



MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORT

JUNE 2022

Highlights

Highlight of week 1 & 2

- The number of incidents recorded during the first two weeks was 176 and the most recorded incidents were kidnapping.
- COVID-19 cases increased with 376 new cases and one death compared to the data for May
- Church attacked in the South West region.
- Infighting between two armed groups.
- Gubernatorial Elections in Ekiti State set for 18 June, violence recorded in the capital.
- Ruling party nominates presidential candidate for 2023 elections.
- Political Primaries as one of the contenders change party mid primaries.
- Surge in kidnappings in the SE and NW regions.



Highlight of the week 3 & 4

- The number of incidents decreased in the last weeks of the month with 154 incidents.
- COVID-19 numbers in the last two weeks increased to 886 new cases with zero death.
- Near crash of plane after engine catches fire mid-air.
- Gubernatorial Elections held in Ekiti State with ruling party emerging the winner.
- Humanitarian workers kidnapped in Borno State.
- Zamfara State Government announced open gun license for self-defence against armed groups.
- PVC collection disrupted by armed men in the SW region.
- Tension as reports of terrorist presence was reported in SW region.



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Activity

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Unrest

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Kidnapping

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Killings

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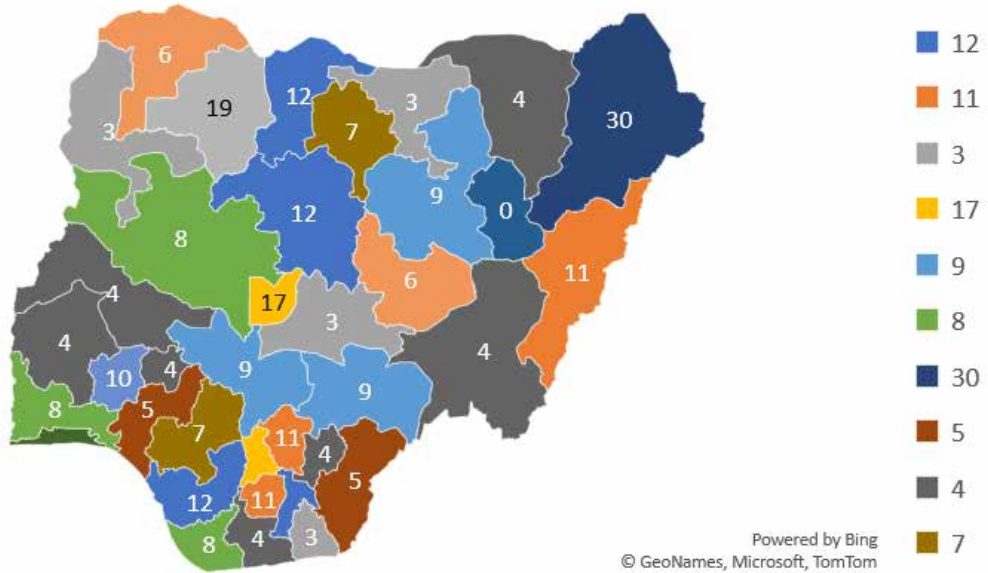
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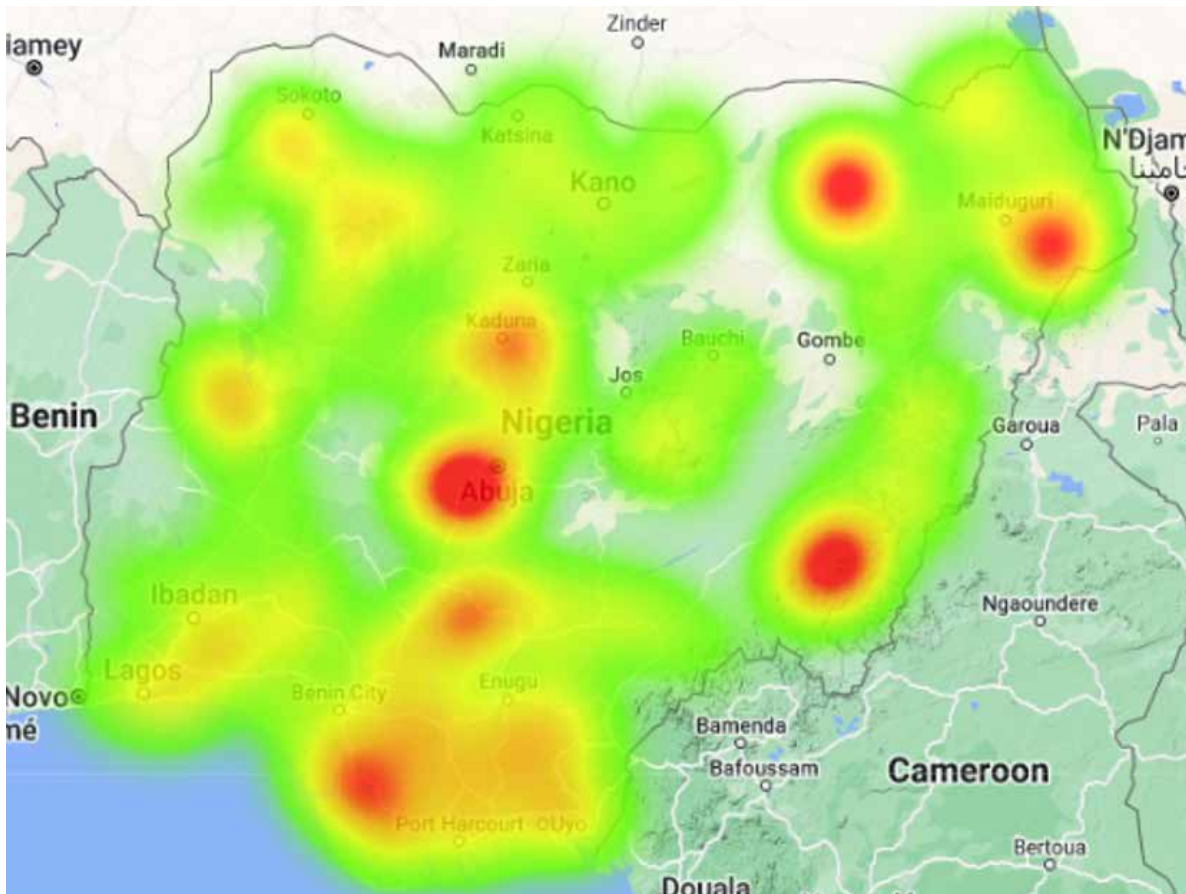
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Maps and Charts

