



# NIGERIA WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

10 February 2024 – 16 February 2024

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# Executive Summary

## Countrywide Incidents for the Week

1. Protests surged particularly in NC and SE
2. Terrorist attacks surge in parts of the North East.
3. Security forces enforce measures to combat Organized Crime and Kidnappings in several regions
4. Protests and Civil Unrest surge in Sokoto.

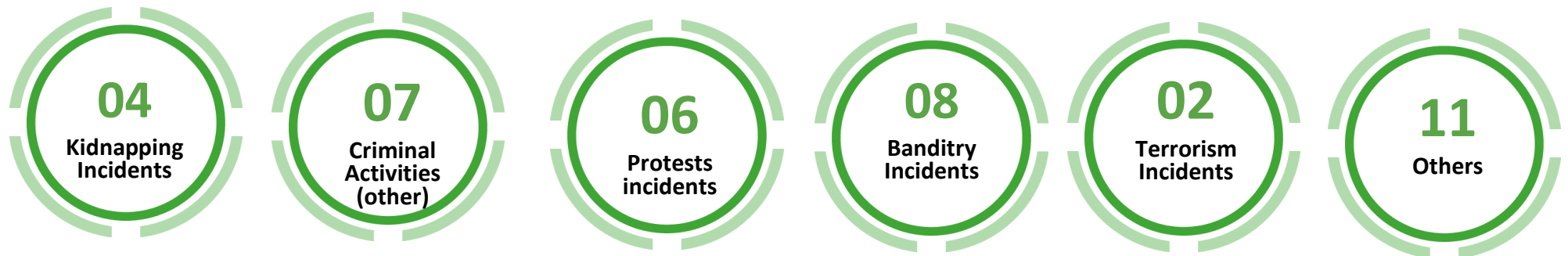


Figure 1. Incident map

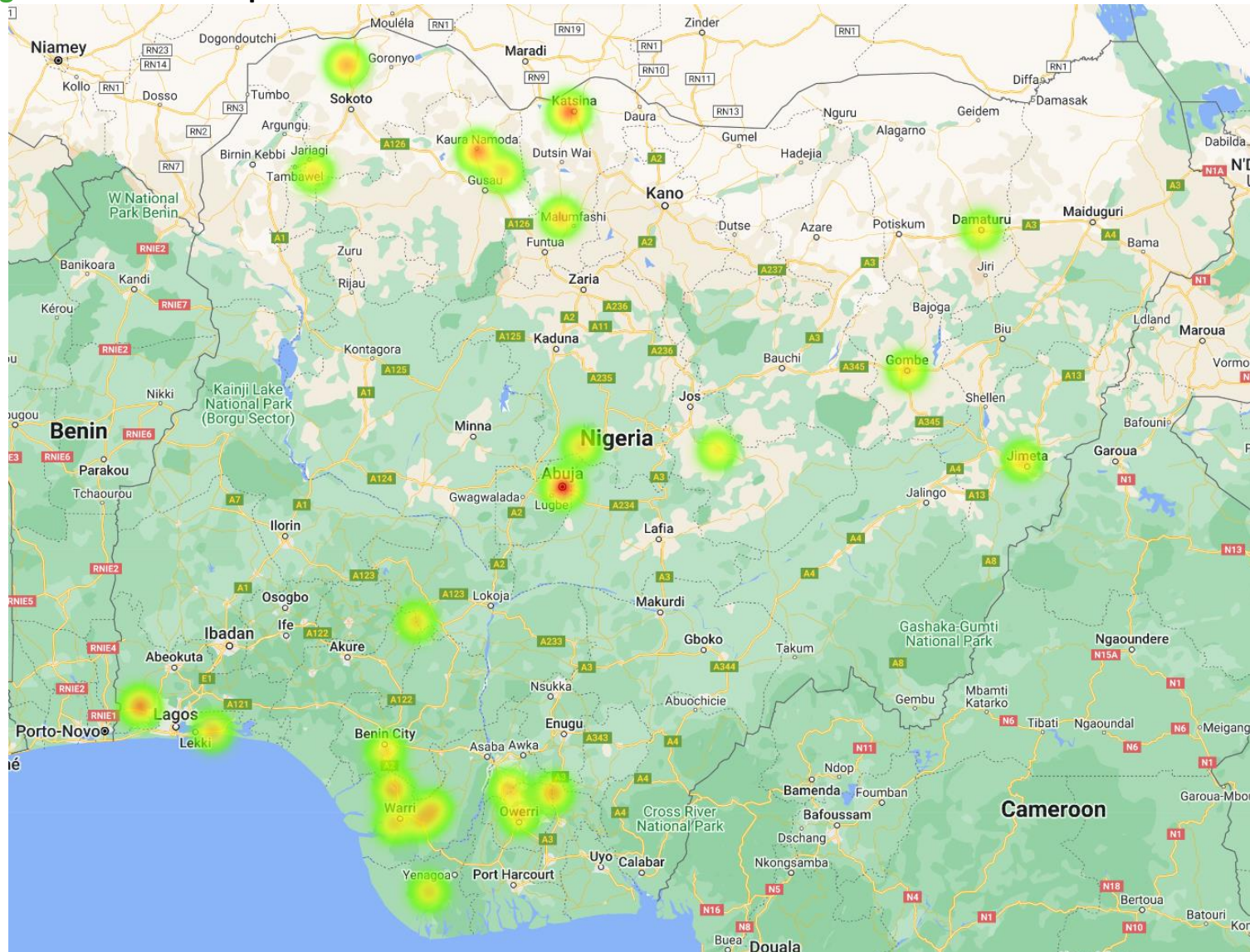


Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

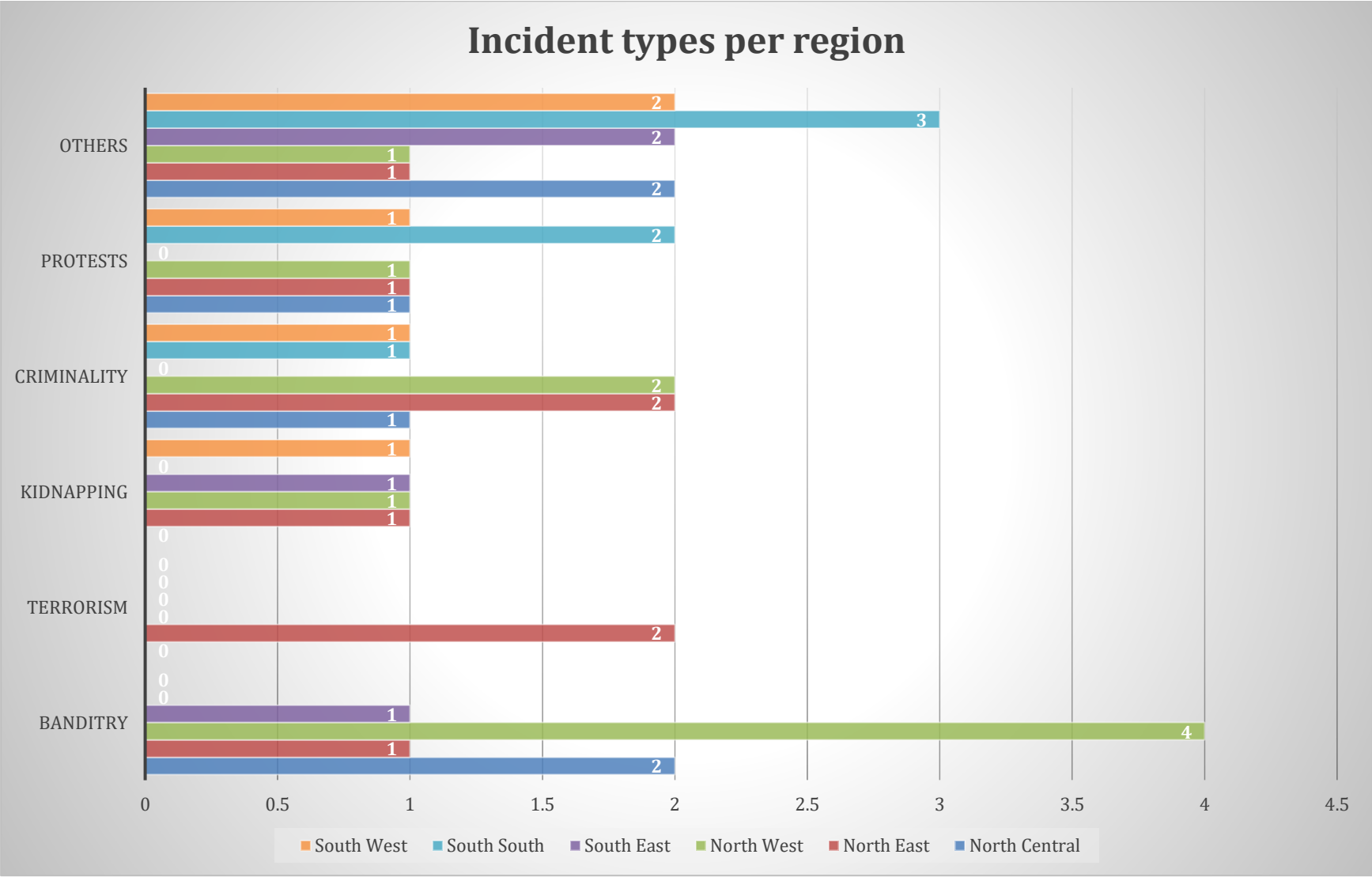
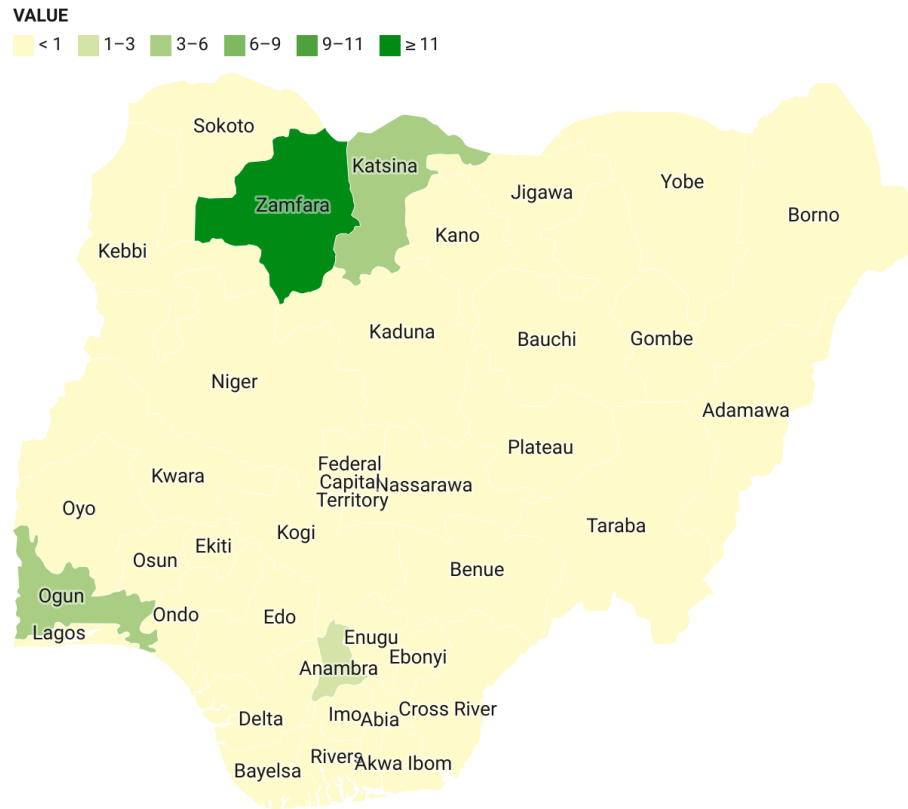


