



NIGERIA WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

03 February 2024 – 09 February 2024

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Executive Summary

Countrywide Incidents for the Week

1. Protests surged particularly in NC and SE
2. Counter-terrorism and insurgency operations continue in the Northern region.
3. Significant cases of criminality were reported in SW
4. In Borno state, several targeted terrorist attacks were captured.



Figure 1. Incident map

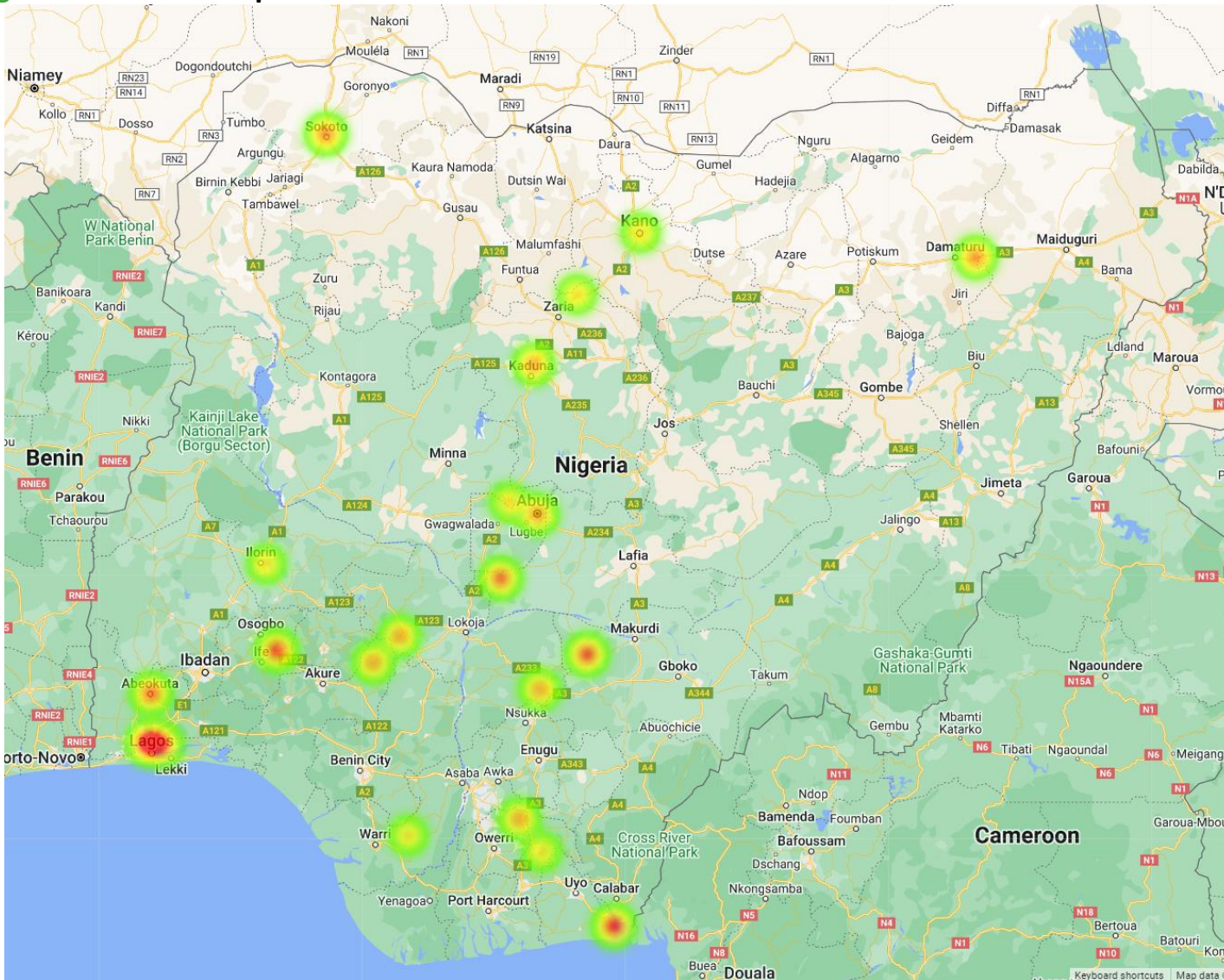


Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

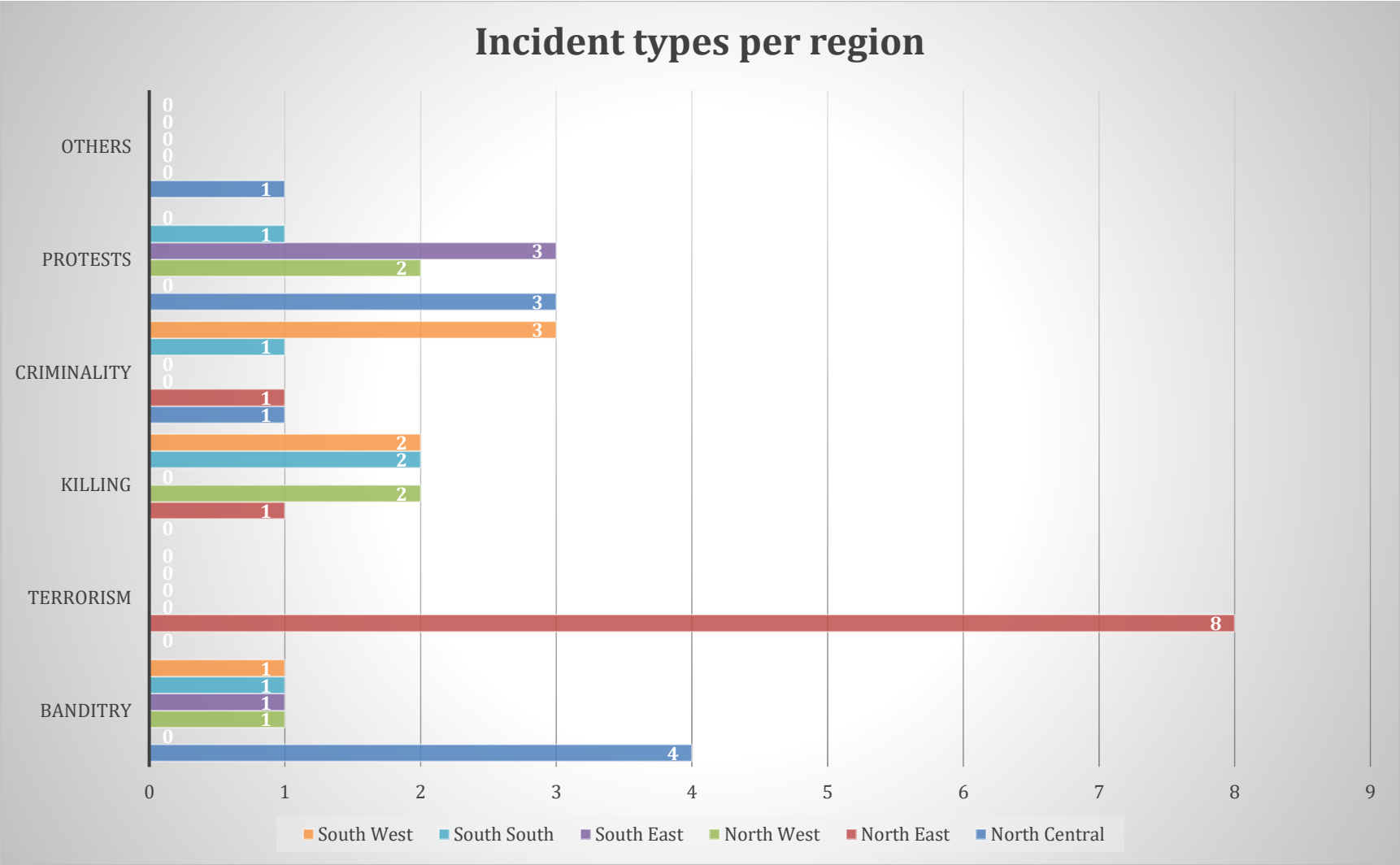
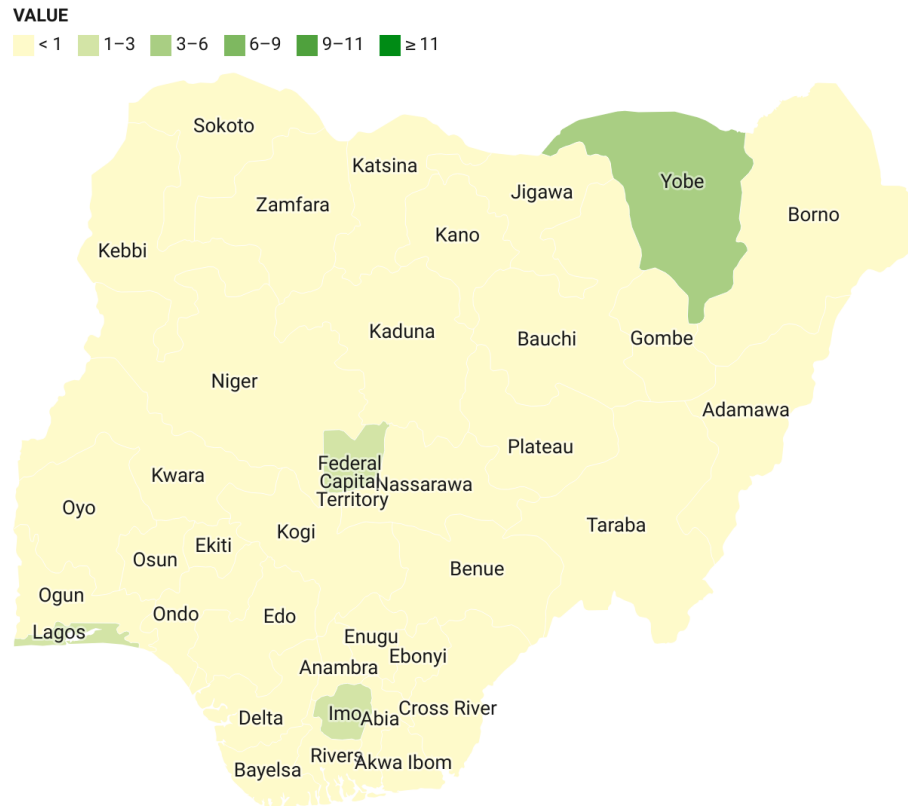