June 2022 - Incident Map



Heat Map for Nigeria - June 2022

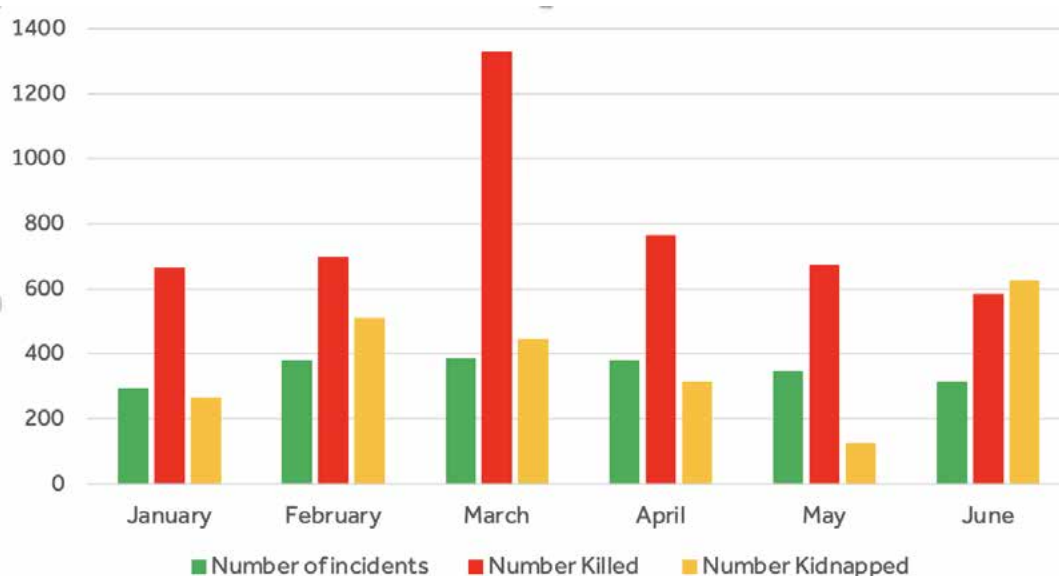


Analysis

The threat level for the reporting month is rated as High with a surge in kidnappings and violence. An estimated 597 fatalities were recorded in various crimes while 629 persons were kidnapped. The number of fatalities included members of armed groups killed in different military operations nationwide. As in the last reporting period, number of persons kidnapped or killed relied only on concrete data as there were incidents in which the number of fatalities and abducted persons were unknown or underreported. As such, for the month of June, number of fatalities decreased about 12 percent while number of kidnapped victims increased about 18 percent compared to the data for May 2022.

In retrospect, for the first half of the year there was a variation in number of fatalities and kidnapped persons. Thus far, March remains the month with the highest number of fatalities with over 1,300 killed within the last six months while June recorded the highest number of kidnapped victims with an estimated 629 persons abducted nationwide corroborating the surge in kidnappings for 2022. One common factor in the preceding months was underreporting and late reporting of incidents as either those mostly affected do not have access to government security response agencies or the repression of information have become the strategy adopted by the present government.

Incident Chart January - June 2022



The intensity of kidnappings in the month was widespread nationwide but the occurrence was highest in the NW with 330 persons kidnapped in 25 incidents. Mass kidnappings were recorded in Kaduna, Katsina, Sokoto and Zamfara states with the assailants demanding ridiculous sums of money for the release of their victims. The assailant targeted both high-profile and general citizens taken advantage mostly of unmanned routes. Sokoto State recorded the highest number of kidnapped victims in the month with at least 115 persons kidnapped. One of the incidents was recorded along Sokoto-Gusau Road on 11 June when at least 50 persons returning from a wedding were kidnapped at about 1800 hours. The assailants demanded NGN 140million for their release. It was

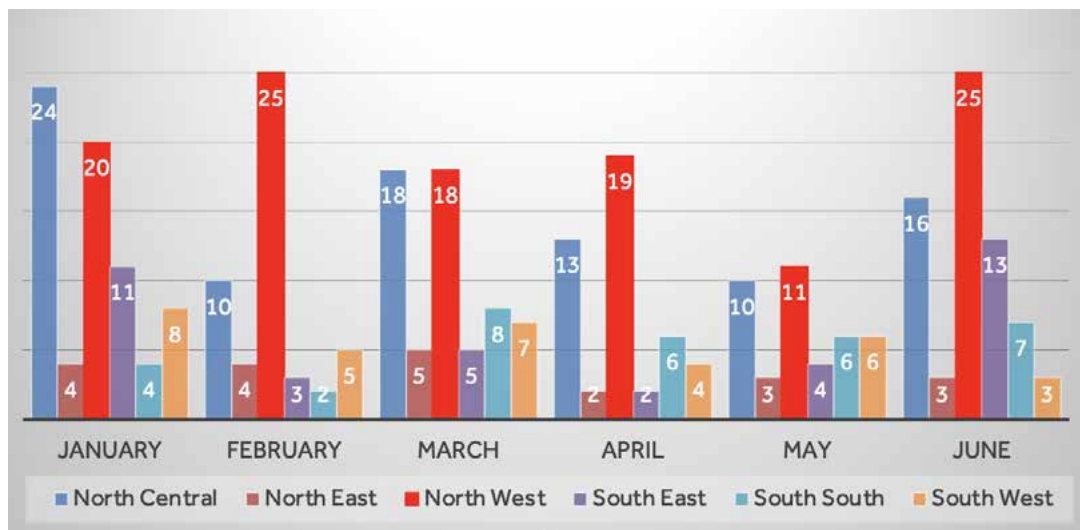
discovered that some of the persons kidnapped were phone sellers and 29 of them were reportedly released on 23 June after their families paid NGN 20million. The open negotiation between kidnappers and victim's families has become a norm further enlarging the enterprise currently run by armed groups in the country. There have been reports that some military personnel collude with these groups to get a share of the ransom, by providing military kit (which makes it difficult for victims to know if they are under attack), weapons, ammunition, and technical knowhow. All these in retrospect makes it more difficult in the fight against insurgency. The victims of the Abuja-Kaduna train attack remain hostages as negotiations bring back the controversial Sheikh Gumi who took the role as

