



**NIGERIA
WEEKLY
INCIDENT REPORT**
06 April 2024 – 12 April 2024

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Executive Summary

Countrywide Incidents for the Week

1. A governorship candidate in the 2023 general elections was abducted in his residence in the Usokun community, Rivers State
2. Several armed attacks were reported in Isi-Uzo and Uzo-Uwani LGAs of Enugu State
3. Troops of the 145 Battalion neutralised terrorists in Yobe state.
4. Suspected gunmen attacked the former Chief of Staff (CoS) to the immediate past Governor of Benue State, and abducted his wife.
5. Cult clashes continue to claim lives in the SS region.

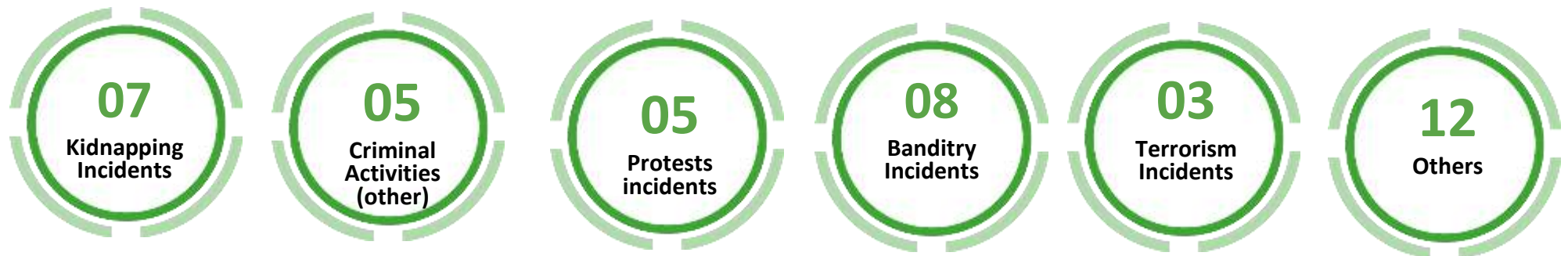


Figure 1. Incident map

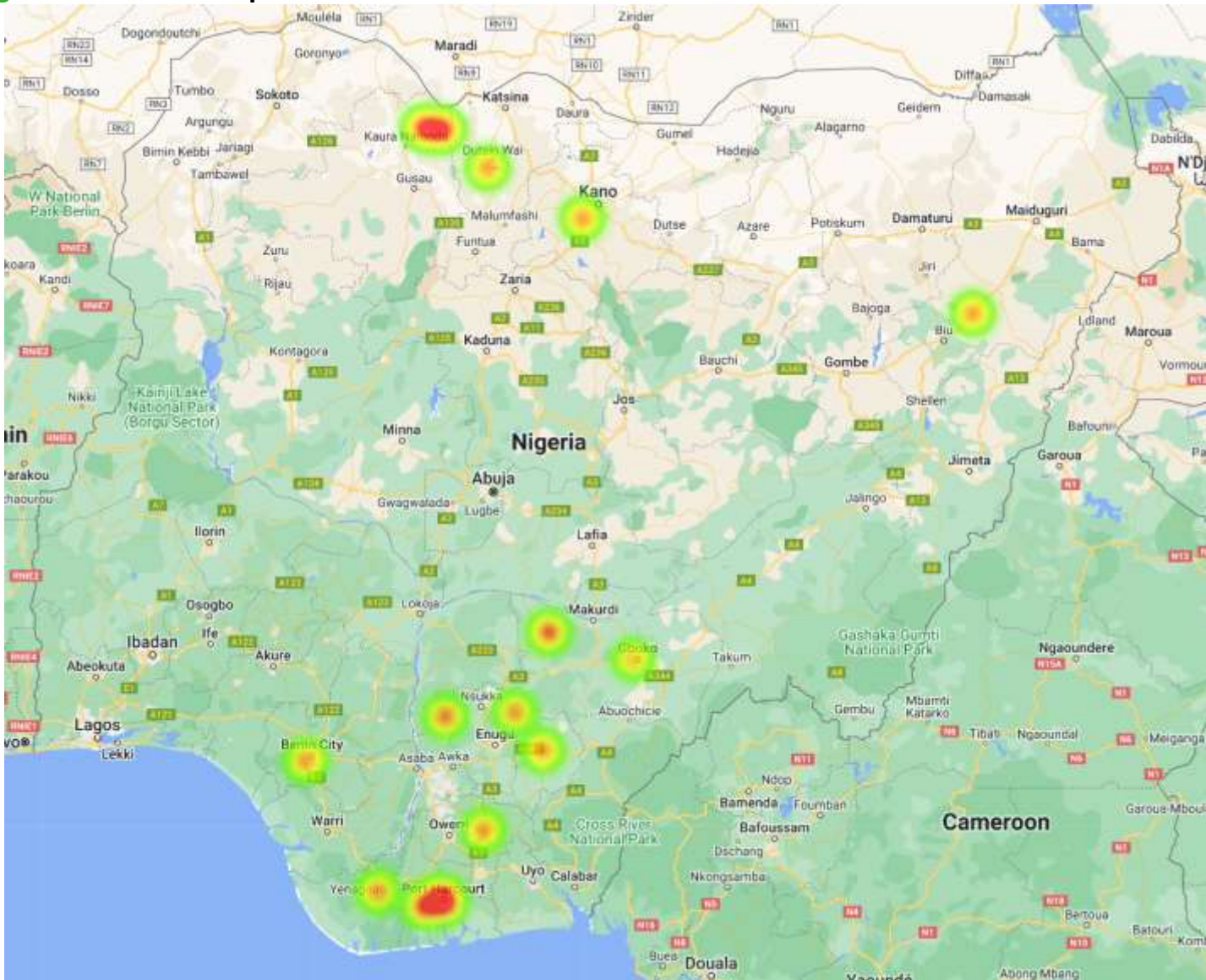


Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

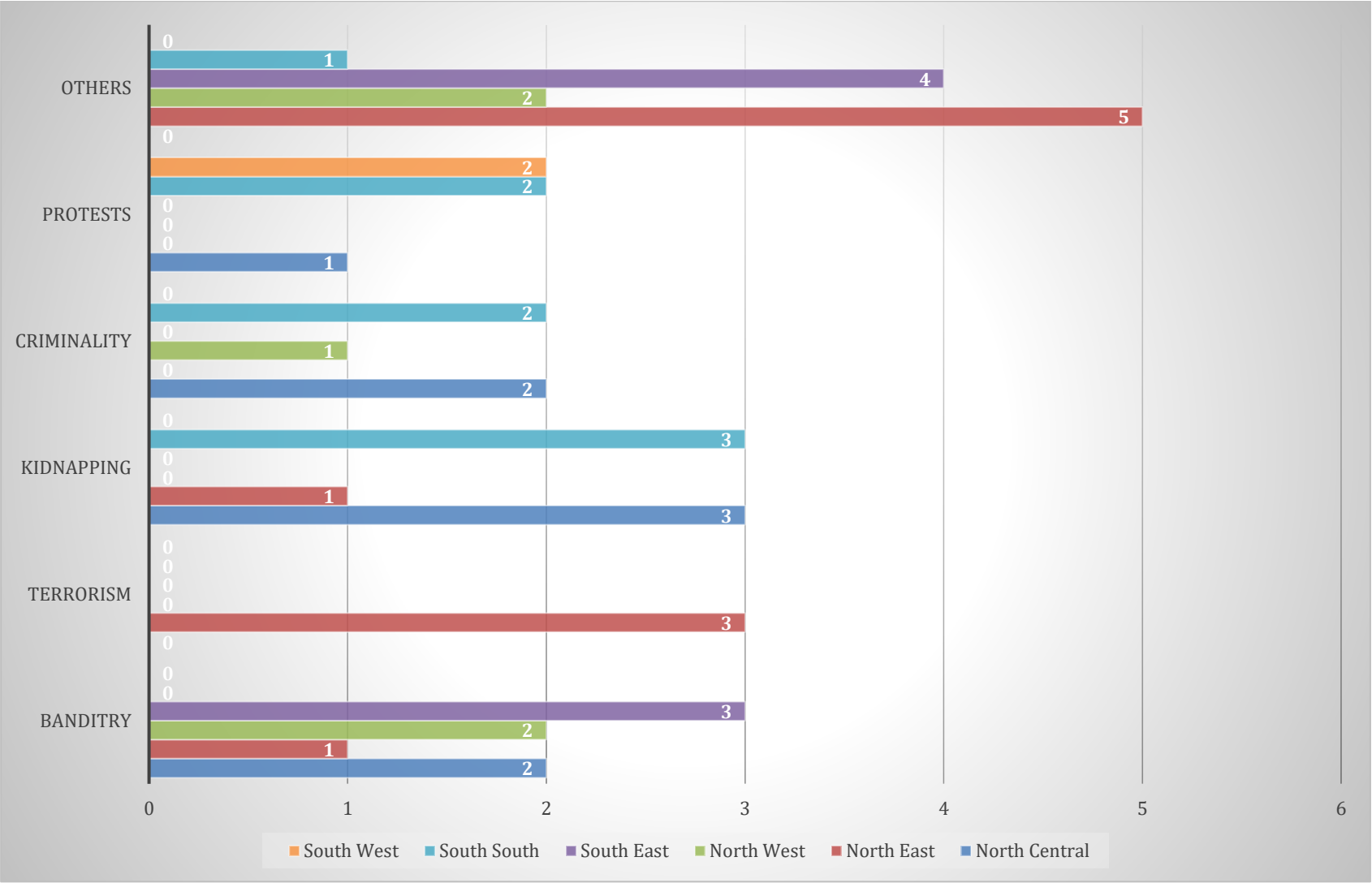


Figure 3.