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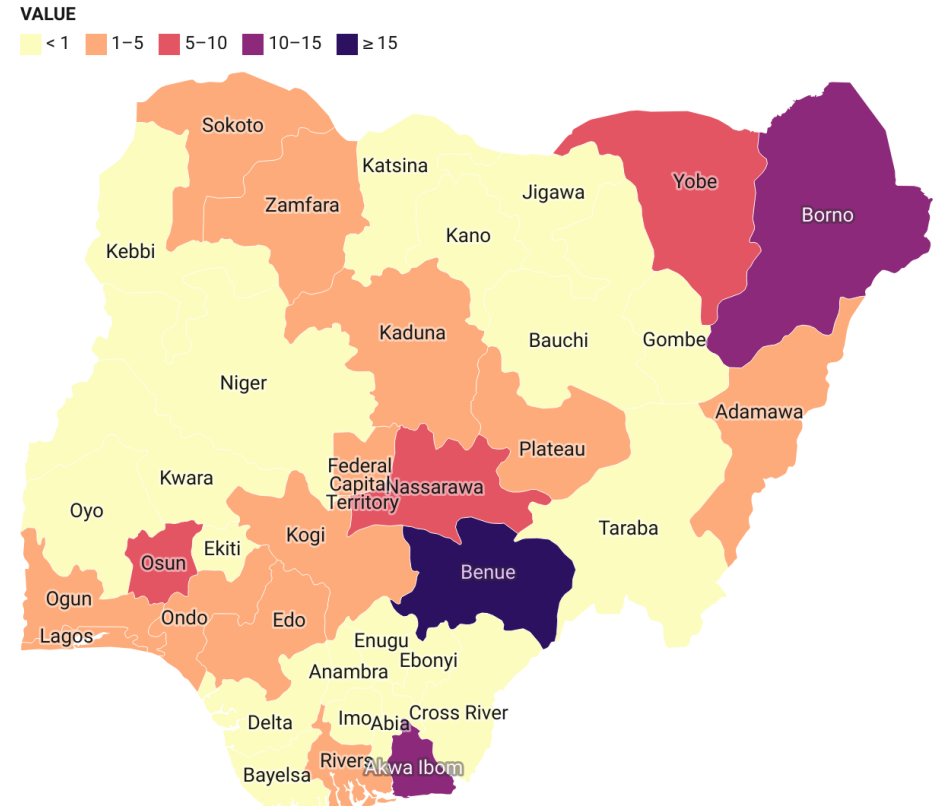
Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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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 05

