



MEDIA MONITORING OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS IN GHANA

Supplementary Update

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Monthly Update-September 2025

A total of fifty-five (55) violent incidents were recorded across Ghana in September 2025. Of these, Physical violence accounted for 25 incidents (45%), while gun related incidents comprised 16 incidents (29%). There were 5 (9%) cases of Political violence. The remaining 9 incidents were distributed among economic, sexual, psychological and social forms of violence, reflecting a diverse typology of harm.

Regionally, the Greater Accra recorded the highest number of incidents, with 11 cases, followed closely by the Ashanti and Eastern Regions with 10 incidents each. Three regions including Central, Oti and Upper West also recorded 4 incidents each. Notably, the Western North, North East and Upper East did not record an incident in the media.

This geographic spread underscores 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.

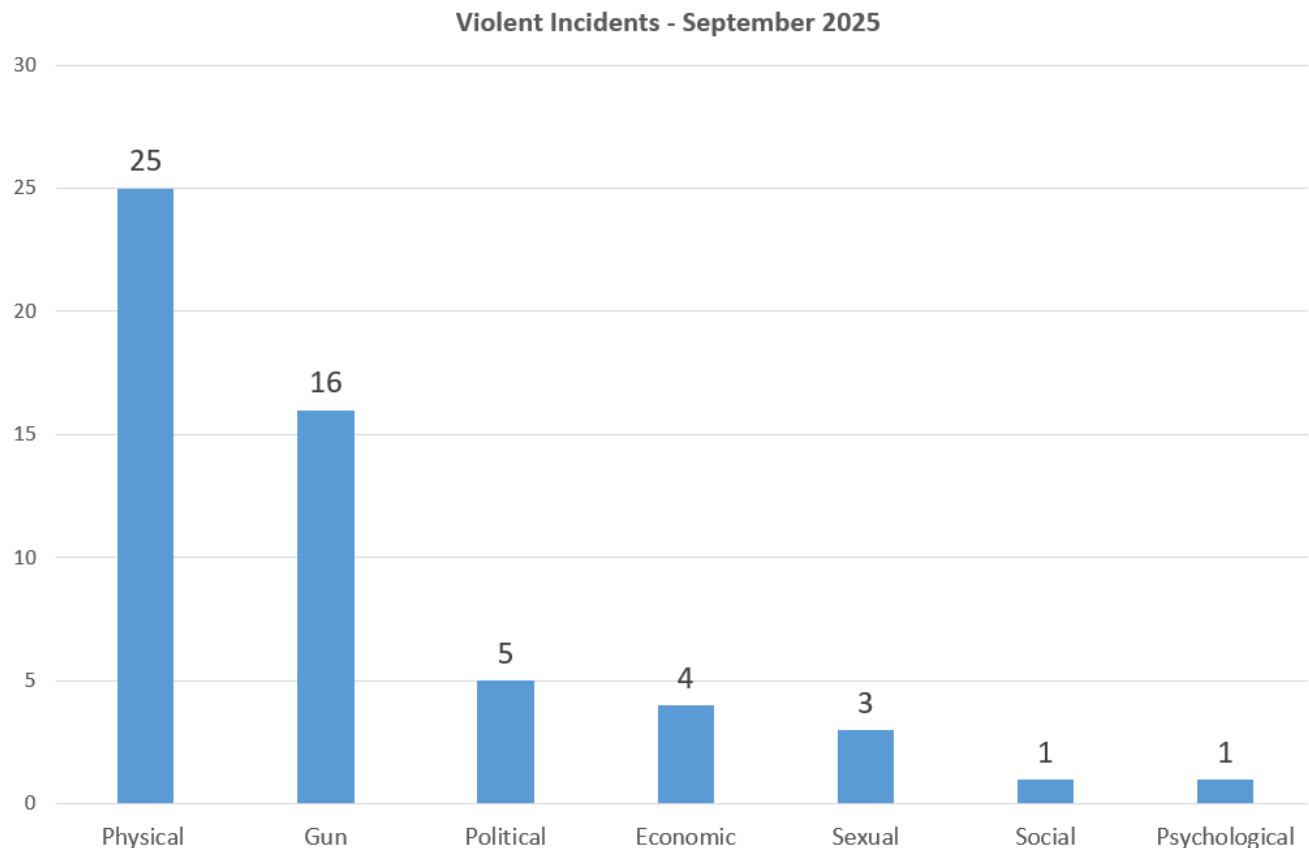
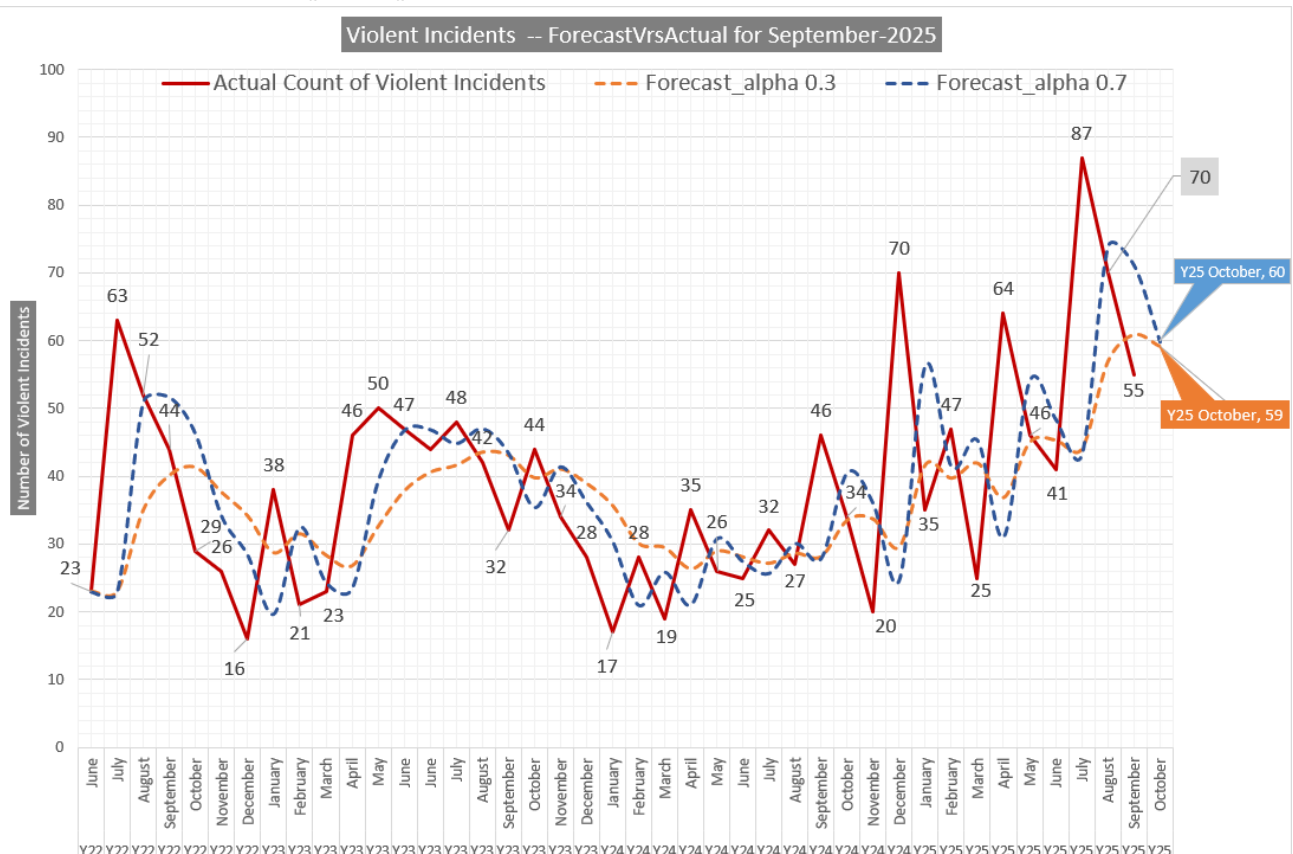


Figure 1: Violent Incidents for September 2025

The 55 violent incidents recorded in September 2025 falls below FOSDA's projected range of 61 to 71 incidents for the period. As indicated in the August 2025 update, this reduced count could be related to

national efforts from state security actors to forestall violence. Based on these 55 incidents in the September count, the projected incident count for October 2025 ending is estimated to range between 59 to 60 cases.

This September figure, when combined with the 87 and 70 incidents recorded in July and August respectively, brings the cumulative total for the third quarter to 212 incidents as of the end of September. This surpasses FOSDA's upper threshold projection of 139 incidents for Q3 by 73 cases, signaling a notable deviation from expected patterns.



As highlighted in the July update, the significant incident count throughout the months in, Q3 2025 and the inclusion of 15 cases of “*delayed reporting of incidents*” has contributed to making this particular quarter the most violent quarter with 227 incidents since 2022. 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 4th quarter is between 151 to 201.

Violent Incidents --- Forecast for 4th qtr (October-December) 2025