Risk map showing kidnapped victims



Figure 4.

Risk map showing killed victims

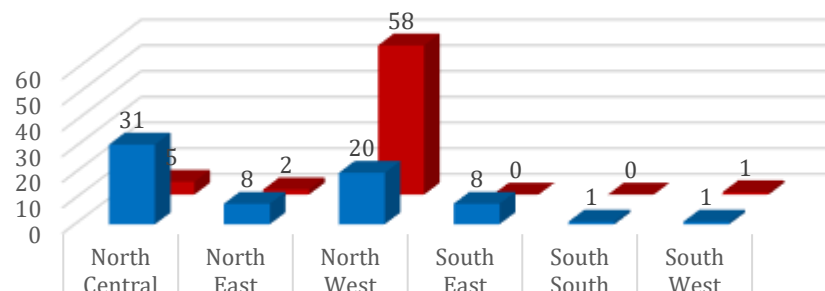


The above risk maps show locations where citizens were killed and kidnapped in the reporting week. Figure 3 represents areas where abductions occurred, while Figure 4 reflects locations with recorded fatalities.

Weekly trend analysis

Figure 5. Week 14

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims

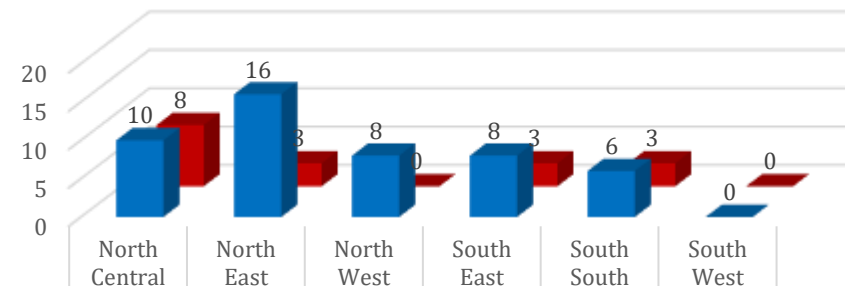


■ killed per region	31	8	20	8	1	1
■ Kidnapped per region	5	2	58	0	0	1

■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

Figure 6. Week 15

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims



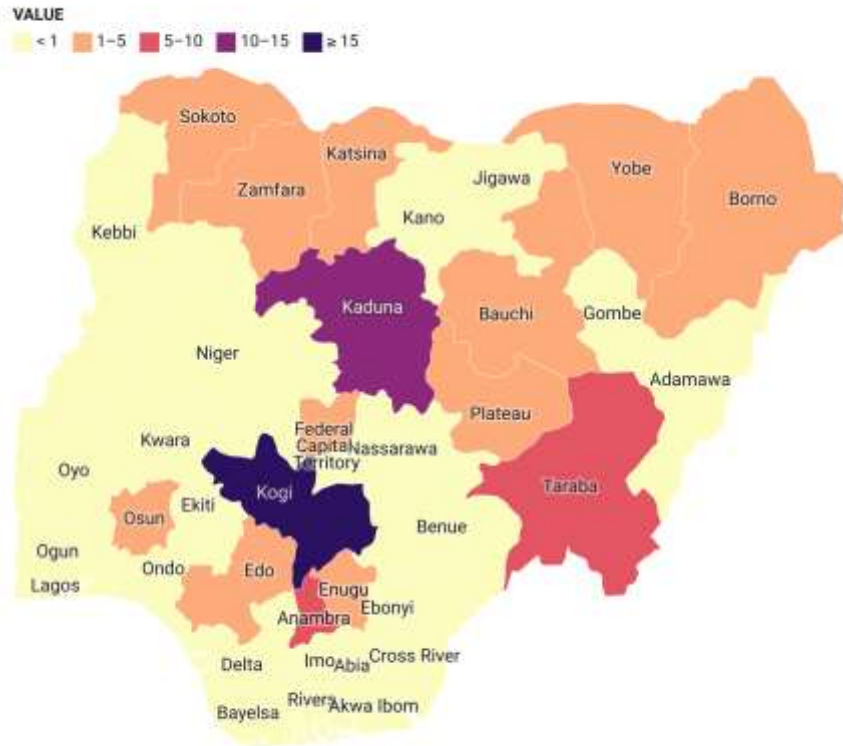
■ killed per region	10	16	8	8	6	0
■ Kidnapped per region	8	3	0	3	3	0

