



NIGERIA WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

02 March 2024 – 08 March 2024

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Executive Summary

Countrywide Incidents for the Week

1. Armed men kidnapped over 300 IDPs in Borno State.
2. Protests continue in Southern states amidst economic hardship.
3. Several students and teachers were kidnapped in Kaduna State.
4. Crime due to economic hardship surges in parts of the South West Region.



Figure 1. Incident map

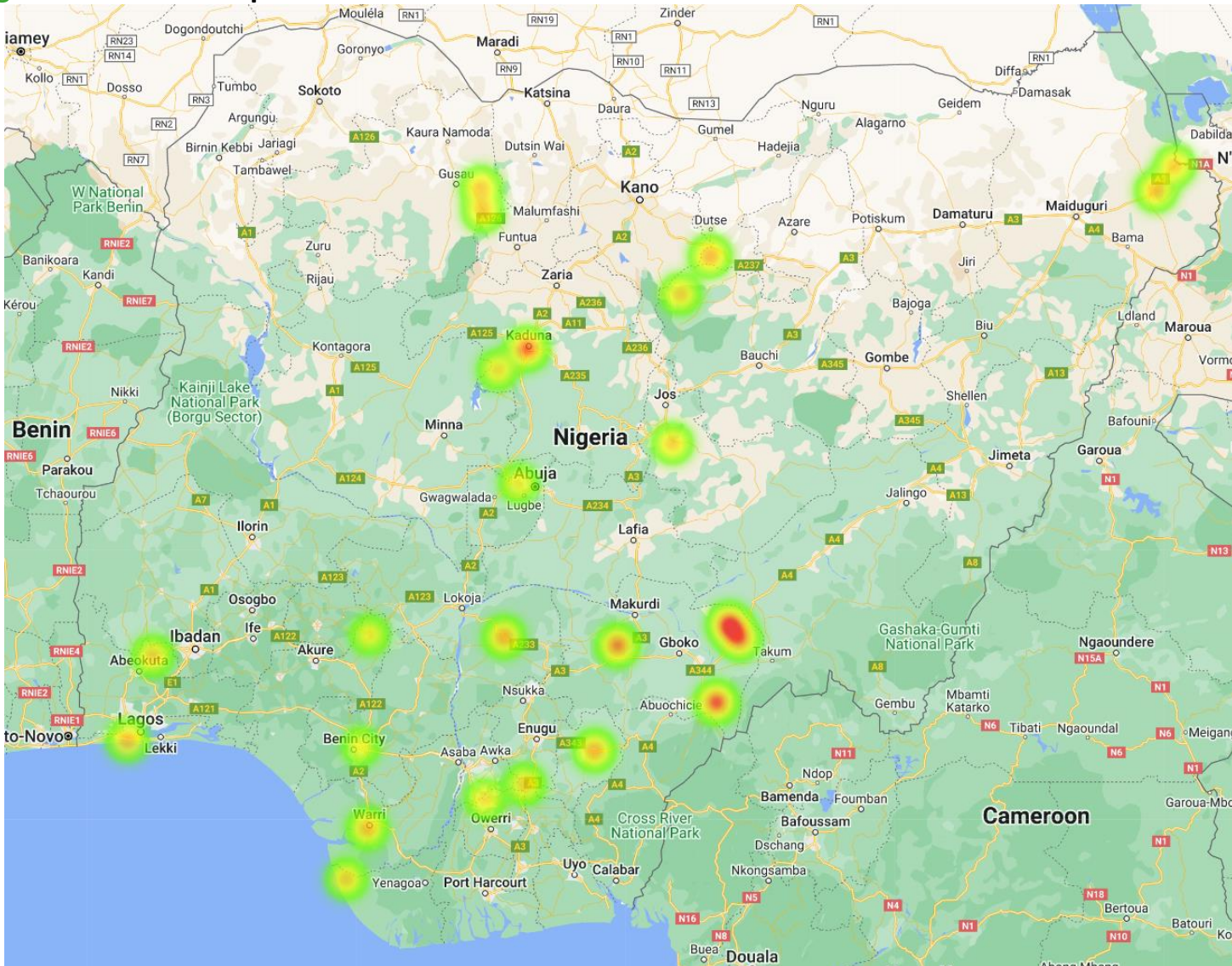


Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

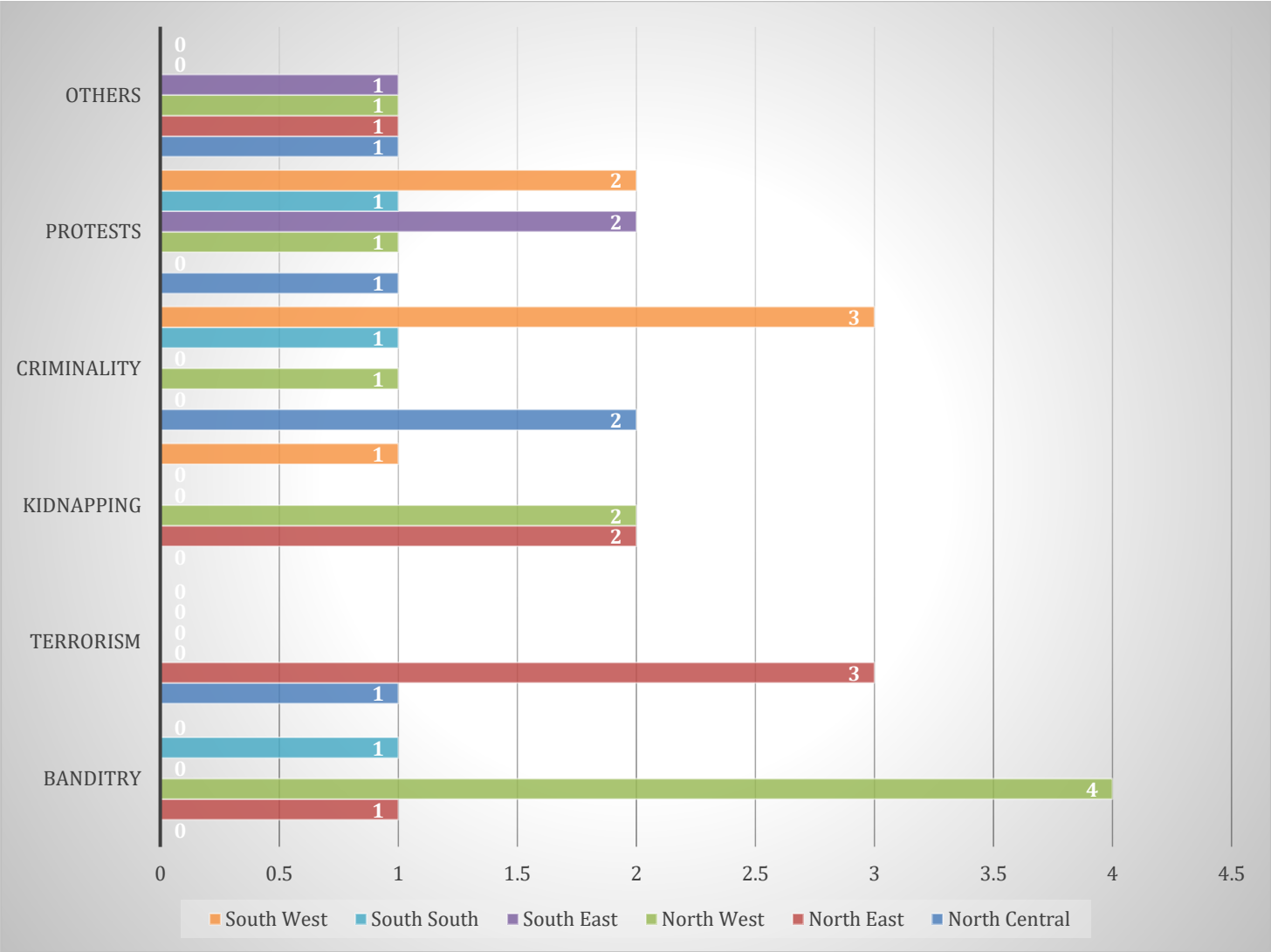
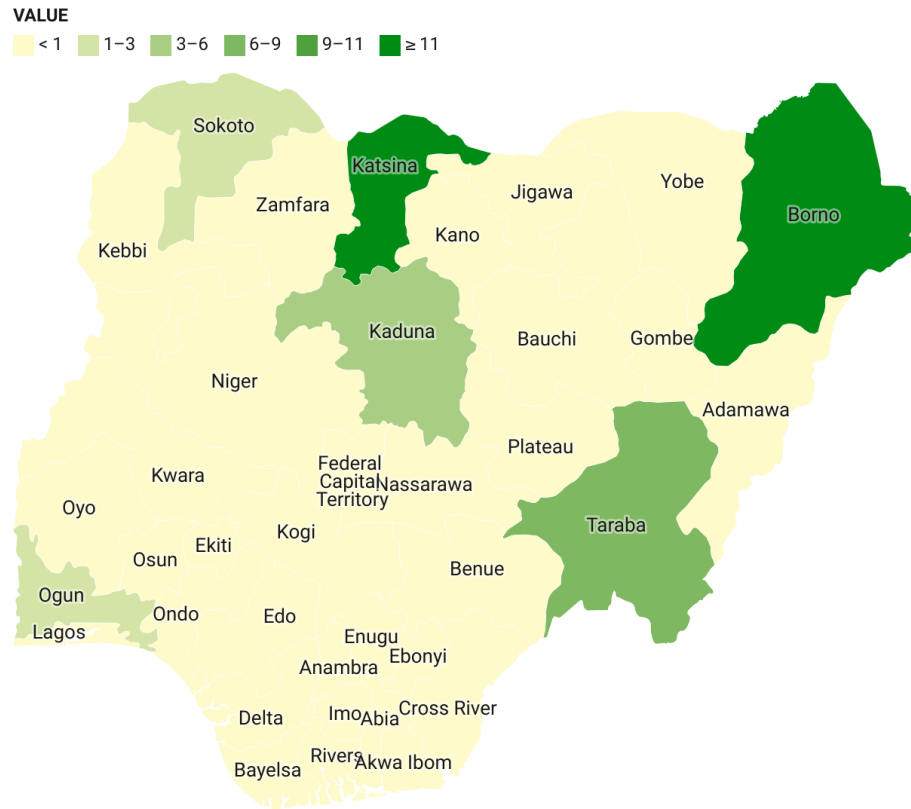