spokesman to the armed groups operating in the NW. As Sokoto recorded a surge in incidents so did Katsina State where at least 80 persons comprising mostly of women and children were kidnapped in Jibia LGA after the attackers dislodged custom officers from a checkpoint in the area.

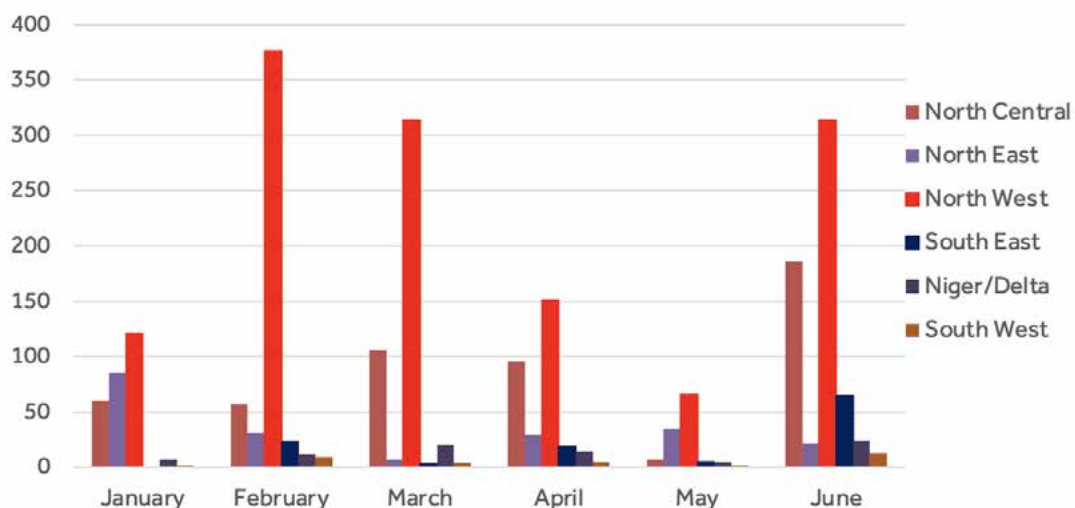
Apart from the NW, the SE also recorded a surge in kidnapping, becoming the most affected of the southern regions during the month. At least 61 persons were kidnapped in 13 incidents recorded across the SE riddled by violence triggered by separatist groups. As the stay-at-home order continues to hinder the people from daily activities so did reports of attacks and kidnappings surged. Most of the incidents occurred in the first week of the month and the kidnapping was during daylight. On 5 June at about 1330 hours, 15 women were kidnapped along Ekwulobia-Owo road in Anambra State whilst returning from Asaba after visiting their children. It was reported that security