■ 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 14 and week 15. 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 14

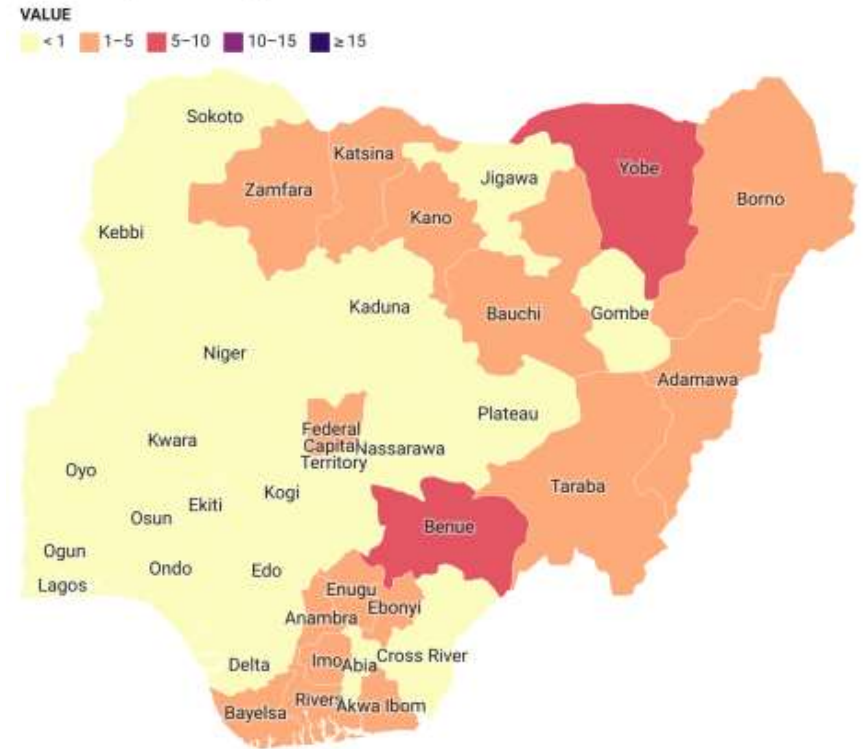
Risk map showing killed victims



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Figure 8. Week 15

Risk map showing killed victims



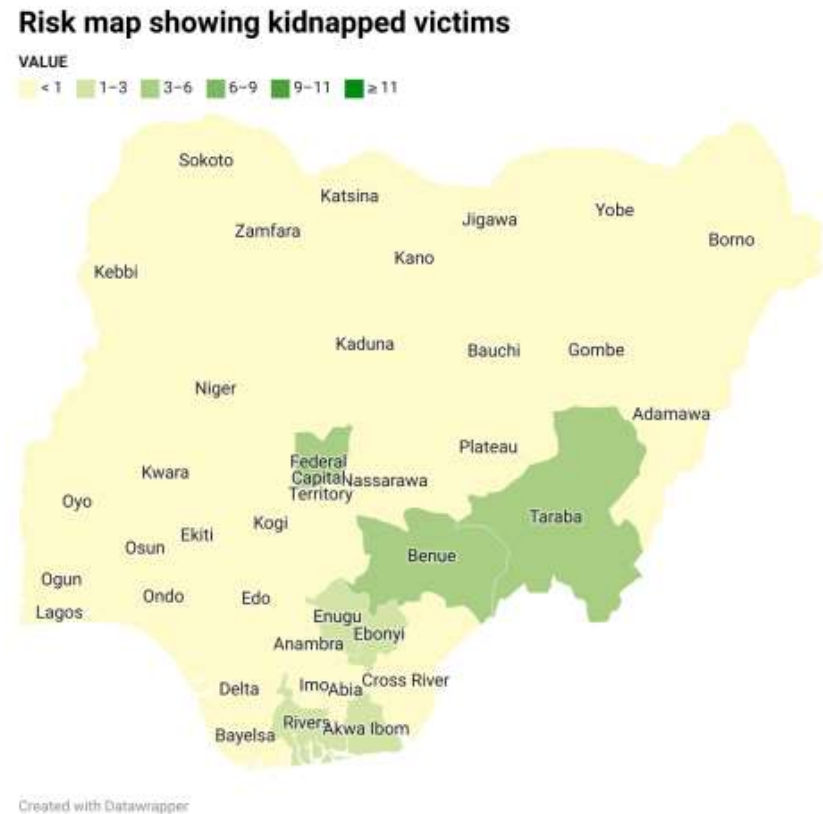
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The above figure shows a risk map contrasting areas where fatalities occurred in the country. The contrast between week 14 and week 15 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and least. The color intensity and lightness depict areas with the least and most fatalities. Based on the above map, there was an overall decrease in fatalities, with Yobe and Benue having the most fatalities nationwide.

