



MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT

30 NOVEMBER 2022

Highlights

Highlight of week 1 & 2

- The number of incidents recorded during the first two weeks was 160 and the most recorded incidents were kidnappings.
- COVID-19 cases decreased with 104 new cases and no death compared to the data for September.
- Kidnappings were recorded on the Lagos-Ibadan Highway.
- 74 persons injured during a political attack in Borno State.
- Several armed men including their leader Dogo Maikasuwa killed in Kaduna State.
- Indictment documents from the US Court linked to one of the Presidential Candidates was leaked on Twitter.
- Gas Explosions were common in the NC region and resurgence of fires in the NW region.
- Tension as the dollar rate on the black market rises to over NGN800 to USD 1.
- IED attack reported in Kaduna State



Highlight of the week 3 & 4

- The number of incidents increased in the last weeks of the month with 166 incidents.
- COVID-19 numbers in the last two weeks further decreased to 41 new cases and no death.
- Herder attacks recorded in Enugu State.
- Surge in kidnappings in Cross River State.
- Armed groups impose peace levy in NW states while plans to restart the – Kaduna rail services are underway.
- Kidnappers killed three police escorts and kidnap oil worker.
- Buhari inaugurates oil field in NE and new naira notes.
- IGP sentenced to three months for flouting court order.
- Humanitarian worker killed by a soldier.



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Activity



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Banditry

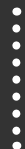


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Kidnapping



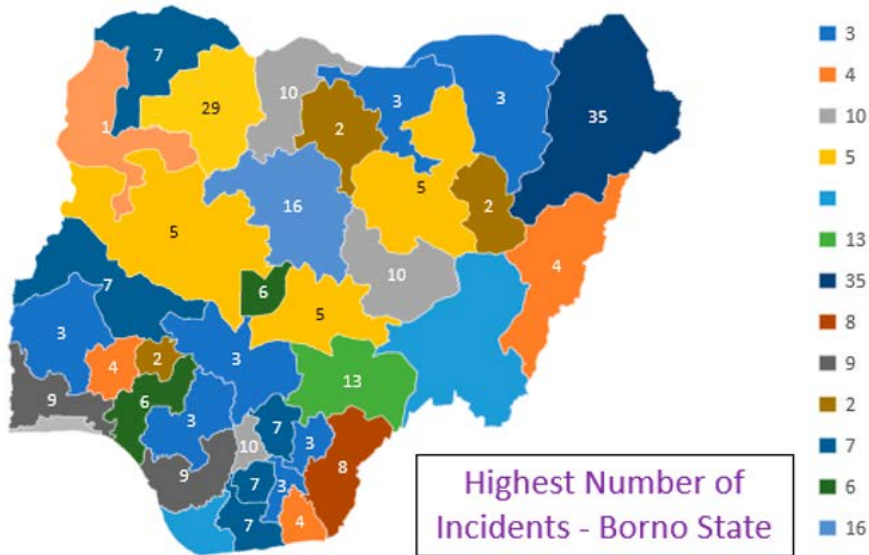
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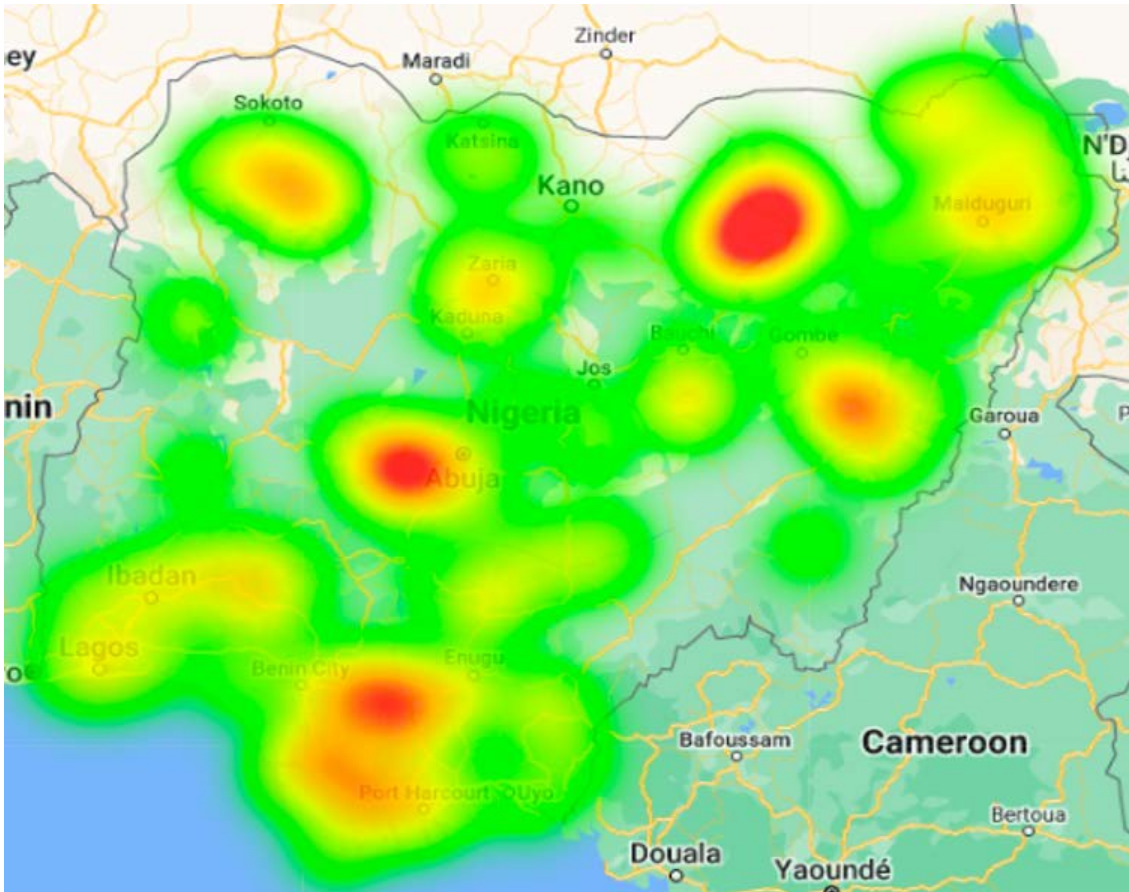
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Maps and Charts