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims

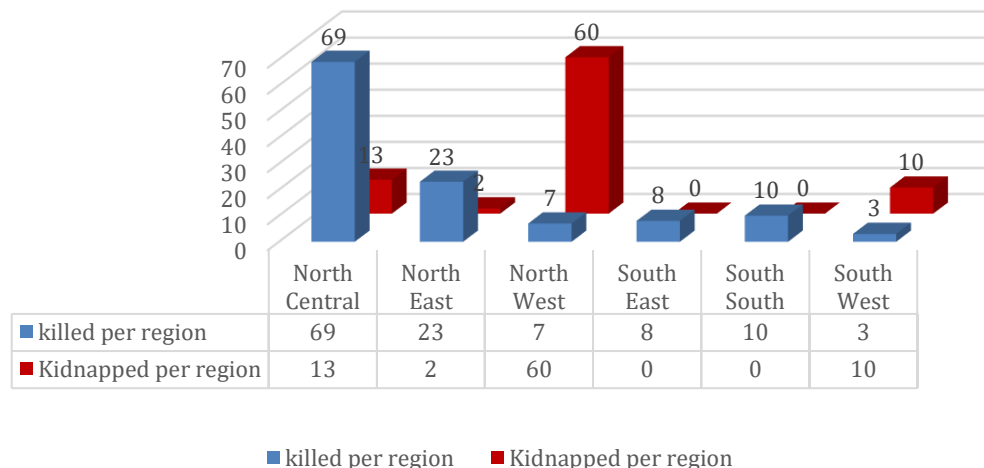
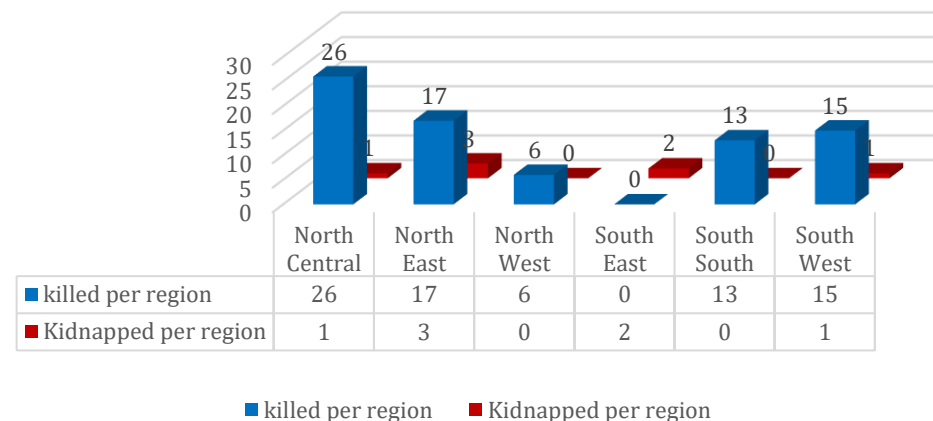


Figure 6. Week 06

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims

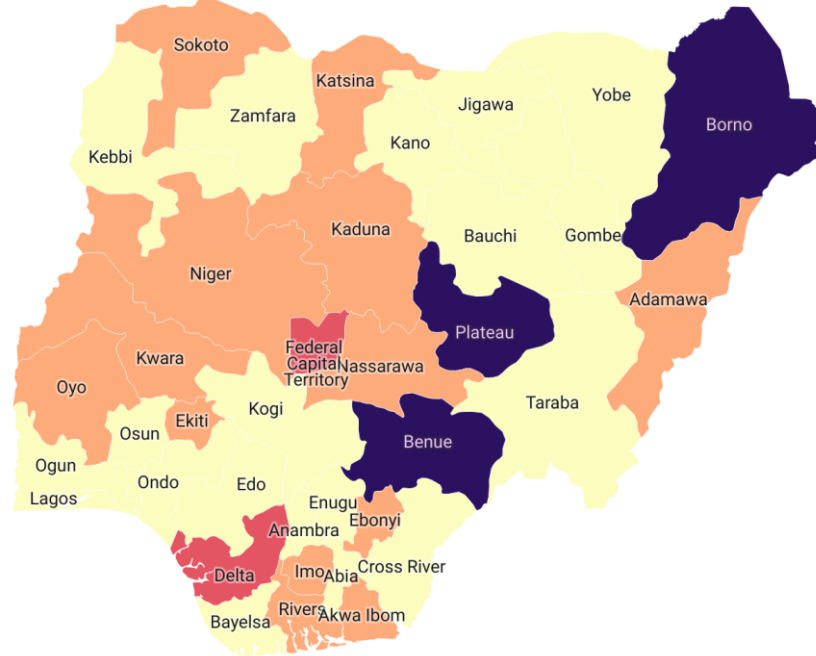


The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 05 and week 06. The figures show regions where conflict-related fatalities were high and low, also capturing regions with high/low numbers of kidnapped victims. The blue bar represents the number of persons killed, while the dark red represents kidnapped victims.

Figure 7. Week 05

Risk map showing killed victims

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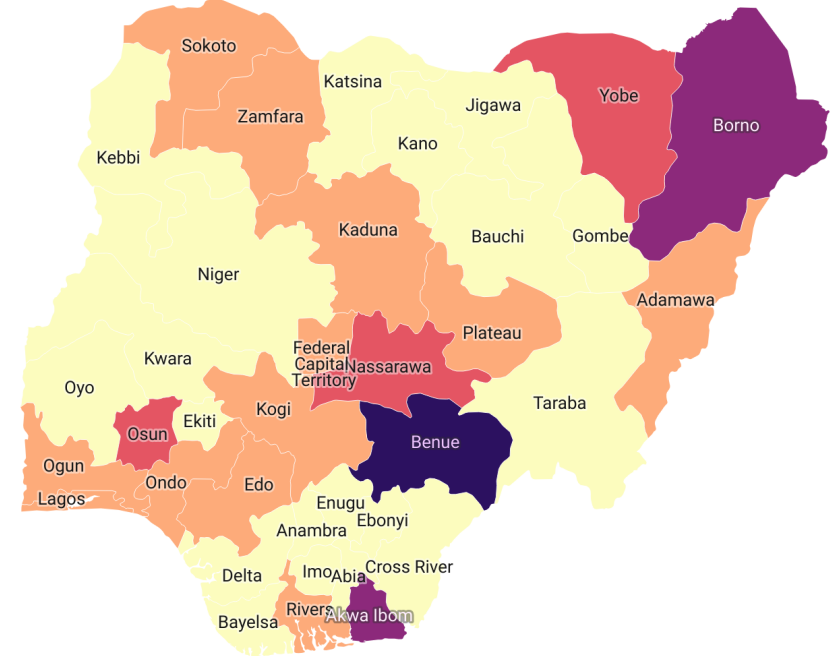


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Figure 8. Week 06

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 05 and week 06 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, Akwa Ibom, and Benue states captured the highest number of fatalities.

