



**NIGERIA
WEEKLY
INCIDENT REPORT**
20 April 2024 – 26 April 2024

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Executive Summary

Countrywide Incidents for the Week

1. Bandits Kill military commander in Katsina state.
2. Cult Clashes cause tension in parts of the South-South region.
3. Armed men kidnap several individuals in Sokoto state.
4. Several inmates escape the Suleja prison in Niger state
5. Cases of armed robbery persist in the South East region.

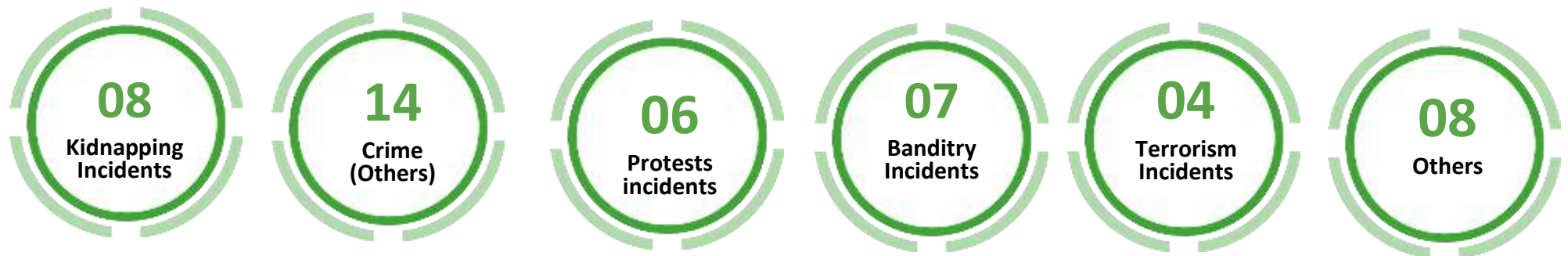


Figure 1. Incident map

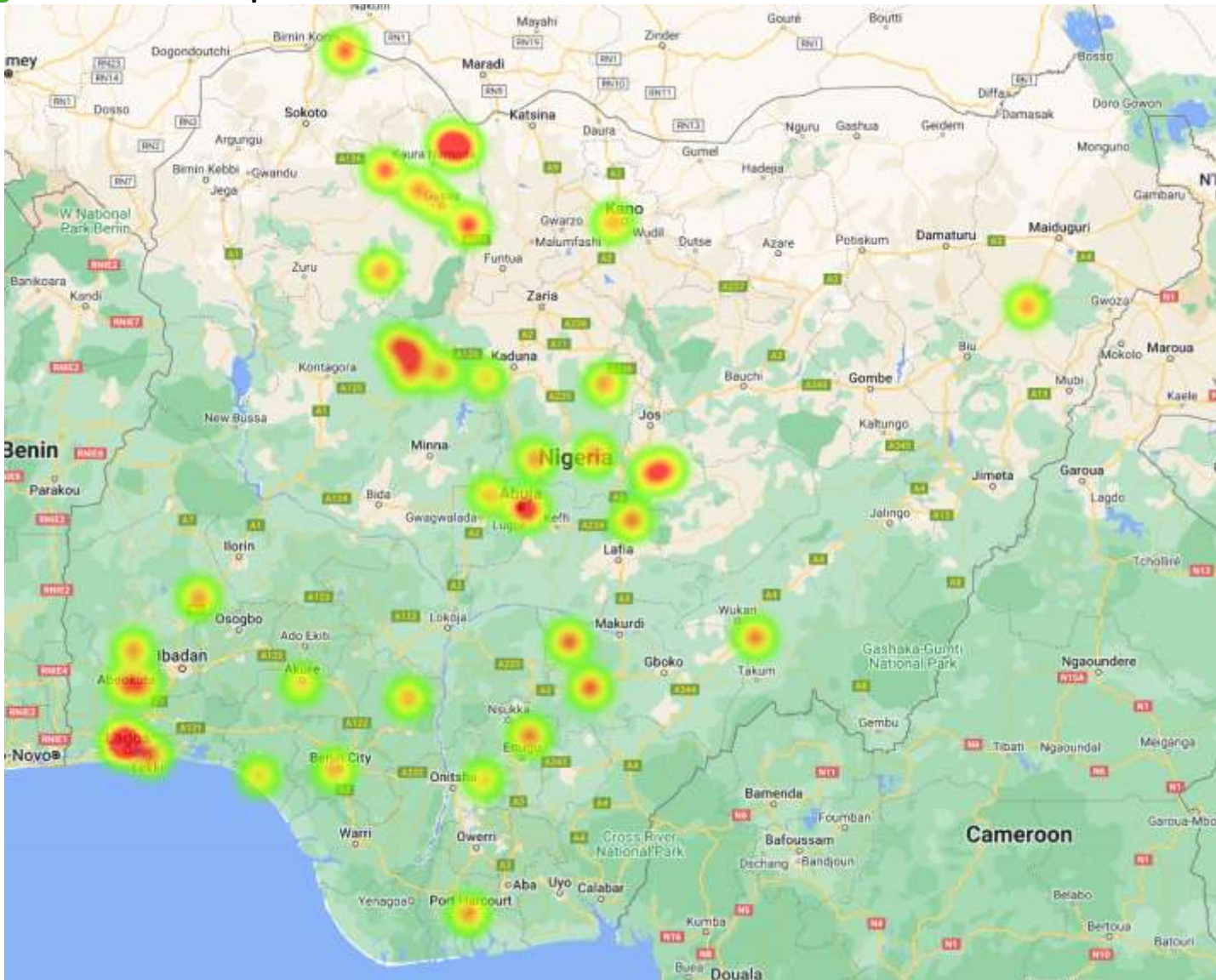


Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

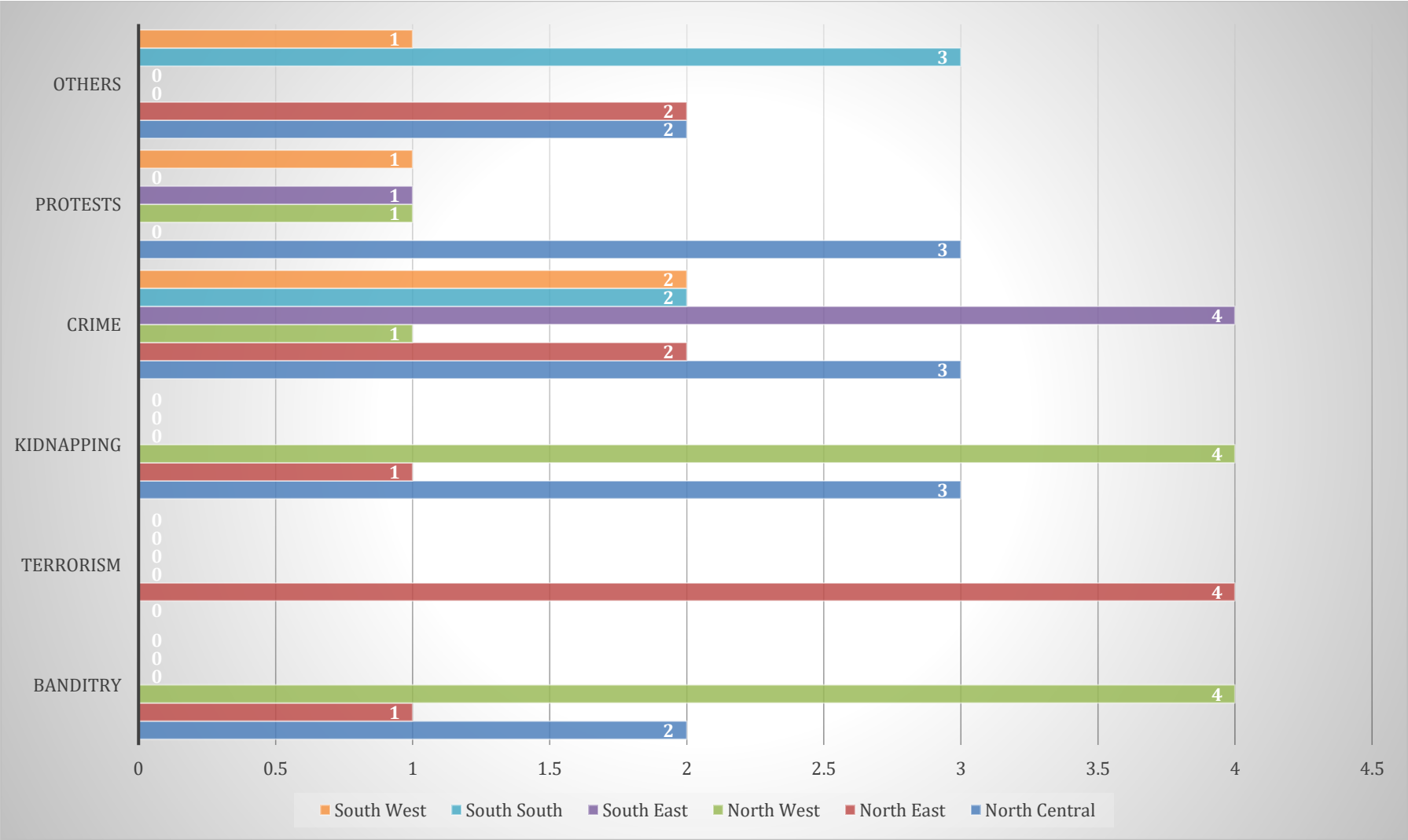


