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Executive Summary

Countrywide Incidents for the Week

- 1. Armed men kidnapped over 61 civilians in Kaduna State.
- 2. Protests persisted in North Central and South Western states amidst economic hardship.
- 3. Bandits targeted Kaduna and Katsina states during the week.
- 4. ISWAP terrorists clashed with security forces in Borno State.



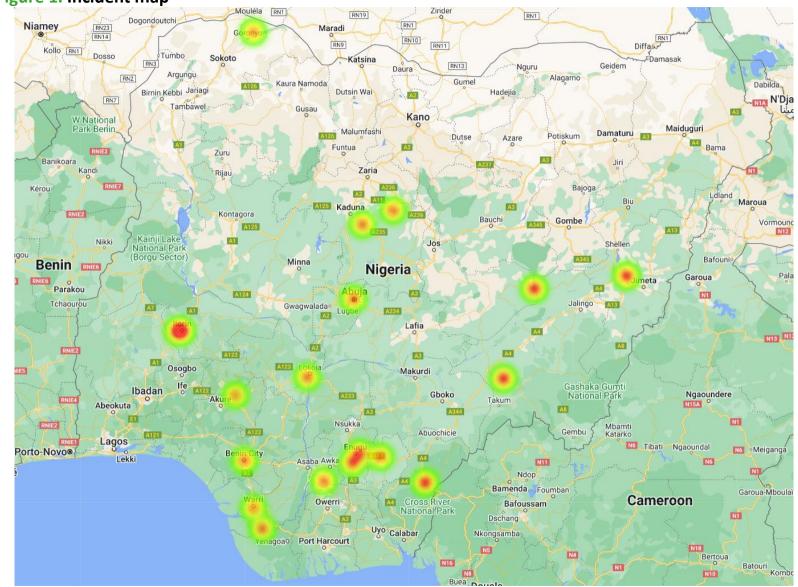
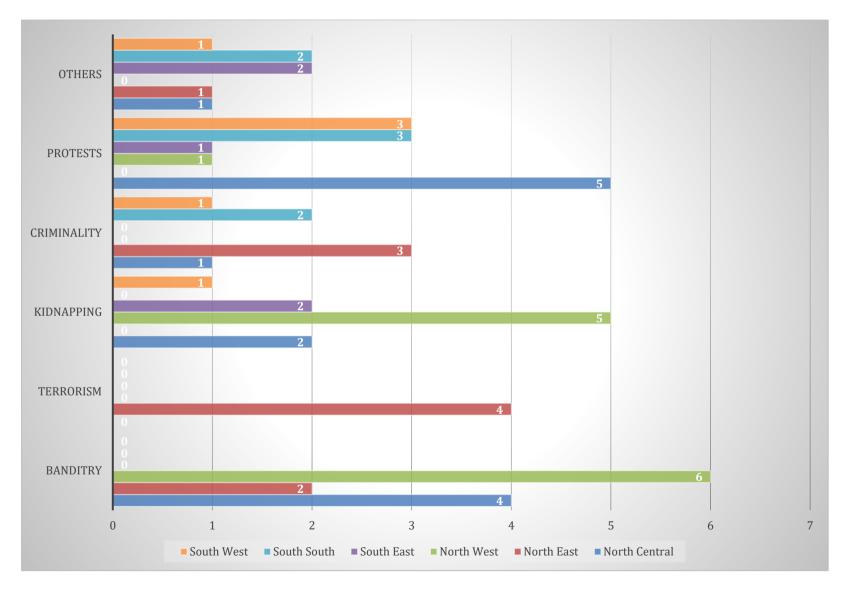


Figure 1. Incident map

Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region



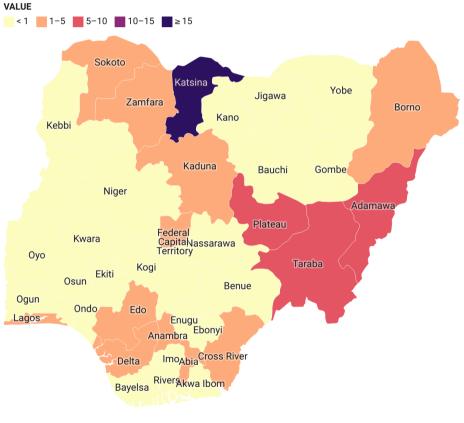
Weekly Statistics

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Risk map showing killed victims