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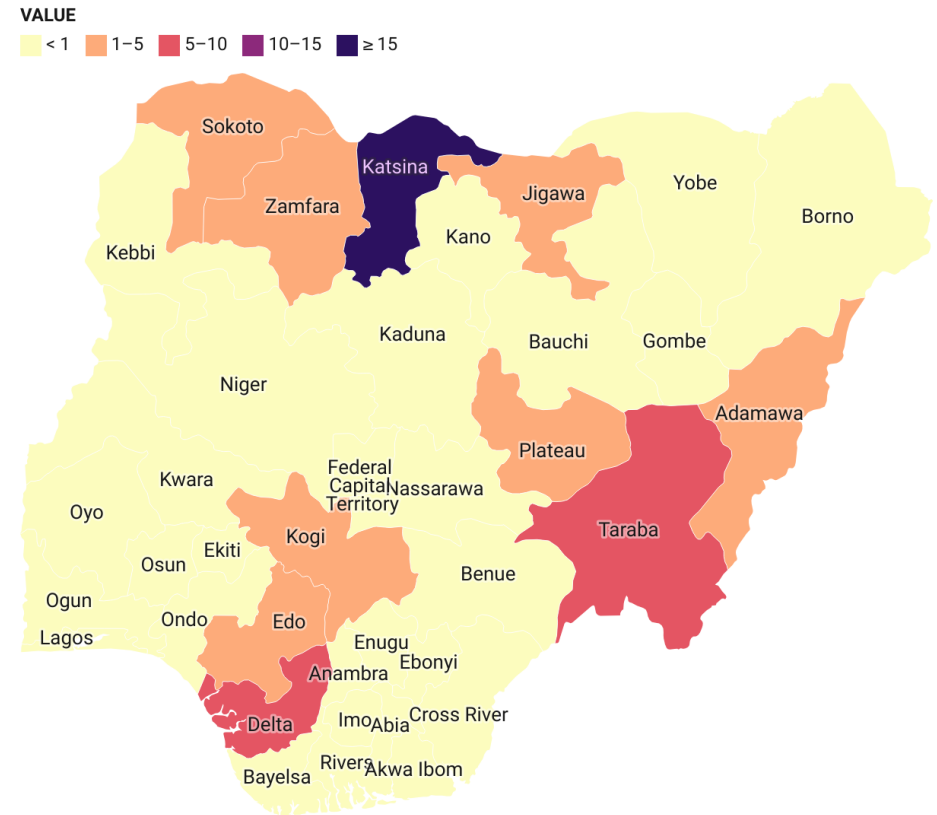
Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 4.

Risk map showing killed victims



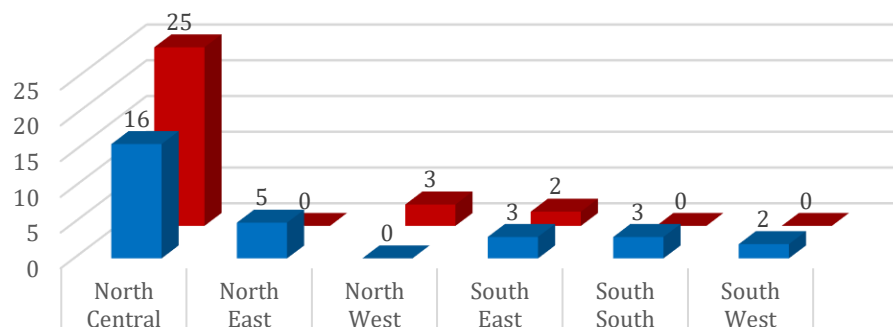
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The above risk maps show locations where citizens were killed and kidnapped in the reporting week. Figure 3 represents areas where abductions occurred, while Figure 4 reflects locations with recorded fatalities.