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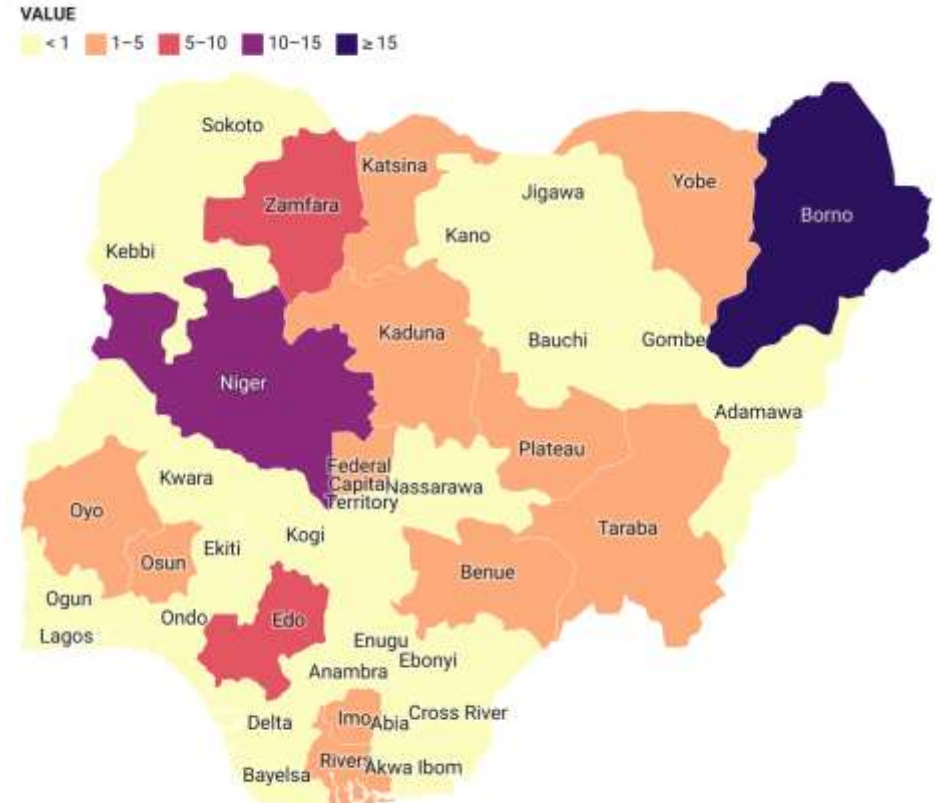
Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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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 16

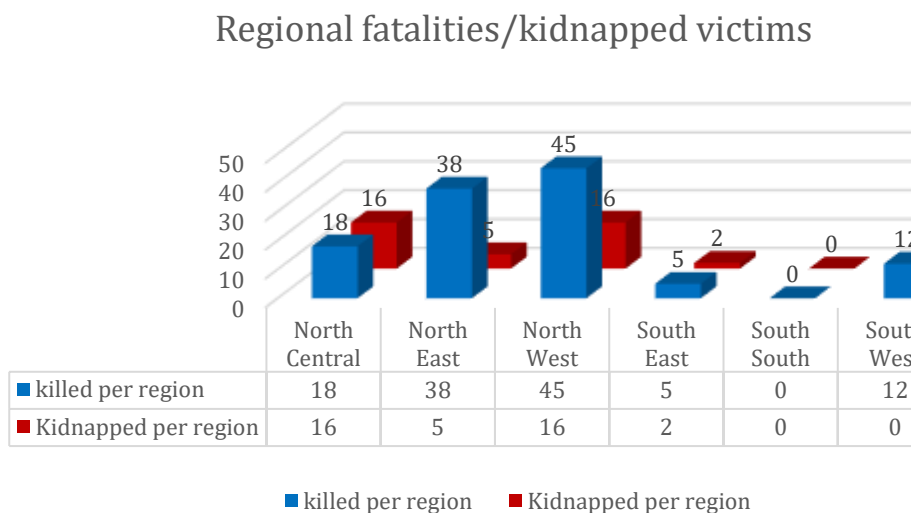
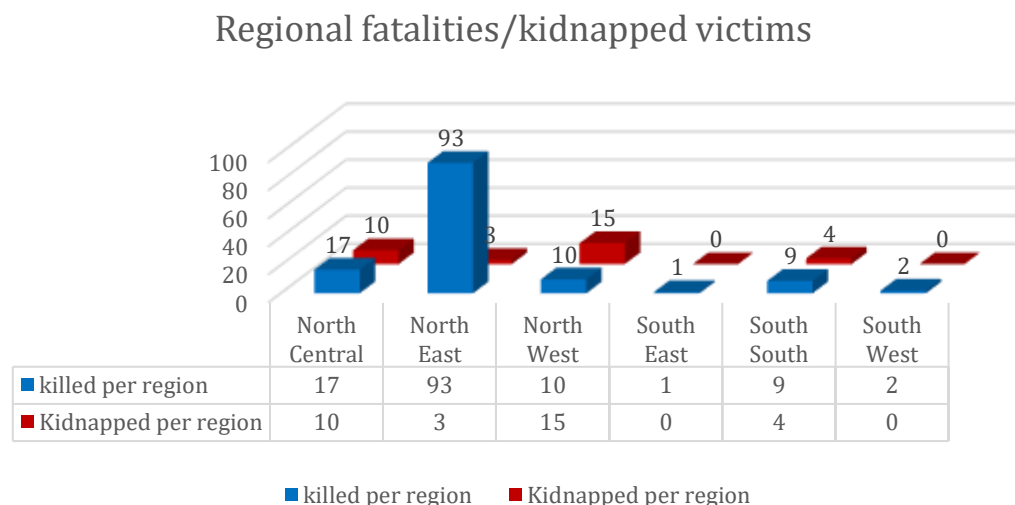