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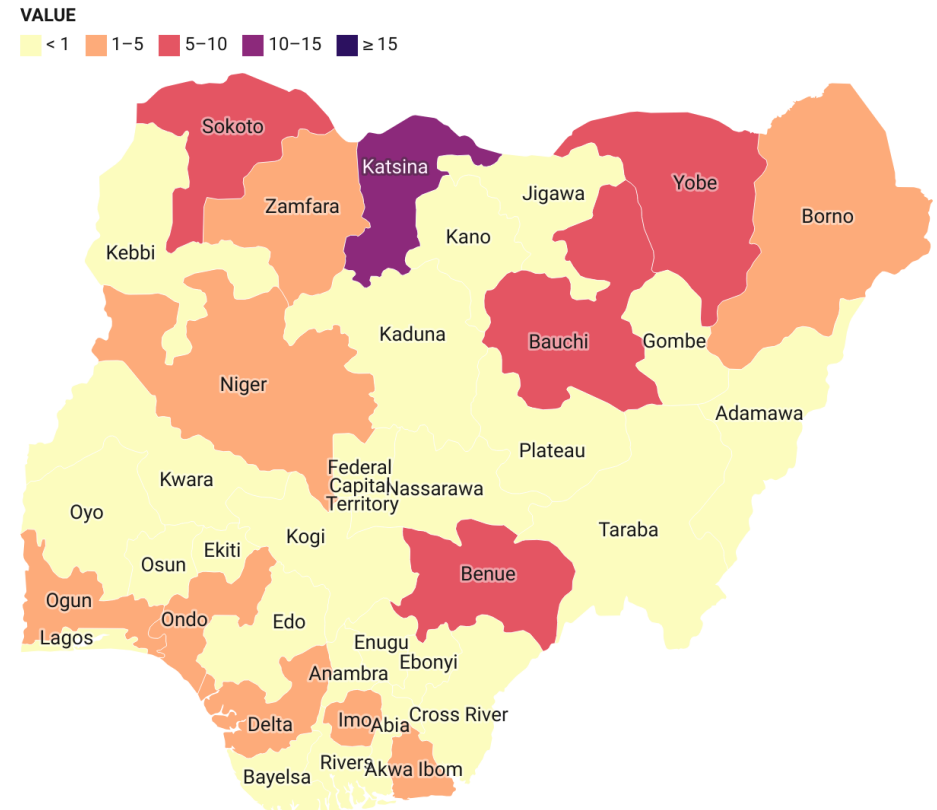
## Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 4.

## Risk map showing killed victims



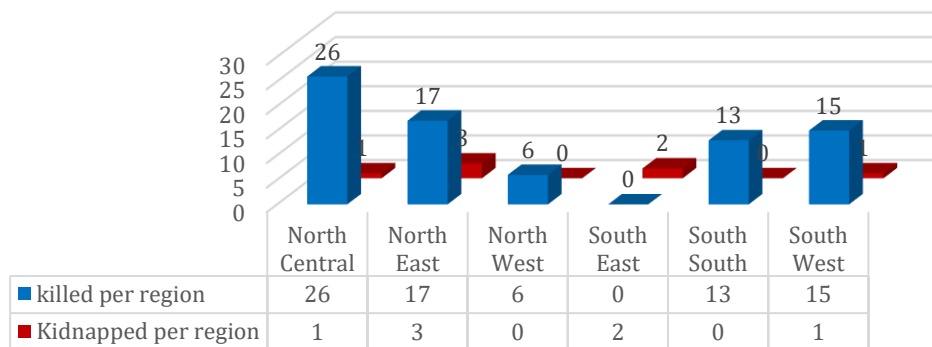
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The above risk maps show locations where citizens were killed and kidnapped in the reporting week. Figure 3 represents areas where abductions occurred, while Figure 4 reflects locations with recorded fatalities.