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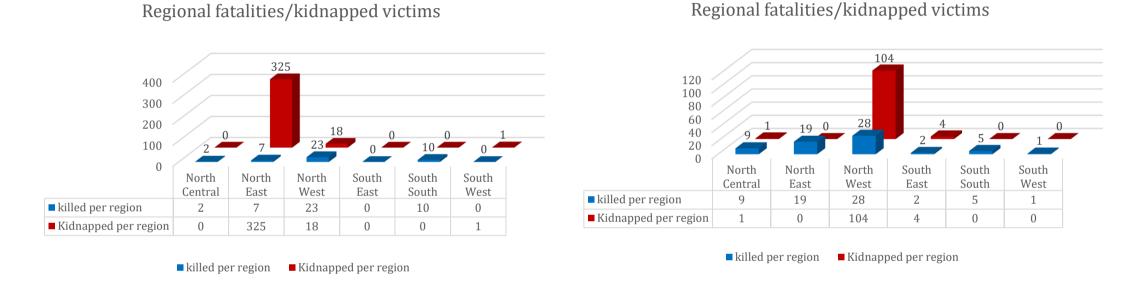
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The above risk maps show locations where citizens were killed and kidnapped in the reporting week. Figure 3 represents areas where abductions occurred, while Figure 4 reflects locations with recorded fatalities.

Weekly trend analysis

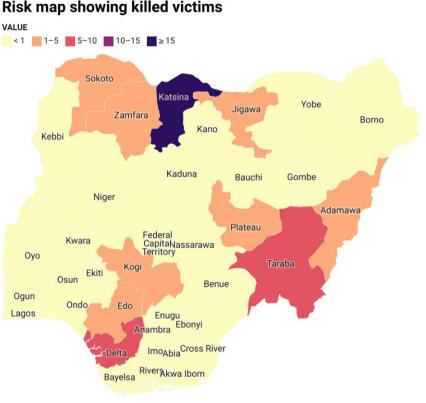
Figure 5. Week 10

Figure 6. Week 11



The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 10 and week 11. 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 10



Risk map showing killed victims

Figure 8. Week 11



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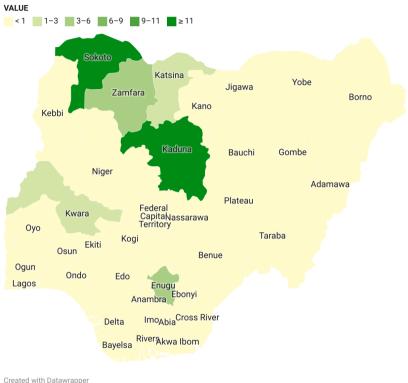
The above figure shows a risk map contrasting areas where fatalities occurred in the country. The contrast between week 10 and week 11 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and least. The color intensity and lightness depict areas with the least and most fatalities. Based on the above map, Katsina State captured the highest number of fatalities.

Figure 9. Week 10



Risk map showing kidnapped victims

Figure 10. Week 11



Risk map showing kidnapped victims

The above figure captures areas where victims fall into kidnapping threats the most or least. In week 11, most kidnapped victims were from Sokoto and Kaduna state. This is most likely because kidnap incidents were underreported in other states during the week.

NORTH CENTRAL (NC) - Summary

Analysis – During the week, the number of fatalities increased significantly to 9 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims also increased slightly, with 1 reported victim. This could be attributed to underreporting during the reporting week.

There were 13 incidents recorded in the region this week, a significant increase compared to week 10. Among the threats recorded were bandit attacks, killing, kidnapping, protests, and criminal activities. Protests were the most incidents captured the week, and they were recorded in FCT and Kogi state. Protests were mostly carried out by aggrieved citizens over economic hardship.