Figure 9. Week 05

Risk map showing kidnapped victims

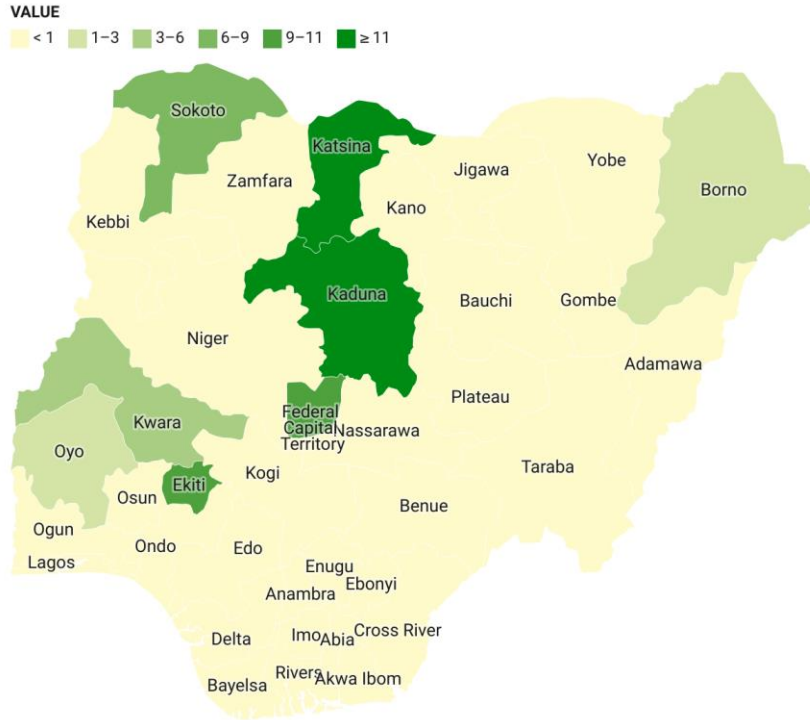


Figure 10. Week 06

Risk map showing kidnapped victims



The above figure captures areas where victims fall into kidnapping threats the most or least. In week 06, most kidnapped victims were from Yobe state. 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 26 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims also decreased, with 1 reported victim.

In Jos Metropolis, Plateau State, unidentified individuals, suspected to be part of an Organized Criminal Group (OCG), killed an individual and made off with his motorbike. This violent act has triggered a police investigation to apprehend the perpetrators. The incident sheds light on the challenges posed by criminal elements within local communities in the North Central states, emphasizing the need for enhanced law enforcement efforts to ensure public safety.

The Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, became a focal point for civil unrest as the Jabi area witnessed violent protests. The aftermath included the death of one person and the vandalization of police cars at the Jabi-Dakibiyu police post. This underscores the significance of addressing social issues and grievances within communities to prevent the escalation of tensions into violent protests and emphasizes the crucial role of law enforcement in maintaining order.

Several incidents in different regions highlighted the grim reality of ethnic and communal conflicts. In Lugbe, Airport Road, Abuja, residents in Jedo Estate faced the terrifying reality of kidnappings. Ethnic Fulani herdsman were involved in deadly clashes, leading to the killing of a farmer in Ijumu LGA, Kogi State. Meanwhile, bandits and ethnic Fulani herdsman carried out attacks in Toto LGA, Nasarawa State, and Otukpo LGA, Benue State, resulting in casualties. These incidents emphasize the urgent need for conflict resolution mechanisms and community dialogue to foster peaceful coexistence among diverse ethnic and communal groups.

NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

08 February 2024 – Unidentified individuals suspected to be members of OCG killed one person and carted away his motorbike IVO Jos Metropolis, Plateau state. The corpse has been deposited in a mortuary of a medical facility. A police investigation is in progress.

08 February 2024 – One person was killed yesterday, while several police cars were vandalized at the Jabi-Dakibiyu police post, following a violent protest in the Jabi area of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja.

07 February 2024 – Barely three weeks a resident of Jedo Estate in Lugbe, Airport road, Abuja, Mr Suleiman Sambo was kidnapped on his way home by heavily armed men, one kilometer from his house, the hoodlums invaded the estate again invaded the estate and abducted another resident.