# Weekly trend analysis

Figure 5. Week 06

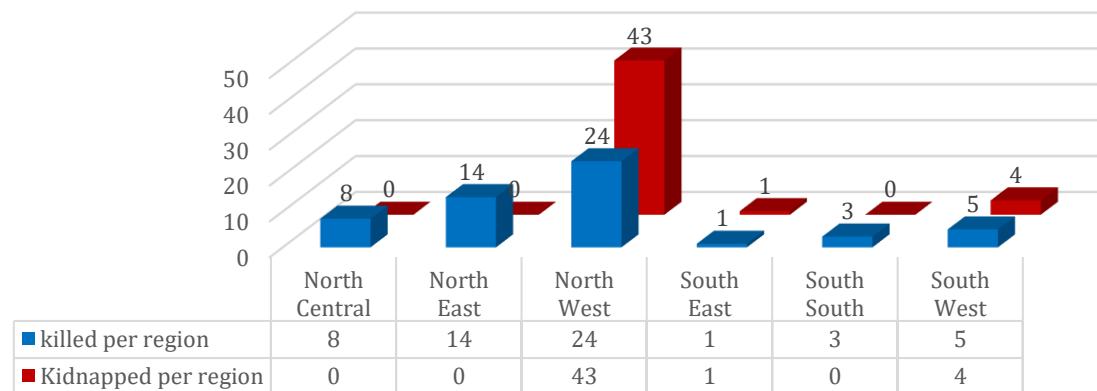
## Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims



■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

Figure 6. Week 07

## Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims

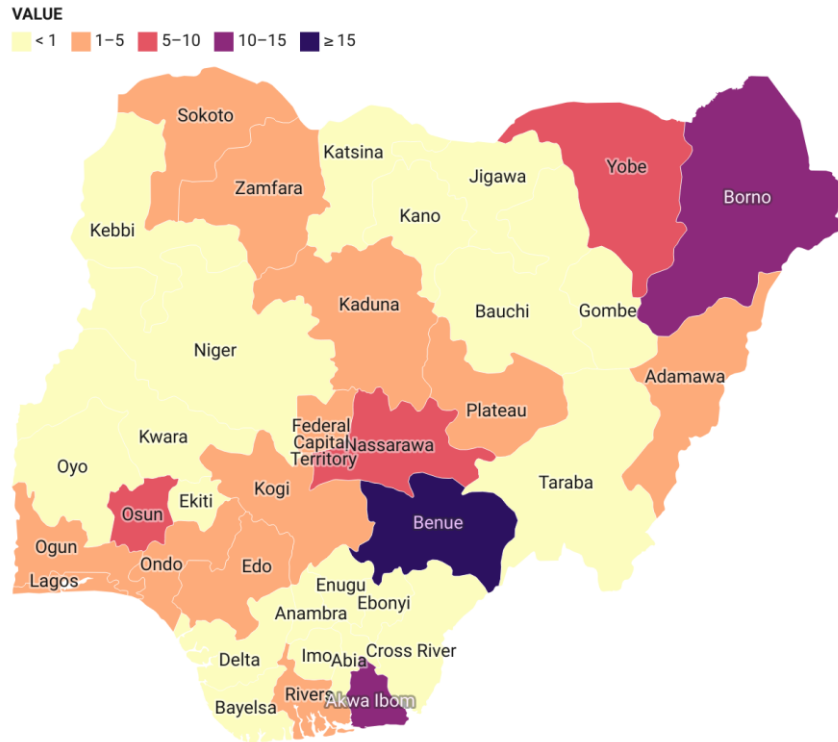


■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 06 and week 07. 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 06

