



# NIGERIA WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

06 January 2024 – 12 January 2024

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# Executive Summary

## Countrywide Incidents for the Week

1. Armed men kidnap 23 in Kawu, Bwari Local Government Area (LGA), Abuja Territory.
2. Several attacks by Boko Haram and ISWAP terrorists caused tension within Borno State
3. Airstrikes in Borno state kill several ISWAP terrorists
4. Security forces repel a bandit attack in Danmusa Local Government Area (LGA), Katsina State, killing 16 bandits.

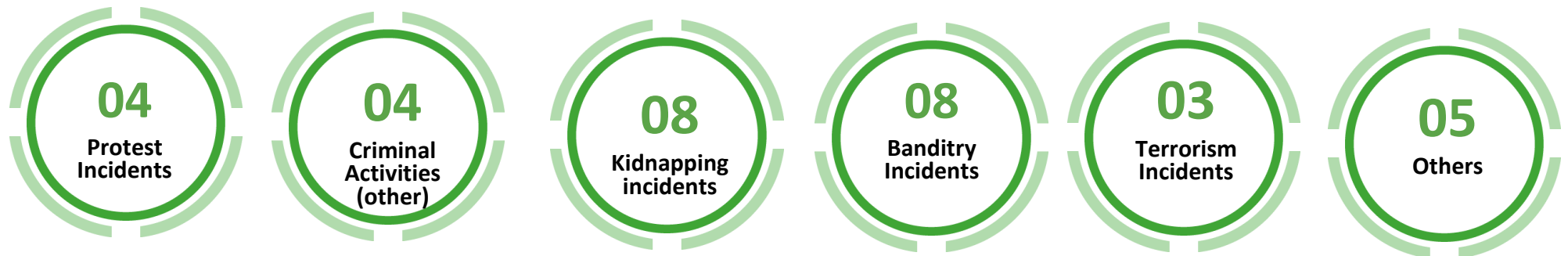


Figure 1. Incident map

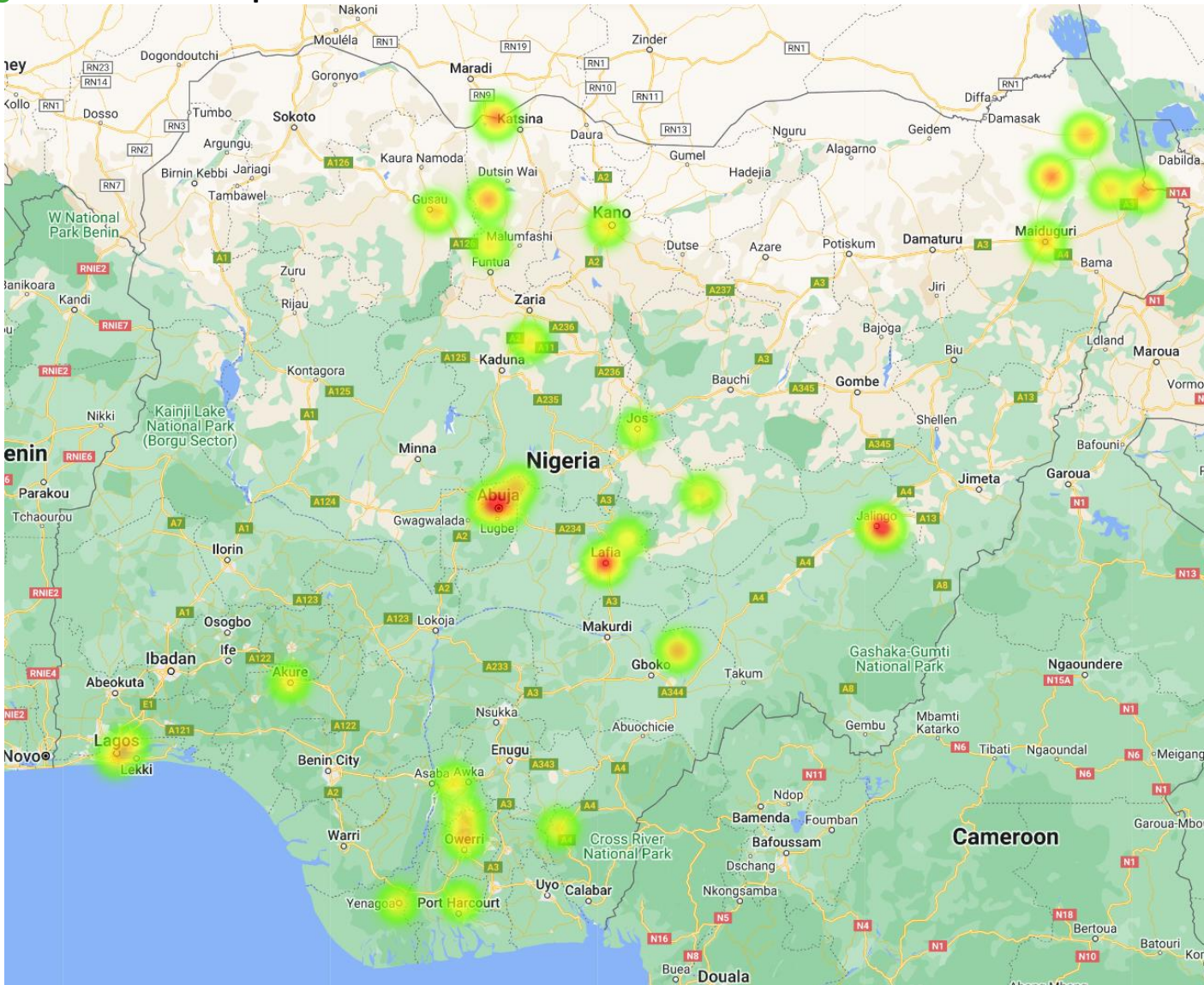


Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

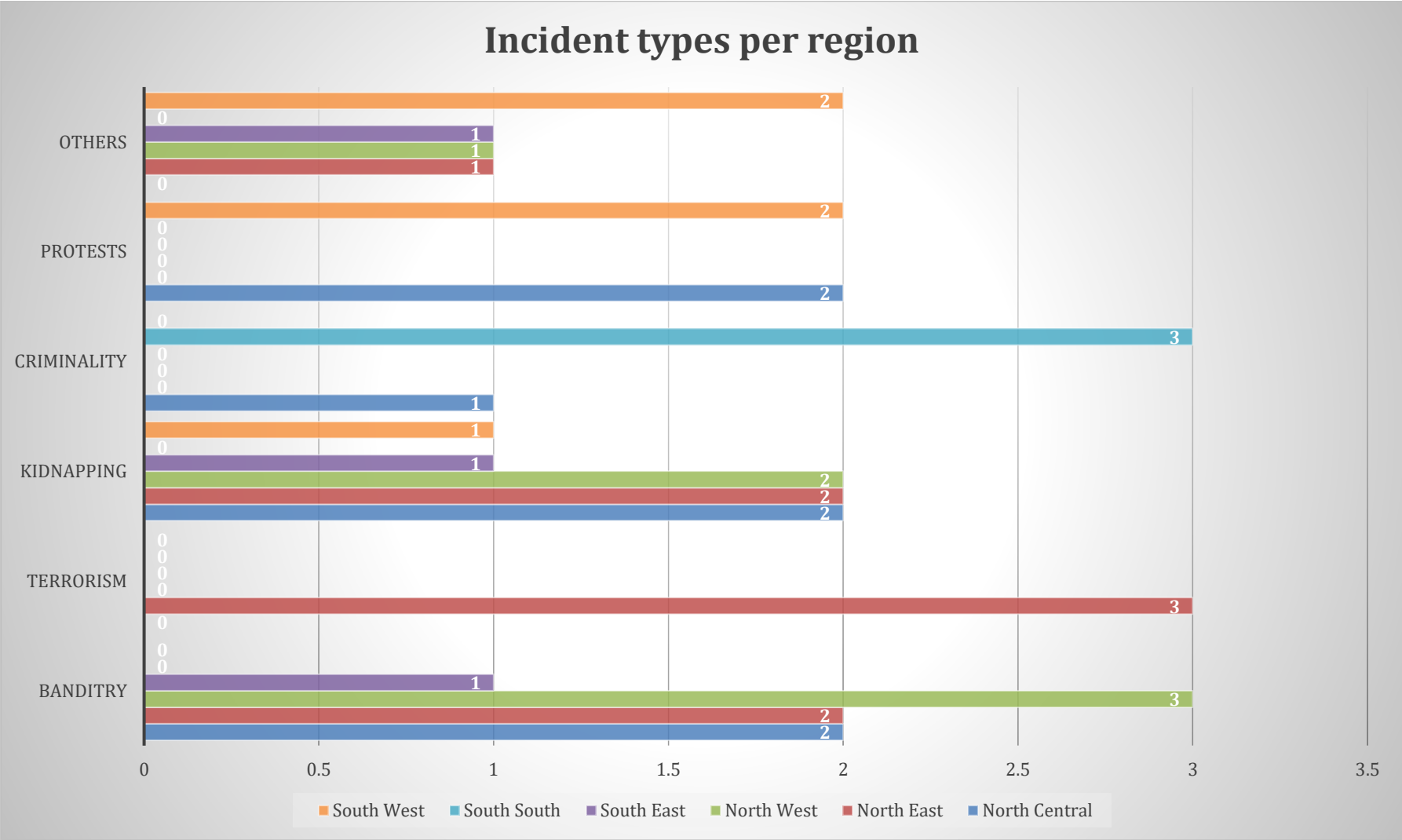
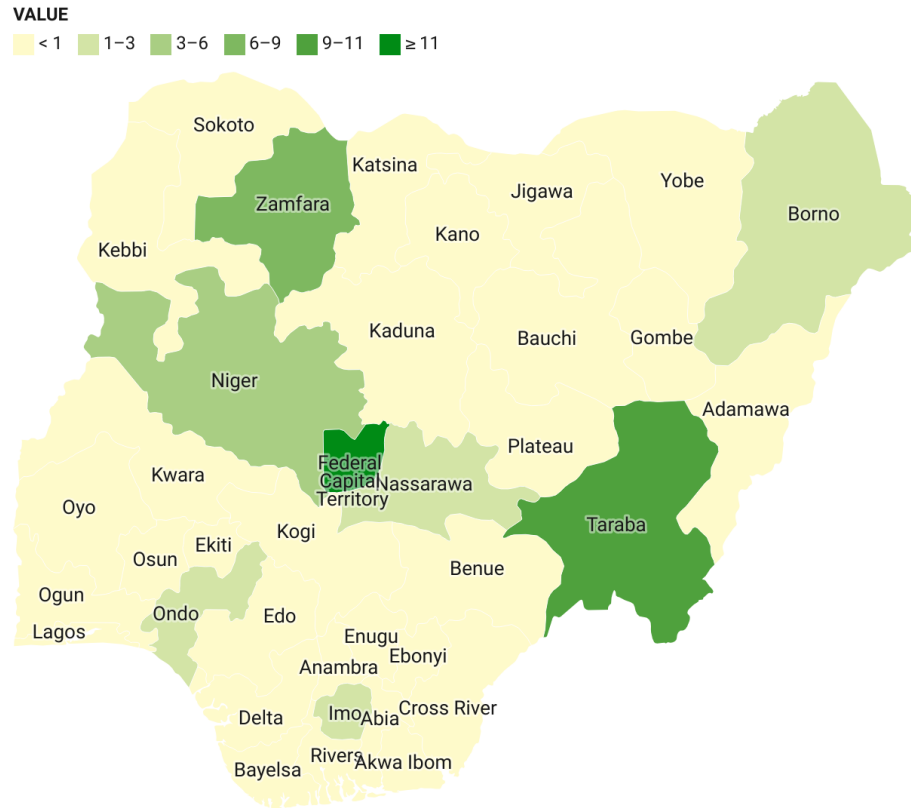


