



**NIGERIA
WEEKLY
INCIDENT REPORT**
30 March 2024 – 05 April 2024

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Executive Summary

Countrywide Incidents for the Week

1. New waves of protests spur up in parts of the South West region
2. Bandits kidnap over 30 children in Katsuna state.
3. Police operatives raided the camps of suspected IPOB/ESN hideouts in Enugu state.
4. ISWAP terrorists attack security forces in Borno state



Figure 1. Incident map

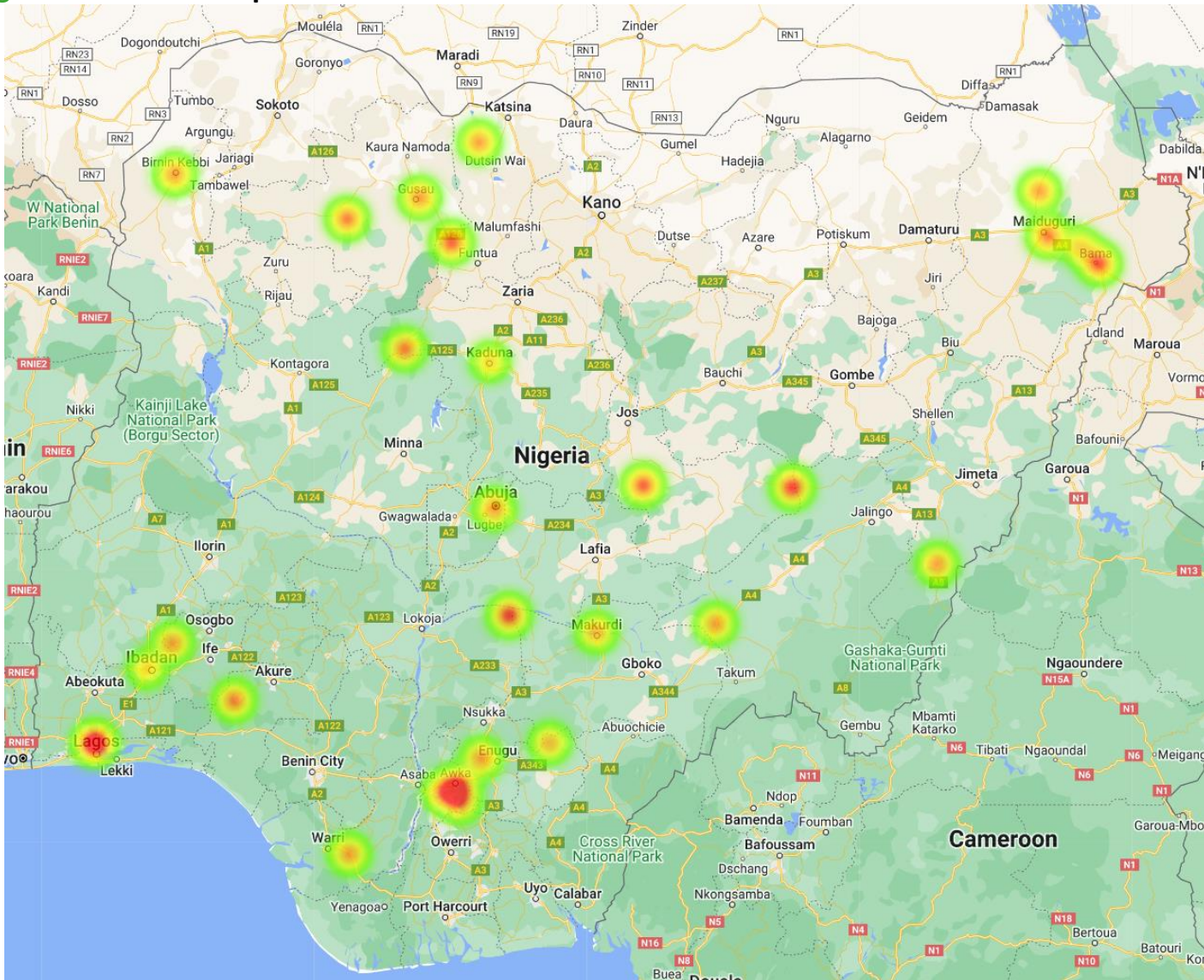


Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

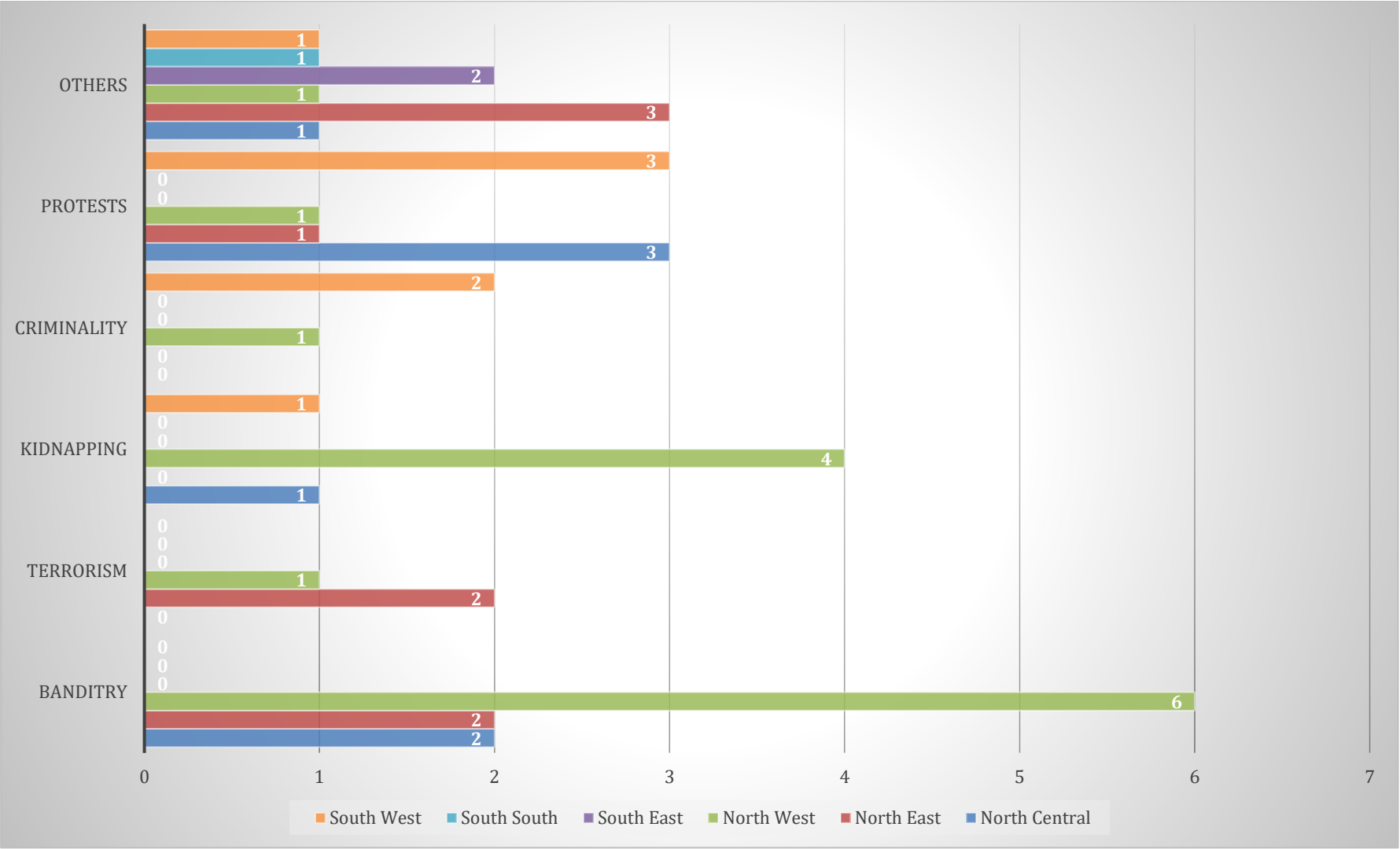
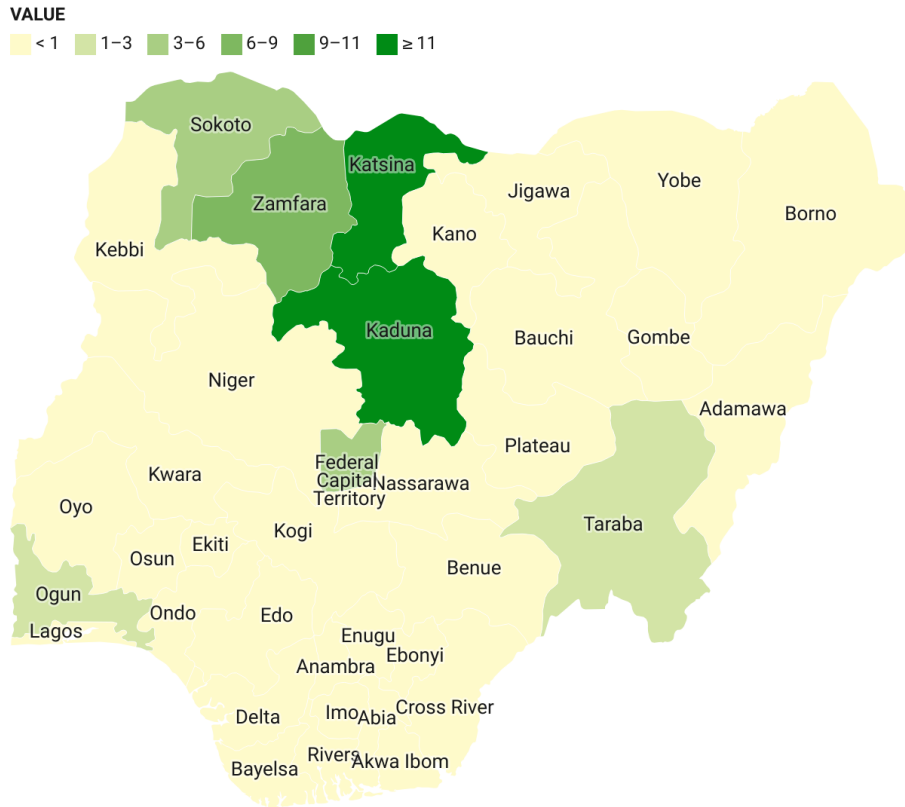


