

Core MVP Scope (Minimum Viable Product)

Frontend (React + Bootstrap + Google Maps API)

- Basic layout: map, navigation bar, zone warning
- Google Maps integration
- Markers or shaded zones for high-risk areas
- Location access prompt
- Optional: simple login/register screen

Backend (Node.js + Express.js + MongoDB/SQL)

- Serve API endpoint for flagged zones (e.g. `/api/zones`)
- Store hardcoded or scraped crime data (for demo)
- Optional: fetch news data using News API and extract locations with NLP (can be simplified)

Day 1 — Core System Setup & Basic Functionality

08:00–09:00 — Project Setup & Planning

- Set up GitHub repo (or GitLab)
- Create folder structure: `client/` (React) and `server/` (Express)
- Install dependencies:

- `npm create vite@latest` (for React)
- `express`, `cors`, `dotenv`, etc. on backend
- Test Google Maps API key and load map

09:00–12:00 — Map UI & Geolocation (Frontend)

- Load Google Map in React
- Center on default African city (e.g. Johannesburg, Nairobi)
- Add hardcoded **red zones** (polygons or circles)
- Use HTML5 **Geolocation API** to get user position
- Alert if user is inside a red zone

12:00–13:00 — Lunch / Break

13:00–16:00 — Backend API (Node.js + Express)

- Setup Express server
- Create `/api/zones` route that returns mock red zone data
- Add MongoDB connection (Atlas or local)
- Define simple Zone schema: `{ name, lat, lng, radius, type }`
- Optionally test a basic Python script to fetch news (store separately for now)

16:00–18:00 — Connect Frontend and Backend

- From React, fetch zone data from `/api/zones`
- Display zones dynamically on the map
- Trigger alert when user enters a zone from backend

18:00–20:00 — UX Enhancements

- Style using Bootstrap: layout, alert banners, buttons
- Add zone info card: “⚠️ High risk: Assault reports in this area”
- Optionally let user simulate location movement

🕒 20:00–22:00 — Testing + Deploy First Demo

- Deploy React app on **Netlify**
- Deploy backend with **ngrok** (or Azure App Service if ready)
- Test map, alerts, and API connection
- Record short screen demo or test walk-through
- Backup all your code!

📅 Day 2 — Final Build, Stretch Features & Demo Polish





🕒 05:00–10:30 PM (17.5 hours)

🔥 🕒 05:00–08:00 — Early Morning Momentum

- ✅ **Bug Fixes & Refactoring** from Day 1 (UI glitches, API fetch errors, map quirks)
- ✅ **Final Testing** of core:
 - Map loads?
 - Red zones show?
 - User location works?
 - Alerts trigger?
- ✅ Add zone info overlays (crime type, time, etc.)
- ✅ Clean and comment your code





08:00–11:00 — MVP Expansion (Pick 1–2 Stretch Features)

Suggested stretch features:




-  **NewsAPI integration** (real-time news headlines about GBV)
-  **NLP or Python script** to extract location names from news (optional; can simulate this with a JSON file)
-  **Zone type categorization:** Assault, mugging, harassment, etc.
-  **Anonymous Report Form** (React form → MongoDB): Let users report new red zones


11:00–12:00 — Light Lunch / Reset

12:00–15:00 — UX/UI Polishing & Branding





-  Improve alert design (Bootstrap cards, warning icons, colors)
-  Add a clean banner/nav with **app name/logo** (e.g., *AfriSafe* or *HerZone*)
-  Adjust mobile responsiveness (Bootstrap grid or Flexbox)
-  Add a loader or “Checking zone safety...” spinner for a nice touch

15:00–17:00 — Final Integration & Deployment






-  Final Netlify deploy of frontend
-  Azure/ngrok for backend — ensure API is reachable
-  Test full flow: open site → location → alert → map zones

-  Backup to Git + shareable link for judges
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17:00–19:00 — Demo Script & Presentation Prep

-  Prepare pitch (2–3 min):
 - **Problem:** GBV in Africa, unsafe zones
 - **Solution:** Real-time map + alerts + crowd data
 - **Tech Stack:** React, Node, Maps API, MongoDB, News API
 - **Impact:** Empowering women with proactive safety
 -  Optional: Prepare slides (1–3 clean slides)
 -  Run through your demo 2–3 times
 -  Record backup screen demo (in case live fails)
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19:00–22:30 — Final Polish + Cooldown

-  Last UX tweaks: hover tooltips, zone legend, alert colors
-  Full walkthrough again (in different locations, if possible)
-  Final project summary (GitHub README or PDF)
-  Practice smooth transitions between talking and clicking
-  Shutdown at 22:30 with confidence

✓ AI Use Case Options (Choose 1 for MVP)

🧠 Option 1: AI-Powered Location Tagging from News Headlines

Goal: Use AI/NLP to extract crime-related keywords and locations from news headlines or articles.

How it works:

1. Pull articles via **NewsAPI** or use static JSON articles.
2. Run a Python script that:
 - Extracts **locations** and **GBV-related keywords** (like “rape,” “abduction,” “assault”).
 - Matches locations to lat/lng coordinates (use Google Geocoding API).
3. Add resulting points to your red zone map dynamically.

This shows the AI is **actively detecting** danger zones based on real-time news.

Libraries you can use:

- `spacy` or `nltk` for Named Entity Recognition (NER)
- `geopy` or Google Geocoding API for converting locations to coordinates

🔍 Example:

```
python
CopyEdit
import spacy
from geopy.geocoders import Nominatim

nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
geolocator = Nominatim(user_agent="zone-mapper")

headlines = [
    "Woman assaulted in Soweto train station",
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        "Kidnapping reported near Cape Town CBD",
        "Protest erupts over GBV incidents in Khayelitsha"
    ]

    zone_data = []

    for headline in headlines:
        doc = nlp(headline)
        for ent in doc.ents:
            if ent.label_ == "GPE": # GPE = Geo-Political Entity
                location = ent.text
                try:
                    loc = geolocator.geocode(location)
                    if loc:
                        zone_data.append({
                            "location": location,
                            "lat": loc.latitude,
                            "lng": loc.longitude,
                            "type": "news_crime"
                        })
                except:
                    continue

    print(zone_data)

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Then you send `zone_data` to your backend API.

Option 2: AI-Based Threat Prediction (Simulated Model)

Goal: Use a simple ML model to **predict risk level** based on:

- Time of day
- Zone location
- News frequency

- Community reports

You can **simulate the model** using `scikit-learn` with fake or limited data (just to demo concept). Example: “If 5+ reports in area + nighttime = high risk.”

Option 3: AI Assistant or Chatbot (Low Priority for Now)

If you want to add a virtual assistant later:

- Use OpenAI's API or Rasa
- Answer: “Is this area safe?” → check zone DB
- For demo: hardcode one or two Q&A pairs

But this is **not the strongest use of AI** for your red zone demo right now.

Recommended for Hackathon:

Go with Option 1 (AI-powered location extraction from news)

- Lightweight
 - Works well with your data pipeline
 - Feels very real-world and powerful
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Quick Integration Plan for Day 2:

Time	Task
05:00–06:00	Install <code>spaCy</code> , set up location extractor script
06:00–07:30	Test with 5–10 news headlines (real or mock)

07:30–08:00 Store output in JSON or send to backend API

08:00–09:00 Display AI-detected red zones on the map

Optional Label them as “AI Detected” zones in frontend

Final Touch:

In your demo/pitch, say:

“We use an AI-based NLP pipeline to analyze news headlines and extract crime-related locations. This lets us dynamically flag new red zones even before official reports come out — providing proactive protection for users.”