Weekly trend analysis

Figure 5. Week 09

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims

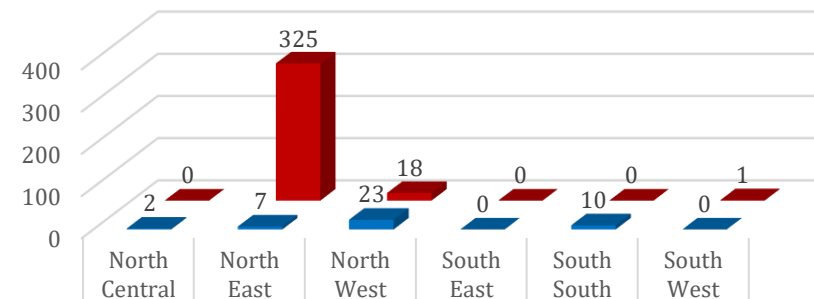


■ killed per region	16	5	0	3	3	2
■ Kidnapped per region	25	0	3	2	0	0

■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

Figure 6. Week 10

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims



■ killed per region	2	7	23	0	10	0
■ Kidnapped per region	0	325	18	0	0	1

■ 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 09 and week 10. 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 09

Risk map showing killed victims

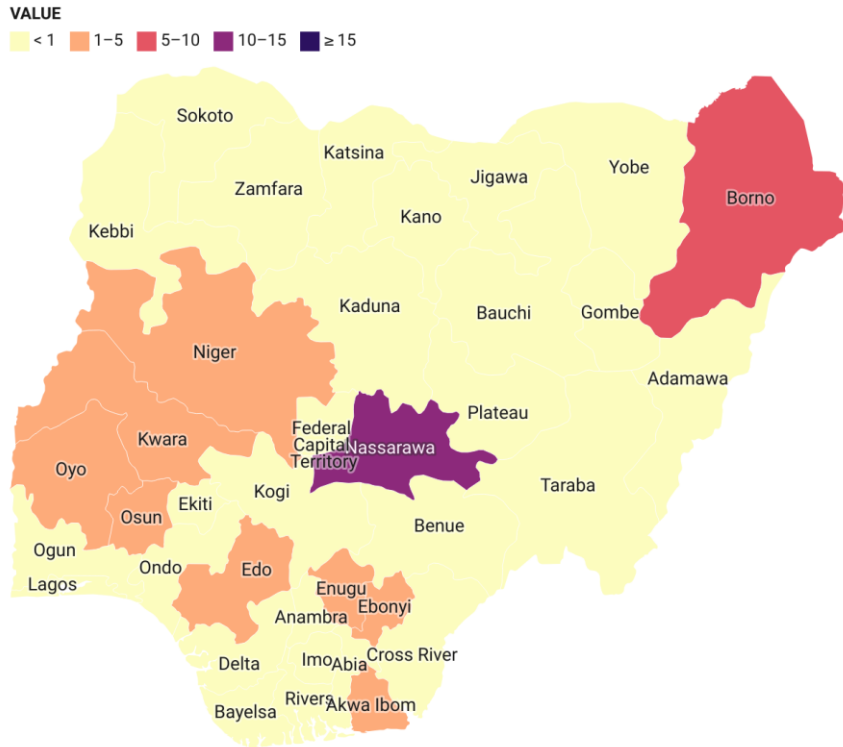
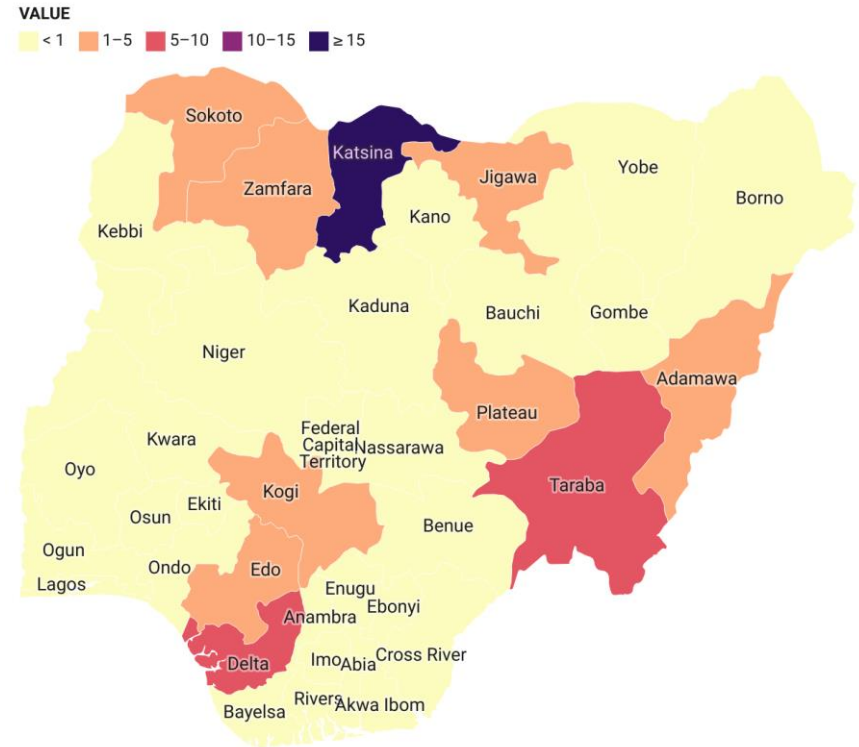