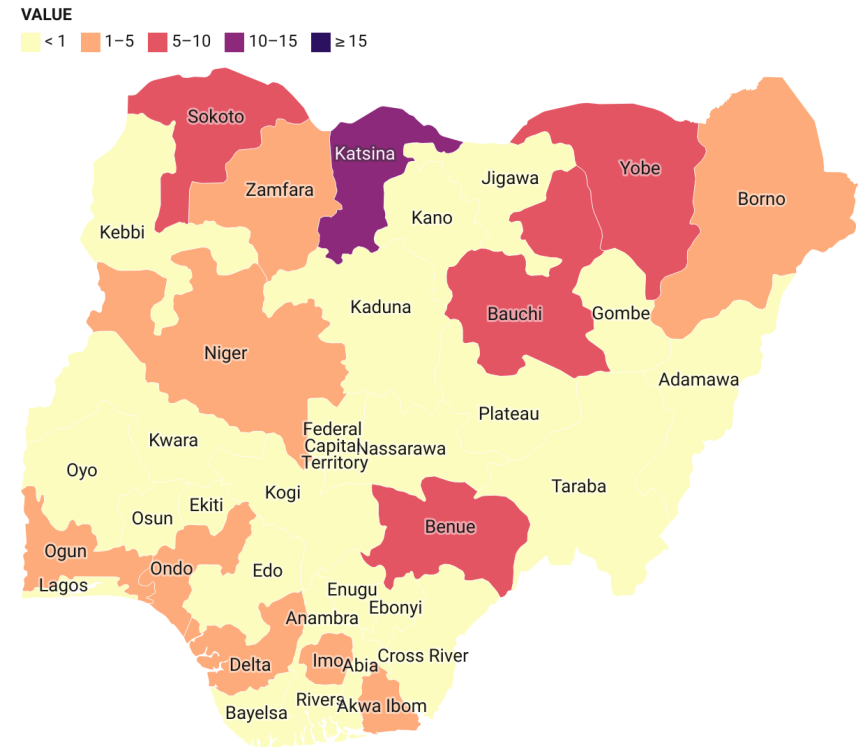
Risk map showing killed victims



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Figure 8. Week 07

Risk map showing killed victims



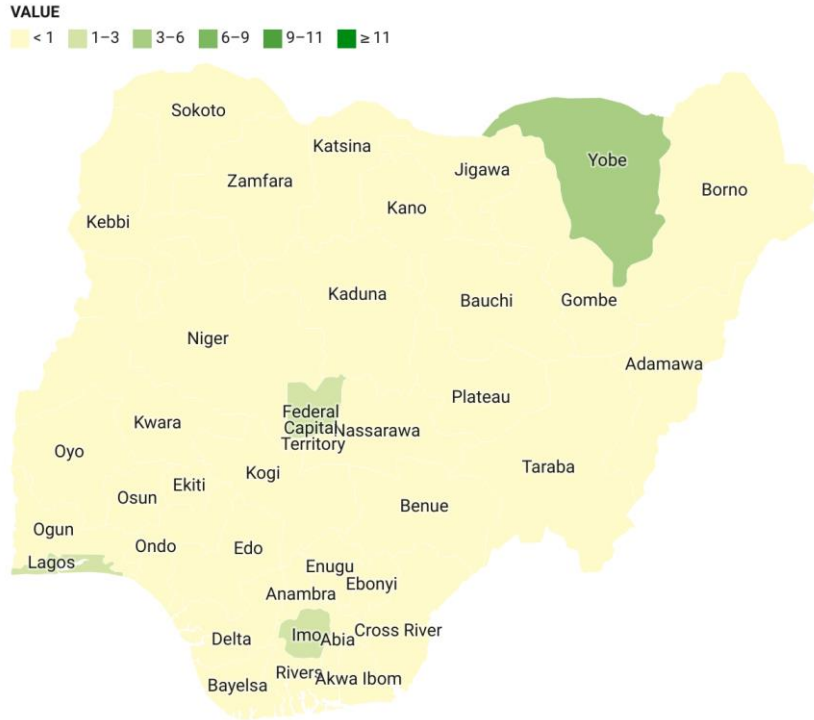
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The above figure shows a risk map contrasting areas where fatalities occurred in the country. The contrast between week 06 and week 07 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and least. The color intensity and lightness depict areas with the least and most fatalities. Based on the above map, Katsina State captured the highest number of fatalities.



Figure 9. Week 06

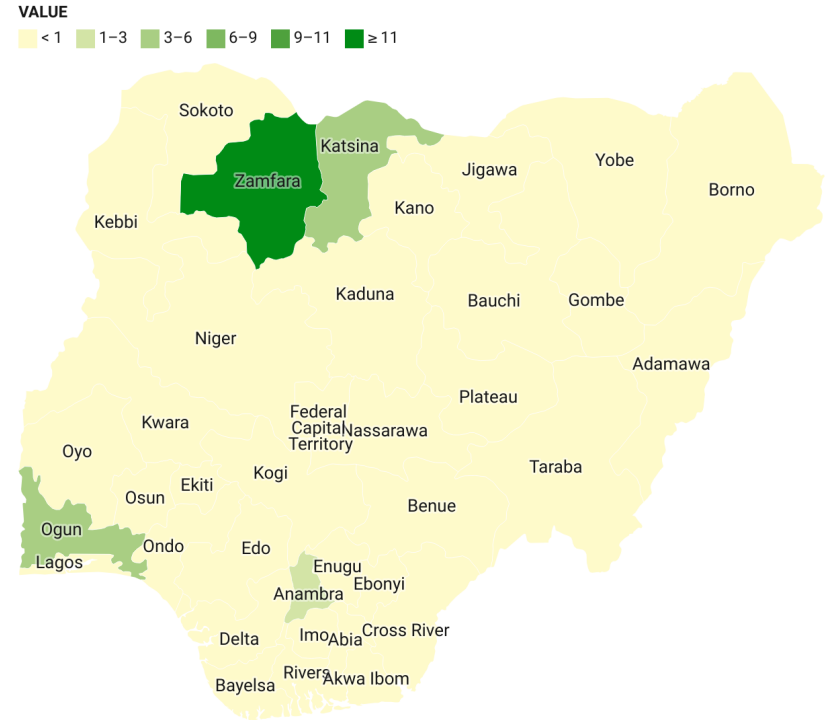
Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 10. Week 07

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 07, most kidnapped victims were from Katsina 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 8 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims also decreased, with no reported victim.

In the incidents reported on 15 February 2024 and 14 February 2024 involving suspected armed herdsmen in Benue State, the armed herdsmen targeted specific communities, leading to the loss of lives and injuries. The motives behind these attacks could be related to disputes over land, resources, or other longstanding grievances between the pastoralist community and settled agricultural communities. Sporadic patterns of these attacks are probable in parts of this region.

On 14 February 2024, the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (AFFRN) conducted a successful raid on an illegal weapons manufacturing factory in Pakachi, Plateau State. This underscores the continuous efforts of security forces to curb the increasing crime rate within the region particularly in Abuja.

The arrest of an Organized Crime Group (OCG) on 14 February 2024, involved in kidnappings and killings in the Abuja area between November 2023 and January 2024, highlights the persistent threat of organized crime in urban settings. The OCG's activities, including abductions and killings, underscore the importance of law enforcement efforts in combating criminal organizations and ensuring public safety. The arrest of the OCG members is a positive step, emphasizing the ongoing need for proactive measures to curb organized crime in society.

## NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

**15 February 2024** – Suspected armed herdsmen invaded and attacked Adijah community IVO Ugbokpo along the Oweto-Otukpo road, Benue State. It was reported that unconfirmed numbers of people were killed while others sustained injuries.

**14 February 2024** – Suspected armed herdsmen attacked and killed four persons at Ikobi, Benue state on 14 February 2024. It was alleged that unconfirmed numbers of persons sustained injuries during the attack.

**14 February 2024** – Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (AFFRN) troops raided an illegal weapons manufacturing factory in Pakachi, Mangu Local Government Area (LGA), Plateau State, recovering various weapons. No arrests were made.

**14 February 2024** – Information available revealed that an OCG consisting of seven members, specializing in kidnappings and killings, operating in the Abuja area between November 2023 and January 2024 has been reportedly arrested by the Operatives FCT Police Command. It was gathered that the OCG was responsible for the abduction of 14 victims and the killing of a district Head as well as the Defence Estate Kabusa and Ketti village kidnappings in Abuja.

**12 February 2024** – The National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives held demonstrations in the Abuja Municipal Area Council in Abuja Territory against what they described as stringent verification certification guidelines released by the Nigeria and Midwifery Council of Nigeria. The protesters said the new rules were an attempt to hinder their freedom to pursue career opportunities. They also asked the council to address issues affecting their welfare, including salary scale, shortage of staff, and other rights.

**12 February 2024** – A man was reportedly stabbed to death by his wife at Nasarawa Village after an argument between them. The murder suspect subsequently fled the scene.

## NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

**Analysis** – There was an overall decrease in the number of fatalities as 14 persons were killed and a decrease in kidnap victims, with no kidnap victims during the week.

In the incidents reported on 16 February 2024, suspected ISWAP members launched a forceful attack on IVO College of Agriculture in Yobe State, resulting in the tragic deaths of three individuals. The attackers swiftly retreated, showcasing the persistent security threat posed by extremist groups in the region. This underscores the ongoing challenges faced by security forces in combating insurgency and the imperative for sustained efforts to enhance regional security.

On 14 February 2024, a group of armed herders conducted simultaneous attacks on Bulama Bukar and two other communities in Yobe State, resulting in the loss of three civilian lives. The attackers not only killed civilians but also burned several houses, posing a significant challenge for the security forces responding to the distress call. Sporadic attacks remain probable within the state hence caution is advised.

The events on 13 February 2024 in Borno State involving an ISWAP force attacking Mairamri village and the abduction of three individuals from Kukawa town by Bakoura fighters illustrate the multifaceted security challenges in the region. The engagement between security forces and the attackers in Mairamri village ended without casualties, but the ongoing threat of kidnappings by criminal elements underscores the need for continuous efforts to counteract these criminal activities and ensure the safety of the local population. The incidents collectively highlight the

intricate security landscape in the northeast, demanding sustained attention and collaboration between security forces and local communities to mitigate risks and maintain stability.

## NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

**16 February 2024** – Armed individuals suspected to be ISWAP members mounted an IVCP IVO College of Agriculture, 18 km South of Damaturu on Buniyadi Road, Yobe state forcefully stopped some vehicles killed about three people, and immediately retreated.

**14 February** - A group of armed herders reportedly attacked Bulama Bukar, 15km West of Gujba town, Yobe State and two other adjoining communities simultaneously, killing three civilians. The attackers also burnt several houses, while an SF team responded to a distress call but were outnumbered by the attackers and abruptly aborted the mission due to poor visibility.

**13 February 2024** – An ISWAP force attacked the SF IVO Mairamri village along the Konduga – Bama Road, Borno State. Security forces exchanged fire with the attackers for a while then the attackers withdrew, and no casualties were reported. N.

**13 February** - Information received revealed that Bakoura fighters abducted three persons from Kukawa town, Borno State and took them to an unknown destination. Contact is yet to be established with the families of the victims.

**13 February** – The Association of Tricycle Drivers (NAPEP) barricaded several roads in Damaturu Local Government Area (LGA), Yobe State, and demonstrated against extortion of their members by Yobe State Road Transport Agency (YOROTA) operatives.

**12 February 2024** – Unidentified individuals suspected to be members of an OCG broke into a higher institution student’s lodge and injured three people IVO Gwallameji Area along Dass Road in Bauchi state. The victims were rushed to a medical facility for treatment. A police investigation is in progress

**12 February** - Unidentified men suspected to be members of an OCG attacked a commercial rider and stole his motorbike IVO Tudun Wus Area in Dass Local Government Area, Bauchi state. The victim is being treated at a medical facility due to injuries sustained during the incident. A police investigation is ongoing.

**11 February** - A combined team of security operatives comprising the police and Ahmed Ali Kwara Hunters Squad have aborted a kidnap plot in Giade, Giade local government area of Bauchi State, and killed five of the criminals.

## NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

**Analysis** – Fatalities increased significantly with over 24 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals also increased with over 43 victims during the week. This can be attributed to underreporting during the week.

In the incidents reported on 15 February 2024, the Dauran–Zurmi MSR in Zamfara State witnessed an attack by unidentified armed individuals who robbed travelers, seizing their belongings. The timely intervention of the Community Protection Guards (CPGs) forced the assailants to flee, highlighting the potential role of local community initiatives in countering criminal activities. A police investigation is underway, underscoring the importance of collaboration between law enforcement and community-based security measures to enhance overall safety.