07 February 2024 – Residents barricaded several roads in Suleja Local Government Area (LGA), Niger State, and demonstrated against the high cost of living.

07 February 2024 – Locals barricaded the Oke Andi Road in Oko Erin, Ilorin West Local Government Area (LGA), Kwara State, and demonstrated against the high cost of living nationwide.

07 February 2024 – Ethnic Fulani herdsmen killed a farmer, Ojo Olayinka, at his farm in Ogidi, Ijumu Local Government Area (LGA), Kogi State, and afterward burnt his body.

06 February 2024 – Bandits attacked a community in Toto Local Government Area (LGA), Nasarawa State, killing five people, including two vigilantes and three Armed Forces of the Republic of Nigeria soldiers, before fleeing.

06 February 2024 – Ethnic Fulani herdsmen attacked three communities in Entekpa Ward, Adoka District, Otukpo Local Government Area (LGA), Benue State, and killed at least 17 people.

05 February 2024 – A bandit leader, Isa Dei-Dei, was shot dead in clashes between the Intelligence Response Team of the Nigeria Police Force and the perpetrators at an undisclosed location in Abuja Territory. No arrests were made as the other bandits managed to flee with gunshot injuries.

NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

Analysis – There was an overall decrease in the number of fatalities as 17 persons were killed and a slight increase in kidnap victims, with 3 kidnap victims during the week.

Several incidents point to the continued threat of terrorism in Northern Nigeria. Suspected members of the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) attacked Kauri village, Borno State, killing two herdsmen, rustling cows, and leaving two hunters and a CJTF member missing. Additionally, an ex-JAS Shekau group attacked civilians at Hambagda village, resulting in three deaths and two injuries. Another attack targeted the security position in Mafa town, Borno State, by ISWAP forces through the Northern axis, although no casualties were reported. However,

security forces engaged and killed a suspected ISWAP member intruding near Damasak town, Borno State, showcasing ongoing efforts to counteract terrorist threats.

Instances of militants forcefully entering residences were reported. Suspected ISWAP members entered the home of the community head in Kukareta, Yobe State, killing three laborers and stealing vehicles. Another incident involved Boko Haram militants attacking Dankalwar village, Yobe State, killing two construction workers and kidnapping three individuals after a failed attempt on a military camp. These incidents highlight the vulnerability of communities to militant raids and abductions.

Political tensions manifested in Chinade town, Azare Local Government Area, where unidentified individuals suspected to be political thugs set a car on fire at the residence of a prominent political figure. While the victim was rescued, the incident underscores the potential for political violence in the region.

NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

08 February 2024 – Suspected ISWAP elements attacked and killed two herdsmen and rustled an unspecified number of cows IVO Kauri village, approximately 10 km north of Bama town, Borno State. A local hunters team pursued the assailants but were unable to recover the cows, while two hunters and one CJTF member remained missing in action.

08 February - An ex-JAS Shekau group attacked some civilians who went to farm at Hambagda village close to the Technical College, Borno state, killing three and wounding two others. The attackers withdrew before the SF arrived at the scene. All casualties were evacuated, and the corpses were moved to Gwoza town for burial while the wounded were evacuated to Maiduguri for treatment

08 February 2024 – The security position in Mafa town, Borno State was attacked by an ISWAP force through the Northern axis, and an exchange of fire lasted briefly before the attackers withdrew. No casualties were reported.

08 February - A suspected member of a youth gang known in Adamawa State as Shila Boys, has been killed in a gang clash with vigilantes in the capital, Yola, Adamawa state.

04 February – A security patrol initiated an IED, assessed to have been emplaced by ISWAP along the road to Maiduguri, between Awulari and Bama, 4km north of Bama town, Borno State. Two soldiers were killed, and their bodies were evacuated to the SF medical facility in Bama town.

04 February 2024 – Members of ISWAP and Bakoura clashed IVO Dabar Gajeri approximately 5km South of Daban Masara. Although several fighters were killed on both sides, accurate casualty details could not be ascertained.

04 February - Suspected members of ISWAP forcefully entered the residence of the community head (Lawani) of Kukareta, approximately 20km East of Damaturu, Yobe state. The Lawani escaped with his family, but the attackers killed three laborers in the residence and wounded two neighbors – who were later evacuated to a health facility in Damaturu town. The attackers burnt Lawani's vehicle and stole one Hilux vehicle belonging to the local vigilante group.

04 February - Suspected Boko Haram militants attacked a village in Dankalwar, Yobe State, killing two construction workers while kidnapping three other people before fleeing the area. The attack was preceded by another on an Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria military camp in the area which was repelled.

03 February - Unidentified individuals suspected to be political thugs set on fire a car belonging to a prominent political figure at his residence IVO Chinade town in Azare Local Government Area. Reports revealed that the victim was rescued from the assailants by his neighbors.