Figure 6. Week 17



The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 16 and week 17. 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 16

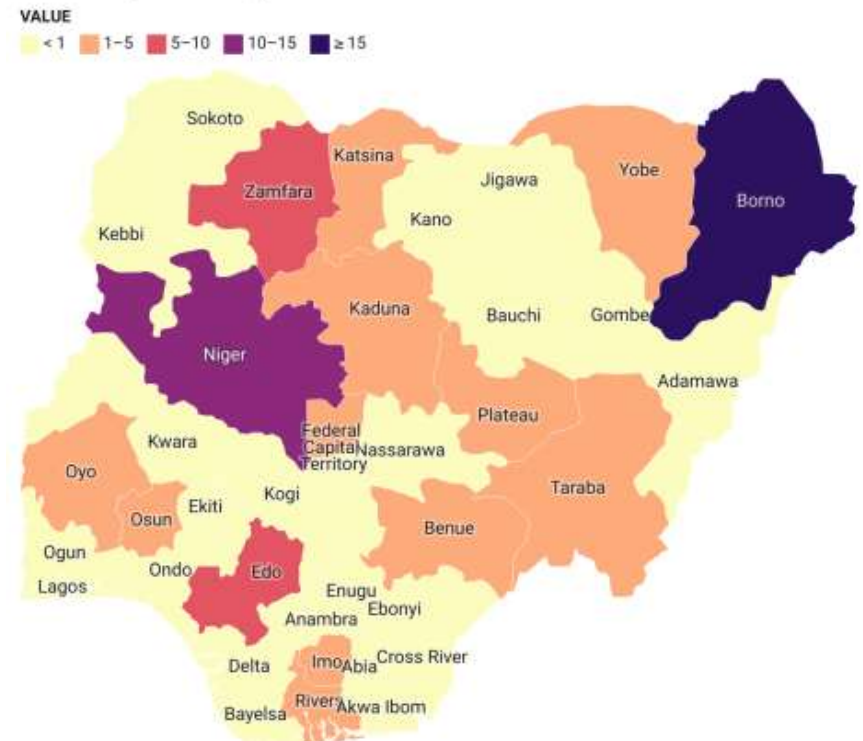
Risk map showing killed victims



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Figure 8. Week 17

Risk map showing killed victims

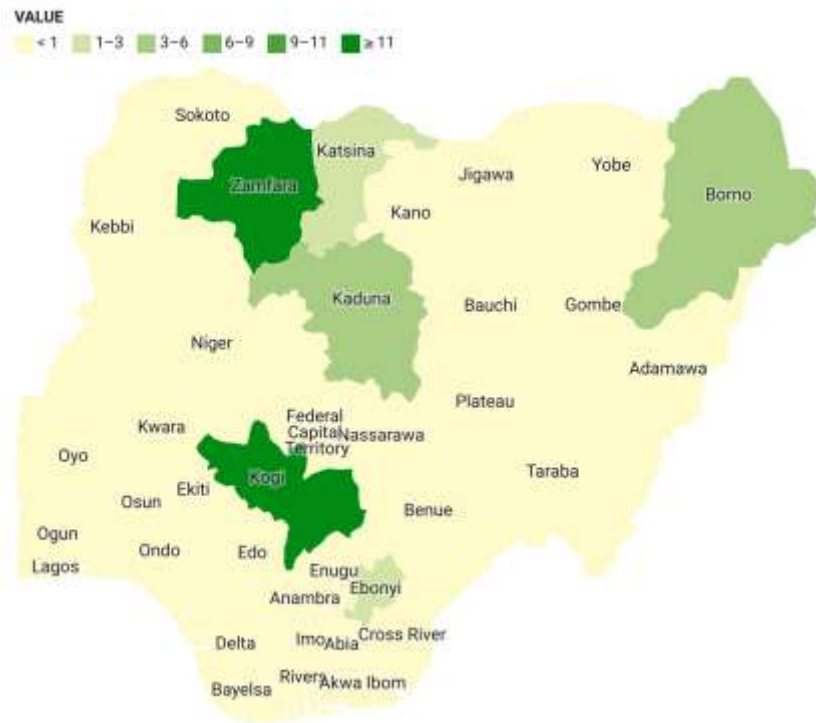


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The above figure shows a risk map contrasting areas where fatalities occurred in the country. The contrast between week 16 and week 17 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and least. The color intensity and lightness depict areas with the least and most fatalities. Based on the above map, there was an overall increase in fatalities, with Borno and Niger states having the most fatalities nationwide.