Figure 8. Week 10

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 09 and week 10 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, Delta, and Taraba States captured the highest number of fatalities.

Figure 9. Week 09

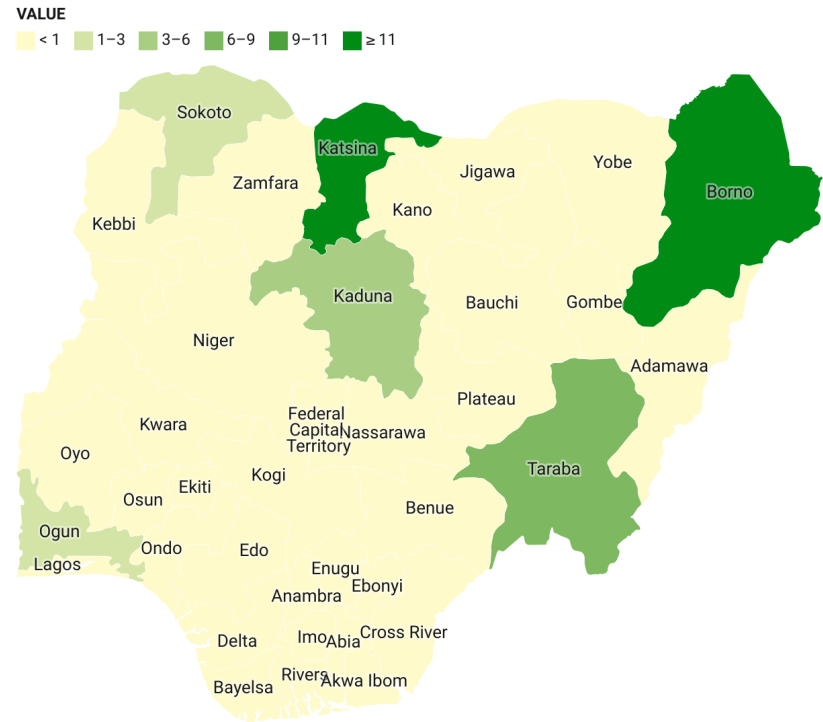
Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 10. Week 10

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 10, most kidnapped victims were from Katsina and Borno 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 2 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims also decreased, with no reported victims. This could be attributed to underreporting during the reporting week.

There were five incidents recorded in the region this week. Among the threats recorded were Terrorist attacks, killing, protests, and criminal activities. Criminal activities were the most incidents captured the week, and it was recorded in FCT and Kogi state. Protests were mostly carried out by aggrieved citizens over economic hardship.

A single terrorist attack was reported during the week in Kogi state. Reports indicate that a gang of suspected terrorists reportedly kidnapped a Chinese national working as a road engineer in the Obangede community, Okehi Local Government Area of the State. Consequently, one of the security agents attached to him, an officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) was killed during the attack.

The slight spike in criminal activities could be attributed to the worsening economic hardship. Residents reportedly looted a warehouse allegedly belonging to the National Emergency Management Agency of Nigeria (NEMA) in the Tasha area of Abuja. Reports indicate that residents from Jiwa and Karmo towns also joined in the looting. In response to this criminal activity, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command reportedly apprehended 15 suspects linked to the looting of a warehouse in the Tasha area of Abuja. Reports indicate 26 bags of maize, 5 motorcycles, and some vandalized aluminum roofing sheets, were recovered during the operation

NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

07 March 2024 – Unidentified armed individuals killed a 17-year-old herder and injured one other in an attack in the vicinity of Nafan/Doruwa Babuje communities of Barikin Ladi LGA. Reportedly, the perpetrators arrived on motorbikes and started shooting sporadically, killing at least 35 cattle.