Incident Map - November 2022



Heat Map for Nigeria - November 2022



Analysis

The threat level for the reporting month is rated as **High** with a surge in kidnappings which were concentrated in the NW, SW and SS with some incidents recorded in the NC states. An estimated 514 fatalities were recorded while 387 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 unreported. As such, for the month of November, number of fatalities decreased by 7 percent while number of kidnapped victims increased about 18 percent compared to the data for October 2022.

The announcement made by the Governor of the Central bank of Nigeria, Godwin Emefiele on the redesign of the national currency in October, came with criticism as he claimed it was considered as a measure to combat insecurity. The redesign was completed in the reporting month. Like the announcement, the redesign was highly criticised by the citizen who thought it a waste of resources as the currency seemed to have just been recoloured. Noteworthy, the old currencies would become illegal by 31 January 2023. Nevertheless, there was a shakeup in armed group camps as they were forced to either stop the spread of the old notes or demanded the new notes as ransom. Such was the case on 20 November, when armed men after negotiating NGN 10million ransom, rejected payment with the old naira note. A build-up to the negotiation revealed that four persons including two minors were kidnapped by armed men in Kolo village, Gusau LGA, Zamfara State. Although the family members made efforts to pay the ransom, the armed men were adamant and insisted the victims would only be released after the new naira notes get into circulation. In the NE, on 12 November, reports revealed how terrorists of the Islamic State of West African province (ISWAP), banned the receiving of Naira from farmers and fishermen. ISWAP terrorists operating in the fringes of Lake Chad, were constrained economically as they were unable to change old currencies which had been stockpiled, thereby forcing them to demand the West African CFA Francs as a new mode of payment. All Nigerian fishermen, herdsman and farmers were equally banned from sneaking into Lake Chad through Marte, Abadam, and Gamborun Ngala, to prevent the Naira from reaching terrorist camps, especially those ill-informed of the monetary policy. This ban was imposed by Ibn Umar and Malam Ba'ana, the ISWAP Militant commanders in charge of taxes and levies, indicating that

the only authorized routes for commercial purposes were Bulgaram, Cikka, Guma, maltam, Doron Liman and Ramin Dorina, villages in the Cameroon Republic.

The downside would be that the scarcity of the new naira notes among criminal groups who have limited access to financial institutions, might increase robbery attacks on POS operators, and Bullion vans in the next reporting period.