Figure 9. Week 16

Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 10. Week 17

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 17, most kidnapped victims were from 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 decreased slightly to 17 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims also decreased slightly, with 10 reported victims.

During the reporting week, a total of 15 incidents were reported in the North Central region during the final week of April, with most incidents being reported in Niger state and the Federal Capital Territory. The violence began in Niger state on April 25th, when bandits raided a military base and a palace in Allawa town, Shiroro LGA. They rode motorcycles and fired bullets at random, causing panic, and stole goods. The incident increased the region's security concerns. Additionally, on April 22nd, armed persons ambushed and killed a commercial motorcyclist in Minna Metropolis, emphasizing the area's persistent security concerns. According to reports, six members of the security forces and a hunter were killed in a gunfight when the squad was ambushed by organized crime group members in the Alawa and Lolo general areas of Shiroro Local Government Area. According to additional intel, they were on their route to react to a distress call in the Karaga and Rumace settlements, which were under attack. Additional information showed that several OCG members were also slain during the confrontation.

On April 23rd, Kogi State suffered civil disturbance as youths protested the EFCC's planned arrest of former Governor Yahaya Bello on allegations of fraud. The protest produced gridlock on the Lokoja-Abuja road, demonstrating the depth of public sentiment. Meanwhile, on April 22nd, in Plateau State, an allegedly drunk soldier fatally shot a civilian during his birthday party in the Marish hamlet, emphasizing the importance of discipline among security personnel.

Finally, violent occurrences continued to occur in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). On April 20th, armed men attacked numerous communities in AMAC, including Leisure Court Estate Iddo and the New Jerusalem area, killing and abducting people. These occurrences highlight the pervasive nature of security risks in the North Central region, necessitating immediate attention and concerted actions by authorities to restore peace and stability. Members of the All Progressive Congress (APC) also protested at the Party National Secretariat in Wuse Zone 2 to demand the dismissal of the Party National chairman.

NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

25 April 2024 – Members of the All Progressive Congress (APC) protested at the Party National Secretariat in Wuse Zone 2 to demand the dismissal of the Party National chairman. Traffic disruptions were noted in the area, however, security operatives were unconfirmed at the location.

25 April 2024 – Bandits riding on motorcycles attacked and fired indiscriminately at a military base and a palace in Allawa town, Shiroro LGA, Niger. The assailants stole valuables including cash and food supplies.

23 April 2024 – Some youths in Kogi State on Tuesday protested against plans by the Economic and Financial Crime Commission, EFCC, to arrest former Governor Yahaya Bello over alleged N80.2 billion fraud.

22 April 2024 – Unidentified armed individuals attacked and killed a commercial motorcyclist on Okada Road IVO Type-B Quarters in Minna Metropolis, Niger state, and subsequently fled with his motorcycle. An investigation by the Police is ongoing.

22 April 2024 – According to reports, a soldier attached to the military task force Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) allegedly shot and killed one person while celebrating his birthday IVO Marish community in Bokkos Local Government Area, Plateau state.

22 April 2024 – Lawyers under the aegis of Judicial Watchdogs held a protest at the Supreme Court complex around the Three Arms Zone, AMAC, over the attempted arrest of the former Governor of Kogi State by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

21 April 2024 – Gunmen attacked Leisure Court Estate Iddo in AMAC, Abuja. A security guard was shot and killed, and two people were abducted.

20 April 2024 – According to reports, suspected armed robbers robbed some traders at Minna City gate in Minna town, Niger State, and killed one person while others sustained injuries.

20 April 2024 – A man with a machet attacked children in Big Sheda village, Kwali Area Council, FCT. One child was killed, and two other children were injured. The man was later arrested.

20 April 2024 – Some unidentified armed men on Saturday night invaded the New Jerusalem area, Dutse Makaranta community in the Bwari area council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) kidnapping at least five persons. The assailants invaded the community through the hilly part that links the area to Mpape, another community within the FCT Abuja.

20 April 2024 – Unidentified armed individuals suspected to be herdsmen attacked two communities IVO Entekpa and Uda Ibi, Adoka Icho on 20 April 2024. During the attack, three persons were reportedly killed while others sustained injuries.

20 April 2024 – Unidentified armed individuals suspected to be members of an OCG riding on motorcycles attacked Karaga and Rumace communities IVO Bassa ward in Shiroro LGA, Niger State killing two farmers and abducting an unspecified number of persons.

20 April 2024 – Reports from sources revealed that six members of SF and a hunter were killed in a gunfight when the team was ambushed by members of an OCG at the Alawa and Lolo general area in Shiroro LGA, Niger State. Further reports revealed that the SF were on their way to respond to a distress call in the Karaga and Rumace communities which were under attack.

NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

Analysis – There was an overall increase in the number of fatalities as 93 persons were killed while kidnapped victims decreased slightly, with 3 kidnap victims during the week.