07 March 2024 – Information received revealed that a gang of notorious armed robbers carried out robbery attacks on two commercial banks in Anyingba, Dekina Local Government Area of the state. However, HG security operatives promptly responded, and engaged the criminals in a fierce exchange of gunfire, prompting people to scramble for safety.

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04 March 2024 – Residents of the Iddo-Sarki community held a protest along the Airport Road in AMAC, over an alleged takeover of their land by the Nigerian Navy. The protesters carried placards and barricaded the road.

02 March 2024 – Residents reportedly looted a warehouse allegedly belonging to the National Emergency Management Agency of Nigeria (NEMA) in the Tasha area of Abuja. Reports indicate that residents from Jiwa and Karmo towns also joined in the looting. Security forces are confirmed in the area.

NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

Analysis – There was an overall increase in the number of fatalities as 7 persons were killed and a significant increase in kidnap victims, with 325 kidnap victims during the week.

In the reported incidents in week 10, the security situation in the North East appears to be precarious and marked by different forms of violence. On March 7th, an unidentified man was found dead under the Jimeta-Yola old bridge in Yola South LGA, with the cause of death yet to be determined.

The same day, in Takum LGA, Taraba State, armed individuals suspected to be kidnapers targeted travelers along the Takum-Mararaba road, kidnapping all passengers without establishing any contact with the abductors. These incidents underscore the persistent challenges related to security and safety on transportation routes, posing a threat to both local residents and travelers passing through these areas. Additionally, the motives behind these attacks remain unclear, further complicating efforts to address and mitigate such security concerns effectively.

In Borno State, on March 5th, there were two incidents involving improvised explosive devices (IEDs). One incident occurred near Layi village, where an IED struck a livestock herd, believed to have been emplaced by ISWAP elements. Another incident involved ex-JAS elements placing seven IEDs near Gajibo village along the Dikwa – Ngala road. Fortunately, the IEDs were recovered and rendered safe by a security forces team, emphasizing the ongoing efforts to counteract and neutralize threats posed by extremist groups in the region. Meanwhile, on March 5th, a Boko Haram attack at the Gamborou Ngala Headquarters in Ngala Local Government Area of Borno state led to the kidnapping of 319 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). This highlights the ongoing threat posed by insurgent groups and their impact on vulnerable populations.

NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

07 March 2024 – According to reports, the body of an unidentified man was found lying under Jimeta-Yola old bridge IVO Jippu Jam roundabout, Yola South LGA. The cause of his death was unknown.

05 March 2024 – A Boko Haram attack at Gamborou Ngala Headquarters in Ngala Local Government Area resulted in the kidnap of 319 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). Reports indicate the armed men besieged the area.

05 March 2024 – Armed individuals suspected to be kidnappers attacked and kidnapped travelers IVO Manya village axis of the Takum-Mararaba road, Takum LGA, Taraba State. Reportedly, all the passengers in the vehicle were taken to an unknown destination and no contact has been made by the abductors.

05 March 2024 – Unidentified armed individuals attacked and killed six people IVO Kpambo Puri village in Ussa LGA, Taraba State. The reason for the attack was unknown

05 March 2024 – A livestock herd was struck by an IED assessed to have been emplaced by ISWAP elements IVO Kardowu village near Layi village, Borno State, killing an unknown number of livestock. A team of SF scanned the area to ensure it was free of IEDs before allowing vehicles to pass. Layi village is approximately 11 kilometers SE of Damasak town.

05 March 2024 – A group of ex-JAS elements placed seven IEDs at various points IVO Gajibo village, 10km from Dikwa town along the Dikwa – Ngala road, Borno State. An SF team recovered all seven devices and rendered them safe while imposing a temporary movement restriction along the road during that period.

04 March 2024 – Several ex-JAS Shekau members stormed Gajibo village, 10km from Dikwa town along the Dikwa – Ngala road, Borno State, and burnt three buildings designed to resettle IDPs. No casualties were reported.

NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – Fatalities increased significantly, with 23 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals also increased with 13 victims during the week.

The security situation in the North West continues to be grim, marked by a series of violent incidents in week 10. On March 7th, suspected terrorists invaded Kuriga community along Birnin Gwari Road, Chikun LGA, Kaduna state, kidnapping several students and staff from a primary school. Some victims managed to escape, while others remained in captivity. A police investigation is underway, highlighting the severity of the incident and the need for prompt action to secure the release of those still held captive.