03 February – Security forces engaged and killed a suspected ISWAP member who had intruded into their perimeter 1km east of Damasak town, Borno State.

NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – Fatalities decreased slightly with only 6 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals also decreased with over no victims during the week. This can be attributed to underreporting during the week.

On 5th February 2024, in Zamfara State, a violent clash occurred between security forces and bandits, resulting in casualties on both sides. The bandits targeted a security camp at the Government Day Secondary School, Dauran, Zurmi Local Government Area. The incident highlights the ongoing challenges faced by security personnel in Zamfara State in combating criminal elements.

A tragic incident unfolded on 4th February 2024 at the Forward Operational Base in Magami, Sokoto State, where an Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (AFFRN) soldier, James Kingsley, opened fire under unclear circumstances. The indiscriminate shooting resulted in the death of a senior officer, Ukachuckwu, and injuries to several others. In response, fellow troops at the base were forced to open fire on Kingsley, leading to his demise. This incident underscores the importance of addressing internal security breaches within military establishments to prevent such tragic events.

Several incidents highlighted the impact of civil unrest and political violence in different regions. In Kaduna State, locals barricaded the Kaduna-Zaria Highway to protest the shooting and killing of an innocent man by suspected political thugs during a re-run election in Rigachikun ward, Igabi Local Government Area. Similarly, in Kano State, women demonstrated against the increase in the price of flour by the national government, barricading several roads. Additionally, political thugs in Kaduna State shot dead one person in Rigachikun Ward during re-run elections, pointing to the volatility of the political landscape and the need for increased security measures during such events.

NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

05 February 2024 - Several bandits, two soldiers and a mobile police officer were killed on Monday during a fight that ensued after the outlaws attacked a security camp in Zamfara State. The terrorists had attacked security personnel stationed at the Government Day Secondary School, Dauran in Zurmi Local Government Area of Zamfara state.

04 February 2024 - An Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (AFFRN) soldier, James Kingsley, shot sporadically under unclear circumstances at the Forward Operational Base in Magami, Sokoto State, shooting dead a senior officer, identified as Ukachuckwu, and injuring several others. To stop further damage, troops at the base opened fire at him killing him.

04 February 2024 - Locals barricaded the Kaduna-Zaria Highway in Kaduna State, demonstrating against the shooting and killing of an innocent man by suspected political thugs during the re-run election in Rigachikun ward, Igabi Local Government Area (LGA) in the state, the previous day.

03 February 2024 - Women barricaded several roads in Kano Local Government Area (LGA), Kano State, and demonstrated against the increase in the price of flour by the national government.

03 February 2024 - Assailants suspected to be political thugs shot dead one person in Rigachikun Ward, Igabi Local Government Area (LGA), Kaduna State, during re-run elections in the area.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased with no killed victims while 2 kidnap victims were recorded during the week.

On 9th February 2024, armed assailants targeted vehicles, including a commercial passenger bus, in Akoko, Imo State. The attackers inflicted injuries on some individuals and kidnapped others before making their escape. This incident highlights the prevalence of criminal activities, including abductions and attacks on public transportation, underscoring the need for heightened security measures in the region.

Residents of Nimbo community in the Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area of Enugu State expressed their dissatisfaction on 6th February 2024. Hundreds of community members staged a peaceful protest against the state government's plan to establish a cattle ranch for herdsmen in their locality. On 6th February 2024, tipper drivers in Onitsha, Anambra State, took to the streets to protest and block the expressway leading to and from the Niger Bridge. The protest was fueled by allegations of extortion by agents of the state government. Such demonstrations underscore the impact of government actions on various sectors and the importance of addressing grievances to maintain social harmony.

Students at the Michael Okpara University of Agriculture in Umudike, Abia State, took a stand on 6th February 2024, barricading the university entrance. The demonstration was in response to the administration's decision to hike school fees and concerns over the students' inability to sit for examinations. This incident reflects the broader challenges faced by students regarding educational accessibility and affordability, prompting calls for dialogue between university administrations and student bodies to address their grievances.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

09 February 2024 - Armed assailants attacked four vehicles, including a commercial passenger bus, in Akoko, Imo State, injuring some people while kidnapping others before fleeing.

06 February 2024 - Hundreds of Nimbo community residents in the Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area of Enugu State have staged a peaceful protest against the state government's plan to establish a cattle ranch for herdsmen in their community.

06 February 2024 - Tipper drivers in Onitsha, the commercial center of Anambra, protested and blocked the expressway leading to and from the Niger Bridge over alleged extortion by agents of the state government.

06 February 2024 - Students barricaded the entrance of the Michael Okpara University of Agriculture in Umudike, Ikwuano Local Government Area (LGA), Abia State, demonstrating against the hike in school fees by the administration, and the inability to sit for examinations.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased with 13 fatalities captured while no persons were kidnapped during the reporting week. This is most likely because incidents are underreported within the area.