forces engaged the assailants, but it was unclear if the women were rescued. Also, 15 young men excavating sand from Njaba River were kidnapped at Isu LGA in Imo State. The assailants invaded the area through Amucha Community shooting sporadically which left several others injured. This is the first mass kidnapping in the area and could become a trend. Also, high profiled persons such as, Professor Uwadinachi Iweha was kidnapped from his residence in Umuahia South, Abia State on 6 June which led to a protest by health workers on 10 June who threatened to embark on strike action from 13 June if rescue operations were not conducted to save the Professor. Noteworthy, most kidnappings in the SE result in the death of victim rather than for ransom purposes. Such was the case of a former lawmaker who was kidnapped on 9 June, but his corps was found some days after the incident. The threat becomes profound as reports of organ trafficking become pervasive especially in the southern regions.

Number of Kidnap Incidents per region January - June 2022



Kidnapped Victims per region January - June 2022

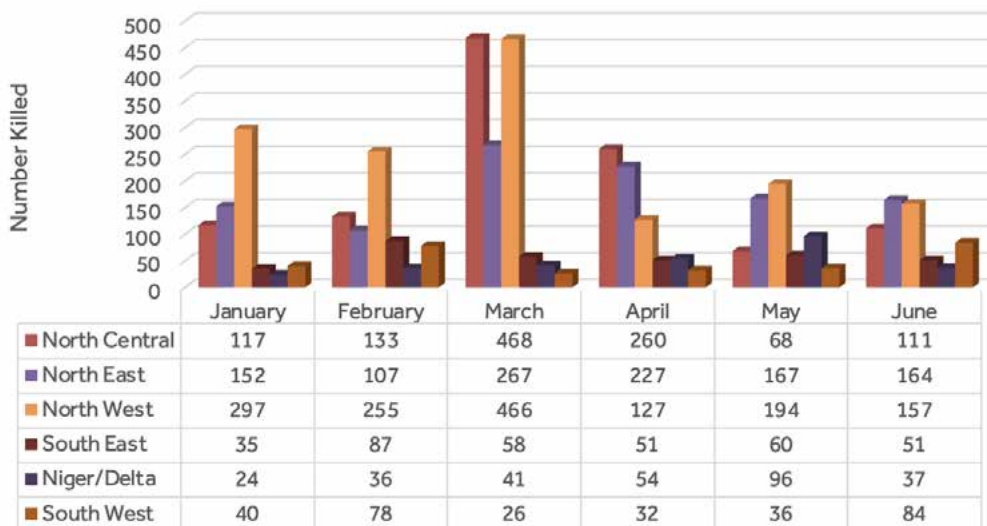


Armed attacks were also a major threat in the month and although these types of incidents are common in the northern region, the inevitability of it becoming a threat in the South was evident in the attack on the SW region. On 5 June, St Francis Catholic Church was attacked by armed men during service. At least 50 persons including children were shot and killed while several others were injured in the attack which specifically targeted the attendees. The assailants infiltrated the premises using an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) before shooting at the persons within the premises. Uncorroborated reports stated that some children were also kidnapped before the assailants fled. Noteworthy, Owo is in proximity to Kogi State which has recorded a surge in IED attacks and the presence of Boko Haram terrorists. It is also the hometown of the current Governor, Akeredolu. It was most likely a statement attack, but no terror group claimed the attack. The police commenced an investigation joining it with numerous others with no positive outcomes. The incident pointed to the attack on churches and clergy specifically in the NW and SE regions where they have either been kidnapped or killed as recorded on 23 June when a Catholic Priest was killed on his farm in Kajuru LGA, Kaduna State. Note Kajuru is in the South of Kaduna mostly inhabited by Christians.

On the same day, as the attack in Owo, the LGA recorded the killing of at least 32 persons. During the incident, locals reported that a helicopter belonging to the Nigerian Airforce was seen flying across without firing at the attackers. Others claimed the helicopter was firing at them. Two weeks later, at least 36 persons were abducted while three others were killed by armed men who invaded Saint Moses Catholic Church and Maranatha Baptist Church. The reports that churches would become a target of armed groups has caused tension nationwide especially in the North. Although the occurrences remain sporadic, HWA advises caution as one navigates worship centres especially on Sundays.