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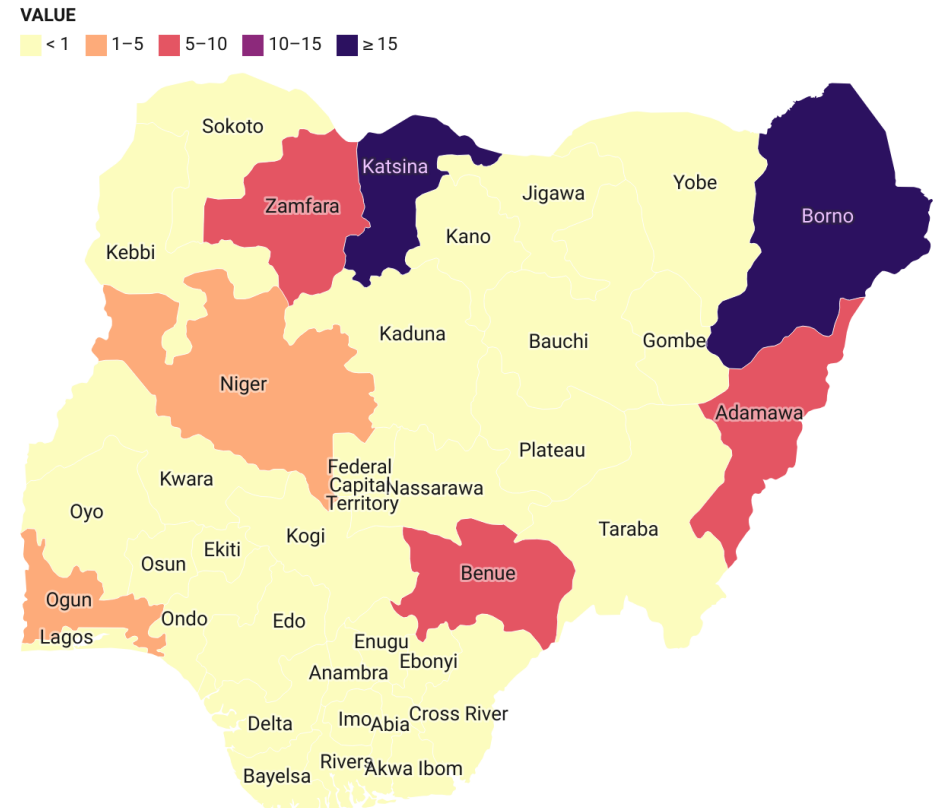
## Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 4.