Kidnappings surged in the reporting month nationwide. The NW and NC regions commonly records kidnappings but in the reporting month, there was an increase in incidents within the SS with a resurgence in Cross River, Edo, and Delta states. Rivers State recorded a few incidents in the last reporting month along the Emohua-Kalabari road, but recorded just one in the month, while Cross River State recorded four kidnappings with an estimated 12 kidnapped persons. In Rivers, the target was a high-profile individual. On 24 November at 1500hrs, the Managing Director of Port Harcourt-based oil and gas service and maintenance company IGPE Group, was kidnapped by armed men on the Rumuokoro flyover in Obio/Akpor LGA. The victim's escort comprising of three police officers were killed and an unspecified amount of cash was also stolen by the assailants. Reports indicate the police has commenced a search, but no calls have been made by the assailants to get a ransom. In Cross Rivers State, assailants orchestrated mass kidnappings along the Calabar – Ikom route between 15th and 18th November and during the incident which occurred on 18 November, two doctors were kidnapped. The assailants demanded a ransom of NGN 100million to release them. The Nigerian Medical Association embarked on an indefinite strike action from 21 November to demand government intervention in the matter. Noteworthy, doctors were the major target of kidnappings during the same period in 2021. On the same 18 November, an architect was kidnapped from his residence in Summit Hills estate, Calabar Metropolis. It was later reported that the architect wasn't the main target but the CEO his company. For Edo State, an estimated 31 travellers were rescued in a joint operation by security operatives between 25 and 26 November following a kidnapping which occurred a day prior along the route link to Abuja through Ikeran Oke, Ibillo, in Akoko - Ado LGA.

Another area kidnappings were recorded was the SW specifically in Lagos State with Eti-Osa and Ikorodu LGAs recording incidents during the month. At least 11 persons

were kidnapped, and could likely be for ritual purposes as opposed to ransom as recorded in other parts of the country.

There was a resurgence of herder attacks in the reporting month although commonly recorded in the NC and some parts of the NE, there were however incidents recorded in the SE and Enugu State recorded the worse cases. While several other factors may have caused the attacks, there is a longstanding hostility between some South Easterners and Fulani. Previous data has shown several clashes between both tribes which have also led to casualties. The attacks from armed herders could increase or decrease depending mostly on the time of the year. The recent surge in kidnappings along routes within the state has been attributed to armed persons identified as Fulani by victims who escaped in the area. Sometimes, these assailants are known to disguise in military camouflage and set up roadblocks, doing routine stop and searched on vehicles. Earlier in the year, tussles between herders and locals were recorded specifically in Isi-Uzo, Uzo-Uwani. Taking the conflict further, armed men attacked cattle dealers on 15 February 2022 in Ugbawka, Nkanu East LGA, where they killed the herder and an estimated 30 cows. Other incidents also showed Igbo natives killing cattle found in bushes. Aggrieved locals had in time past protested the killings and more passionately, the presence of Fulani herders in Enugu State, demanding that the Federal government evacuate them from their land. The attacks which experienced a lull however resurged within the month, most likely because of the dry season in the North, forcing many herders to migrate down to the East and South for grazing. Noteworthy, Enugu is bordered by Kogi and Benue to the North, making migration easy. On 21 November, an estimated ten locals were killed, while several others were injured by herders in Eha-Amufu, Isi-Uzo. A day after, an estimated seven were killed, while several houses and properties were burnt by herders in Isi-Uzo LGA. Besides from killings, several kidnappings have been linked to Fulani herders, especially around the Enugu-Nsukka Road.

Apart from herder attacks, armed men targeting security operatives and high-profile individuals continued in the month. There were six attacks on operatives (including clashes with soldiers) and two killings in the reporting month. The most recent attack was on 19 November, in Enugu State where three police officers were killed, while several others were injured by armed men along Agbani road, Enugu North LGA. The assailants reportedly chanted "No police stations and No election in Biafra Land". The altercation resulted in unrest in the State. On 25 November, there was a protest by several women over the alleged killing of their children by soldiers who labelled them as IPOB fighters in the Enugu-Ezike area, Eze North LGA. The protest became violent as security operatives attacked and brutalized several of the protesters.