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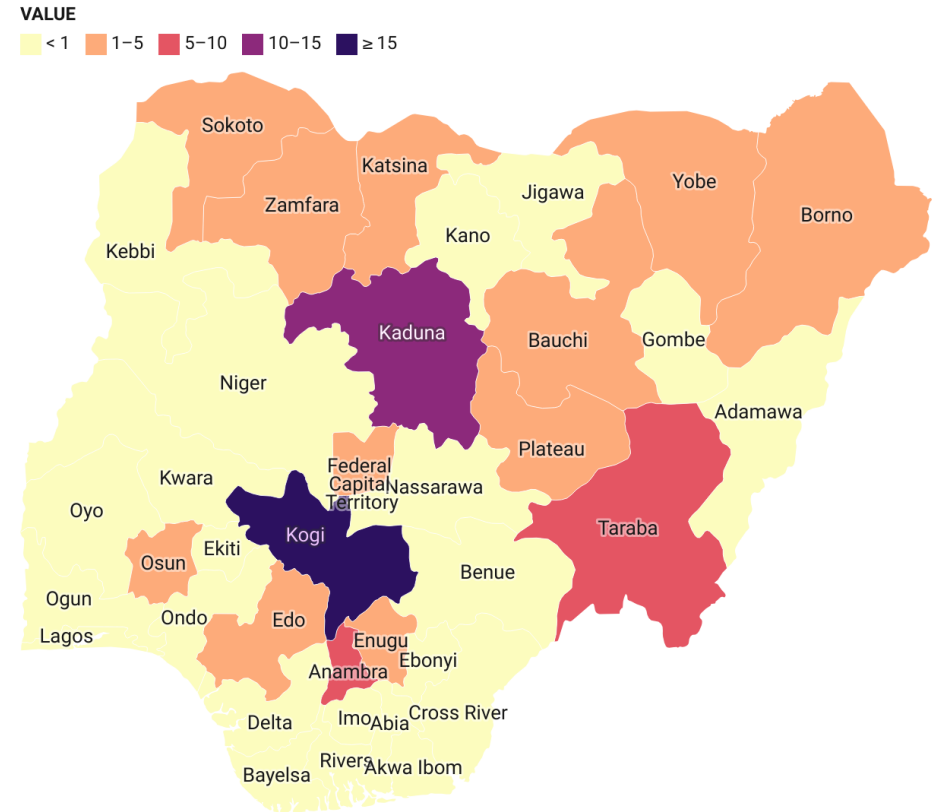
Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 4.

Risk map showing killed victims



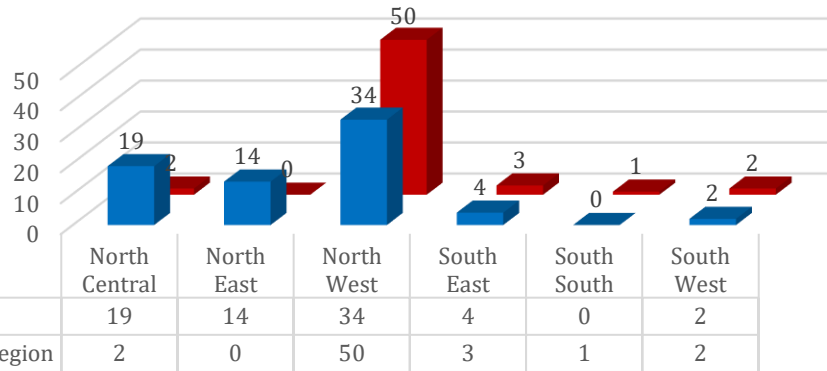
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The above risk maps show locations where citizens were killed and kidnapped in the reporting week. Figure 3 represents areas where abductions occurred, while Figure 4 reflects locations with recorded fatalities.

Weekly trend analysis

Figure 5. Week 13

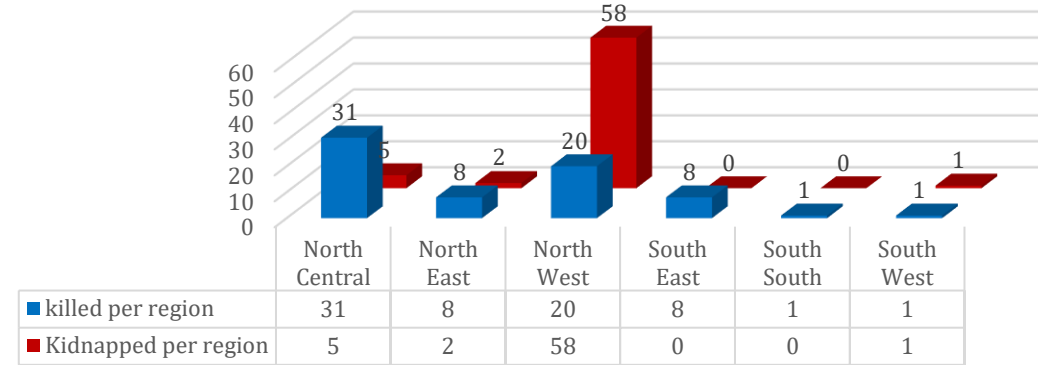
Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims



■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

Figure 6. Week 14

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims

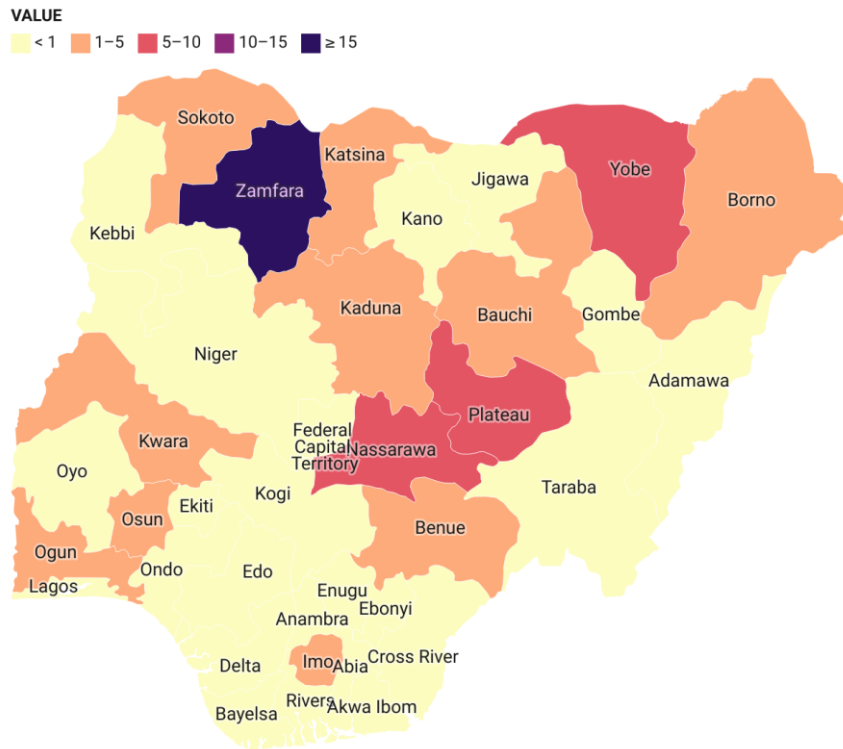


■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 13 and week 14. 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 13

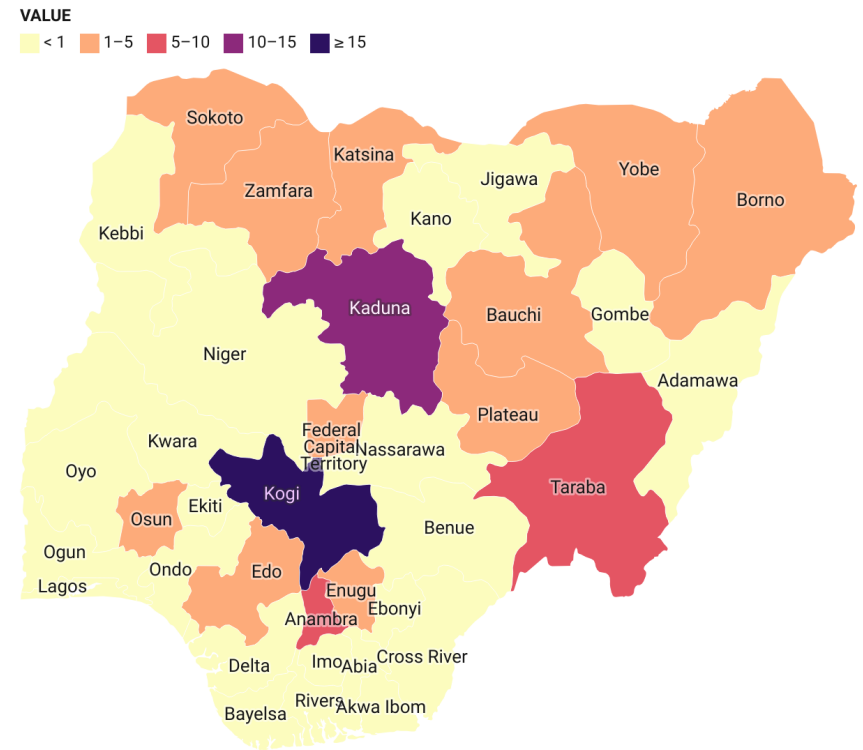
Risk map showing killed victims



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Figure 8. Week 14

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 13 and week 14 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, Kogi, Kaduna and Taraba states captured the highest number of fatalities.