During the reporting period, bandits targeted Benue and Plateau states in the region, with over 7 fatalities. For instance, on March 14, unidentified armed individuals attacked herders in Plateau State, resulting in the death of a 17-year-old herder and significant cattle losses. Similarly, suspected herders attacked the Umogidi community in Benue State on March 11, leading to property destruction and displacement. Additionally, bandits fired indiscriminately at an evening market in Plateau State on March 10, resulting in casualties and heightened insecurity in the area.

Kidnappings remain a prevalent security concern in the North Central region. Troops of the Nigerian Army foiled a kidnap attempt on commercial buses in Kogi State on March 14, demonstrating ongoing efforts to combat criminal activities. However, armed men abducted a Chinese national from a guest house in Kwara State on March 10, highlighting the vulnerability of both local and foreign individuals to abduction for ransom.

Finally, civil unrest and protests greatly contribute to the region's security challenges. On March 12, Igbo traders staged a protest in Kogi State over the alleged kidnapping of their wives, reflecting grievances within the community. Furthermore, members of the Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore held protests in Abuja demanding the release of their detained president. Moreover, protesters attacked a police station and set cars on fire in Abuja on March 12 following the shooting of a hawker by security operatives, underscoring public discontent and the potential for violence in urban centers. Overall, most of these protests are linked to the deploring economic situation of the country and the need to stay vigilant as protests and violence are highly probable in the coming weeks.

NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

14 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.

14 March 2024 – Troops of the Nigerian Army have thwarted a kidnap attempt on three commercial buses in Kogi State and rescued the victims.

13 March 2024 – Members of the Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore held a protest at the Federal High Court, AMAC, Abuja, over the arrest and detention of their president. The protesters carried various placards and demanded the unconditional release of their president.

13 March 2024 – Some members of the Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore stormed the Federal High Court in Abuja on Wednesday to demand the unconditional release of their president, Bello Bodejo.

12 March **2024** – Igbo traders held a protest in Lokoja, Lokoja LGA, Kogi State, over the alleged incessant kidnapping of their wives in the state.

12 March 2024 – Further attacks remain likely in Barikin Ladi Local Government Area following an attack on herders by unidentified armed individuals in the Fan district of Ndim community. Reports indicate that 13 cattle were killed during the attack.

12 March 2024 – Suspected herdsmen have destroyed yam seedlings and cassava farms worth millions in Chembe village, Gaambetiev, Logo Local Government area of Benue State. Chembe settlement, located on Anyiin- Wukari federal old road, has been under sustained herdsmen attacks for 10 years.

12 March 2024 – Protesters on Tuesday attacked a police station and set some cars on fire at the popular Wuse Market in Abuja, after a hawker was shot dead by security operatives. Witnesses said the hawker, was shot after he was arrested by some "task force officers" and the police.

11 March 2024 – Suspected herders attacked the Umogidi community in Otukpo LGA, Benue State. An unspecified number of houses were set on fire, and other properties were destroyed.

11 March 2024 – The Islamic Movement, popularly known as Shi'ites, held peaceful protests across some states in the country, including the Federal Capital Territory where the national flags of the United States and the United Kingdom were set ablaze in protest against alleged continuous killings of Palestinians in Gaza.

10 March 2024 – Bandits fired indiscriminately at an evening market in Zurak, Wase LGA, Plateau State. At least seven people were killed, and an unspecified number of people were injured.

10 March 2024 – Armed men abducted a Chinese national working with a mining company from a guest house in Eyekorin, Ilorin, Asa LGA, Kwara State.

10 March 2024 – Unidentified armed men vandalized the Shiroro-Katampe 330kV transmission line in Katampe, AMAC, Abuja

NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

Analysis – There was an overall increase in the number of fatalities as 19 persons were killed and a significant decrease in kidnap victims, with no kidnap victims during the week. this can be attributed to the underreporting of kidnap attacks during the week.

There were 10 incidents recorded in the region this week, an increase compared to week 10. Among the threats recorded were bandit attacks, terrorist activities, killing, and criminal activities. Terrorist activities were the most incidents captured the week, and they were recorded in Borno state.

