



# NIGERIA WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

13 January 2024 – 19 January 2024

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# Executive Summary

## Countrywide Incidents for the Week

1. Kidnapping and armed attacks persisted in FCT.
2. Several attacks by Boko Haram and ISWAP terrorists caused tension within Borno State
3. Counter-terrorism operations by security forces surged in the NE and NW regions
4. In the SW region, different operation bodies protested the deteriorating nature of the country's economy.

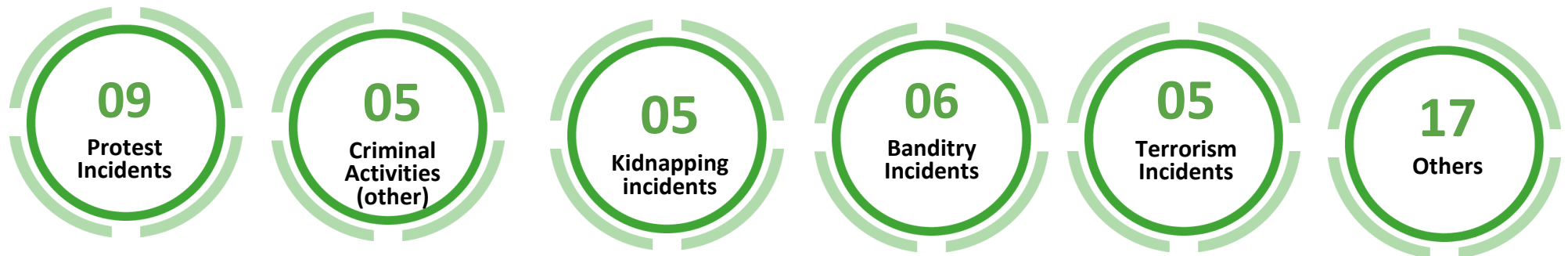


Figure 1. Incident map

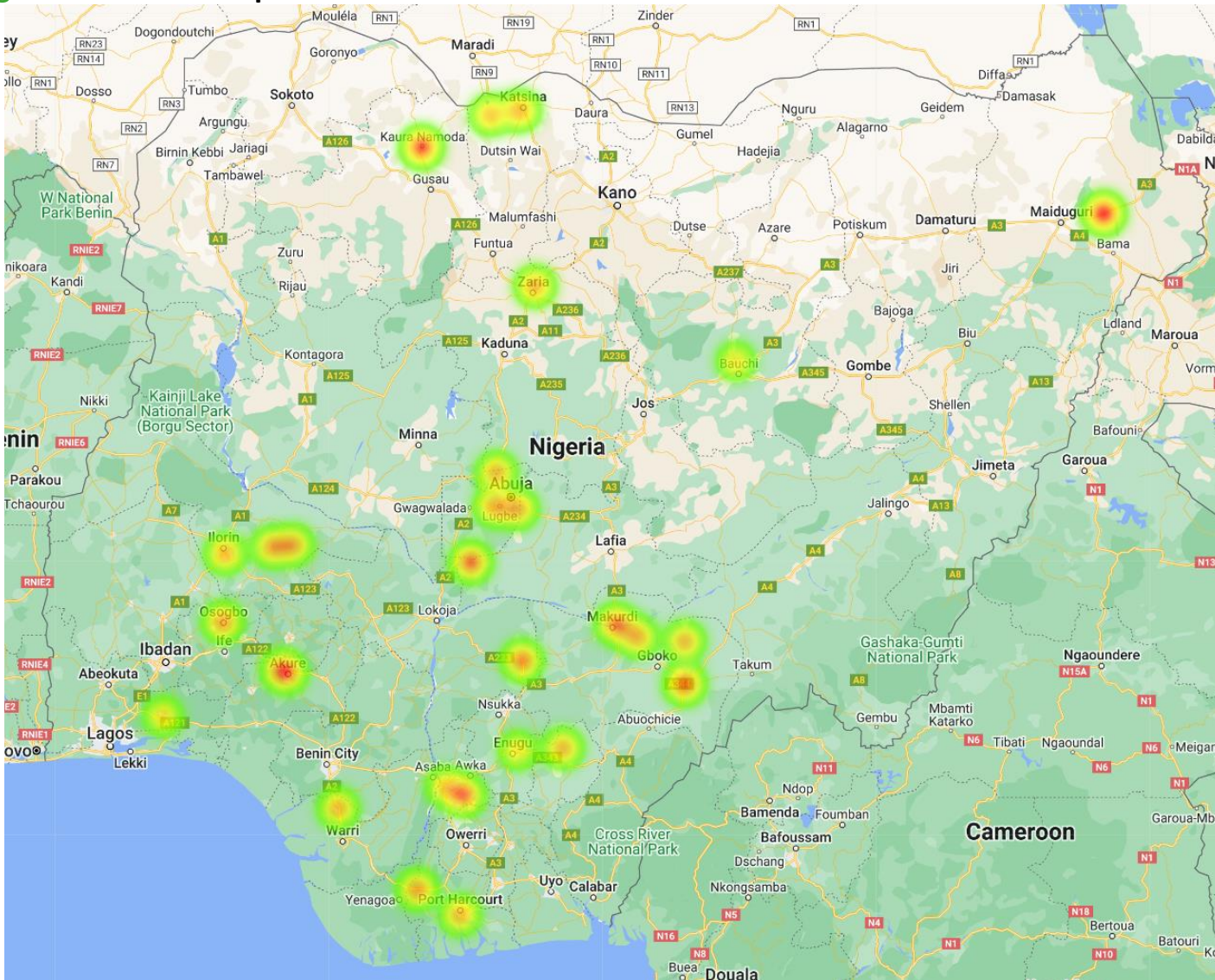


Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

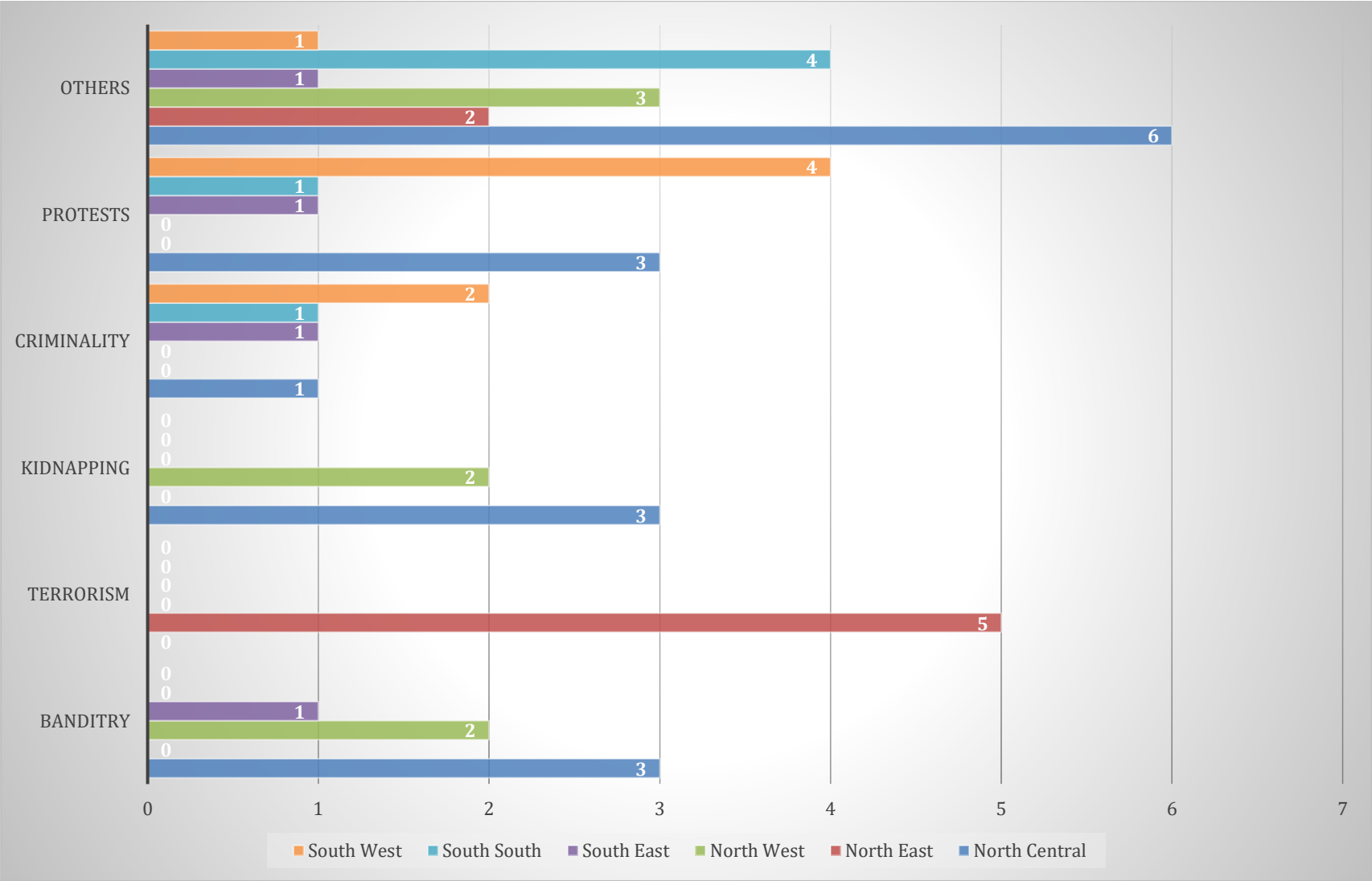
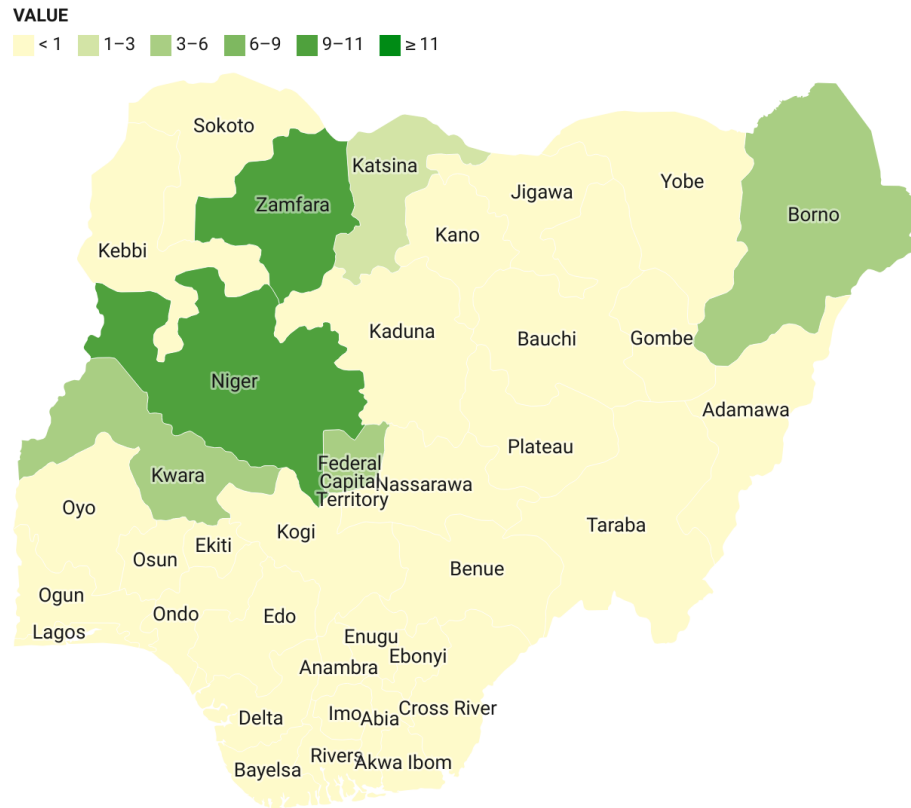


