



MEDIA MONITORING OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS IN GHANA

Supplementary Update

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Monthly Update-August 2025

A total of seventy (70) violent incidents were recorded across Ghana in August 2025. Of these, gun-related violence accounted for 33 incidents (47.1%), while physical assaults comprised 28 incidents (40%). The remaining 9 incidents were distributed among economic, sexual, psychological, social, and political forms of violence, reflecting a diverse typology of harm.

Regionally, the Ashanti Region recorded the highest number of incidents, with 14 cases, followed closely by the Eastern Region with 13 incidents. Greater Accra and the Central Region reported 11 and 9 incidents, respectively. Notably, 15 out of the 16 regions registered at least one violent incident, with Ahafo Region being the sole exception.

This geographic spread underscore the pervasive nature of violence across the country, with concentrations in urban and peri-urban regions suggesting potential hotspots for targeted intervention and preventive programming.

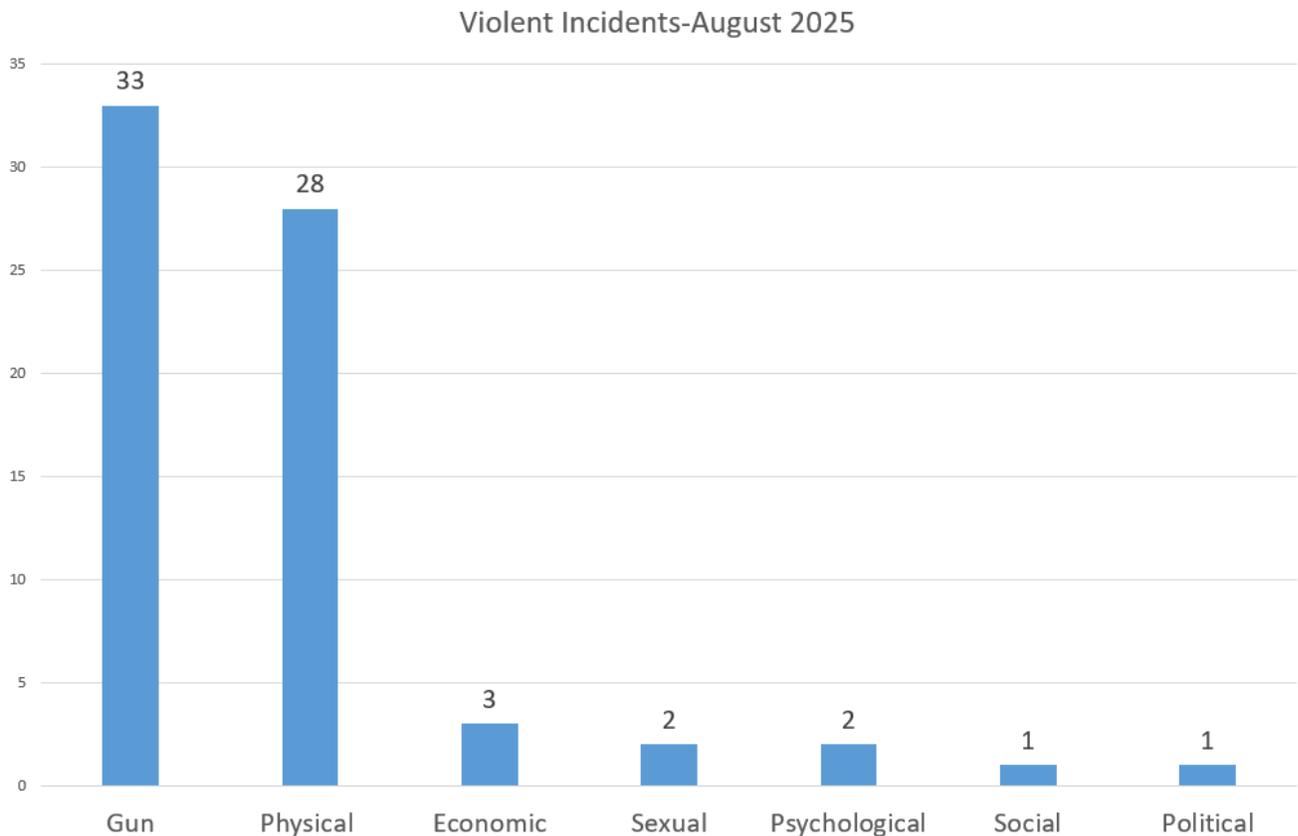


Figure 1: Violent Incidents for August 2025

The 70 violent incidents recorded in August 2025 fall squarely within FOSDA's projected range of 57 to 74 incidents for the period, reinforcing the reliability of the forecasting model. Based on this trajectory, and assuming

no significant interventions to minimise violence, the projected incident count for September is estimated to range between **61 and 71 cases**.