Figure 9. Week 13

Risk map showing kidnapped victims

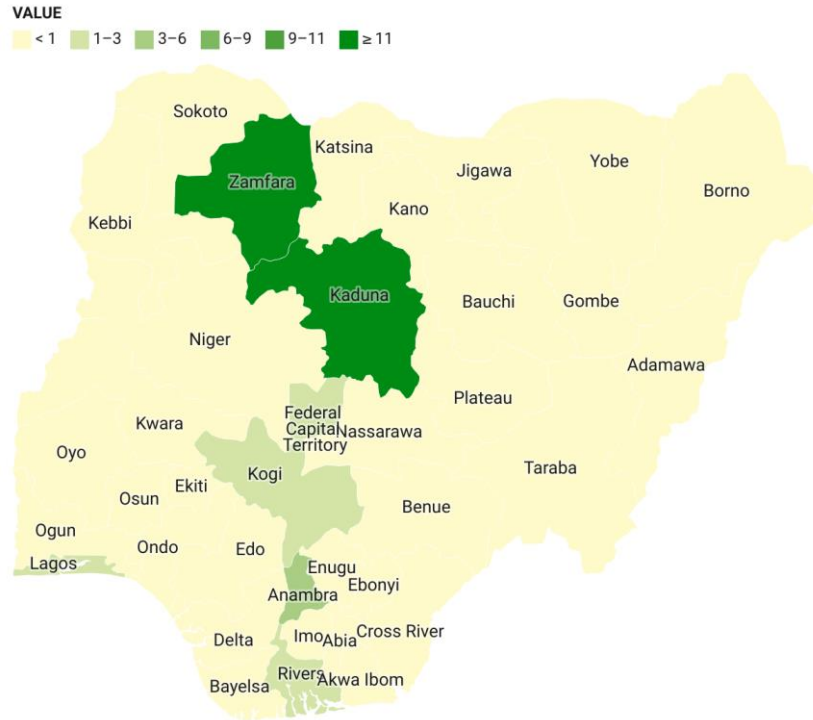
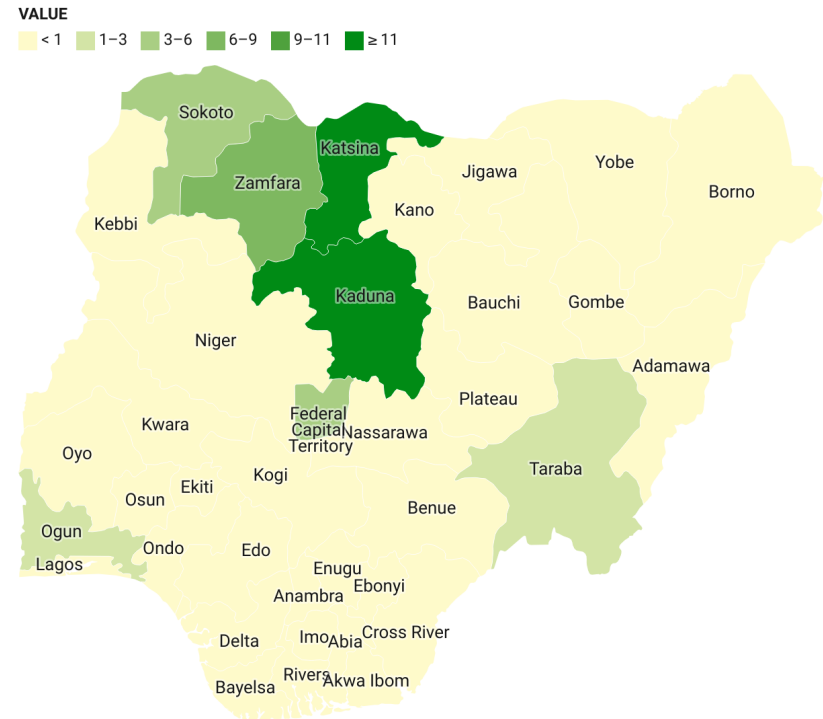


Figure 10. Week 14

Risk map showing kidnapped victims



The above figure captures areas where victims fall into kidnapping threats the most or least. In week 14, most kidnapped victims were from Katsina and Kaduna 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 increased significantly to 31 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims increased slightly, with 5 reported victims. This could be attributed to underreporting during the reporting week.

There were 7 incidents recorded in the region this week. Among the threats recorded were banditry, protests, criminal activities, and kidnapping. Criminal activities were the most incidents captured the week.

Hoodlums in Minna, the capital of Niger State, perpetrated an alarming attack, obstructing Kuta Road and assaulting individuals en route to Tahajud prayers in the early hours of Friday. Reports indicate a distressing trend of armed hoodlums terrorizing residents for nearly a week, instilling fear and endangering lives within the community.

Similarly, in Omala Local Government Council in Kogi East Senatorial District, suspected Fulani gunmen launched a brutal assault on the Agojeju-Odo community, resulting in numerous casualties. This tragic event underscores the vulnerability of communities to armed aggression, exacerbating tensions and underscoring the urgent need for effective security measures to safeguard innocent lives.