In a disturbing incident on 9th February 2024 in Benin City, an unidentified commercial bus driver allegedly set an official of the Edo State Traffic Control and Management Agency (EDSTMA) on fire. This shocking act highlights the increasing risks faced by traffic control authorities, underscoring the urgent need for enhanced safety measures for public servants in the line of duty.

On 6th February 2024, a case of humanitarian aid diversion unfolded as goods meant for transportation and distribution to the North by the United Nations Agency for Food Programme (UNAFP) were discovered at a warehouse in Port Harcourt. The diversion raised concerns about the security and proper handling of critical humanitarian supplies. Three suspects were arrested, and vehicles used in the illicit activity were impounded, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding aid meant for vulnerable populations.

Community unrest erupted on 5th February 2024 in Ughelli North Local Government Area (LGA), Delta State, as residents of Uwheru and Unenurhie communities barricaded roads in protest against the killing of a fisherman by suspected Ethnic Fulani herdsmen. This incident reflects the persistent tensions and conflicts between communities and herders across the country, signaling the need for concerted efforts in conflict resolution and the protection of vulnerable populations.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

09 February 2024 - An unidentified commercial bus driver has allegedly set an official of the Edo State Traffic Control and Management Agency, EDSTMA, on fire in Benin City.

06 February 2024 - Some goods meant for transportation and distribution to the North by a UNAFP were diverted from the port and subsequently discovered at a warehouse IVO Army Barracks Backgate opposite CISCO Motorpark, Rumuokoro – Port Harcourt where they were discharged and stored. Three suspects were arrested, and two trucks and a J-5 vehicle used in conveying the diverted goods were impounded. Further investigations are ongoing.

05 February 2024 - Residents of Uwheru and Unenurhie communities barricaded several roads in Ughelli North Local Government Area (LGA), Delta State, demonstrating against the killing of a fisherman by suspected Ethnic Fulani herdsmen.

03 February 2024 - A 32-year-old pregnant mother of nine children was arrested by the police in Rivers State for killing a woman during a scuffle. It was reported that the suspect had on the 28 of January 2024 gone to the plantation of the deceased woman's farm to steal a bunch of plantains when she was caught, and a fight ensued between her and the deceased.

03 February 2024 - Seventeen personnel were killed following a Biafra Nations League (BnL) militant attack targeting a joint Nigeria-Cameroon border patrol camp in Ebughu, Mbo Local Government Area (LGA), Akwa Ibom State.

SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased significantly with 15 fatalities captured while the number of kidnap victims decreased to 1 this week.

On 8th February 2023, suspected bandits launched an attack on the community of Alagemo in Ikorodu Local Government Area (LGA), Lagos State. The assailants shot and killed two individuals and kidnapped another, highlighting the alarming presence of criminal activities in the region. This incident emphasizes the need for heightened security measures to address and prevent such attacks, ensuring the safety of local residents.

Between 6th and 7th February 2024, violent clashes erupted between the Aye and Eye cultist groups in the towns of Ilesa and Osu in Osun State. The clashes resulted in the tragic loss of six lives and left several others injured. Similarly, in Abeokuta Local Government Area (LGA), Ogun State, clashes between the Aye group and the Buccaneer Confraternity on 4th February 2024 led to four deaths. Police intervention managed to quell the violence, resulting in the arrest of 11 individuals. These incidents underscore the persistent threat of cult-related violence in various communities, necessitating sustained efforts to curb such activities and maintain public safety.

SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

08 February 2023 - Suspected bandits attacked a community in Alagemo, Igbelaara, Ikorodu Local Government Area (LGA), Lagos State, shooting dead two people and kidnapping one other.

06 February 2024 - Six people were killed, and several others were injured in clashes between the Aye and Eye cultist groups in the towns of Ilesa and Osu in Osun State, between 06th and 07th February 2024.

05 February 2024 - Several people were injured in clashes between police officers and motorcycle (okada) riders near the Grammar School in Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Lagos State, following the impounding of several motorcycles by the officers the previous day.

04 February 2024 - Four people were shot dead in clashes between members of the Aye group and the Buccaneer Confraternity in Abeokuta Local Government Area (LGA), Ogun State. Police deployed to the area to restore calm managed to stop the clashes and arrest 11 perpetrators involved.

04 February 2024 - A couple Adebayo Adeseko and his girlfriend, Sarah Adesanya, stabbed each other to death at their apartment in Ojodu, Ikeja Local Government Area (LGA), Lagos State, following an argument.

03 February 2023 - A female student from the Adekunle Ajasin University, Ifeoluwa Adekunle, was stabbed and killed inside her off-campus hostel in Akungba, Akoko South-West Local Government Area (LGA), Ondo State, by unknown assailants.

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