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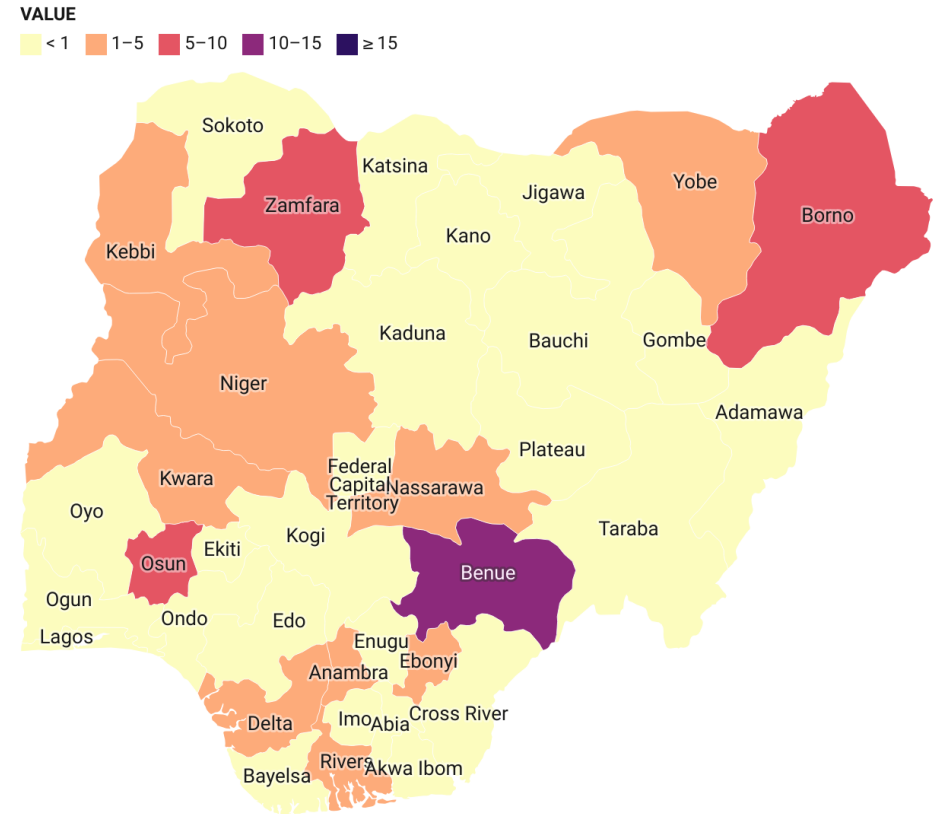
## Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 4.

## Risk map showing killed victims



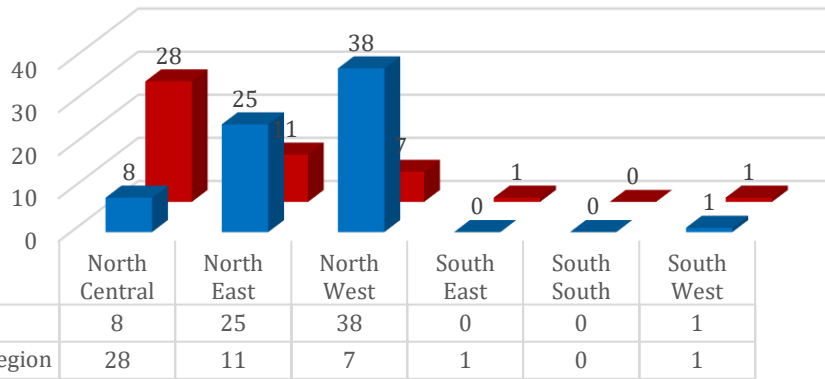
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The above risk maps show locations where citizens were killed and kidnapped in the reporting week. Figure 3 represents areas where abductions occurred, while Figure 4 reflects locations with recorded fatalities.