Protests erupted on March 5th in the Kankara area, Kankara Local Government Area Katsina state, due to recurrent bandit attacks. Residents blocked Marabar Kankara-Katsina Road, causing disruptions to local transportation. This reflects the growing frustration and fear among the populace in areas regularly targeted by bandits. On the same day, three suspected armed robbers shot and killed a former Jigawa State official and his two friends near Igge village, Birnin Kudu, Birini Kudu LGA. The assailants fled the scene, prompting a police investigation into the incident.

In Gusau LGA of Zamfara state, on March 5th, suspected armed individuals attacked a community market, harassing people before abducting and murdering an Islamic cleric on the outskirts of Mada town. The incidents highlight the multifaceted security challenges, encompassing not only mass abductions but also targeted attacks on individuals and communities. Additionally, on March 4th, bandits attacked several villages in Bakori LGA, killing at least 17 people, and engaged in violence in Kwatsal village, Sabon Birni LGA, resulting in casualties and abductions. The region remains vulnerable to further attacks, as evidenced by the warning of likely future incidents in Tsafe Local Government Area and Dan Baza, Maradun Local Government Area.

NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

07 March 2024 - Armed individuals, suspected to be terrorists, invaded the Kuriga community along Birnin Gwari Road IVO Kuriga ward in Chikun LGA and kidnapped some students. Reports have it that the assailants laid a siege around the premises of the Primary School Kuriga (I) which hosts both Primary and Secondary schools and abducted students and their staff.

05 March 2024 - Residents of the Kankara area protested along the Marabar Kankara-Katsina Road in Kankara Local Government Area over recurrent bandits attacks. The protesters reportedly blocked the aforementioned route, causing localized transportation disruptions.

05 March 2024 - Three suspected armed robbers riding on a single motorbike shot dead three persons, a former Jigawa State official and his two friends. The three deceased persons were driving in a car coming from a farm, IVO of Igge village in Birnin Kudu, Birini Kudu LGA. T

05 March 2024 - Suspected armed individuals invaded a community market at Mada town of Gusau LGA and were harassing the people. Subsequently, they moved to the house of an Islamic cleric, forcefully took him away, and murdered him on the outskirts of the town.

04 March 2024 - Bandits attacked Zamfarawa, Doma, and Gidan Kare villages in Bakori LGA and killed at least 17 people.

04 March 2024 - Bandits fired indiscriminately in Kwatsal village, Sabon Birni LGA. One person was killed, one person was injured, and two people were abducted.

04 March 2024 - Bandits attacked a GSF checkpoint in Gidan Kano village along the Sokoto-Gusau Road in Maradun LGA and killed one GSF personnel.

03 March 2024 - Further attacks remain likely in the Tsafe Local Government Area following a bandit attack targeting commuters along the Magazu-Kucheri Highway. Reports further indicate that another set of bandits carried out a similar attack in Dan Baza, Maradun Local Government Area, Zamfara State.

04 March 2024 - Bandits attacked Albasu village in Sabuwa LGA, Katsina state, and abducted 13 people. No further details

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased slightly with no killed victims while no kidnap victims were also recorded during the week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of incidents in the region.

Generally, due to the underreporting of incidents in this region, there tends to be a minimal number of reported incidents as compared to other regions. During the week, incidents were captured in Anambra and Imo States.

In Owerri Municipality on March 8th, students took to the streets in protest against the recent hike in school fees and the prevailing economic hardship. This demonstration underscores the widespread concerns among students about the affordability of education and the broader economic challenges faced by the population.

Simultaneously, on the same day in the Umuoji community, Idemili North Local Government Area, residents are staging a protest at the Government House. The demonstration is in response to the killing of a community leader, who was shot by hoodlums invading his residence on February 24th. The residents' demand for justice and security intervention reflects the community's distress over the incident and the broader issue of rising criminal activities affecting local leaders and residents.

On March 2nd, the Nigerian Army engaged members of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and the Eastern Security Network (ESN) in a firefight at their hideout in the Iwhiteukwa community, Orsu LGA. The operation resulted in the death of one IPOB/ESN member, and a significant amount of weaponry and materials were recovered, including three improvised explosive devices (IEDs), vehicles, ammunition, uniforms, electronics, and other items associated with the group.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

08 March 2024 - Students are protesting in Owerri Municipality over the hike in school fees and economic hardship.

08 March 2024 - Residents of Umuoji community, Idemili North Local Government Area are protesting at the Government House, over the killing of a community leader. Reports indicate the deceased was shot by hoodlums who invaded his residence on 24 February.

02 March 2024 - Troops of the Nigerian Army engaged IPOB/ESN members in a firefight at their hideout in Iwhiteukwa community, Orsu LGA. One IPOB/ESN member was killed, and three IEDs, one SUV, one Hilux van, an assortment of 7.62mm ammunition, one locally fabricated gun, a pair of Biafran uniforms, one solar panel, one CCTV camera, 10 phones, batteries, assorted Biafran currency, three solar streetlights, three jungle hats, black boots, and charms were recovered.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased significantly with 10 fatalities captured while no persons were kidnapped during the reporting week. This is most likely because incidents of kidnapping are underreported within the area.