Offensive operations continued in the month albeit minimal as efforts were made to eradicate terrorist activities within

the red zone states in the NE (Borno State) and NW (Kaduna and Zamfara). Armed group commanders and terrorists were eliminated during raids by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) while some locals were among the suspects arrested for collaborating with terrorists. On 19 November, troops of 151 Task Force Battalion, Operation Hadin Kai in Banki Town, Bama LGA in Borno State arrested eight members of a youth vigilante group. They were accused of aiding terrorist activities by supplying logistics and welfare items, and more significantly, they actively provided intelligence to terrorists in the area. In one of the encounters, HWA recalls that on 30 October, army troops on patrol were attacked by Dungus, a Boko Haram commander, and his fighters at Gauri village resulting in several soldier casualties. On 14 November, troops of Operation Hadin Kai killed 14 terrorists including Abu Hassan, a commander, of the Jama'at Ahl as-Sunnah Lid-Da'wah wa'l-Jihad, during a firefight in Mafa LGA. It was gathered that the terrorists were killed after a soldier in the troops' patrol convoy, opened fire at the fleeing terrorist's position with an Anti-Air Craft gun. Two days after, specifically, 16 and 17 November, an intelligence-led aerial and ground-coordinated operation launched by the Nigerian Airforce killed at least 20 terrorists in Banki. Therefore statistically, an estimated 41 terrorists were killed during the security operations within the month. Although the number could be more, but many of the corpses were mostly unaccounted for, as terrorist groups are known to retrieve their deceased for early burials.

The Defence Headquarters on 18 November, declared several bandit leaders including Ado Aleru who was recently conferred with the title of Sarkin Fulani by the Emir of Yandoto wanted. A bounty of NGN 5m was placed as a reward for his capture. Also, among the wanted leaders is Bello Turji who has been on the list of wanted criminals for attacks in Zamfara State. On 18 November, air strikes were conducted against the enclave of notorious gun runner Mallam Ila at Manawa Village in Shinkafi LGA, Zamfara State. The gun runner happened to be the major supplier of weapons to Bello Turji. Meanwhile, on 23 November, Turji alongside his fighters abducted seven persons from Moriki, Zurmi LGA. The abductees were numbered among those delegated to deliver part payment of NGN 10.5 million from the NGN 20 million imposed on them by the as a "peace fee". The "peace fee" has been a financial burden placed on locals mostly in Katsina, Kaduna and, Zamfara states in exchange for no attacks. However, the recent attacks from Bello Turji resurfaced, after the NAF, attacked his hideout in the Fakai community, Shinkafi LGA, Zamfara State, where an estimated twelve fighters, and relatives were killed.

Noteworthy, killings and kidnappings have surged in the state with an estimated 250 persons kidnapped and almost a hundred fatalities.

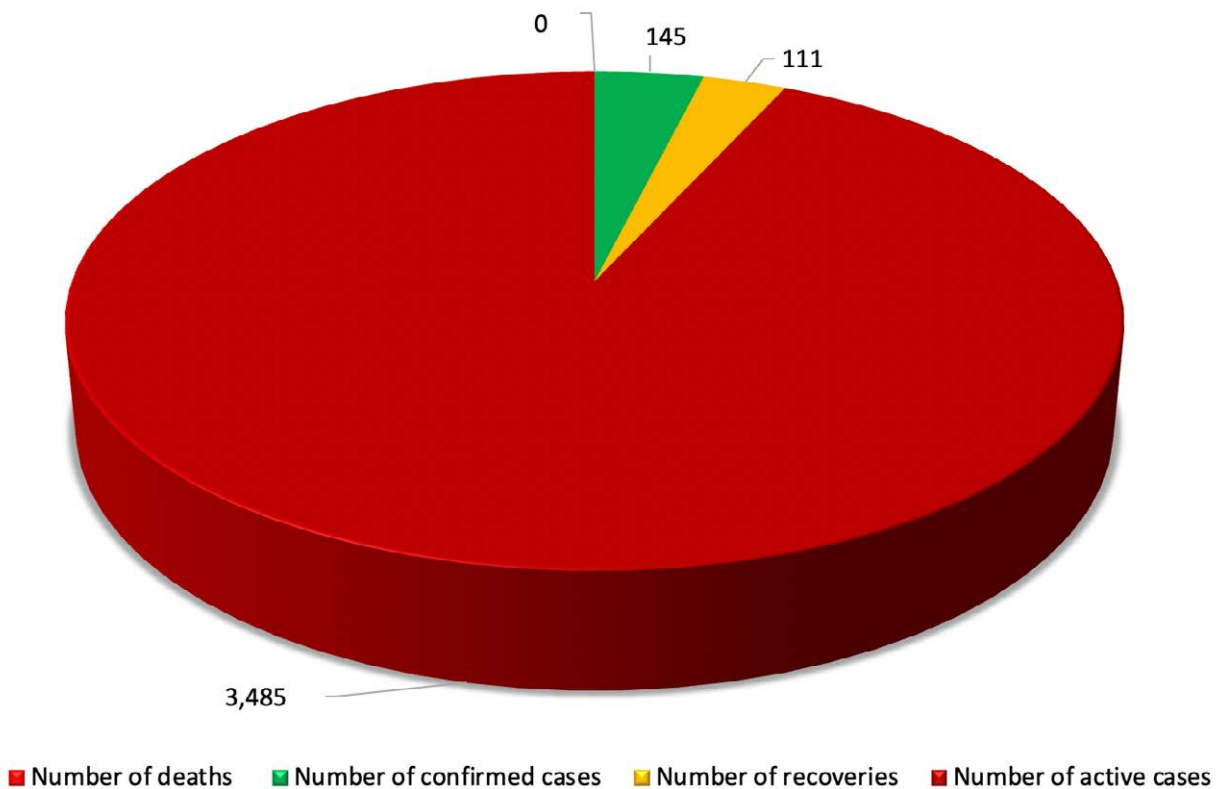
Pockets of politically motivated attacks were captured within the reporting period in the SW during the ongoing