# Weekly trend analysis

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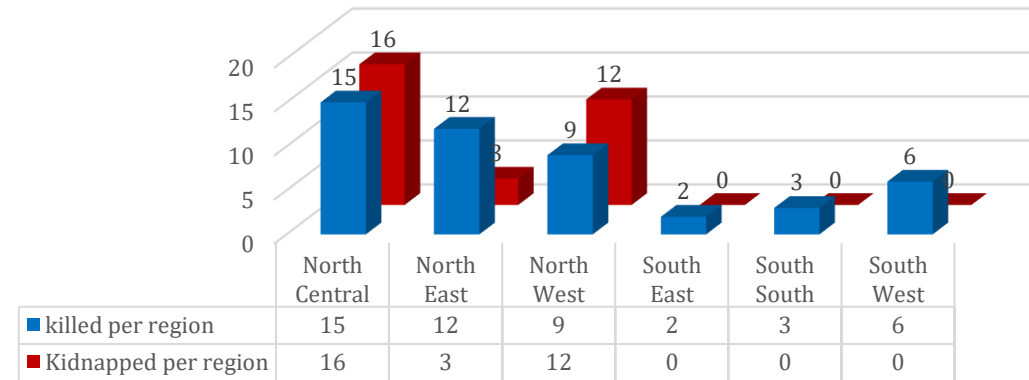
## Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims



■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

Figure 6. Week 03

## Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims

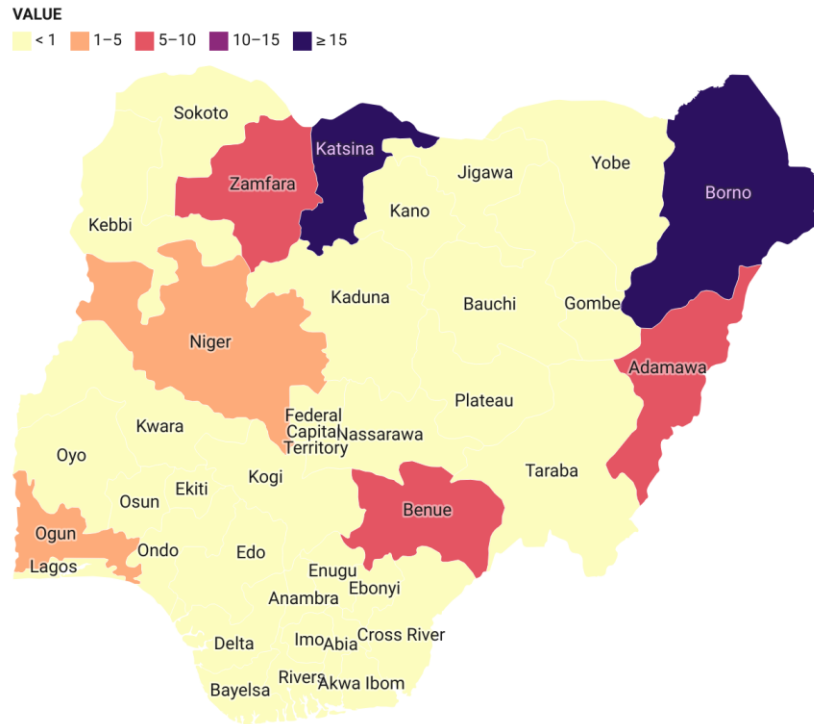


■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 02 and week 03. 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 02