Figure 9. Week 14



Figure 10. Week 15



The above figure captures areas where victims fall into kidnapping threats the most or least. In week 15, most kidnapped victims were from Taraba and Benue 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 10 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims increased slightly, with 8 reported victims. This could be attributed to underreporting during the reporting week.

In the reporting week, Benue State was grappling with escalating violence. On 12 April 2024, suspected gunmen targeted the farm of Terwase Orbunde, the former Chief of Staff to the immediate past Governor, Samuel Ortom. They abducted his wife, Mrs. Abigail Orbunde, and their housemaid, Patience Ogute. Additionally, on 10 March 2024, organized criminal groups (OCGs) carried out attacks in Ikpele village, Otukpo, and Adoka-Oweto communities. The toll was devastating: five lives lost, several wounded, and one person abducted. The situation remains tense as security forces grapple with containing the violence.

Beyond the targeted attacks, there have been other distressing events. On 9 April 2024, gunmen shot and killed a policeman who confronted them during an attempted abduction of the incumbent Chairman of Bwari Area Council's family members. Meanwhile, bandits struck the Umogidi community in Otukpo Local Government Area, killing two farmers and injuring two others. The attackers' aim appears to be displacing people from their ancestral homes. Furthermore, on 8 April 2024, the Gboko residence of a former Benue State Governor, late Aper Aku, was set ablaze by hoodlums. Fortunately, the occupants were safely evacuated.

A single protest was recorded during the reporting period. Supporters of the National Chairman of the Labour Party (LP) held a protest at the venue of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) Stakeholders Meeting in AMAC, over the interference of the NLC in the internal affairs of the party. The protesters marched from the party's new secretariat in Gudu district to the venue of the NLC stakeholders meeting.

These incidents collectively highlight the urgent need for enhanced security measures, vigilance, and collaboration between law enforcement agencies and communities. Whether in Benue State or Abuja, citizens and authorities must work together to safeguard lives, protect property, and maintain peace.

NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

12 April 2024 - Suspected gunmen attacked the farm of Terwase Orbunde, who is the former Chief of Staff (CoS) to the immediate past Governor of Benue State, Samuel Ortom, and abducted his wife, Mrs Abigail Orbunde, and housemaid, Patience Ogute.

10 March 2024 – OCGs attacked Ikpele village, Otukpo and Adoka-Oweto communities separately, killing five persons while an unconfirmed number of persons were wounded. The attackers reportedly abducted one person.

09 April 2024 – Some gunmen shot dead one policeman who engaged them in an exchange of fire as he attempted to foil the abduction of the incumbent Chairman of Bwari Area Council's family members. The gunmen fled the area after the foiled attempt.

09 April 2024 – Bandits have killed two farmers in a fresh attack on the Umogidi community in the Entekpa Council ward of Otukpo Local Government Area of Benue State.

08 April 2024 – The Gboko residence of a former Benue State Governor, late Aper Aku, has been set ablaze by hoodlums. Aku's daughter, Deborah, said the incident occurred on Monday and the residence's occupants were safely evacuated.

08 April 2024 – Supporters of the National Chairman of the Labour Party (LP) held a protest at the venue of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) Stakeholders Meeting in AMAC, FCT, over the interference of the NLC in the internal affairs of the party.

08 April 2024 – Armed robbers attacked Gudaba community in Kuje Area Council. Residents were mobilized to the area and engaged the robbers in a violent clash. Two robbers were killed, and another was injured.

08 April 2024 – Gunmen attacked Kikumi community in Kawu ward, Bwari Area Council of Abuja, and abducted three people.

NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

Analysis – There was an overall increase in the number of fatalities as 16 persons were killed while kidnapped victims increased slightly, with 3 kidnap victims during the week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of kidnap attacks during the week.

Suspected ISWAP elements launched an attack on the Goniri Community in Yobe state, resulting in casualties. A joint operation involving security forces and vigilantes successfully repelled the assault, but unfortunately, one soldier, one vigilante, and three civilians lost their lives in the skirmish. In Bauchi Municipal, unidentified armed individuals believed to be linked with an organized criminal group killed two individuals, while during festivities, another person tragically succumbed to a stray bullet. Meanwhile, in Taraba state, armed assailants abducted travelers, demanding a ransom of ₦20 million. Despite successful operations by security forces against ISWAP, including the arrest of a top commander and the rescue of family members, instances of violence persist, as demonstrated by an attack on travelers in Taraba state. The situation remains intricate and volatile, emphasizing the imperative for sustained vigilance and effective countermeasures.