This August figure, when combined with the **87 incidents recorded in July**, brings the cumulative total for the third quarter to **157 incidents** as of the end of August. This surpasses FOSDA’s upper threshold projection of **139 incidents** for Q3 by **18 cases**, signaling a notable deviation from expected patterns.

As highlighted in the July update, if this upward trend persists through September, Q3 2025 is likely to become the **most violent quarter since 2022**, exceeding the Q3 2022 total by at least one incident. This escalation is visually represented in **Figure 3**, which compares quarterly incident counts over the past three years.

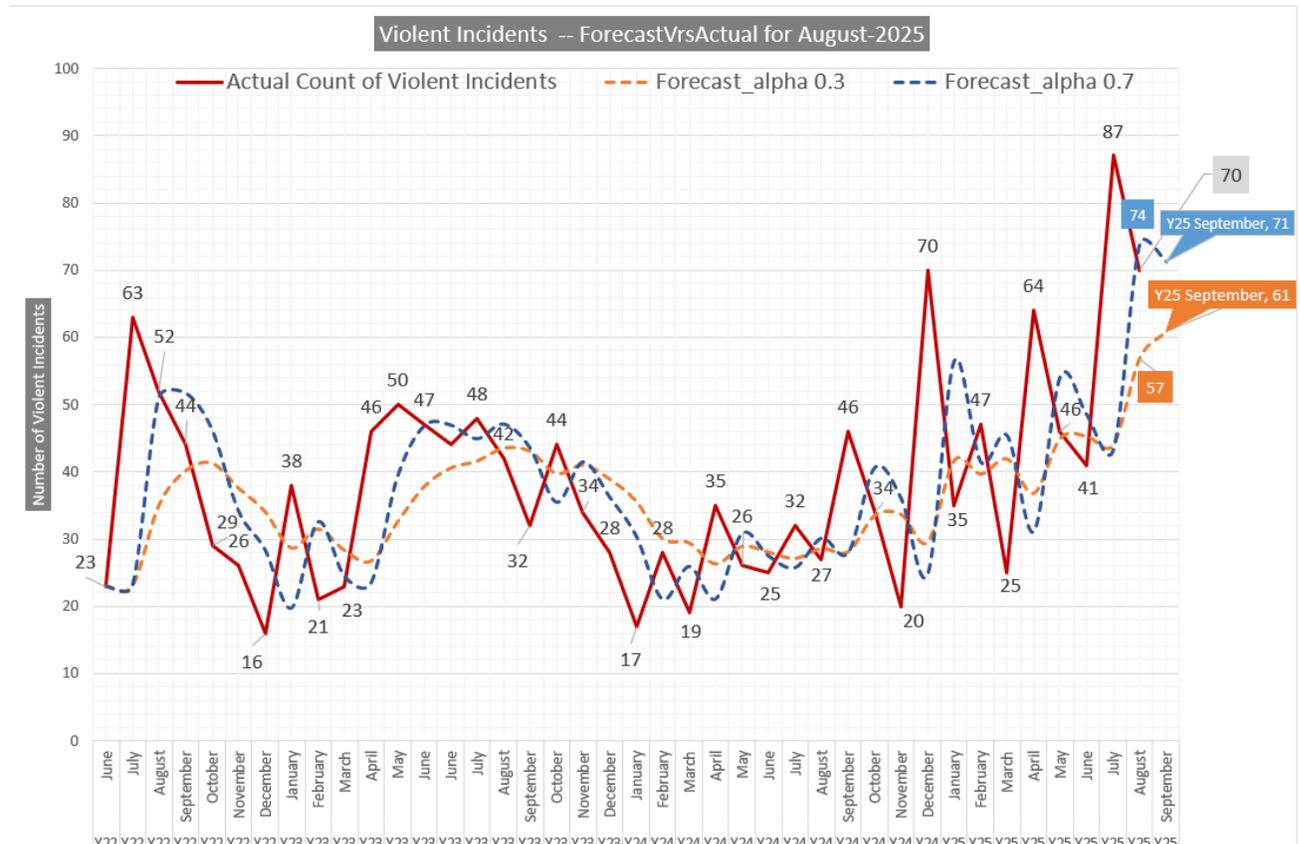


Fig. 3 The range of incidents predicted for the 3rd quarter is **118 to 139**.

Violent Incidents --- Forecast for 3rd qtr (July-Sept) 2025