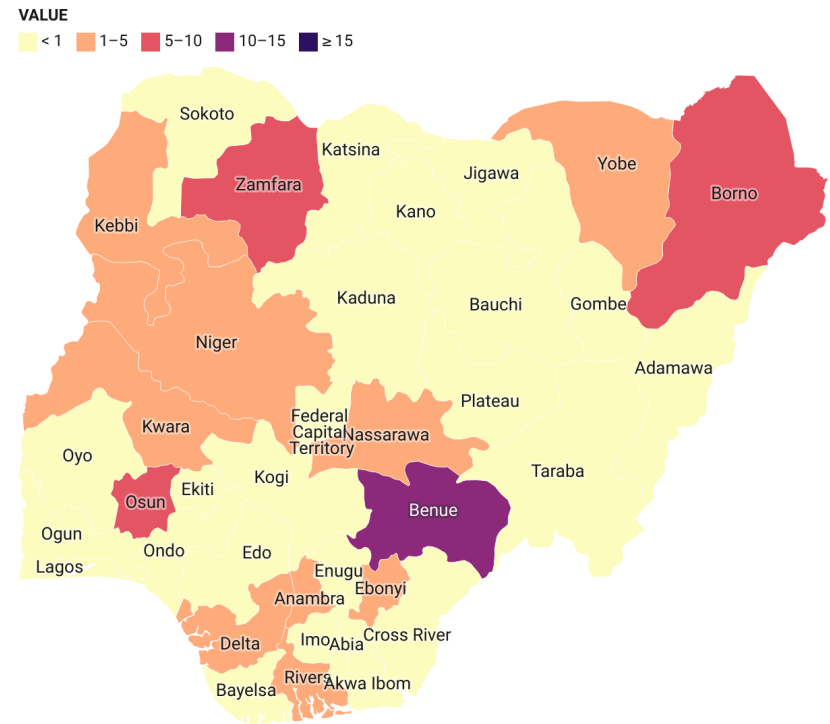
Risk map showing killed victims



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Figure 8. Week 03

Risk map showing killed victims



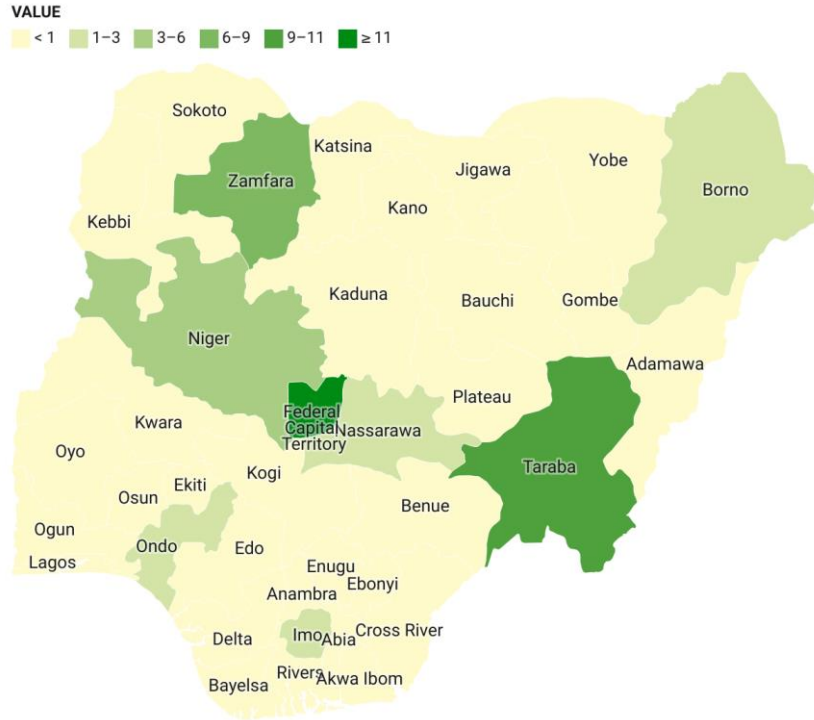
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The above figure shows a risk map contrasting areas where fatalities occurred in the country. The contrast between week 02 and week 03 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and least. The color intensity and lightness depict areas with the least and most fatalities. Based on the above map, Borno, Benue, and Zamfara state captured the highest number of fatalities.



Figure 9. Week 02

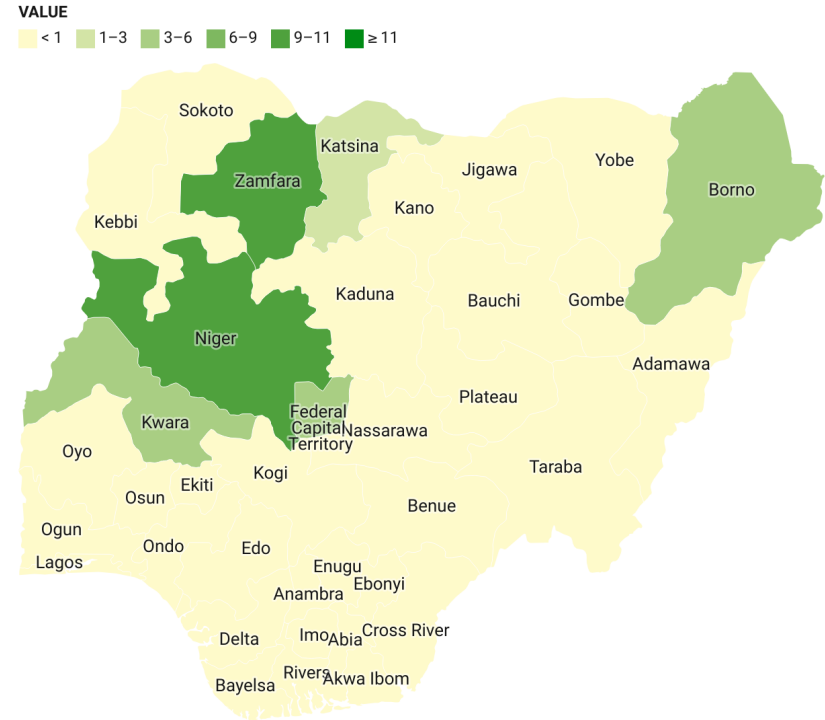
Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 10. Week 03

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 03, most kidnapped victims were from Zamfara, and Niger 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 increased significantly to 15 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims decreased, with 16 reported victims.

During the reporting period, incidents captured ranged from kidnapping to bandit attacks, protests, criminal activities, communal clashes, and security operations, with most of these incidents captured in the Federal Capital Territory. The affected areas include; Municipal area and Bwari in FCT; Agati, Katsina-Ala, Ogbadibo, and Logo in Benue state, Ifelodun LGA, in Kwara State; Lafia LGA of Nasarawa State; Tafa LGA of Niger State and Bokkos LGA in Plateau state.

On January 19, 2024, a woman was shot in Lafia, Nasarawa State, during a protest against the Supreme Court's judgment affirming Governor Abdullahi Sule's election. This incident highlights the tense political environment and the potential for violence surrounding electoral disputes. Furthermore, on January 18, 2024, suspected Fulani herdsmen attacked the Okokolo Community in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue, creating a volatile situation with sporadic shootings. This underscores the ongoing challenges related to intercommunal conflicts and security threats in certain regions of the country.

The spate of kidnappings remains a grave concern during the reporting week, as evident in multiple incidents reported on January 18. Gunmen kidnapped an individual at Sabon Lugbe along Airport Road, invaded the Nigerian Army Post-Housing Estate to abduct the wife of a lawyer and his mother-in-law, and were involved in a kidnapping case in Abuja, ultimately foiled by Kaduna State Police Command. These incidents reflect the persistent issue of criminality and the need for enhanced security measures to protect citizens.

The broader security challenges are underscored by events such as the bandit attack in Buruka village on January 17, the bandit attack in Tse Gaagum village on the same day, and the bandit attack in Garam, a border town between Niger State and the Federal Capital Territory, on January 16. The multi-faceted nature of these incidents, ranging from banditry to communal clashes and kidnappings, underscores the complexity of the security landscape in Nigeria and the need for comprehensive measures to address these issues.

## NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

**19 January 2024** - A yet-to-be-identified woman was shot in Lafia, the Nasarawa State capital while protesting against the Supreme Court's judgment affirming the election of Governor Abdullahi Sule.