A total of 10 significant incidents were reported in this part of the country, with most incidents related to terrorism in Borno state. Multiple incidences in Borno State demonstrate the state's ongoing security concerns. On April 24, suspected ISWAP members ambushed and killed three IDPs looking for firewood in Bulamalumbe and Maleri villages. Meanwhile, on April 23rd, ex-JAS members attempted to kidnap villagers along the Dikwa-Maiduguri MSR but fled when they saw security personnel. Clashes between ISWAP and Boko Haram militiamen have also persisted within the region. At Least 85 terrorists were killed in another series of clashes between the Islamic State of the West African Province, ISWAP, and Boko Haram in Marte LGA of Borno State. These events underlined the continued threat presented by terrorist groups, as well as local populations' resilience in the face of adversity.

On April 24th, a teenage boy was kidnapped from his house in the Buniyadi area of Yobe state for ransom. Tragically, his body was discovered in a shallow grave in an adjacent complex after negotiations for his release failed. Authorities apprehended a suspect living at the property, who allegedly confessed to the crime. The incident highlighted the considerable hazards associated with kidnapping for ransom in the region.

NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

24 April 2024 – Reportedly, a 12-year-old boy shot his six-year-old brother to death with a Dane gun IVO Nukkai, Jalingo Metropolis in Jalingo LGA, Taraba state. The circumstances surrounding the incident were not yet known. An investigation is ongoing.

24 April 2024 – A teenage boy was abducted from his residence in Buniyadi town, Yobe state for ransom and his body was later discovered in a shallow grave in a neighboring compound after failed negotiation for his release. A man residing in the compound where the body was discovered was arrested and reported to have confessed to the crime. The suspect is currently with the HG Police undergoing further interrogation.

24 April 2024 – Suspected ex-JAS Shekau elements attempted to attack and abduct civilians who went to fetch firewood and sand along the Dikwa-Maiduguri MSR, Borno state but retreated on sighting SF, without firing a shot.

23 April 2024 – Suspected ISWAP elements attacked and killed three IDPs (male) who went in search of firewood IVO Bulamalumbe and Maleri villages, Borno State. Their bodies were recovered and brought back to town for burial.

23 April 2024 – A woman was robbed of her phone while traveling in a tricycle IVO Lamisula Ward, Borno State. The timely intervention of a commuter who witnessed the incident unfolding and hit the tricycle led to the arrest of the culprits by local youths and the police. The tricycle used by the criminals was set ablaze by the irate youths.

21 April 2024 – Ex-JAS elements stormed the Gore village area, 6 km south of Dikwa town along the Dikwa-Gulumba Road, Borno state. They killed three herders who resisted them and stole 120 cattle before withdrawing

21 April 2024 – Unidentified individuals suspected to be members of an OCG attacked and injured an implementing partner to a UNAFP with a machete IVO Yelwa Area, Bauchi Metropolis, Bauchi State. Reportedly, the perpetrators stole a mobile phone and some cash from the victim during the attack. A police investigation is ongoing.

20 April 2024 – Suspected ISWAP elements kidnapped three male firewood vendors in the Ngawuramari area about 4 km North of Bama LGA, Borno State. The victims' truck locally known as Jega was also taken along with them, and their whereabouts were unknown and the kidnappers had not contacted anyone.

NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased significantly, with 10 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals also decreased slightly with 15 victims during the week.

The North West region of Nigeria witnessed a series of violent incidents perpetrated by bandit groups, highlighting the pervasive insecurity in the area. Violence erupted in Zamfara State on April 24th, when suspected armed persons stormed Zurmi town, killing three and kidnapping two more. The terrorists also interrupted communication networks by damaging a telecom mast. On April 23rd, outside Chafe town, bandits kidnapped a mother and her daughter from the Low-cost village, highlighting the region's ongoing threat from criminal elements. Members of the Bini community in Maru LGA also staged a protest at the premises of Zamfara State Government House to demand tougher action against armed attacks and abduction by armed persons and also request the deployment of military force to the community.

Security issues persisted in Kaduna State on April 23rd when armed individuals affiliated with organized criminal groups assaulted communities in Birnin Gwari LGA. Before the arrival of security troops in Angwan Habuja, two individuals were slain and eight were abducted. Similarly, in Gonan Alhaji Muntari, one person was killed and another wounded in an attack before the culprits fled when security personnel arrived. These occurrences underscored the importance of sustained vigilance and collaborative efforts to combat illicit activity.

On April 25th, 2024, a tragic occurrence occurred in Katsina State when the commander of a military camp located at Sabon Garin Dan'Ali, within the Danmusa Local Government Area, was ambushed and reportedly killed. This incident highlights the continued security problems that military personnel face, as well as the importance of sustained efforts to suppress insurgency and maintain the safety of regional people.

NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

25 April 2024 – The commander of a military camp at Sabon Garin Dan'Ali, in Danmusa Local Government Area of Katsina State, has been reportedly killed in an ambush

24 April 2024 - Suspected armed persons attacked a community in Zurmi town, Zurmi LGA, Zamfara state killed three persons, and abducted two others. The attackers also destroyed a telecom mast belonging to a private telecom company thereby shutting down the available network. The attackers subsequently abducted five other persons in nearby Dauran town.

23 April 2024 - `Bandits attacked residents of the Low-cost settlement in Green House, Chafe town, Chafe LGA, Zamfara State, and abducted a woman and her daughter.

23 April 2024 - Information received from sources revealed that armed persons linked to OCG attacked the Angwan Habuja community in the Kakangi ward of Birnin Gwari LGA, Kaduna state killing two people and abducting eight others before fleeing the area before the arrival of security forces. An investigation is ongoing by the police.

23 April 2024 -Two members of an OCG riding on a motorbike intercepted vehicles traveling along Talata Mafara - Gusau MSR, after the Fangal Tama checkpoint, Zamfara state forced the passengers out of the vehicle and attempted to move them to a nearby forest area. However, the victims resisted and fought the abductors, killing one of the armed persons, while the other person fled and abandoned his weapon. Furthermore, one of the passengers distressed from exposure to the incident slumped and died. The two arms were recovered and handed over to the SF. A police investigation is ongoing.

22 April 2024 - Bandits attacked Gundunbul village in Gada LGA. An unspecified number of people were abducted, and cattle were rustled. GSF personnel were deployed to the area and engaged the bandits in a firefight. At least nine bandits were killed.

22 April 2024 - Reports from sources indicate that armed persons linked to OCG attacked a community at Gonan Alhaji Muntari along Birnin Gwari-Kakangi road in Birnin Gwari LGA Kaduna State, killed one person and wounded another before they fled the area upon the arrival of security forces. An investigation is ongoing by the police.

21 April 2024 - Suspected armed persons on motorbikes attacked Tsafe town, Tsafe LGA, Zamfara State during the weekly market killing three persons and injuring five others. The attack was a reprisal against the State Community Protection Guards (CPG) members who earlier attacked armed gangs in the area. The SF responded, neutralized the attackers, and restored order. Further SF operations continued in the area

20 April 2024 - In a coordinated operation, several armed individuals linked with an OCG invaded one of the herders' settlements in Janjala community IVO Kagarko South ward in Kagarko LGA, Kaduna State. According to reports, the armed individuals discharged SAF randomly to commence their operation. Consequently, three pastoralists sustained gunshot injuries, and 360 cattle were rustled by the assailants before fleeing the area before the arrival of security forces. An investigation by the police is ongoing.

20 April 2024 - Members of the Bini community in Maru LGA staged a protest at the premises of Zamfara State Government House to demand tougher action against armed attacks and abduction by armed persons and also request the deployment of military force to the community.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased with 1 killed victim while kidnap victims also decreased significantly with no recorded victims during the week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of incidents in the region.

On April 24th, Enugu State witnessed a similar crime when two unidentified armed men using a commercial tricycle (Keke Napep) robbed an unsuspecting passenger on Ezilo Avenue. Furthermore, on April 21st, armed persons suspected of being thugs attacked and injured a journalist and four others in the Neke town of Enugu state. The attack was purportedly tied to a land dispute, underlining the importance of peaceful resolution processes and competent law enforcement to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

A similar crime occurred in Enugu State on April 24th, when two unidentified armed persons using a commercial tricycle (Keke Napep) robbed an unsuspecting passenger on Ezilo Avenue. The victim was held at gunpoint after being picked up in front of a renowned restaurant and then dropped off at an event venue. The incident was reported to the appropriate security personnel for further investigation. Furthermore, on April 21st, armed persons suspected of being thugs attacked and injured a journalist and four others in Neke, Enugu State. The attack was purportedly related to a land dispute, underlining the importance of peaceful resolution processes and competent law enforcement to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

On April 25th, 2024, armed persons in a tricycle robbed people near the Golden Guinea Breweries on Aba Road in Aba South LGA, Abia state. The residents apprehended the culprits and attempted to use mob justice by lighting them on fire. However, community elders stepped in, averting a potentially terrible conclusion and ensuring that the accused were turned over to the relevant authorities for legal proceedings.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

25 April 2024 - Armed men in a tricycle robbed people beside the Golden Guinea Breweries along the Aba Road in Aba South LGA, Abia State. Residents caught the criminals and attempted to set them on fire, but community elders intervened and rescued the criminals.

24 April 2024 - Two unidentified armed occupants of a commercial tricycle (Keke Napep) picked up an unsuspecting passenger at IVO Ezilo Avenue, Enugu State, and subsequently robbed him at gunpoint.

23 April 2024 - Members of the Aiye (Black Axe) cult gang attacked and injured a Viking cult gang member at Amaraku in Isiala Mbano LGA, Imo State.

23 April 2024 - One person was confirmed dead while several properties were destroyed during a violent protest in the Okwu Uratta community, Imo state. It was alleged the unrest was a result of the killing of a youth by members of the local vigilante group.