## Risk map showing killed victims



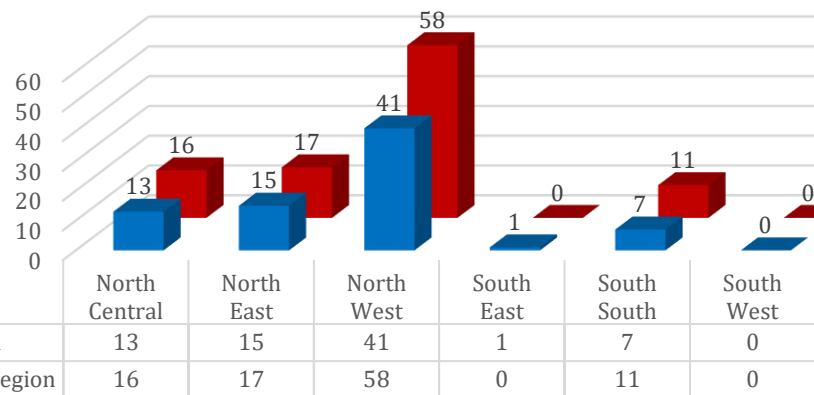
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The above risk maps show locations where citizens were killed and kidnapped in the reporting week. Figure 3 represents areas where abductions occurred, while Figure 4 reflects locations with recorded fatalities.

# Weekly trend analysis

Figure 5. Week 01

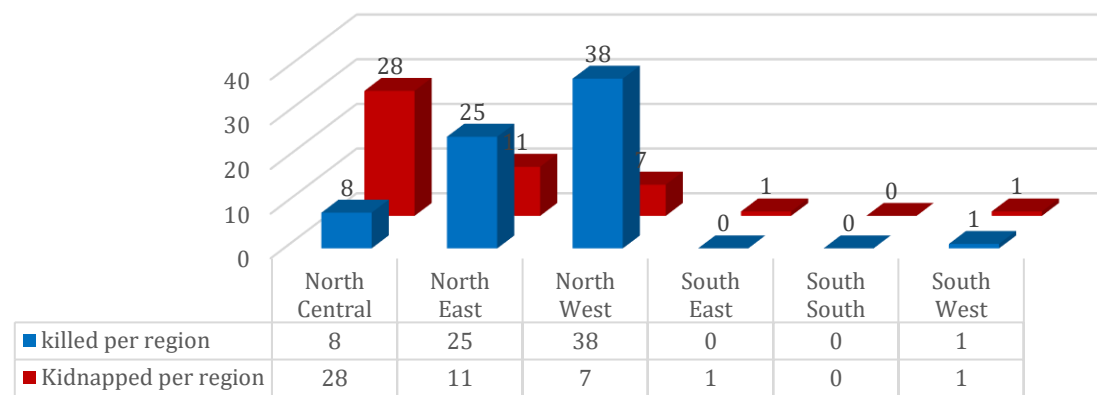
Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims



■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

Figure 6. Week 02

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims

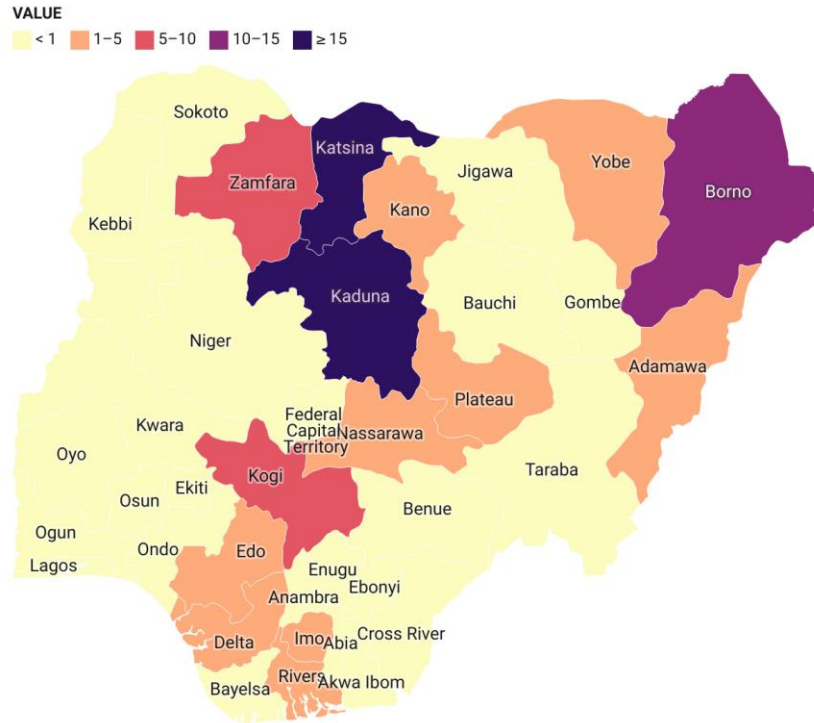


■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 01 and week 02. The figures show regions where conflict-related fatalities were high and low, also capturing regions with high/low numbers of kidnapped victims. The blue bar represents the number of persons killed, while the dark red represents kidnapped victims.