Sokoto and Zamfara were also majorly affected by armed attacks which forced the Zamfara State Governor, Bello Matawalle to allow locals carry arms to protect themselves from armed groups. The state plans to provide at least 500 guns with a registration process to interested locals. This could lead to a surge in ethnic violence as other ethnicities are of the belief that Fulani tribesmen are behind most of the attacks in the state. Noteworthy, the governor has made several controversial decisions on tackling insecurity in the state, but most have not yielded the desired result.

Fatalities per region January - June 2022



Communal clashes were also a major occurrence in the country during the month. Cross River State recorded a resurgence in violence between Nko community in Yakurr and the Onyadama community in Obubra LGA on 9 June. The violence extended to the latter part of the month as soldiers were deployed to curb the violence which seem nonstop. Violence between the communities have been recorded since 2016 and no fewer than 50 persons have been killed and over 2,000 displaced due to the clash. Both sides have refused to sign a peace accord. It is therefore most likely the violence will continue in the next reporting month. Before the incident however, Boki and Nfum was

besieged by Ambazonian fighters from Cameroon on 4 June as several persons fleeing the current violence in Southwest Cameroon found refuge in the border town which could also trigger communal crisis in the area.

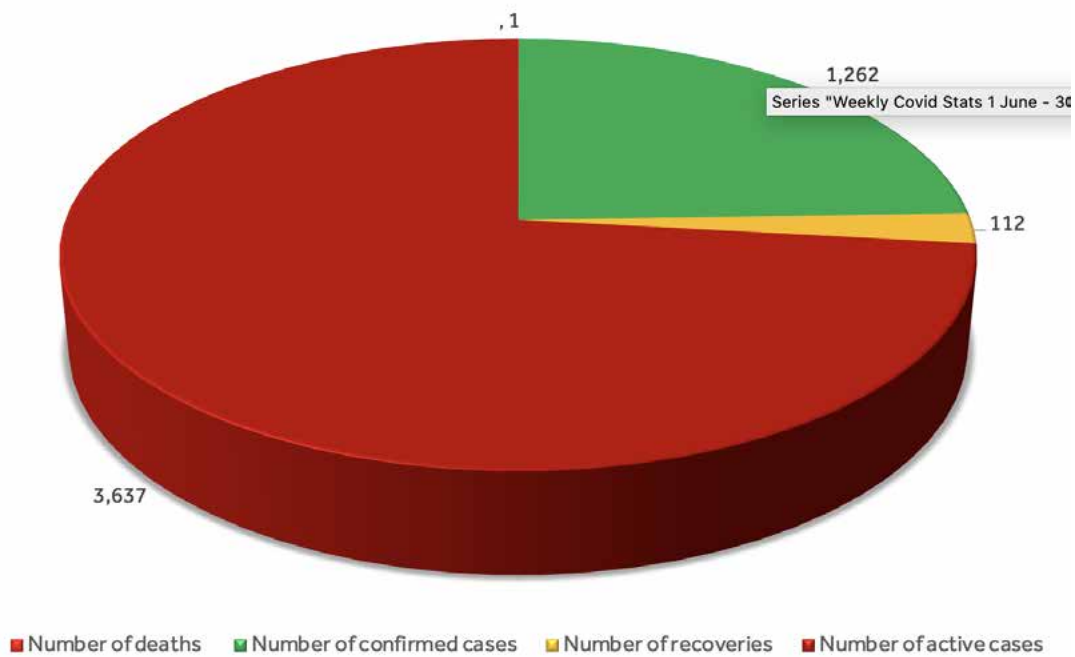
In Lamurde LGA, Adamawa State indigenes of Lungunda Community clashed with settlers. At least four persons were killed in the incident which commenced 6 June over continual attacks on residents of the community. The police were deployed to the area to restore calm and the State Governor, Ahmadu Fintiri declared a curfew from 1700 hours to 0500 hours to curb the violence.