21 April 2024 - Reports indicate that armed individuals suspected to be thugs attacked and injured a journalist and four other persons IVO Neke community on 21 April 2024.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased as compared to the previous week with 9 victims captured, while 4 people were kidnapped during the reporting week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of incidents in the region.

In Edo State, violence erupted on April 25th, 2024, as armed gang members killed a rival gang member along Poultry Road in Ekpoma, Esan West LGA. Similarly, on April 23rd, another gang-related incident occurred in Benin City, Oredo LGA, when a gang member was shot and murdered by a rival gang member on Ekenwa Barracks Road. The continued conflicts between rival gangs underscored the critical need for comprehensive steps to address the root causes of violence and improve community safety.

On April 24th, tragedy hit Rivers State when an operative of the Rivers State Command was slain at night in the Rumuolemeni area of Port Harcourt by unidentified armed persons suspected of being armed robbers. The operative's death highlighted the dangers that law enforcement officers face while on the job, as well as the significance of improving security measures to safeguard both cops and civilians.

Furthermore, on April 21st, both Edo and Rivers states experienced additional bloodshed as a result of fights between competing cult groups. In Benin's Edo State, three people were killed in a confrontation between competing cult groups, with rumors claiming that the death toll has risen since the conflict's resurgence. Meanwhile, in Rivers State, unidentified armed individuals suspected of being cultists attacked the Olokuma community, killing three people and abducting numerous more. These occurrences demonstrated cultism's extensive effect and the necessity for coordinated efforts to eradicate it and safeguard the safety of communities throughout the South-South region.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

25 April 2024 - Armed gang members killed a rival gang member along the Poultry Road in Ekpoma, Esan West LGA, Edo state.

24 April 2024 - Reports revealed that an operative of the Rivers State Command was killed in the night IVO Rumuolemeni area of Port Harcourt, Rivers State by yet-to-be-identified armed individuals suspected to be armed robbers. An investigation is ongoing.

23 April 2024 - A gang member was shot and killed by a rival gang member along the Ekenwa Barracks Road, Benin City, Oredo LGA, Edo State.

21 April 2024 - Three people were killed on Sunday night in a clash between rival cult groups in IVO Benin, Edo state. Further reports indicate that no fewer than 30 people including a journalist and vigilante heads have been killed since the renewing of the clash.

21 April 2024 - Unidentified armed individuals suspected to be cultists killed three people and abducted many others in an attack IVO Olokuma community late hours of Sunday 21 April. Reports revealed that the motive behind the attack could be linked to the intensified efforts by police against armed gangs involved in cultism and violent crimes in the area

SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased compared to the previous week with 12 fatalities captured while no individual was also kidnapped during the reporting week.

On April 24th, 2024, tensions rose in Ile-Ife when an Eiye gang member was killed during a confrontation with Aiye cult members in the Pedro area of Osun State. The incident spurred fears of retaliation, with Eiye gang members reportedly seen in Ile-Ife preparing to strike back. The situation emphasized the region's ongoing threat of gang violence, as well as the necessity for effective preventative measures.

Meanwhile, in Oyo State, on April 23rd, students at the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH) in Ogbomoso held a protest following the death of a student and the injury of two others due to gunfire by a policeman. The shooting occurred during an attempt by the officer to resolve a dispute between two individuals, prompting students to block the school gate and demand justice for the victim. This incident underscored concerns over police brutality and the importance of accountability in law enforcement actions.

In Lagos State, also on April 23rd, increased tensions were reported around Ajah market and Ajah Underbridge following a violent clash between the Aiye and Eiye cult gangs in the Ilaje area of Ajah, Eti-Osa LGA. The clash highlighted the persistent threat of cult-related violence in the state and the challenges faced by security agencies in maintaining peace and order in affected communities.

SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

24 April 2024 - Increased tensions were reported in Ile-Ife, following the killing of an Eiye gang member around the Pedro area in Ile-Ife, Ife Central LGA, Osun State during a clash between Eiye and Aiye cult gangs. Eiye gang members were reportedly sighted in Ile-Ife for a planned reprisal attack over the killing of their member.

23 April 2024 - Students attending the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH) in Ogbomoso, Ogbomoso North LGA, Oyo state held a protest following the death of a student and injury of two others from gunfire by a policeman trying to resolve a dispute between two individuals. The protesters blocked the school gate, demanding justice for the victim.

23 April 2024 - Increased tensions were reported around Ajah market and Ajah Underbridge, following a violent clash between the Aiye and the Eiye cult gangs in the Ilaje area, Ajah in Eti-Osa LGA, Lagos State.

23 April 2024 - A security agent reportedly shot a man and injured two other persons in a hotel outside the campus in Ogbomosho, Oyo State. Reports indicate that the deceased and the friends were involved in a scuffle over the payment of drinks they bought. Consequently, a security agent called in to settle the rift sporadically into the air, and incidentally, the deceased was hit by a bullet. Two others also sustained injuries.

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