Amidst these unsettling developments, there are also calls for solidarity on broader issues within the Muslim world. Imam Ruhullah Al-Musawi Al-Khomeini, the global leader of the Islamic Revolution, has issued a call for Muslims and non-Muslims alike to stand in unity with the people of Palestine against the state of Israel. This appeal comes as Muslims worldwide observe the final week of Ramadan, emphasizing the importance of collective support in addressing global injustices and promoting peace and stability.

NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

05 April 2024 - Hoodlums on Friday, blocked Kuta Road in Minna, the Niger State capital. They reportedly attacked people going for Tahajud prayers. The incident according to reports happened around 1 am.

05 March 2024 – Suspected Fulani gunmen, early Friday morning, invaded Agojeju-Odo, a community in Omala Local Government Council in Kogi East Senatorial District, killing scores.

05 April 2024 – As Muslims enter the last week of Ramadan, the global leader of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Ruhullah Al-Musawi Al-Khomeini has invited Muslims and non-Muslims to show solidarity with the people of Palestine against the state of Israel.

04 April 2024 – Gunmen attacked Gaba community in Bwari Area Council. One person was killed, and five people were abducted.

02 April 2024 – There was pandemonium in part of the Jos North local government area of Plateau State on Tuesday as irate youths protested the alleged killing of a security man by his employer over a theft of eggs.

02 April 2024 – Ward attendants at the Federal Teaching Hospital Lokoja, Kogi State, embarked on a peaceful protest on Tuesday over the death of one of their colleagues, the late Salamatu Aliu of Post Natal Ward.

01 April 2024 – Nighty-year-old Adebola Ezekiel and his wife, Abiodun have been discovered dead in their apartment at the Apo area in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja.

NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

Analysis – There was an overall decrease in the number of fatalities as 8 persons were killed and kidnapped victims increased, with 2 kidnap victims during the week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of kidnap attacks during the week.

On April 2, 2024, a terrifying incident unfolded along the Tor–Tse-Takum Road in Wukari LGA as gunmen attempted to abduct church members returning from a program. Swift action was taken as GSF personnel intervened, engaging the kidnapers in a fierce firefight. The confrontation resulted in the death of at least five kidnapers, with firearms seized in the aftermath, demonstrating the ongoing struggle against criminal elements operating in the region.

The preceding day, on April 1, 2024, tensions flared in the vicinity of Daya community, where a deadly communal clash erupted, claiming one life and leaving several others wounded. The conflict, which saw houses set ablaze, underscores the volatile nature of communal dynamics within certain areas, with the identity of the armed groups involved remaining unclear, adding to the complexity of the situation.

Amidst the turmoil, incidents of abduction continue to plague the region, as evidenced by the abduction of two students from the Federal University Wukari on the same day. Suspected herdsmen were reportedly responsible for the abduction, highlighting the persistent threat posed by criminal elements. These events underscore the urgent need for enhanced security measures to safeguard communities and educational institutions alike from such nefarious activities.

NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

02 April 2024 – Gunmen attempted to abduct church members returning from a program along the Tor–Tse-Takum Road, Wukari LGA. GSF personnel were deployed to the area and engaged the kidnappers in a firefight. At least five kidnappers were killed, and firearms were recovered.

01 April 2024 – A communal clash was reported IVO Daya community where one person was killed and an unspecified number of others were wounded while several houses were burnt. The armed group involved in the conflict is still unknown.

01 April 2024 – Two students of the Federal University Wukari, Taraba state were abducted on Monday night in Wukari by suspected herdsmen. The institution’s Chief Security Officer, Sule Gani, confirmed the incident on Tuesday. He said the victims graduated but stayed behind to remedy some of their courses.

01 April 2024 – A group of ISWAP members intercepted a truck transporting cattle from the Damasak market to Maiduguri IVO Madamari village, near Gubio town. They stole 29 cattle and withdrew.

31 March 2024 – Unknown armed persons attacked a lecturer of the Department of Physical and Health Education at the University of Maiduguri in his office and killed him.

31 March 2024 – A team of police operatives arrested a thirty-year-old man for allegedly stabbing to death his elder brother after an altercation at their residence IVO Anguwan Dawaki Ward in Bauchi Metropolis. Reportedly, the suspect speared the victim in the stomach with a sharp object.

30 March 2024 – A group of IDPs protested in the Mandarari IDP camp in Konduga town, Borno State concerning a fire outbreak at their location. They reportedly accused the firefighters and GF members of neglecting to assist them during a fire incident, threatening to burn GF vehicles and stone approaching individuals.

30 March 2024 – Suspected ISWAP members broke through the Banki defense wall in the 500 Housing area in Banki Town and shot one adult male before withdrawing. Security operatives were alerted and pursued the attackers towards their withdrawal route.

NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased significantly, with 20 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals also decreased significantly with 2 victims during the week.