Figure 7. Week 01

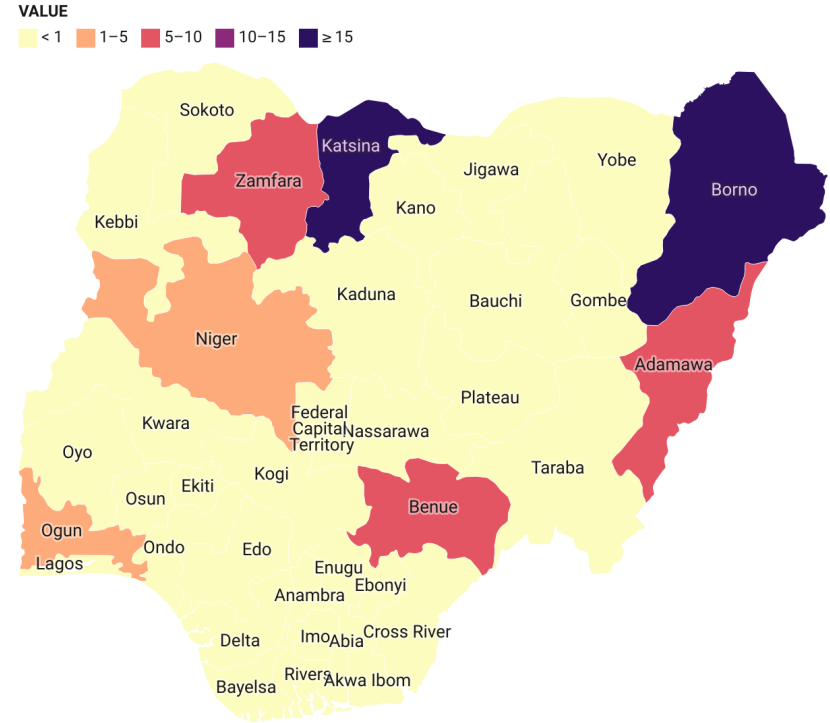
Risk map showing killed victims



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Figure 8. Week 02

Risk map showing killed victims



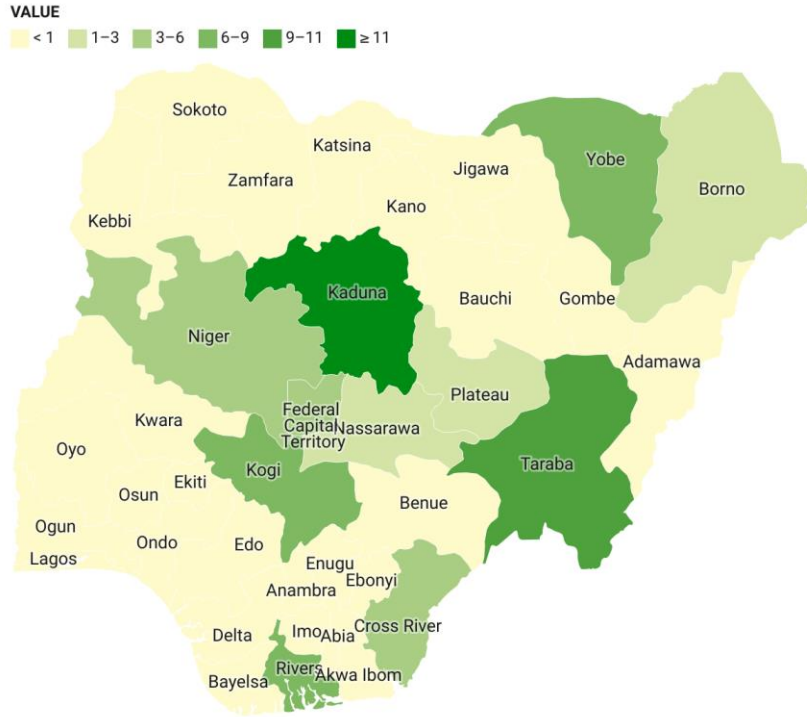
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The above figure shows a risk map contrasting areas where fatalities occurred in the country. The contrast between week 01 and week 02 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and least. The color intensity and lightness depict areas with the least and most fatalities. Based on the above map, Borno and Katsina state captured the highest number of fatalities.



Figure 9. Week 01

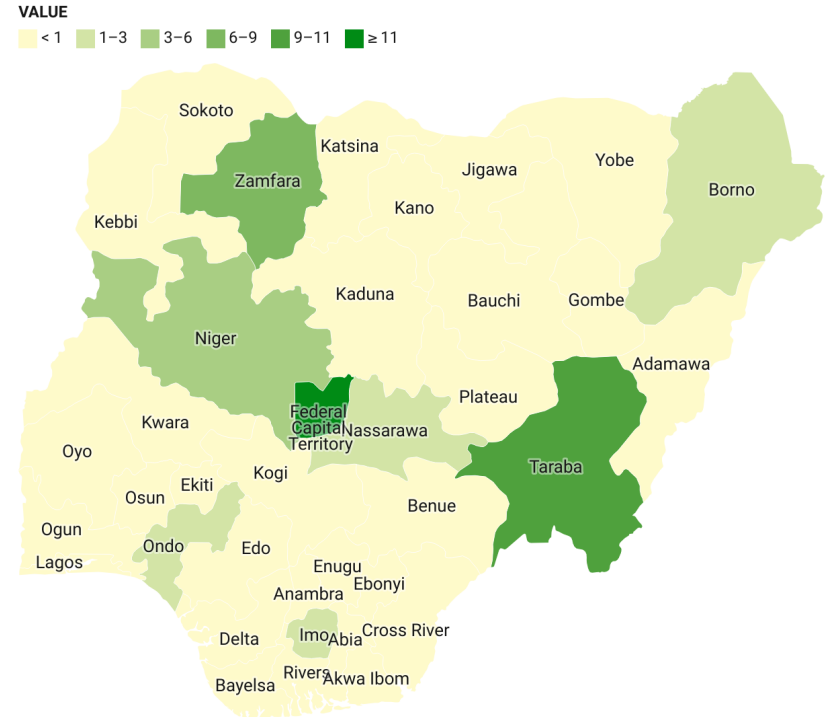
Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 10. Week 02

Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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The above figure captures areas where victims fall into kidnapping threats the most or least. In week 01, most kidnapped victims were from Zamfara, FCT, and Taraba states. This is most likely because kidnap incidents were underreported in other states during the week.

# Regional Summary/Incident list

## NORTH CENTRAL (NC) - Summary

**Analysis** – During the week, the number of fatalities decreased significantly to 8 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims surged, with 28 reported victims.

The events during the second week of January showed an increase in kidnap attacks as recorded in FCT and Nasarawa state. Over 40 bandits in Kawu, Abuja, resulting in the kidnapping of 23 individuals. Another attack occurred in Chachi near Zuma Rock, Niger State, where gunmen killed a vigilante and abducted a pregnant woman and her two children. These events contribute to a broader pattern of insecurity, with incidents ranging from the theft of a newborn at a hospital in Nasarawa State to bandit raids on trucks in Kano and deadly attacks by ethnic Fulani herdsmen in Benue. The social unrest extends to various regions, with protests erupting in Jos, Plateau State, on January 6, following multiple attacks by bandits and Fulani herdsmen that led to loss of lives. The grievances of the locals demonstrate the profound impact of insecurity on communities and the urgent need for coordinated efforts from authorities to restore order, protect citizens, and address the root causes of the conflicts.

On January 12, 2024, locals barricaded the entrance to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) offices in Abuja, demanding an investigation into Defense Minister Bello Matawalle for alleged misappropriation of public funds. This incident underscores the public's frustration with corruption, urging authorities to address issues of accountability within the government.

## NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

**12 January 2024** - Locals are currently barricading the entrance to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) offices in Wuse, Abuja Municipal Area Council, Abuja Territory, demanding the probe and arrest of Defence Minister, Bello Matawalle, for the alleged misappropriation of public funds. Clients are advised to avoid the area as the situation may deteriorate.

**11 January 2024** – Over 40 bandits attacked a community in Kawu, Bwari Local Government Area (LGA), Abuja Territory, and kidnapped 23 people. Further details regarding the incident remained unclear during reporting.

**11 January 2024** - Gunmen attacked Chachi community near Zuma Rock in Tafa LGA, Niger State in the early hours of Thursday, killing a vigilante named Baba, abducting a pregnant woman, her two children, and her younger sister.

**09 January 2024** - A newborn baby was stolen from her mother at the Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital, Lafia Local Government Area (LGA), Nasarawa State.

**09 January 2024** - Bandits waylaid a truck carrying miscellaneous goods in Magwan, Giginyu, Nassarawa Local Government Area (LGA), Kano State, and stole the cargo.

**07 January 2024** - Ethnic Fulani herdsmen waylaid a commercial passenger bus in Logo Local Government Area (LGA), Benue State, and shot dead seven people.

**06 January 2024** - Locals barricaded several roads in Jos Local Government Area (LGA), Plateau State, and demonstrated the killing of people during multiple bandit and Fulani herdsmen attacks in the LGA and state.

## NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

**Analysis** – There was an overall increase in the number of fatalities as 25 persons were killed and a decrease in kidnap victims, with 11 kidnap victims during the week.

In a series of disturbing events in early January 2024, the escalating violence in Nigeria's Borno State highlights the pervasive threat of insurgent groups. On January 11, ISWAP militants in Marte LGA mutilated two fishermen, accusing them of unauthorized fishing and theft in the militants'-controlled area. The attackers claimed the fishermen had not paid required levies and taxes.

On January 9, unidentified armed individuals ambushed travelers near Kwapre in Hong LGA of Adamawa state, resulting in the tragic death of eight civilians. Simultaneously, a Nigeria Air Force airstrike targeted ISWAP militants in Kukawa and Marte LGAs of Borno State, eliminating several militants, including commanders Maimuna, Zahra, and Saleh. Additionally, a separate incident on the same day saw terrorists planting landmines along the Ngala-Dikwa Road in Ngala LGA, causing fatalities and injuries as two commercial vehicles unknowingly triggered the explosive devices.