In the North East region of Nigeria, security incidents primarily revolve around clashes between security forces and insurgent groups, as well as inter-communal conflicts and criminal activities. The presence of groups like ISWAP (Islamic State West Africa Province) exacerbates the security situation, leading to sporadic attacks and attempts to infiltrate various areas. For instance, on March 15, ISWAP elements attempted to infiltrate Pulka in Borno State, prompting a brief exchange of fire with security forces. Similarly, on March 13, ISWAP insurgents mounted an illegal vehicle checkpoint in Magumeri LGA, resulting in the death of a driver and injuries to four others.

Furthermore, intercommunal conflicts contribute to the security challenges in the North East. On March 13, a reprisal attack in Taraba State following a clash between Jukun and Tiv indigenes resulted in the deaths of seven people. Similarly, communal clashes between the Setti and Kpasham communities in Adamawa State on March 12 claimed the lives of at least five individuals. These clashes underscore underlying tensions and grievances between different ethnic groups and communities, posing significant challenges to peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts in the region.

Additionally, instances of criminal violence, such as indiscriminate shootings and mob assaults, further compound the security situation in the North East. On March 13, gunmen opened fire in Dabna community, Adamawa State, resulting in the deaths of at least two people. Similarly, a mob assault in Guru community, Bauchi State, on March 9 left a man injured.

NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

15 March 2024 – According to reports, ISWAP elements attempted to infiltrate Pulka by attacking the SF position on the Northern outskirts of Gwoza LGA, Borno State, approximately 20km North of Gwoza.

13 March 2024 – There was a firefight between GSF personnel and ISWAP insurgents in the vicinities of Kirenuwa and Chikinguduwa in Marte LGA, Borno State. No further details.

13 March 2024 – ISWAP insurgents mounted an Illegal Vehicle Check Point (IVCP) in the vicinity of Zindir village, along the Magumeri-Gajiganna Road in Magumeri LGA, Borno State. They fired indiscriminately at a Golf cart that failed to stop, killing the driver, and injuring four others

13 March 2024 – Armed men attacked a bus in the vicinity of Gamkwe village, Marraban Baisa in Donga LGA, Taraba State. Seven people were killed. The assailants were reportedly on a reprisal attack following a clash between Jukun and Tiv indigenes in Donga LGA that resulted in three people killed.

13 March 2024 – Gunmen in two vehicles fired indiscriminately in Dabna community, Hong LGA, Adamawa State. At least two people were reportedly killed.

12 March 2024 – Armed men killed one person along the Suntai Road, in Donga LGA, Taraba State.

12 March 2024 – No fewer than five persons have been confirmed killed in a renewed communal clash in Adamawa State. The feud, which is between the Setti community in Numan Local Government Area and their Kpasham counterparts in Demsa Local Government Area, has almost become a yearly war in the past two decades.

11 March 2024 – ISWAP insurgents attacked herders in the vicinity of Ngurosoye, Bama LGA, Borno State. Two herders were shot and injured, and 150 livestock rustled. GSF personnel trailed the insurgents and recovered the livestock.

10 March 2024 – There was a communal clash between the Fulani and Mumuye tribes in the vicinity of Lau community in Lau LGA, Taraba State. One person was killed, and one person was injured

09 March 2024 – A mob assaulted and injured a man in Guru community in Bauchi Municipal LGA, Bauchi State.

NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – Fatalities increased slightly, with 28 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals increased significantly with 104 victims during the week.

There were 12 incidents recorded in the region this week, an increase compared to week 10. In the North West region of Nigeria, security incidents are predominantly characterized by banditry, kidnappings, and protests. Bandit activities were the most incidents captured the week, and they were recorded in Katsina and Kaduna states.