These incidents shed light on the ongoing security challenges confronting communities in NE. The actions undertaken by security forces, alongside the lamentable loss of civilian lives, underscore the pressing need to effectively address these threats. While the apprehension of a senior ISWAP commander offers a glimmer of hope in the battle against terrorism, the situation remains complex and unpredictable.

NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

11 April 2024 – Suspected ISWAP elements in several gun trucks attacked the Goniri Community, Yobe state, and a joint SF/vigilante team engaged the attackers in an exchange of fire for a while and repelled the attack. One soldier, one vigilante, and three civilians were reportedly killed during the incident.

10 April 2024 – Unknown armed men suspected to be members of an OCG allegedly killed 2 people in Bauchi Municipal, Bauchi State, and another person was killed by a stray bullet during Id-el-fitri durbar festivities within the Metropolis.

10 April 2024 – An unspecified number of travellers were kidnapped by armed men IVO Dogon Gawa Village along the Takum Katsina-ala Road, Taraba state. The kidnappers demanded ₦20 million ransom from the family of one of the victims, (an INGO staff member) in Takum town.

09 April 2024 – SF raided ISWAP enclave IVO Ngauru Forest killing four ISWAP members and rescued 17 family members. The rescued family members were taken to an SF facility for profiling.

09 April 2024 – SF ambushed ISWAP elements around Koibe village about 3km west of Dikwa town and captured two ISWAP members while the remainder fled. They also recovered some foodstuff and bicycles.

09 April 2024 – Unidentified armed men killed 3 people and injured 2 others in an attack along the Tsukundi-Wukari Road, Taraba state. The victims were attacked while travelling on a motorcycle from Tsukundi to Wukari town.

09 April 2024 – A top Commander of the Islamic State of West African Province, ISWAP, Saidu Hassan Yellow has been apprehended by troops of the Nigerian Army 144 Battalion, Operation Hadin Kai. Zagazola Makama, a counter-insurgency expert and security analyst on the Lake Chad region, said the Commander known as Abu Saidu, was nabbed in the Madagali area of Adamawa State.

08 April 2024 – An SF team arrested a 33-year-old butcher for allegedly stabbing his wife to death with a bladed weapon IVO Sabon Gari. The suspect was being investigated at an SF facility.

08 April 2024 – Troops of the 145 Battalion and the Nigerian and Niger Air components have reportedly neutralized a terrorist during a raid at ISWAP hideouts around Bulaburin in Damaturu. Reports indicate that a gun truck was destroyed and weapons were recovered from the operation.

07 April 2024 – A group of suspected ISWAP elements infiltrated Azir Village approximately 9km south of Damboa town, Borno State, shooting sporadically across the community. One person reportedly sustained bullet wounds while the remainder escaped into the bush. The wounded was evacuated to the Primary Healthcare Facility in Damboa town for treatment.

NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased significantly, with 8 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals also decreased significantly with no victims during the week.

On April 12, 2024, a clash erupted between two bandit groups in Rugu forest, Safana Local Government Area, resulting in an unconfirmed number of fatalities. The confrontation ensued when the Bilya Mai Logo Rumawa bandit group launched an invasion on the camps of rival bandits in the area. Amidst the ensuing gun battle, security forces are reportedly mobilizing in the vicinity, though details remain unconfirmed.

On April 10, 2024, air strikes conducted by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) targeted terrorist camps in Zamfara state, resulting in the elimination of many terrorists. The strikes were concentrated on the camps of kingpins Abdullahi Nasanda in Zurmi Local Government Area and Mallam Tukur in Gusau Local Government Area. That same day, pandemonium erupted in Gusau, the Zamfara State capital, as personnel of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) allegedly shot and killed a woman while attempting to pursue hoodlums. The tragic incident occurred amidst Eid prayers, sparking outrage and unrest among residents and escalating tensions in the area.

Finally, on April 8, 2024, bandits reportedly attacked Karakkai village, Bugundu Local Government Area, resulting in four casualties. The attack, believed to be in reprisal for the arrest of a colleague by local security operatives (vigilantes), highlights the ongoing volatility and cycle of violence in the region.

NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

12 April 2024 - A clash between 2 bandit groups has resulted in an unconfirmed number of fatalities at Rugu forest in Safana Local Government Area. Reports indicate that a gun battle ensued after the Bilya Mai Logo Rumawa bandit group invaded bandits' camps in the aforementioned area. Security forces are unconfirmed in the area.