**18 January 2024** – A report reaching us indicates that suspected Fulani herdsmen are currently attacking the Okokolo Community in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue, shooting sporadically across river Ochekwu (Ogbeyi G'okpa G'echo), advancing towards Okokolo main town at the moment.

**18 January 2024** - Gunmen reportedly kidnapped an individual at Sabon Lugbe along Airport Road.

**18 January 2024** - Gunmen on Thursday night invaded Hilltop Phase 2 Extension of the Nigerian Army Post-Housing Estate and kidnapped the wife of a popular lawyer, Barrister Cyril Adikwu, and his mother-in-law.

**18 January 2024** - Operatives of the Kaduna State Police Command have rescued a victim kidnapped in Abuja and arrested one of the suspected kidnapers, recovering three pistols and a Hilux van belonging to the victim.

**17 January 2024** - Further attacks remain likely following a bandit attack at the Buruka village, Bokko Local Government Area.

**17 January 2024** - Security operatives have reportedly repelled a bandit attack in Tse Gaagum village, Logo Local Government Area resulting in a fatality. Reports indicate that a motorcycle was recovered during the operation which occurred.

**17 January 2024** - Policemen killed one local bandit who invaded Tse Gaagum village in the Ukemberegya council ward of Logo Local Government Area, Benue State, on Wednesday. According to a source in the community, the policemen, responding to a distress call from residents, successfully repelled the bandits.

**16 January 2024** - Garam, a border town between Niger State and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) was again attacked by bandits on Tuesday night. It was gathered that the Hoodlums killed one person and abducted nine others.

**16 January 2024** - Four persons were reportedly abducted by suspected armed kidnapers in Ile-Ire district of Ifelodun Local Government Area in Kwara State.

**16 January 2024** - Residents of Okeode in the Ifelodun local government area of Kwara state are now living under palpable fear as no fewer than two persons were killed when suspected armed robbers invaded the community.

**16 January 2024** - Troops from Operation Whirl Stroke have rescued nine kidnap victims in the Owukpa forest, located in Ogbadibo Local Government Area of Benue State.

**16 January 2024** - Three injured as fracas erupts during oil community meeting in Abuja No fewer than three youths were injured on Tuesday at a meeting involving members of oil-producing communities from Delta State.

**15 January 2024** - The Nigerian Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) Bwari Area Council branch in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) shut down activities at the council secretariat on Monday by barricading the main entrance gate.

**15 January 2024** - The workers of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), under the Joint Unions Action Committee (JUAC), have protested the deployment of a Permanent Secretary for the FCTA, by the Head of Service of the Federation.

**15 January 2024** - About nine people were killed during a rival local militia attack at some villages in Mbatyula and Mbayongo council wards in Katsina-Ala Local Government Area of Benue State.

## NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

**Analysis** – There was an overall decrease in the number of fatalities as 12 persons were killed and a decrease in kidnap victims, with 3 kidnap victims during the week.

During the reporting week, the incidents captured ranged from terrorist attacks to counter-terrorism operations by security forces. The affected local governments include; Ngala, Konduga, Kukawa, and Mafa LGAs in Borno State; and Gujba in Yobe State. On January 18, 2024, an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) explosion was reported along the Main Supply Route (MSR) to Dikwa, near Maula village in Borno State, without casualties. However, on January 16, an IED planted by suspected Boko Haram terrorists exploded in Mafa town, resulting in 10 casualties, including 2 civilian Joint Task Force (JTF) members.

Vigilante groups in Yobe State displayed resilience on January 17, killing three members of Boko Haram on Gonori Road in Gujba Local Government Area. Additionally, on January 13, a vigilante group ambushed members of ISWAP in Bazanbari village of Borno state, resulting in one ISWAP member killed.

Inter-group conflicts were evident on January 15, with clashes between Boko Haram and ISWAP fighters on the islands of Kandahar and Kaduna Ruwa on the Lake Chad shores near the Nigerian border with Cameroon. The clash resulted in the deaths of numerous fighters from both groups. Notably, on January 14, forces from ISWAP and Bakoura also clashed at Malari village, with Bakoura gaining territorial control. Four ISWAP members were killed, and Bakoura recovered four rifles and two motorcycles.



## NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

**18 January 2024** - An IED explosion was reported along the MSR to Dikwa near Maula village approximately 40km south-west of the UN HH. No casualties were reported.

**17 January 2024** - The vigilante group fighters have killed three members of Boko Haram on Gonori Road in Gujba LGA of Yobe State.

**16 January 2024** - An explosion from an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) planted by suspected Boko Haram terrorists has been reported at Mafa town in Mafa Local Government Area resulting in 10 casualties including 2 civilian JFT members fatalities.

**15 January 2024** - Two herdsmen were killed in an attack by members of ISWAP IVO Cross Kauwa and Marimanti villages, approximately 7km from Kukawa town. Three others were abducted, and a ransom has been demanded for their release.

**15 January 2024** - Scores of Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) fighters have been killed in another clash between the two groups. The clash occurred on the islands of Kandahar and Kaduna Ruwa on the Lake Chad shores of Kukawa, near the Nigerian border with Cameroon.

**14 January 2024** - Forces from ISWAP and Bakoura fought at Malari village, North of Dawashi Kwata, over territorial control of the area. Four members of ISWAP who had traveled there to collect levies from the residents were killed, while four rifles and two motorcycles were also recovered by Bakoura.

**13 January 2024** - A vigilante group ambushed members of ISWAP IVO Bazanbari village, killing one and recovering five bicycles along with four gallons of fuel.

## NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

**Analysis** – Fatalities decreased significantly with only 9 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals increased with over 12 victims during the week.