Bandit attacks targeting communities and individuals are a significant security concern in the region. For instance, on March 13, bandits attacked Banono Settlement in Kaduna State, resulting in casualties and abductions. Similarly, attacks on Munhaye village in Katsina State on March 11 and Muniya village in Katsina State on March 10 highlight the pervasive threat of bandit violence, leading to loss of lives and disruptions to daily life. Moreover, the region witnesses frequent incidents of kidnappings, adding to the insecurity. On March 11, suspected terrorists abducted 61 people from Buda community in Kaduna State, underscoring the vulnerability of rural communities to kidnapping for ransom. Similarly, on March 10, bandits abducted a woman and her three children in Zamfara State, highlighting the indiscriminate nature of kidnappings targeting civilians.

Additionally, protests and labor unrest contribute to the security landscape of the North West. On March 12, members of the Union of Electricity Employees (NUEE) protested in Kaduna over unpaid wages, disrupting operations at the Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company. While not inherently violent, such protests have the potential to escalate tensions and require a coordinated response from authorities to address grievances and maintain public order.

NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

13 March 2024 - Bandits attacked Banono Settlement in Angwaku community, Kajuru LGA, Kaduna State. Two people were killed, an unspecified number of people were injured, and eight people were abducted.

12 March 2024 - Members of the Union of Electricity Employees (NUEE) are protesting at the Headquarters of the Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company in Kaduna metropolis over unpaid wages. Reports indicate that the protesters blocked the entrance of the office. Security forces are unconfirmed at the location.

11 March 2024 - Bandits attacked Munhaye village in Faskari LGA, Katsina State. Three people were killed, an unspecified number of people were injured and abducted.

11 March 2024 - Suspected terrorists have attacked the Buda community in Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State, abducting about 61 people. The state and police authorities are yet to confirm the attack, but a resident of the area said that the bandits invaded the village on Monday night at about 11:45 pm, where they kidnapped 61 people.

10 March **2024** - Bandits attacked Muniya village, Safana LGA, Katsina State. One person was injured, and one person was abducted.

10 March 2024 - Bandits engaged members of the Katsina State Community Watch Corps (KSCWC) in a firefight in Batsari town, Batsari LGA, Katsina State. Two KSCWC members were killed.

10 March 2024 - Bandits attacked a residence located behind a filling station in the Samaru Bayan Nepa area, Gusau LGA, Zamfara State. A woman and her three children (including one infant) were abducted.

09 March **2024** - Bandits abducted 10 farmers from their farms at Kajuru station in the vicinity of Tantantu Ward, Kajuru LGA, Kaduna State.

09 March 2024 - Bandits fired indiscriminately in Ungwan Shekarau community close to GSS Kachia in the vicinity of Kachia Urban Ward in Kachia LGA, Kaduna State. One person was injured, and three people were abducted.

09 March 2024 - Bandits attacked vehicles in transit at Bakon Gebe along the Kaura-Zurmi Highway in Zurmi LGA, Zamfara State. Policemen and members of the Community Protection Guards (CPG) were deployed to the area and engaged the bandits in a firefight. Two people including a policeman and a member of the CPG were killed, and two people including a policeman and a member of the CPG were injured.

09 March 2024 - Bandits fired indiscriminately at civilians at the Gangara weekly market, Gangara village, Jibia LGA, Katsina State. Eighteen people including four bandits were killed, and an unspecified number of people were injured

09 March 2024 - Bandits attacked Gidan Bakuso town in Gada LGA, Sokoto State. One person was shot and killed, and a woman was abducted. While the bandits were leaving the town, they sighted Tsangaya (Almajiri) students running back to their rooms and abducted at least 15 students. UPDATE: A 20 million naira was demanded as ransom for their release.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased slightly with two killed victims while four 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 Abia, Ebonyi, and Anambra States.

In the South East region of Nigeria, security incidents vary, encompassing attacks by hoodlums, kidnappings, cult clashes, and inter-community conflicts. Hoodlum violence, such as the incident in Amichi, Anambra State, on March 14 where a middle-aged man was set ablaze, underscores

the prevalence of lawlessness and criminal activities in certain areas. Attacks on security operatives, as seen in the assault on the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital in Enugu State on March 12, further highlight the vulnerability of institutions and personnel to criminal elements.