On the same day in Sokoto State, a commendable operation by the State Tactical Team resulted in the death of several bandits during clashes in Gigane, Gwadabawa LGA. The recovery of a GPMG rifle and live ammunition from the assailants emphasizes the need for proactive law enforcement efforts to curb the activities of armed groups and maintain public safety. This successful operation showcases the effectiveness of targeted actions against criminal elements that threaten the security and well-being of the community.

However, the incident in Katsina State on 15 February 2024, where bandits attacked a mosque in Yargoje, Kankara LGA, resulting in casualties and several kidnappings, underscores the persistent challenges of insecurity in certain regions.

## NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

**15 February 2024** - Unidentified armed individuals blocked the Dauran – Zurmi MSR, where they stopped travelers, and seized their mobile phones and money. The arrival of Community Protection Guards (CPGs) at the scene made the robbers flee in Zurmi LGA, Zamfara state. A police investigation is in progress.

**15 February 2024** - Several bandits were shot dead in clashes with State Tactical Team operatives in Gigane, Gwadabawa Local Government Area (LGA), Sokoto State. The operatives recovered one GPMG rifle with six live ammunition from the assailants.

**15 February 2024** - Bandits attacked a mosque in Yargoje, Kankara Local Government Area (LGA), Katsina State, shooting dead three people and kidnapping several others.

**13 February 2024** - Several residents staged a peaceful protest march to denounce economic hardship and the increased high cost of living in the country. The march went around major highways and ended at the doorstep of the State Government House in Sokoto Metropolis, with protesters registering their grievances to state officials.

**13 February 2024** - Unidentified armed individuals attacked some persons working at a local gold site in Abare village of Magaji Ward, Zamfara state. An unspecified number of workers suffered gunshot wounds, with no fatalities recorded.

**13 February 2024** - The newly established Community Protection Guards (CPGs) stormed a market at Kaffe village, Sokoto State and arrested five herders whom they suspected of being connected with armed banditry and kidnapping. The five suspects were summarily killed in public view in Kaffe village of Gada LGA. A police investigation is in progress.

**13 February 2024** - Four people, including two police officers and two civilians, were shot dead, while 40 other individuals were kidnapped during a suspected bandit attack targeting a community in Kasuwa-Daji Town, Kaura Namoda Local Government Area (LGA), Zamfara State.

**12 February 2024** - Unidentified armed individuals attacked a group of traders conveying goods on camels along – Dukamaje – Gada Road Sokoto state. Three of the traders were shot and wounded, while 10 camels were rustled away into the countryside in Gada LGA. A police investigation is in progress.

**12 February 2024** - Bandits waylaid two vehicles along Jibia-Batsari Road in Katsina State, shooting dead nine traders. The traders were returning to their community from a local market in Jibia when they were attacked.

## SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

**Analysis** – The number of fatalities increased with one killed victim while 1 kidnap victims were recorded during the week.

On 14 February 2024, a significant police operation in Imo State targeted the "Vikings Confraternity Cult" criminal group. Acting on a tip-off, the police raided the group's hideout in Mbeiri, resulting in an exchange of gunfire. During the operation, one suspect sustained gunshot injuries, and others were successfully apprehended. The recovery of firearms, ammunition, military uniforms, and facemasks from the culprits underscores the severity of the criminal activities perpetrated by such groups.

In another incident on 15 February 2024, the Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) demonstrated swift action in apprehending two suspects allegedly involved in robbing accident victims along the Abakaliki-Enugu expressway. The suspects were captured in connection with a road traffic accident that occurred on 13 February 2024. Handing over the suspects to the relevant authorities for prosecution emphasizes the importance of collaboration between law enforcement agencies and regulatory bodies to address crimes that occur in the aftermath of accidents, ensuring justice for victims.

However, the events on 13 February 2024 in Imo and Anambra States involving suspected Indigenous People of Biafra-Eastern Security Network (IPOB-ESN) militants reveal the persistent security challenges in the region. In Imo State, Senator Patrick Ndubueze's home in Umualumoke was attacked, resulting in the tragic death of a police officer. Simultaneously, in Anambra State, suspected IPOB-ESN fighters kidnapped lawyer Jude Oguejiofor from his home in Orsumoghu, subsequently executing him. These incidents underscore the ongoing tensions and security threats in the area.

## SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

**14 February 2024** - A team of police operatives following a tip-off, raided the hideout of a “Vikings Confraternity Cult” criminal group IVO Mbeiri, Imo state. During an exchange of SAF, one of the suspects sustained gunshot injuries while others were arrested. Firearms, ammunition, military uniforms as well as facemasks were recovered from the culprits.

**15 February 2024** - The Sector commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has apprehended two suspected culprits who allegedly robbed accident victims of their valuables in a road traffic accident that occurred on 13 February 2024 along the Abakaliki-Enugu expressway. The suspects had been handed over to the relevant authorities for prosecution.

**13 February 2024** - Suspected Indigenous People of Biafra-Eastern Security Network (IPOB-ESN) militants attacked Senator Patrick Ndubueze's home in Umualumoke, Okigwe Local Government Area (LGA), Imo State, shooting sporadically and killing one police officer manning the compound. The Senator managed to escape unharmed.

