiknou where Touaregs refugees have been hosted. (05/01/13)	Fassala	*at least 25 vehicles retrieved *heavy arms and ammunitions retrieved by Mauritania Army	
	Medium	08-01-2013	Nigeria	<b>Fire outbreak:</b> a fire tore through Ebute Metta, a waterfront slum in Lagos on Tuesday night and has reportedly burnt down dozens of shack workshops and homes. In the absence of fire service, locals tried in vain to stop the blaze with buckets of water.	Ebute Metta, Lagos	*at least 50 workshops included sawmills and wooden houses destroyed  *about 60 families displaced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fire was however quench two hours after with the arrival of fire service officials</li> </ul>
	Medium	09-01-2013	Nigeria	<b>Fire outbreak:</b> An MRS oil and gas tank exploded while disconnecting from the discharge of petroleum product at the Tin-Can Island Port in Apapa, Lagos around 11 am. The products are not in anywhere affected but four people sustained injuries and the generator house as well as three buildings was affected. The victims are	Tin-Can Island Port, Apapa, Lagos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four people injured</li> <li>*Property affected including a generator house and three</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire personnel's from other tank operators assisted in quenching the fire</li> <li>Investigation is underway to unravel the cause of the explosion</li> </ul>





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	Medium	11-01-2013	Nigeria	<b>Fire/explosion:</b> A heavy duty truck loaded with petrol has exploded along border market of Mbiama community while trying to dodge a smaller car and in the process losing control. Five persons have been killed including a 60-year old widow and properties such as makeshift shops, mini bus station, houses and cars parked within the area destroyed. The late arrival of the personnel's of Bayelsa fire service triggered bystanders and those that lost their properties to stone the fire fighters and their vehicles.	Mbiama Community, Bayelsa State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five people killed included a 60-year old woman</li> <li>*Properties and cars destroyed</li> <li>*Fire service personnel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire fighters quenched fire despite their late arrival</li> </ul>
	High	12-01-2013	Nigeria	<b>Fire/explosion:</b> About 30 people suspected to be vandals are feared dead at a pipeline fire in Arepo. The vandals are alleged to have ferried across to the creeks to siphon	Arepo, Ogun State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 feared dead</li> <li>*Suspected vandals arrested</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrest has been made of some vandals including one that was involved in the killing of three NNPC officials last</li> </ul>



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				petroleum products from a ruptured NNPC pipeline. The explosion came after an argument erupted between two of the vandals who were struggling to siphon fuel from the pipeline and it resulted into a heated argument that compelled one of them who was armed with a rifle to shoot indiscriminately into the air. There is fear over continual fuel scarcity as the pipeline supplies petrol to other South-western states.		* properties destroyed	year in the same area.  •Investigations are on-going to capture the other suspects
	Low	12-01-2013	Nigeria	<b>Arrest:</b> Suspected leader of Boko Haram named Hassan Pagi Bukar has been arrested in the residence of member of the house of representative (2003-2007) in Gwarimpa area of Abuja alongside with the security guard of the residence.	Gwarimpa, Abuja FCT	*2 Suspects arrested  * the former rep. interrogated	The former Rep. has been briefly arrested and interrogated and is reportedly a daily guest of the security agency that affected the arrest.  *investigation is ongoing
	Medium	09-01-2013	Togo	<b>Fire outbreak:</b> fire destroyed the Kara's market in Northern Togo. The origin of the fire remained undetermined.	Kara, Kozah	*Properties destroyed  *All Merchants	* investigation is ongoing



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- o High number of death (above 20)/major properties damages
- o High number of population affected ( inability of the population to cope)
- o Low capacity of the state to respond to it

### • MEDIUM

- o Significant effect on political destabilisation
- o Significant reported cases of loss of life (5 to 20) and property
- o Moderate Capacity of the state to respond to it

### • LOW

- o Low effect on Political destabilisation
- o Loss of life (0 to 5)and property destruction not significant
- o High Capacity of the state to respond

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	Medium	10-01-2013	Togo	<b>Demonstration violent:</b> demonstration of the coalition “Sauvons le Togo” led to the interpellation of at least 18 people and about 20 people injured including 3 journalists. The violence erupted following the interposition of the security force at the departure point of the demonstration. It is recalled that the demonstration has been unauthorized by the government on the previous day.	Bé, Lome, Maritime	*Properties destroyed  *People injured  *People arrested	*Some people arrested have been released
	Medium	12-01-2013	Togo	<b>Fire Outbreak:</b> The Lome great market was ravaged by fire at around 1.00 am just few days after the fire outbreak of Kara’s Market. Millions worth of properties have been destroyed although there is no casualty.	Lome, maritime	*Properties destroyed  *All Merchants affected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government and other actors express solidarity to the merchants</li> <li>• The Ghana Fire Service came to the help of their counter-part of Togo.</li> </ul>