Kidnappings remain a persistent security concern in the South East, with reports of abductions targeting individuals for ransom. For instance, gunmen ambushed a vehicle along the Afa/Egede Road in Enugu State on March 10, resulting in the abduction of a man's wife and children. Similarly, the abduction of a female deputy director and a security man from the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital in Enugu State on March 12 exemplifies the brazenness of criminal groups operating in the region.

Intercommunity conflicts and cult clashes also contribute to the security challenges in the South East region. The deployment of security operatives to Abia State University Uturu on March 11 following a cult clash reflects efforts by local authorities to prevent further violence and maintain law and order. Moreover, protests by women from the Ozu Abam community in Arochukwu, Abia State, on March 10 over armed attacks by neighboring communities highlight underlying tensions and grievances within the region.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

14 March 2024 - Hoodlums on Thursday set ablaze a middle-aged man in Amichi in Nnewi South Local Government Area of Anambra state. The deceased was in a vehicle belonging to Anambra Vigilante Group (AVG) operatives when he was set on fire by the hoodlums who invaded the AVG office around 7am.

12 March 2024 - Gunmen, suspected to be kidnappers, have attacked the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Ituku Ozalla, in Enugu State. A female deputy director, nursing services, and a security man were said to have been taken away by the hoodlums.

11 March 2024 - Abia State Government said it had deployed security operatives to Abia State University Uturu, ABSU, over a cult clash around the campus that allegedly claimed the life of a student Monday afternoon. Commissioner for Information, Prince Okey Kanu, who disclosed this during a press briefing in Umuahia, said the action of the Government was to forestall further breakdown of law and order in the campus.

10 March 2024 - Women from the Ozu Abam community in Arochukwu held a protest at the Abia State Government House in Umuahia North LGA, Abia State, over armed attacks by the neighbouring Ndi Okorie Abam community.

10 March 2024 - Gunmen ambushed a vehicle along the Afa/Egede Road in Udi LGA, Enugu State. A man was shot and injured, and his wife and children were abducted.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased significantly with 5 fatalities captured while no persons were kidnapped during the reporting week. This is most likely because incidents of kidnapping are underreported within the area.

There were 7 incidents recorded in the region this week. In the South-South region of Nigeria, security incidents this week were predominantly characterized by criminal activities, communal clashes, and protests. Protests were the most incidents captured the week, and they were recorded in Edo and Delta states.

Mob justice remains a prevalent issue, as seen in the case of a suspected armed robber who was set ablaze by a mob in Warri, Delta State, on March 14. Similarly, on March 13, a mob apprehended and assaulted two suspected robbers in Ughelli North LGA, Delta State. While these incidents may reflect public frustration with rising crime rates and perceived inefficiencies in law enforcement, they also underscore the dangers of vigilante justice.

Protests are another significant incident type in the South-South region, often stemming from grievances related to resource allocation, land disputes, or political issues. For instance, protesting Aja-Osolo indigenes in Delta State shut down operations at the Conoil OML 150 field on March 14, alleging non-recognition and implementation of provisions affecting them as the main host community under the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA). Similarly, on March 10, members of the Edo North PDP Rescue Movement protested in Edo State over the impeachment notice on the Deputy Governor, highlighting political tensions within the state. These protests underscore the importance of effective governance, community engagement, and stakeholder consultation in addressing grievances and promoting social cohesion.

Communal clashes also contribute to the security challenges in the South-South region, often fueled by land disputes, ethnic tensions, or resource competition. The communal clash between the Ofunokpan community in Cross River State and Nta community in Ikom LGA on March 10 resulted in casualties, highlighting the volatile nature of intercommunity relations. Additionally, criminal activities such as gang violence, as evidenced by the attack on a church member in Benin City, Edo State, on March 10, further exacerbate insecurity in the region.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

14 March 2024 - A mob set a suspected armed robber ablaze on Bazunu Street, entrance to Igbudu market, Warri, Delta State, on Thursday night.
14 March 2024 - Hundreds of protesting Aja-Osolo indigenes in Warri South council area of Delta State have shut down the operations of the Conoil OML 150 field over alleged non-recognition and implementation of the PIA provisions as it affects them as the main host.