**13 February 2024** - Suspected Indigenous People of Biafra-Eastern Security Network (IPOB-ESN) fighters kidnapped a lawyer, Jude Oguejiofor, from his home in Orsumoghu, Ihiala Local Government Area (LGA), Anambra State, and afterward shot him dead.

## SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

**Analysis** – The number of fatalities decreased with 3 fatalities captured while no persons were kidnapped during the reporting week. This is most likely because incidents are underreported within the area.

In the incident involving a gang from a company in Odiemude community, Ahoada East LGA, it was reported that the Organized Crime Group (OCG) demanded a ransom for the release of generators seized from the company. The generators, which had been confiscated some months

ago, were recovered, and the OCG's attempt to extort money was thwarted. The resolution of this situation demonstrates the effectiveness of law enforcement in ensuring the retrieval of stolen property and preventing criminal groups from exploiting businesses for financial gain.

On 14 February 2024, indigenes of Ikot Etti and Ikot Aba communities in Mkpato Enin LGA protested against an oil firm, alleging its failure to pay compensation. The communities took a stand by barricading the only access road leading to the company's operational base in Eastern Obolo Local Government during the protest. This demonstration highlights the ongoing tensions between local communities and extractive industries over issues of compensation and environmental concerns, emphasizing the need for transparent and fair practices in the extractive sector to foster peaceful coexistence.

## SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

**15 February 2024** - The Rivers State Police Command recovered four 20KVA power-generating sets seized by a wanted suspected cultist and his gang from a company IVO Odiemude community in Ahoada East LGA. The reports stated that the OCG demanded a sum before the generators seized some months ago, would be released to the company. Meanwhile, the generators have been recovered and handed over to the company.

**14 February 2024** - Some indigenes of Ikot Etti and Ikot Aba communities in Mkpato Enin LGA of the State protested over an oil firm's alleged failure to pay compensation. Reports state that both communities barricaded the only access road leading to the company's operational base in Eastern Obolo Local Government during the protest.

**14 February 2024** - A tricycle operator, Augustine Williams, was killed by a revenue task force officer in Sapele Town, Sapele Local Government Area (LGA), Delta State when a fight broke out between the two after Williams failed to pay an NGN 400 (USD 0.26) daily levy.

**14 February 2024** - Over 500 youths barricaded the Ekiugbo-Warri Road in Ughelli North Local Government Area (LGA), Delta State, and demonstrated against arbitrary arrests and harassment of residents by officers of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF).

**13 February 2024** - A suspected cultist was burnt to death, while three others escaped IVO Ita community. The incident is seen as a reprisal for his alleged involvement in the brutal murder of a final-year student of the University of Uyo on 11 February, by a group of cultists on a house-to-house raid for phones, laptops, and cash. An investigation is underway.

**11 February 2024** - Unidentified assailants broke into a police officer's room in Olu, Ode Itsekiri, Warri South Local Government Area (LGA), Delta State, stealing his AK-47 rifle and 60 rounds of ammunition.



## SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

**Analysis** – The number of fatalities decreased significantly with 5 fatalities captured while the number of kidnap victims increased to 4 this week.

In a significant development on 15 February 2024, law enforcement in Atan Ota, Ogun State, successfully arrested seven individuals linked to the murder of a woman that occurred in January 2024. The suspects, upon investigation, confessed to their involvement in the crime.

A contrasting situation unfolded on the same day in Sango/Abgara-Ota, Ogun State, where members of a trade association organized a peaceful protest against the ban on single-use plastics in the sale of alcoholic beverages. The protesters, walking from Sango-Agbara to the traditional leader's palace in Ota, sought intervention for the reversal of the ban. The peaceful conclusion of the protest highlights the importance of open dialogue and peaceful advocacy in addressing community concerns, showcasing the potential for collaboration between the public and authorities in resolving issues without resorting to violence.

Unfortunately, clashes between Amotekun corps operatives and Fulani herdsmen in Kajola, Lagos State, on 15 February 2024 resulted in injuries to three Amotekun corps operatives. Limited details about the incident were available, emphasizing the need for transparent and comprehensive reporting to understand the root causes and dynamics of such conflicts.

## SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

**15 February 2023** - Seven people have been arrested in connection to the murder of a woman which occurred in January 2024 IVO Atan Ota, Ogun State. Investigations led to the arrest of the assailants who confessed to the crimes.

**15 February 2024** - Members of a trade association held a protest in Sango/Abgara-Ota, Ogun State concerning the ban on single-use plastics in the sale of alcoholic beverages. The protesters walked from Sango-Agbara to the palace of the traditional leader of Ota to plead with him to intercede on their behalf for the reversal of the ban. The protest ended without any violence.

**15 February 2024** - Three Amotekun corps operatives were injured in clashes with Fulani herdsmen in Kajola, Lagos State. Further details regarding the incident remained unclear during reporting.

**14 February 2024** - Reports indicate that the Ondo police command arrested a 21-year-old male university student in Akungba Akoko, over the killing of a female student. Sources indicate that the police tracked the deceased's phone to the accused. He confessed to having entered the deceased room, stabbing her in the chest with a knife, and stealing her phone.

**10 February 2024** - Unidentified assailants attacked a community in Oke Erinja, Egbado South Local Government Area (LGA), Ogun State, shooting dead four people and abducting four others.

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