Incidents captured during the week ranged from security operations to kidnapping and banditry. Affected local government areas include; Kaduna North in Kaduna State; Dutsin-Ma LGA in Katsina State; Arewa LGA in Kebbi State; Illela in Sokoto State; and Kauran Namodo and Maru LGAs in Zamfara State.

The security landscape in Nigeria remains precarious, as evidenced by multiple incidents reported on January 18 and 15, 2024. On January 18, armed assailants conducted large-scale attacks on Burwaye and Danjikko villages, resulting in the tragic deaths of six individuals and injuries to others. Additionally, in Gidan Anna village Kuryar Madaro, Zamfara State, unidentified armed persons attacked a community, leading to one fatality and the abduction of 10 individuals. These incidents highlight the ongoing threats faced by communities from armed attacks and underline the need for effective security measures.

Security forces carried out several operations during the reporting week. On January 18, the Nigerian Army took action in Illela Local Government Area of Sokoto state, reportedly neutralizing and arresting an unconfirmed number of bandits. The success of this operation reflects the efforts to counter criminal elements and enhance security in specific regions. In a separate development, the arrest of Chinaza Phillip, a suspected notorious Abuja kidnapper, by police operatives of the Kaduna State Police Command, demonstrates law enforcement's commitment to tackling high-profile criminal activities. Moreover, the Kaduna Police Command's rescue of a kidnap victim during a raid operation in Kawo, Kaduna North Local Government Area, underscores the proactive measures taken by security forces to safeguard citizens from abduction.

The security challenges persist, as seen in the tragic incident on January 15, where unknown gunmen suspected to be bandits attacked and killed two immigration officers at the Kangiwa border in Kebbi State. Additionally, the kidnapping of two female students from Al-Qalam University in Katsina State on the same day raises concerns about the safety of individuals in vulnerable situations.

## NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

**18 January 2024** - Armed persons in large numbers attacked communities at Burwaye and Danjikko villages, killed six persons, and injured others.

**18 January 2024** - Unidentified armed persons in large numbers attacked a community at Gidan Anna village Kuryar Madaro, in Zamfara State killed one person, and abducted 10 others.

**18 January 2024** - Troops of the Nigerian Army have reportedly neutralized and arrested an unconfirmed number of bandits in Illela Local Government Area.

**18 January 2024** – Suspected notorious Abuja kidnapper, one Chinaza Phillip is now in the custody of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Police Command, following his arrest by police operatives of the Kaduna State Police Command.

**18 January 2024** - The Kaduna Police Command has reportedly rescued a kidnap victim during a raid operation at Kawo in Kaduna North Local Government Area (LGA). Reports indicate the security operatives carried out intensified patrols within the area which led to the rescue of the victim who was kidnapped.

**15 January 2024** - Some unknown gunmen suspected to be bandits on Monday attacked and killed two immigration officers at the Kangiwa border, under the Arewa local government area of Kebbi State.

**15 January 2024** - Two female students of Al-Qalam University, Katsina State, Habiba Ango Shantali and Maryam Abubakar Musa have been kidnapped.

## SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

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

The incidents captured during the reporting week range from armed attacks to security operations, criminality, and protests. The affected regions include; Akwa South, Aguata, and Oyi LGAs in Anambra State and Ohaukwu in Ebonyi State.

On January 19, 2024, Regina Ceali Junction and Y-Junction of Okpuno in Awka South Local Government Area witnessed increased tension following the destruction of shanties and traders' properties by operatives of the Anambra Capital Territory. The destruction has likely contributed to an atmosphere of unease and unrest in the affected areas.

On January 16, gunmen reportedly invaded the Ngboejeogu Central Security, a local security outfit in Ngbo Court community, Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State. The attack on a security outfit raises serious concerns about the security apparatus's vulnerability and the potential impact on local safety and order.

In another incident on January 15, armed individuals lured a resident to the Awkuzu community in Anambra State under the pretext of selling a property. Subsequently, the victim was dispossessed of his valuables, and all the money in his account was withdrawn. This incident underscores the risks associated with deceptive tactics employed by criminals to exploit unsuspecting individuals.

Furthermore, on January 14, police operatives at a checkpoint in the Igboukwu community intercepted a four-man armed gang. The situation escalated when one of the culprits attempted to pull a Beretta pistol, resulting in the neutralization of the threat. The recovery of a firearm and a concealed dagger from the culprits highlights the importance of vigilant law enforcement in preventing potential criminal activities.

## SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

**19 January 2024** - Heightened tension has been noted along the Regina Ceali Junction and Y-Junction of Okpuno in Awka South Local Government Area following the destruction of shanties and trader's properties by operatives of the Anambra Capital Territory.

**16 January 2024** - Some gunmen have reportedly invaded a local security outfit 'Ngboejeogu Central Security' at Ngbo Court community in Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

**15 January 2024** - According to reports, a group of armed individuals lured a resident in the State to Awkuzu community under the pretext of selling a property to him. The victim was later dispossessed of his valuables and all the money in his account was withdrawn by the culprits.

**14 January 2024** - Police operatives at a checkpoint IVO Igboukwu community intercepted a four-man armed gang. During a search, one of the culprits attempted to pull a Beretta pistol, but he was neutralized. A firearm and a dagger concealed in a bag were recovered from the culprits

## SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

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

The incidents captured during the reporting week range from criminal activities to security operations, murder and protests, with affected local government areas including the following; Calabar-Municipal in Cross Rivers State; Khana, Port Harcourt, and Etche LGAs in Rivers state; and Burutu in Delta state.