campaign season. The attacks were similar to previously recorded attacks in the SE earlier in the year, whereby several Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) buildings and materials were destroyed by arsonists. In the same way, Ogun and Osun states recorded arson attacks on the commission's buildings. On 10 November, some armed persons overpowered the security guard on duty and set ablaze the INEC office in Abeokuta North LGA. This led to the destruction of the main building including 904 ballot boxes, 29 voting cubicles, 30 megaphones, 57 election bags, 8 electric power generators and 65,699 uncollected permanent voters' cards (PVCs) which were likely the main target of the arsonists. Simultaneously in Osun State, attacks were reported by the resident electoral commissioner, Mutiu Agboke, that the INEC office in Ede South LGA was attacked and set ablaze in the early hours of the morning with a section of the building destroyed.

In Borno State, there was an attack on the convoy of the PDP flagbearer in Maiduguri on 9 November. The clash led to an estimated 74 casualties, while several vehicles were also vandalized during the altercation. An upsurge in political clashes is expected in the coming period as the APC vice presidential flagbearer, Shettimah was a former governor of the state.

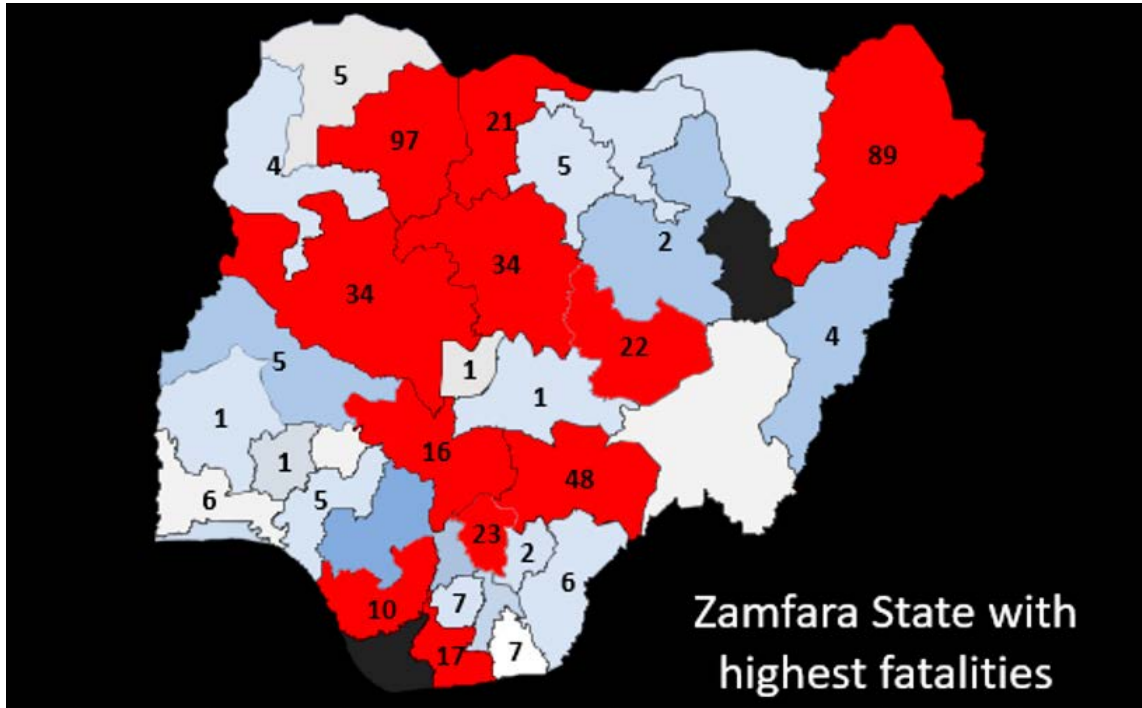
The number of active COVID-19 cases remained at over 3,000 while no death recorded in November. An estimated 707 cases were confirmed as at the end of the month. The country remains open for business and the government announced that the use of face masks in open spaces is now optional. It also suspended the limit placed on public gatherings, curfews, and other social measures. From January 1 to August 29, 2022, NCDC announced that there have been 894 confirmed ca