13 March 2024 - Farmers from Burutu and Patani in Warri South LGA, Delta State, held a protest over the distribution of the government's grain palliatives alleging they were deliberately left out during the distribution.

13 March **2024** - A mob apprehended and physically assaulted two suspected robbers at Ekuigbo community in Ughelli North LGA, Delta State. Policemen arrived the scene and rescued the suspects.

10 March 2024 - There was a communal clash between Ofunokpan community in Obubra LGA and Nta community in Ikom LGA, Cross River State. At least three people were killed.

10 March 2024 - Gang members attacked a church off Murtala Muhammed Way, Benin City, Oredo LGA, Edo State. A church member was identified, shot, and killed, and later stabbed before his phone was stolen.

10 March 2024 - Members of the Edo North PDP Rescue Movement (ENREM) held a protest at the Jattu Junction in Etsako West LGA, Edo State, over the impeachment notice on the Deputy Governor of the state by the State House of Assembly.

SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased slightly with one fatality captured while the number of kidnap victims decreased to 0 this week.

In the South West region of Nigeria, security incidents encompass various types, including intergroup clashes, violent crimes, protests, and attempted kidnappings. Intercommunity conflicts, such as the clash between two groups in the Agosasa community, Ogun State, on March 14, highlight tensions over traditional leadership and local governance. The deployment of security forces to prevent further clashes underscores the potential for such incidents to escalate and disrupt community stability. Similarly, violent crimes, exemplified by the gruesome murder of a woman in her apartment in Lagos State on March 12, underscore the challenges of maintaining public safety and combating criminal activities in urban areas.

Protests also feature prominently in the region, often stemming from grievances related to governance, socio-economic issues, or urban development. For instance, members of the National Union of Electricity Employees protested in Lagos over mismanaged funds at the Eko Electricity Distribution Company on March 12, highlighting concerns over corporate accountability and worker rights. Similarly, protests against

the demolition of illegal structures by the Lagos State Government in Jakande, Lagos State, on March 12 resulted in traffic disruptions, underscoring tensions between authorities and affected communities over urban planning and development.

Additionally, attempted kidnappings pose security threats in the South West region, prompting swift responses from law enforcement agencies to thwart criminal activities. The foiled abduction of pupils at an undisclosed primary school in Lagos suburb on March 11 illustrates the pervasive threat of kidnapping and the vulnerability of educational institutions to security breaches.

SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

14 March 2024 - Eighteen people have been arrested following a clash between two groups in Agosasa community, Ikopia LGA of Ogun State. Allegedly, a group opposed to the traditional leader attacked him while the other group retaliated. An unconfirmed number of persons were wounded during the incident. SF has been deployed in the community to prevent further clashes and restore normalcy.

12 March 2024 - Unidentified armed men killed a female by slitting her throat was slit and cutting out her heart in her apartment at Olowo Street, Dopemu, Agege LGA, Lagos State.

12 March 2024 - Members of the National Union of Electricity Employees (NUEE) are protesting at the Headquarters of the Eko Electricity Distribution Company in Marina over mismanaged funds.

12 March 2024 - There was a protest at Maiyegun in Jakande, Eti-Osa LGA, Lagos State, following the ongoing demolition of illegal structures by the Lagos State Government. The protesters blocked the Lekki-Epe Expressway resulting in traffic gridlock.

11 March 2024 - Attempts by some kidnappers to abduct some pupils of an undisclosed Primary school in Ijegun, a Lagos suburb, has been foiled by the Police, following the arrest of a suspected member of the kidnap gang. A kindergarten and two pupils were rescued in the process. The kidnappers, as gathered, invaded the school on Monday, March 11,2024., after the closing bell was rung.

10 March 2024 - Residents of Mercyland community held a protest in the vicinity of Shasha market, Akure South LGA, Ondo State, over building collapses and holes in walls due to mining activities in their community. The issue was later resolved after the protesters were addressed.

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