Further intensifying the turmoil, January 8 witnessed a suspected Boko Haram attack in Gajiram, Nganzai LGA, Borno state, resulting in six fatalities and four injuries. Meanwhile, on January 7, armed assailants targeted the Kopre community in Hong LGA, Adamawa state for an hour-long assault. Thankfully, deployment of Special Forces from Askira Uba, Borno State, prevented any reported casualties. Finally, on January 6, insurgents kidnapped ten individuals in Wuro Musa, Jalingo LGA, Taraba State, while Boko Haram militants abducted Hamman Bwala in Maiduguri LGA, Borno State, highlighting the precarious security situation in the region.

## NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

**11 January 2024** - Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) militants severed the hands of two fishermen in Marte Local Government Area (LGA), Borno State, after accusing them of illegally fishing and stealing fish in an area under the militants' control without paying levies and taxes.

**09 January 2024** - Unidentified armed individuals ambushed a group of travelers and killed eight civilians IVO Kwapre, Hong Local Government.

**09 January 2024** - Several Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) militants, including three of their commanders known as Maimuna, Zahra, and Saleh, were killed during a Nigeria Air Force (NAF) airstrike in the Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Kukawa and Marte in Borno State.

**09 January 2024** - Eight people were killed, while several others were injured after two commercial passenger vehicles drove over landmines planted by terrorists along the Ngala-Dikwa Road in Ngala Local Government Area (LGA), Borno State.

**08 January 2024** - Six people were shot dead, and four others were injured in an attack orchestrated by suspected Boko Haram militants in Gajiram, Nganzai Local Government Area (LGA), Borno State.

**07 January 2024** - Unidentified armed individuals attacked the Kopre community, Hong LGA for about one hour. Reportedly, SF operatives from Askira Uba, Borno state, were deployed to the scene and no casualty was reported.

**06 January 2024** - Insurgents attacked a civilian community in Wuro Musa, Jalingo Local Government Area (LGA), Taraba State, and kidnapped ten people.

**06 January 2024** - A man known as, Hamman Bwala, was kidnapped by Boko Haram militants in Maiduguri Local Government Area (LGA), Borno State.

## NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

**Analysis** – Fatalities decreased slightly with 38 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals also decreased with only 7 victims during the week.

On January 10, 2024, a community in Kukar Babangida, Yangayya, Jibia Local Government Area (LGA), Katsina State, fell victim to a bandit attack that left ten people dead and several others injured. The assailants targeted the community, inflicting violence and causing significant harm.



Another incident on the same day involved the abduction of Bello Janbako, a lecturer at the Federal University of Gusau. Bandits kidnapped him from his residence in Damba, Gusau Local Government Area (LGA), Zamfara State, underscoring the alarming security challenges faced by individuals in the region.

On January 9, 2024, bandits targeted Malam Sabiu, a director in the Zamfara State Ministry of Finance, along with his wife and two children. The abduction occurred in the early hours of Tuesday in Damba Housing Estate in Gusau, the state capital. Additionally, a bandit attack along the Zurmi-Kaura Federal Road resulted in casualties, with reports indicating the abduction of two individuals during the incident. The escalating banditry poses a significant threat to the safety and security of the affected areas.

amidst all these attacks, security forces were able to repel a bandit attack on traders in Danmusa Local Government Area (LGA), Katsina State. Twenty two people including six civilians and 16 bandits were killed.

## NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

**10 January 2024** - Bandits attacked a community in Kukar Babangida, Yangayya, Jibia Local Government Area (LGA), Katsina State, shooting dead ten people and injuring several others.

**10 January 2024** - A Federal University of Gusau lecturer, Bello Janbako, was kidnapped by bandits who took him from his residence in Damba, Gusau Local Government Area (LGA), Zamfara State.

**09 January 2024** - Bandits have kidnapped Malam Sabiu, a director in the Zamfara State Ministry of Finance, along with his wife and two children. The incident happened in the early hours of Tuesday in Damba Housing Estate in Gusau, the state capital.

**09 January 2024** – A bandit attack has been reported along the Zurmi-Kaura Federal Road resulting in a casualty. Reports indicate that 2 individuals were abducted during the incursion.

**07 January 2024** - Further attacks remain likely following a bandit attack in the Danjibga community, Tsafe Local Government Area resulting in 6 fatalities including 5 GSF.

**06 January 2024** - Police repelled a bandit attack on traders in Danmusa Local Government Area (LGA), Katsina State. Twenty two people including six civilians and 16 bandits were killed.

## SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

**Analysis** – The number of fatalities decreased with no killed victim while one kidnap victims were recorded during the week. This is most likely because incidents are underreported within the area.

On January 12, 2024, suspected gunmen in the South East region of Nigeria targeted the Palace of the Traditional Ruler of Isseke Community in the Ihiala local government area of Anambra State. The assailants, whose identities remain unknown, set fire to the palace, resulting in significant damage. The affected traditional ruler is Igwe Emmanuel Nnabuife.

In a separate incident on January 8, 2024, the Imo State Police Command reported the successful dislodgment of members of the Indigenous Peoples of Biafra (IPOB) from a camp in Ihite-Owerre, Orlu Local Government Area. The joint task force, comprising police and troops of the Nigeria Army, executed the operation to address security concerns in the area.