On April 5, 2024, a series of violent events unfolded across several regions of Nigeria, underscoring the pervasive insecurity plaguing the nation. Bandits launched a deadly assault on Tuge community in Musawa Local Government Area, resulting in three fatalities and the abduction of four individuals, including the village head. The attackers also set numerous buildings ablaze, leaving a trail of destruction in their wake. Meanwhile, in the Kaduna State capital, pandemonium erupted as police attempted to disperse members of the proscribed Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN), popularly known as Shiites, who were holding a procession in the city center. These clashes between security forces and the Shiite members further escalated tensions in the region.

The preceding days were marked by a string of violent incidents, reflecting the multifaceted nature of the security challenges facing Nigeria. On April 3, bandits launched fresh attacks in various areas, including Kaduna, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), and Gada Local Government Area. These attacks resulted in fatalities, including the killing of a community leader in Kaduna and a fatality in Mawo village, as well as multiple abductions.

Moreover, on April 2, bandits targeted vulnerable communities, attacking farms, villages, and even places of worship. In Gabake Danmaliki, Kaura Namoda LGA, two farmers were killed in a brutal assault, while residents observing prayers in a mosque in Gusau Town, Gusau Local Government Area, were reportedly kidnapped by armed assailants. These incidents underscored the indiscriminate nature of the violence and the vulnerability of communities across different regions of Nigeria. To this effect, the Zamfara State Government has ordered restriction of movements along the state's borders with Katsina and Sokoto States between 1900hrs and 0600hrs daily.

NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

05 April 2024 - Bandits reportedly attacked Tuge community in Musawa Local Government Area, resulting in 3 fatalities. Reports indicate that 4 people including the village head were kidnapped and several buildings were set ablaze during the incursion.

05 April 2024 - No fewer than four members of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN), otherwise known as Shiites, lost their lives, while 20 were injured when the police allegedly fired shots to disperse a procession by members of the movement to mark International Quds Day.

05 April 2024 - There is pandemonium in the Kaduna State capital as police operatives are trying to disperse members of the proscribed Islamic Movement of Nigeria popularly known as Shiites, who are holding a procession in the city centre.

03 April 2024 - Further attacks remain likely in Gada Local Government Area following a bandit attack in Mawo village which resulted in a fatality and the kidnap of 3 individuals. Reports indicate the bandits also attacked Kadadi village in the same LGA and rustled livestock during the incursions.

03 April 2024 - Bandits have launched fresh attacks in Kaduna and Federal Capital Territory (FCT), killing a community leader and abducting some family members. The assailants on Wednesday night shot dead the Mai Anguwa of Gashe community, Mr Philibus Andrew, and abducted 13 family members in Kachia LGA of Kaduna State.

02 April 2024 - Bandits attacked a farm in Gabake Danmaliki, Kaura Namoda LGA and killed two farmers.

02 April 2024 - Bandits reportedly kidnapped an unconfirmed number of residents in Gusau Town, Gusau Local Government Area. Reports indicate that the victims were kidnapped while observing prayers in a Mosque.

02 April 2024 - Following a series of attacks by bandits in the area, residents of Wurna village in Kurfi Local Government Area of Katsina State on Friday set bonfires and blocked the Katsina-Dutsinma highway.

02 April 2024 - Bandits who kidnapped 61 villagers at Budah Hausa Village in Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State three weeks ago have killed five of the abductees. Fifty-one other victims, it was gathered, were released on Tuesday by their abductors after payment of ransom, and collection of drugs and motorcycles by the hoodlums.

02 April 2024 - There was palpable tension in the Old-Kuyelo community in the Birnin Bwari area of Kaduna State as terrorists invaded the community on Tuesday night.

01 April 2024 - At least thirty children are believed to have been kidnapped by suspected bandits at Kasai village in Batsari Local Government Area of Katsina State. Batsari is one of several Security Frontline Local Government Areas in Katsina State where activities of bandits, and other criminal elements have been on the increase almost daily.

01 April 2024 - Suspected armed persons invaded a mosque and abducted an unspecified number of worshippers while conducting night Ramadan prayers in the Samaru district of Gusau town – Gusau LGA.

01 April 2024 - A battle of supremacy by two bandit groups over the control of some mining sites has led to the killing of several terrorists. A credible intelligence obtained by PRNigeria revealed that the brutal clash was between Jammatu Ansarul Musulmin Biladis Sunna, also known as Ansaru, and Dogo Gide's group of bandits at Kuyallo area, Birnin Gwari local government area of Kaduna State.

31 March 2024 - Residents broke into government warehouses, where grains and essential food items are stored and looted all the commodities. The Police were deployed to disperse the looters but were stoned by the suspects.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased slightly with 8 killed victims while kidnap victims increased significantly with over 58 recorded during the week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of incidents in the region.

On March 31, 2024, violence erupted in various areas of Anambra State, as reports emerged of six fatalities during clashes between rival cult groups in Okpuno, Eke Awka market, and Obinagu. Tragically, one individual was struck by a stray bullet amid the chaos. In response to the escalating situation, the Home Guard Security Forces (HG SF) were deployed across different parts of the State Metropolis to restore peace and quell further unrest.