On March 5th, 2024, residents of a community took to the streets and barricaded the Jattu axis of the Benin-Auchi expressway, Edo state to protest the deplorable conditions of the roads in the state. The demonstration disrupted commercial activities and vehicular movement, leading to heavy traffic in the area.

On March 4th, a follow-up was provided on the incident reported on January 29th, 2024, where three police officers deployed to the Ughelli axis of the East-West road went missing following an attack by suspected armed herdsmen. In a subsequent search and rescue mission, security forces were reportedly ambushed by the same suspected armed herdsmen. Six corpses of the killed security forces were recovered in Ughelli

North LGA, while others remained missing. The ongoing investigation underscores the challenges and dangers faced by security forces in addressing threats posed by armed groups.

On March 3rd, a disturbing incident occurred in the vicinity of Ikpeshi community, Akoko-Edo LGA, where a mob killed two mobile policemen and injured two others. This violent reaction followed a motorcyclist and his passenger being killed in an accident involving a police convoy. The incident highlights the volatile nature of public reactions to perceived injustices and the challenges faced by law enforcement in managing such situations.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

05 March 2024 - The residents of a community barricaded the Jattu axis of the Benin-Auchi expressway in protest of the deplorable conditions of the roads in the state. the protest disrupted commercial activities and vehicular movement causing heavy traffic in the area. The protest ended without violence.

04 March 2024 - Reference is made to the 20240129 incident where it was reported that three police officers deployed IVO the Ughelli axis of the East-West road were missing following an attack by suspected armed herdsmen. In a follow-up operation, security forces deployed for a search and rescue mission were reported to have been ambushed by suspected armed herdsmen. Six corpses of the killed security forces were recovered by a combined team of SF and the local vigilantes IVO Ughelli North LGA of the state While others were still missing. An investigation was ongoing.

03 March 2024 - A mob killed two mobile policemen and injured two others following the killing of a motorcyclist and his passenger in an accident involving a police convoy in the vicinity of Ikpeshi community, Akoko-Edo LGA.

SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased slightly with no fatalities captured while the number of kidnap victims increased to 1 this week.

In week 10, incidents of criminal activities and societal grievances unfolded in the South West region. Armed robbers targeted a residence in Ugbe Akoko, Ondo state on March 7th, making off with a vehicle, two laptops, and other valuables under the cover of night.

On March 6th, armed individuals invaded a farm along the Abeokuta – Ibadan road, Ogun state, kidnapping one person. The assailants waylaid the victim from the bushes and subsequently demanded ransom. A swift response was initiated by security forces with a rescue operation launched, highlighting the escalating trend of kidnappings in the region.

The same day, the Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals (NUAHP) commenced a 7-day warning strike in Oyo State over unpaid wages, including medical care services. This action draws attention to the challenges faced by healthcare workers and the broader impact of labor disputes on essential services, emphasizing the need for resolutions to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of healthcare.

SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

07 March 2024 - Suspected armed robbers invaded a residence in Ugbe Akoko, Ondo state carted away a vehicle, two laptops, and other valuables, and escaped unnoticed. The incident occurred at night while the occupants of the residence were asleep.

06 March 2024 - Armed individuals invaded a farm and kidnapped one person on the farm IVO Alabata along the Abeokuta – Ibadan road, Ogun state. Reports indicate that the kidnappers waylaid the victim from the bush before eventually whisking him away. The abductors have demanded ransom. Meanwhile, a rescue operation has been launched by SF.

05 March 2024 - The Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals (NUAHP) has commenced a 7-day warning strike action over unpaid wages by Oyo State Government. Services rendered by the union including medical care are suspended during the strike period.

04 March 2024 - A clash between indigenes of Ibeshe Waterside and Ibeshe Seaside in Amuwo Odofin Local Government Area, Lagos state has resulted in an unconfirmed number of fatalities. Reports indicate that houses were set ablaze during the clash.

04 March 2024 - Workers of the Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology (OAUSTHEC) held a protest in Okitipupa, Okitipupa LGA, Ondo state, over the non-payment of the 35,000naira wage award by the State Government.

03 March 2024 - A news reporter was robbed at gunpoint in a commercial car (“one chance”) IVO Berger, Ogun state. Sources indicated that the victim boarded a vehicle on his way to work when two of the assailants brought out pistols and dispossessed him of his laptop, phones, and some money. The criminal group subsequently pushed him out of the moving vehicle and drove off.

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