Monthly Covid Stats 1 November - 30 November 2022

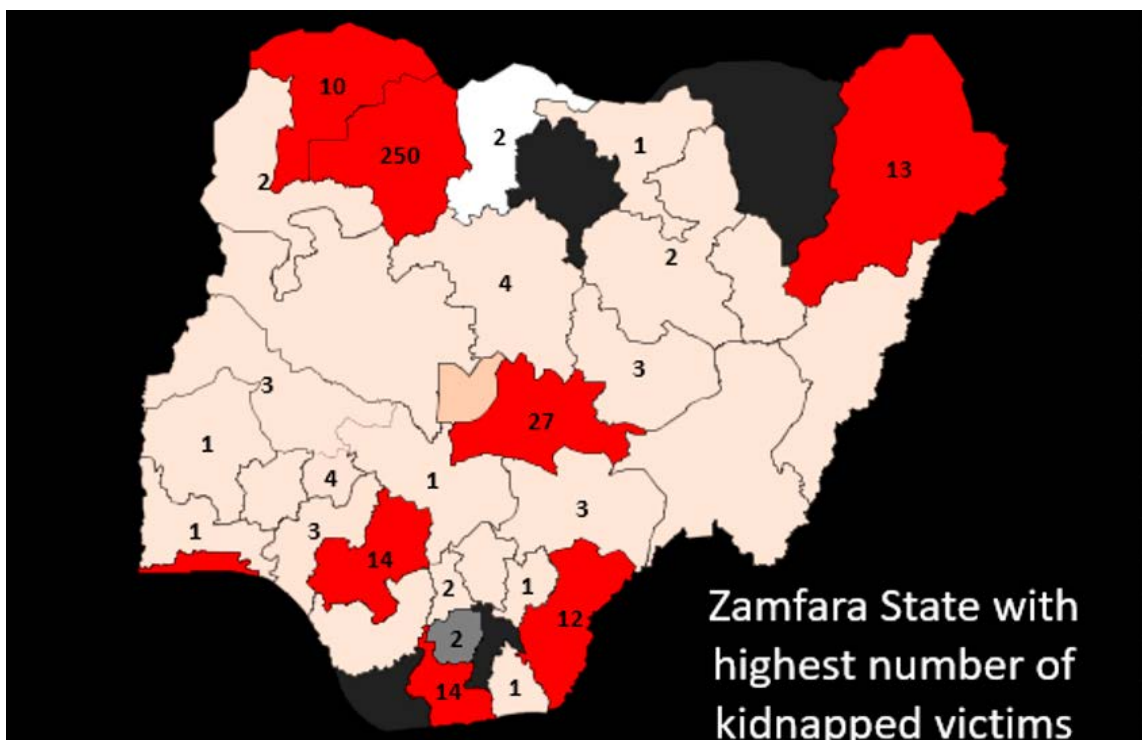


Victims map for October 2022

Fatalities map for November 2022



Kidnapped victims map for November 2022



Threat chart for November 2022

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	Flooding
North Central	High	High	High	High	High	Medium
North East	High	High	High	Medium	High	Medium
North West	High	High	High	Medium	High	Medium
South East	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	Medium
South West	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Medium	Medium
South	High	Low	High	Medium	Medium	Medium

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