The political atmosphere is getting tensed as all political parties vying to run during the presidential elections in 2023 have been chosen. The All Progressive Congress (APC) which is the ruling party chose Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) chose Atiku Abubakar, and Labour Party (LP) chose Peter Obi. The candidate for the APC has been intensely criticised for his inability to become the President while the candidate of the LP has been ardently supported by the youth who find him refreshing and full of ideas. This support has driven a lot of Nigerians specifically youths to enrol to get their Voters Card which is the only viable means in which votes can be counted. Already, there has been controversy on how the Northern region especially the areas riddled with armed attacks and kidnappings have more enrolled persons compared to the southern regions. The intensity of enrolment has shown the lacune and the incapacity of the electoral body, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to timely organise voter's cards to conduct a free and fair election. On the other hand, there are some already clamouring that the need for a

voter's card should be scrapped as it is a means of disenfranchisement for the populace eager to vote. All these issues could culminate into a major threat as preparations for elections continue. After the Ekiti State elections which vote-buying was highlighted as one of the core issues of the election cycle in Nigeria, the second test for INEC will be the gubernatorial election in Osun State in next reporting month.

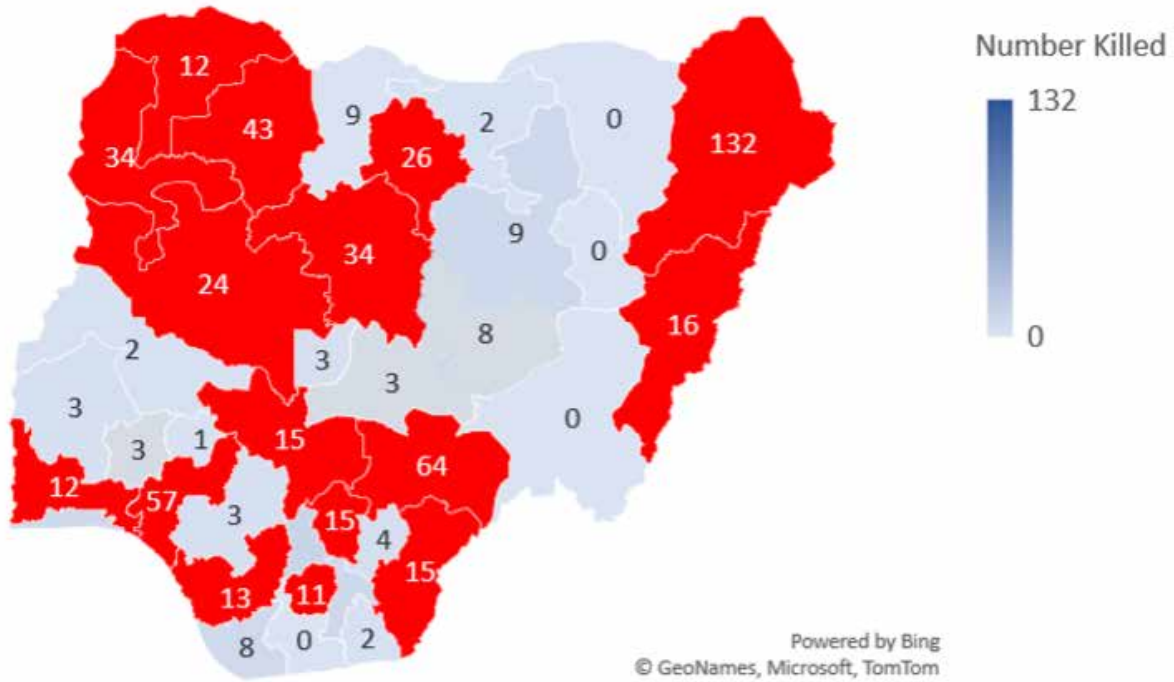
The number of active COVID-19 cases increased to over 3,000 while one death was recorded in June. Over a thousand cases were confirmed as at the end of the month. The country remains open for business and the government announced that the use of face masks in open spaces is now optional. It also suspended the limit placed on public gatherings, curfews, and other social measures. The sudden surge in cases might redirect the government to reissue the mask mandates for public spaces. The country is however recording pockets of monkey pox. An incident of the virus was recorded in Kwara State.