On January 19, 2024, a land dispute in Akpajo community, Eleme local government area of Rivers state, resulted in the reported deaths of two individuals. Rampaging youths, engaged in the land dispute, not only clashed but also caused widespread destruction by destroying houses and



looting shops. This incident underscores the potential volatility of local disputes and the need for community-based conflict resolution mechanisms.

In Delta State, on January 18, 2024, gunmen suspected to be militants targeted and killed an indigene of Ojobo community in the Burutu local government area. The incident highlights the persistent security challenges faced by communities in the Niger Delta region.

On January 17, the Nigerian Army reported the discovery and disruption of an illegal oil bunkering site in Umuedeokwara Community, Odogwa Town, Etche Local Government Area of Rivers State. The involvement of security forces in addressing illegal activities, such as oil bunkering, reflects ongoing efforts to curb economic crimes and maintain stability in resource-rich regions. Lastly, the Rivers State Police Command announced the arrest of a group of armed robbers and cultists on January 15, who had been terrorizing communities in Khana Local Government Area of the state. Their activities included burgling the residence of army personnel, demonstrating the need for ongoing law enforcement efforts to address criminal elements and enhance community safety.

Meanwhile, on the same day, teaching and non-teaching staff at the University of Cross River State protested the nonpayment of their salaries, emphasizing the broader issue of financial challenges within educational institutions.

## **SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List**

**19 January 2024** - Two persons have been reportedly killed in a land dispute that broke out in Akpajo community in Eleme local government area of Rivers state. Rampaging youths, who were said to have clashed over land in the area, destroyed houses and looted shops of innocent residents of the area.

**18 January 2024** - Gunmen suspected to be militants have killed an indigene of the Ojobo community in the Burutu local government area of Delta State.

**17 January 2024** - The Nigerian Army said troops of 6 Division, burst a carefully concealed illegal oil bunkering site in Umuedeokwara Community, Odogwa Town in Etche Local Government Area of Rivers State.

**17 January 2024** - Teaching as well as non-teaching staff of the University of Cross River State have protested nonpayment of their salaries by the management of the institution.

**15 January 2024** - Six unidentified armed individuals, using a Toyota Hilux vehicle, vandalized a transformer providing power to Ojoto, Wokoma, Elechi, and Ekwe streets IVO Mile 3 Diobu, Port Harcourt City Council of the state in the early hours of Monday. The Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHED) has been informed about the incident and an investigation is ongoing.

**15 January 2024** - The Rivers State Police Command says it has arrested a group of armed robbers and cultists who have been terrorizing communities in Khana Local Government Area of the state, including burgling the residence of army personnel.

## SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

**Analysis** – The number of fatalities increased with six fatalities captured while no persons were kidnapped during the week. This is most likely because incidents are underreported within the region.

On January 18, 2024, over 200 Community Development Associations in Obafemi-Owode Local Government, Ogun State, took to the streets to express their dissatisfaction with prolonged power outages and what they perceived as unfair treatment by the Electricity Distribution Company in their locality. The protest highlights the impact of inconsistent and inadequate public services on community well-being, emphasizing the need for responsive governance and improved infrastructure.

Security concerns were evident on January 17, with reports of recurrent armed robbery attacks along Gbagada Express Road. Perpetrators posing as commercial transporters have reportedly been involved, prompting the anticipation of security operations in the vicinity. The incidents highlight the challenges of ensuring public safety and combating criminal activities in urban areas.

The successful joint operation by police and local hunters in Osogbo, Osun state, on January 16, resulting in the reported killing of five armed robbers attempting to loot a steel rolling mill, highlights the collaborative efforts to address criminal activities and maintain public security.

Meanwhile, the emergency and indefinite strike declared by labor unions at EKITI State University Teaching Hospital, EKSUTH, Ado-Ekiti, following an attack by suspected hoodlums on the medical facility, reflects the vulnerability of critical infrastructure and the impact of security incidents on essential services.

In the education sector, protests erupted at the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA) on January 15, as students expressed discontent over a 100% increase in tuition fees. Similarly, on the same day, aggrieved residents protested at the Lagos Island Local Government Area over an increase in housing rent, emphasizing the socio-economic challenges faced by communities.

## SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

**18 January 2024** - No fewer than 200 Community Development Associations in Obafemi -Owode Local Government in Ogun State took to the streets on Thursday to express their displeasure over prolonged power outages and unfair treatment by the Electricity Distribution Company in their locality.

**17 January 2024** - Recurrent armed robbery attacks have been reported along the Gbagada Express Road. Reports indicate that the perpetrators are posing as commercial transporters. Security operations are anticipated in the vicinity.

**16 January 2024** - A mob has reportedly set a Toyota Corolla car ablaze following its involvement in an accident that killed a public school teacher, identified as Okunola K. in Ode-Omu, Ayedaade local government area of the state.

**16 January 2023** - Five armed robbers were reportedly killed in a police and local hunters joint operation in Osogbo, Osun state capital after a gang of robbers attempted to loot a steel rolling mill (now Dangote mill) in the town.

**16 January 2023** - Activities have been paralysed at the EKITI State University Teaching Hospital, EKSUTH, Ado-Ekiti, as a result of an emergency and indefinite strike declared by labor unions at the hospital following an attack by suspected hoodlums who invaded the medical facility.

**15 January 2023** - The students of the Federal University of Technology Akure, FUTA, have shut down the institution to protest the 100% increase in their tuition by the school management. The school management had last week released a new fee schedule for the 2023/2024 academic session.

**15 January 2023** - Aggrieved residents are protesting at the Lagos Island Local Government Area over the increase in housing rent.

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