Earlier, on January 6, 2024, suspected fighters associated with the Indigenous People of Biafra-Eastern Security Network (IPOB-ESN) kidnapped Eze Samuel Agunwa Ohiri, a traditional ruler, from his residence in Orodo, Mbaitoli Local Government Area (LGA), Imo State. The incident highlights the complex security challenges faced in the region.

## SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

**12 January 2024** - The Palace of the Traditional Ruler of Isseke Community in the Ihiala local government area of Anambra State, Igwe Emmanuel Nnabuife, has been burned down by suspected gunmen operating in the South East region of Nigeria.

**08 January 2024** - The Imo State Police Command said a joint task force of police and troops of the Nigeria Army has dislodged members of the Indigenous Peoples of Biafra, IPOB, from a camp in Ihite-Owerre, Orlu Local Government Area.

**06 January 2024** - Suspected Indigenous People of Biafra-Eastern Security Network (IPOB-ESN) fighters kidnapped traditional ruler, Eze Samuel Agunwa Ohiri, from his residence in Orodo Mbaitoli Local Government Area (LGA), Imo State.

## SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

**Analysis** – The number of fatalities decreased with no fatalities captured while no persons were also kidnapped during the reporting week as compared to the previous week.

On January 11, 2024, the Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) initiated investigations into the activities of eight individuals suspected of engaging in oil theft in Port Harcourt, Rivers State. The EFCC operatives are actively pursuing leads to uncover and address the alleged illegal activities.

In a significant development on the same day, the fight against crude oil theft in the Niger Delta region received a substantial boost. Tantita Security Services Limited (TSSL), a private oil pipelines security provider, successfully impounded an ocean-going vessel loaded with stolen crude oil in Bayelsa state. This action demonstrates the collaborative efforts between private entities and security providers to curb illegal activities related to the theft of valuable resources.

Meanwhile, on January 10, 2024, the Nigerian Army took action in response to a viral video that depicted the brutalization of a civilian in Rivers State. The two soldiers involved in the incident were apprehended, signaling a commitment to accountability and ensuring that individuals responsible for misconduct face appropriate legal consequences.

## SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

**11 January 2024** - Operatives of the Port Harcourt Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission have commenced investigations into the activities of eight suspected oil thieves in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

**11 January 2024** - The war against crude oil theft in the Niger Delta received a major boost on Thursday as a private oil pipelines security provider, Tantita Security Services Limited (TSSL) impounded an ocean-going vessel laden with stolen crude oil in Bayelsa state.

**10 January 2024** - The Nigerian Army has arrested the two soldiers seen in a viral video brutalising a civilian in Rivers State.

## SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

**Analysis** – The number of fatalities increased with one fatality captured while one person was kidnapped during the week. This is most likely because incidents are underreported within the region.

On January 11, 2024, in Ibadan, the capital of Oyo State, hundreds of retired Nigerian soldiers, who served during the 1966 Civil War, staged a protest due to unpaid pensions spanning 44 years since their retirement. Armed with placards bearing various inscriptions, the ex-servicemen expressed their frustration, questioning whether they deserved such treatment after having defended the country with their blood during the Civil War.

In another incident on the same day, the Ondo Amotekun Corps apprehended a kidnapper who had been disguising himself as a scavenger. The suspect had kidnapped an eight-year-old girl, highlighting the vigilance and effectiveness of security operatives in addressing criminal activities. Also on January 11, the Commissioner of Police for Lagos State, Mr. Adegoke Fayoadé, disclosed the arrest of approximately seven high-ranking cultists in the Ikorodu area. This action underscores law enforcement's commitment to tackling criminal elements and maintaining public safety.

Furthermore, an update on the same day reported an ongoing protest by members of the Nigerian Bar Association, Lagos chapter, around the Ikeja area. The protest was in response to alleged police brutality against their colleagues, emphasizing the importance of advocating for justice and accountability within the legal community. On January 8, 2023, in Ogun State, three unidentified gunmen tragically killed Adeyinka Folarin, the Baasegun of the Itunsokun community, highlighting the ongoing security challenges in certain regions.

## SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

**11 January 2024** - Hundreds of Nigerian retired soldiers, who defended the country during the 1966 Civil War, yesterday, took to the streets of Ibadan, Oyo State capital, over unpaid pensions since they retired 44 years ago. The ex-servicemen, armed with placards with varying inscriptions, asked if they deserved what they were going through, after defending the country with their blood.



**11 January 2024** - kidnapper who disguises himself as a scavenger has been arrested by operatives of the Ondo Amotekun Corps after he kidnapped an eight-year-old girl.

**11 January 2024** - The Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command, Mr Adegoke Fayoadé, has revealed that about seven high ranking cultists were arrested in the Ikorodu area of the state.

**11 January 2023** - Update indicates an ongoing protest by the members of the Nigerian Bar Association, Lagos chapter around Ikeja area over alleged police brutality of their colleagues.

**08 January 2023** - Three unidentified gunmen have killed Adeyinka Folarin, the Baasegun of the Itunsokun community in Ogun State.

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