11 April 2024 - A suspect who was allegedly believed to have beheaded a six-year-old boy was lynched by mob in Kano. The 25-year-old man was allegedly accused of beheading a six-year-old boy, Mohammed Nabiyyu in Kanwa village, Madobi Local Government Area, Kano State.

10 April 2024 - Air strikes by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) have killed many terrorists in Zamfara state. The terrorists were eliminated at the camps of kingpins Abdullahi Nasanda in Zurmi Local Government Area and Mallam Tukur in Gusau Local Government Area.

10 April 2024 - There was pandemonium in Gusau, the Zamfara State capital, on Wednesday, as personnel of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) allegedly shot and killed a woman while attempting to pursue hoodlums. The tragic incident, which occurred while the Muslim faithful gathered to observe Eid prayer, has sparked outrage and unrest among residents, leading to an escalation of tensions in the area.

08 April 2024 - Bandits reportedly attacked Karakkai village, Bugundu Local Government Area, resulting in 4 casualties. Reports indicate the attack which occurred on 8 April was in reprisal to the arrest of their colleague by local security operatives (vigilantes).

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities remained the same with 8 killed victims while kidnap victims decreased significantly with only 3 recorded during the week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of incidents in the region.

On April 11, 2024, a wave of violence swept through Ebonyi and Anambra states, leaving a trail of tragedy in its wake. In Ebonyi, unidentified gunmen launched a brazen attack on a police checkpoint at Iseke junction, killing one officer, injuring several others, and abducting another policeman before setting ablaze the patrol vehicle. The same day in Anambra, Chief Cajetan Nwokike, the former President-General of Amansea Development Union, fell victim to unknown assailants in a targeted assassination, echoing the recent killing of Chief Silas Onyima, the President-General of Umuoji, less than two months prior.

The preceding days had seen a grim continuation of violence. On April 9, 2024, the lifeless body of an unnamed individual was discovered in the Orodo community of Ebonyi, days after being reported missing. The same day, suspected cultists struck in Awka, Anambra State, gunning down a young man identified as Nwanayoeze at the UNIZIK temporary site junction. These incidents further compounded the sense of insecurity

gripping the region. In Enugu State, on April 8, unidentified armed men ambushed and killed two individuals returning from their farm in IVO Adani community. Additionally, tensions remained high in Isi-Uzo Local Government Area following an attack by suspected armed pastoralists in Umueje Ikem-Etiti community, which claimed a life and led to the abduction of two individuals on April 8, 2024. Security forces are deployed in the area, but the threat of further violence looms large.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

11 April 2024 - A group of unidentified gunmen attacked a police checkpoint at Iseke junction, Ebonyi state, killing one policeman and wounding an unconfirmed number. The assailants also abducted one police officer and burned the police patrol vehicle.

11 April 2024 - Unknown gunmen on Thursday morning murdered the former President-General of Amansea Development Union in Anambra State, Chief Cajetan Nwokike. His death comes less than two months after President-General of Umuoji, Chief Silas Onyima, was shot dead in his bedroom by assassins.

11 April 2024 - The Ebonyi State Police Command has confirmed the killing of a police officer by yet-to-be-identified hoodlums who attacked the Ishieke Junction police checkpoint at about 7:15am.

09 April 2024 - Unidentified men murdered an unnamed person IVO Orodo community. The victim was reported missing for four days after which his decomposing body was found in the bush.

09 April 2024 - Persons suspected to be cultists on Tuesday evening killed a young man at UNIZIK temporary site junction in Awka, Anambra State. Details of the killing is still sketchy, but DAILY POST learned that the man whose name was given as Nwanayoeze was gunned down around tricycle park, UNIZIK Junction.

08 April 2024 - Unidentified armed men reportedly shot and killed two persons IVO Adani community in Uzo-uwani LGA of Enugu State, when the victims were returning from their farm.

08 April 2024 - Further attacks remain likely in Isi-Uzo Local Government Area following an attack by suspected armed pastoralists in Umueje Ikem-Etiti community which resulted in a fatality. Reports indicate that 2 individuals were kidnapped during the attack that occurred on 8 April. Security operatives are confirmed in the area.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased as compared to the previous week with 6 victims captured, while 3 person was kidnapped during the reporting week.

April 11, 2024, unfolded with grim realities in various states of Nigeria, underscoring the persistent security challenges across the nation. In Rivers State, the abduction of Joshua Rogers, a journalist with Channels Television, from his residence in Rumuosi, Obio/Akpor Local Government Area, sent shockwaves through the media community. Rogers, a diligent reporter, was taken by gunmen around 9 pm, reportedly after being trailed from his workplace. This alarming incident highlights the dangers faced by journalists in their line of duty and raises urgent concerns about the protection of press freedom and safety.