Meanwhile, on March 30, 2024, a team of police operatives conducted a raid on suspected hideouts of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and its security arm, the Eastern Security Network (ESN), in Akwuke community, Enugu State. The operation resulted in an exchange of gunfire, during which two suspects were neutralized while others managed to evade capture, escaping with gunshot wounds. Firearms and ammunition were recovered during the raid, underscoring the authorities' ongoing efforts to combat separatist activities and maintain law and order in the region. The incident highlights the complexities of security challenges in certain areas, where armed groups operate, posing threats to stability and communal harmony.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

31 March 2024 - Reports indicate six persons were killed during a clash by rival cult group IVO Okpuno, Eke Awka market, Obinagu areas of Anambra state respectively.

30 March 2024 - A team of police operatives raided the camps of suspected IPOB/ESN hideout IVO Akwuke community, Enugu State. During an exchange of SAF, two culprits were neutralized while others escaped with gunshot wounds. Items recovered include Firearms and ammunition.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased as compared to the previous week with one victim captured, while no person was kidnapped during the reporting week.

On April 1, 2024, Benin City, Edo State, witnessed a spate of violence that claimed the lives of several individuals, highlighting the pervasive threat posed by criminal activities in the region. Among the victims were a betting operator known as Romeo, who fell victim to suspected cultists, and two others, Eze and Bobor, who were killed by unidentified gunmen. The brutality of these attacks, which also left another victim critically injured, underscores the urgent need for comprehensive measures to address the root causes of violence and strengthen law enforcement efforts in Edo State. These tragic incidents serve as a somber reminder of the challenges facing communities in the region and the imperative of collective action to ensure the safety and security of all residents.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

01 April 2024 - A betting operator, simply identified as Romeo, was reportedly killed in Benin City, Edo State, by suspected cultists, who also left another victim with a life-threatening injury. Two other victims, identified as Eze and Bobor, were also killed by unidentified gunmen.

SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased compared to the previous week with one fatality captured while only a single individual was kidnapped during the reporting week.

The landscape of socio-economic and security challenges in this region was vividly depicted by a series of events in early April 2024. On April 4, employees of the University College Hospital (UCH) in Ibadan, Oyo State, took to the streets in protest against the recurrent power outages plaguing the institution. The demonstration underscored the critical importance of reliable electricity supply in healthcare facilities, emphasizing the need for sustained infrastructure investment to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of essential medical services to the public.

Meanwhile, on April 3, a disturbing armed robbery incident unfolded along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, where a gang of six assailants brazenly attacked commuters between Berger Bus Stop and Otedola Bridge. The perpetrators targeted travelers, stealing valuables and instilling fear among the populace. In a separate development on the same day, residents of Oke-Egan Community in the Eleko area of Ajah, Lagos State, mobilized to the state House of Assembly complex in Ikeja to demand compensation for the demolition of their homes. Armed with banners and placards, the residents sought redress for the loss of their property, drawing attention to the human cost of urban development projects in densely populated areas. This demonstration underscores the socio-economic tensions arising from rapid urbanization and underscores the importance of inclusive governance processes to address the grievances of affected communities and ensure equitable development for all citizens.

SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

04 April 2024 - Workers of University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan, Oyo State yesterday protested against power outage at the institution, threatening to down tools if the epileptic power supply continues.

03 April 2024 - An armed robbery gang numbering 6 reportedly attacked commuters between Berger Bus Stop and Otedola Bridge along the Lagos - Ibadan Expressway. Reports indicate that valuables were stolen during the incident which occurred on 3 April. The area remains susceptible to further attacks.

03 April 2024 - Several residents of Oke-Egan Community in the Eleko area of Ajah, Lagos State, on Wednesday, stormed the state House of Assembly complex in Ikeja, demanding compensation for the demolition of their houses. The News Agency of Nigeria reports that residents of the affected community, wielding large banners with boldly written messages, as well as placards with inscriptions to communicate their plights, barricaded the Lagos House main gate.

03 April 2024 - There were heavy gunshots and serious pandemonium on Wednesday as commercial motorcyclists and illegal squatters attacked the operatives of the Lagos State Task Force on the environment and other related offenses around Fagba, Abbatoir areas of the state.

02 April 2024 - A local hunter has reportedly killed one young man in Iwo, headquarters of Iwo local government area of Osun State. It was gathered that the hunter met the deceased at the junction of Latico area in the town around 3am on Tuesday, after which an argument ensued between them over the victim's destination.

01 April 2024 - Ogun State Police Command, yesterday, said hoodlums suspected to be kidnapers have abducted one Nurat Ogundipe and a commercial motorcycle rider in Imeko, Imeko/Afon Local Government Area of the state.

30 March 2024 - Passengers traveling in a Luxury bus were accosted by OCGs at Oke Ado Junction, Ijebu Mushin along the Ijebu Ode – Benin Expressway, Ogun State. The travelers were heading to the Southeast for Easter celebrations when the incident happened. Sources further indicate that the bus was set ablaze by the OCGs after robbing the passengers of their belongings. No casualty was recorded during the incident.

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