Monthly Covid Stats 1 June - 30 June 2022

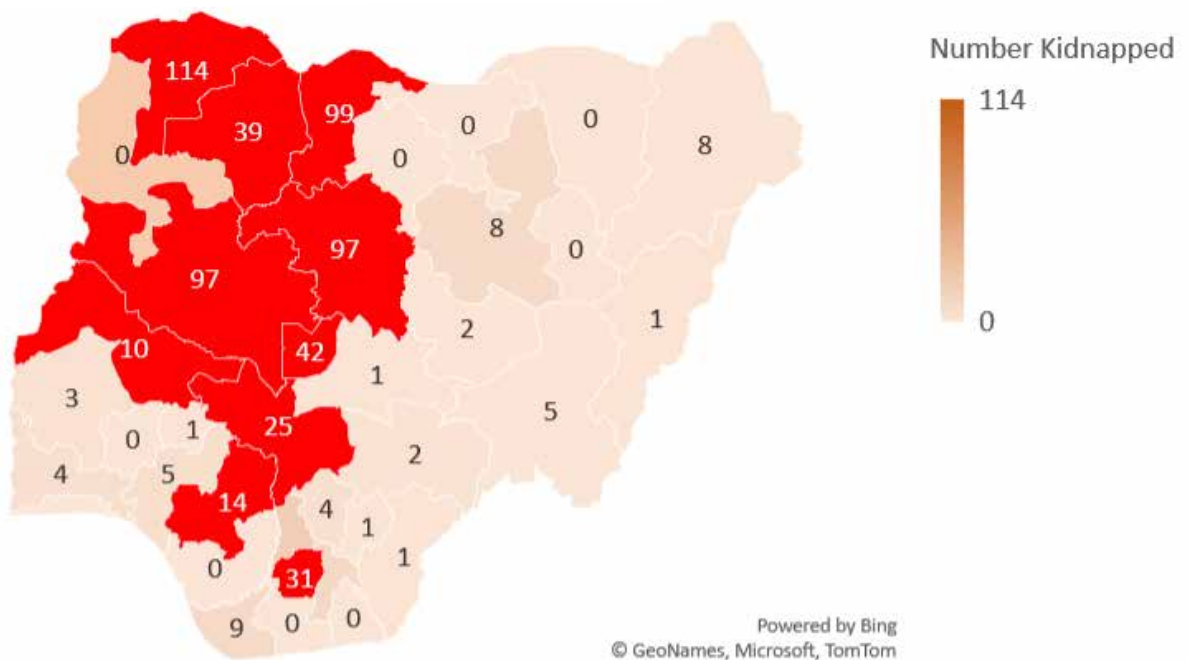


Victims map for June 2022

Fatalities map for June



Kidnapped victims map for June



Threat chart for June

Low (1) - Incident did not occur in the reporting period. Nevertheless, will to conduct attacks and opportunity to target project assets and/or personnel remains a threat.

Medium (2) – Incident occurred but minimal. Nevertheless, will to conduct attacks and opportunity to target project assets and/or personnel remains a threat.

High (3) – Incident occurred at increased proportion and active with demonstrated will to conduct attacks that would target project assets and/or personnel.

Threats for the Month						
Region	Kidnapping	Terrorism	Theft of Assets	Civil Unrest	Killing	Road Accidents
North Central	High	High	High	High	High	Medium
North East	Medium	High	Medium	Low	High	Low
North West	High	High	High	Medium	High	Low
South East	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	Medium
South West	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Medium	Medium
South	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Medium



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