Meanwhile, Edo State witnessed heightened tensions on April 10, 2024, as hundreds of members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Etsako West Local Government protested against the possible readmission of Comrade Philip Shaibu, the impeached deputy governor, into the party. The demonstration revealed deep-seated divisions and political unrest within the state, illustrating the challenges of reconciliation and internal cohesion amid factional disputes and power struggles.

Amidst these political disturbances, acts of violence continued to ravage communities in other states. In Bayelsa State, a reprisal clash between rival cult groups on April 9 claimed the life of 28-year-old Victor Namabebe, highlighting the deadly consequences of intergroup conflicts. Similarly, in Akwa Ibom State on April 8, suspected clashes between the Black Axe and Klansmen confraternities resulted in one fatality and the arrest of two individuals, showcasing the pervasive threat of organized crime in the region. These incidents collectively underscore the urgent need for comprehensive strategies to address the root causes of conflict and to ensure the safety and security of all citizens in the region.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

11 April 2024 - A journalist working for Channels Television in Rivers State, Joshua Rogers, has been abducted by gunmen at his residence in Rumuosi, Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of the State. Rogers was kidnapped on Thursday night at about 9 pm after he was reportedly trailed to his residence after he closed from work..

10 April 2024 - Hundreds of protesting members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Etsako West Local Government of Edo State yesterday opposed the planned readmission of the impeached deputy governor, Comrade Philip Shaibu, into the party.

09 April 2024 - A reprisal clash by two rival cult groups has claimed the life of 28-year-old Victor Namabebe, along the Amarata suburb of Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital.

08 April 2024 - Some aggrieved youths blocked the East-West Road, Delta state between PTI junction and PTI Conference Center. They protested the death of their colleague who was knocked down by a vehicle. The protesters blocked the road with their colleague's corpse, smashed vehicles and harassed motorists. However, normalcy was later restored in the area.

08 April 2024 - The police in Akwa Ibom have confirmed killing of one person and arrest of two in a suspected clash between Black Axe confraternity and Klansmen confraternity. The cult clash occurred in Eket Local Government Area of the state.

08 April 2024 - A governorship candidate in the 2023 general elections was abducted in his residence in the Usokun community, Rivers State by unknown armed men dressed in military uniforms. The assailants shot dead two persons and took away their corpses. Jackrich was reportedly abducted from his residence in Usokun in the Degema Local Government Area of Rivers State.

07 April 2024 - Unidentified armed men killed a vigilante member at the Obidanso Waterfront, Mile 1 Diobu area. The victim had gone on a routine check/patrol at the waterfront when the incident occurred, and the assailants were not arrested.

06 April 2024 - Unidentified gunmen shot and killed a businessman and abducted one person on the Airport Road, Akwa Ibom State. The deceased reportedly resisted being kidnapped by the assailants, hence he was killed.

SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased compared to the previous week with no fatality captured while no individual was also kidnapped during the reporting week.

On April 11, 2024, residents of Urban Prime Two Estate in Abraham Adesanya, Ajah, Eti-Osa LGA, took to the streets in protest against alleged exploitation and inconsiderate actions by estate developers. The residents claimed that the developers had cut off their water supply for nearly a week, causing significant inconvenience and hardship. The protest underscored the frustration and dissatisfaction among residents with regard to the management and provision of essential services within the estate.

Similarly, on April 8, 2024, residents of Okun-Ajah community staged a protest at the State House of Assembly complex in Alausa, Ikeja LGA, voicing their opposition to the planned demolition of their properties for the proposed Lagos-Calabar Coastal Road project. The protesters asserted that their buildings did not encroach on the Right of Way (RoW) of the Coastal Road alignment and called on the state government to follow due process in addressing their concerns. The demonstration highlighted the concerns of residents facing potential displacement and loss of property due to infrastructure development projects. These protests reflect the growing tensions and grievances among communities in Lagos State over issues related to development, infrastructure, and the actions of authorities and developers.

SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

11 April 2024 - Residents of Urban Prime Two Estate in Abraham Adesanya, Ajah, Eti-Osa LGA, held a protest over the alleged exploitation and inconsiderate actions of estate developers, who are alleged to have cut off the water supply to residents for nearly a week..

08 April 2024 - Residents of Okun-Ajah community held a protest at the State House of Assembly complex in Alausa, Ikeja LGA, over the plan to demolish their properties for the proposed Lagos-Calabar Coastal Road project. The protesters called on the state government to follow due process, as their buildings did not encroach on the Right of Way (RoW) of the Coastal Road alignment.

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