



NIGERIA WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

27 April 2024 – 03 May 2024

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Executive Summary

Countrywide Incidents for the Week

1. The Association of Resident Doctors at the Federal Teaching Hospital Lokoja, protested in Kogi state.
2. Cult Clashes continue to displace several in the South-South.
3. Armed men kidnap a lecturer in Makurdi.
4. Communal Clashes surge in parts of Lagos state
5. Cases of armed robbery persist in the South East region.

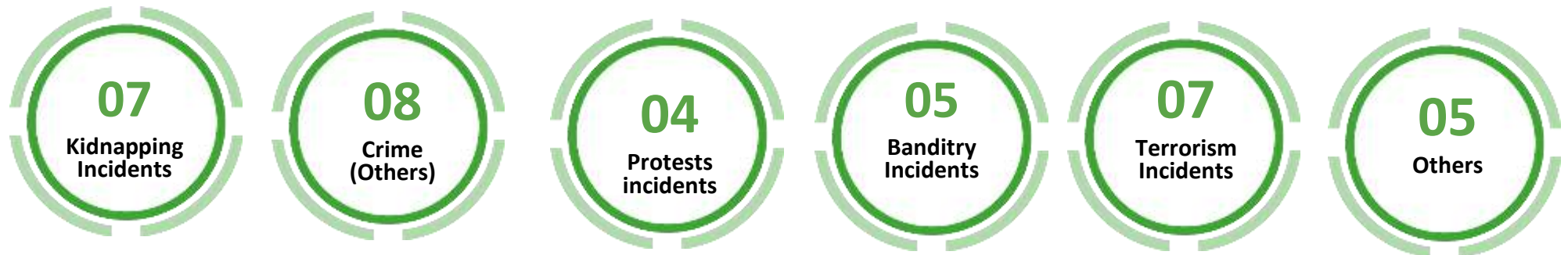


Figure 1. Incident map

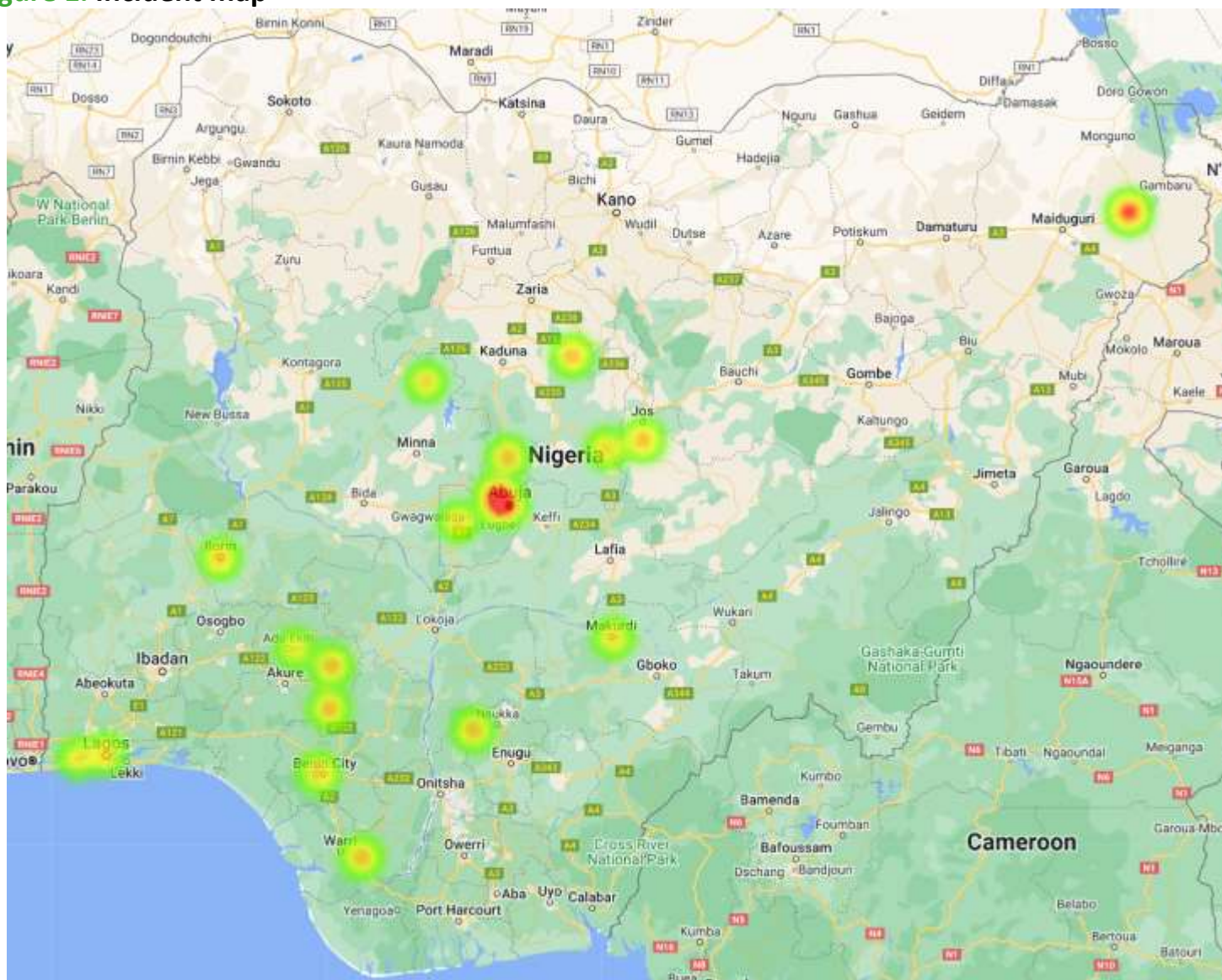


Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

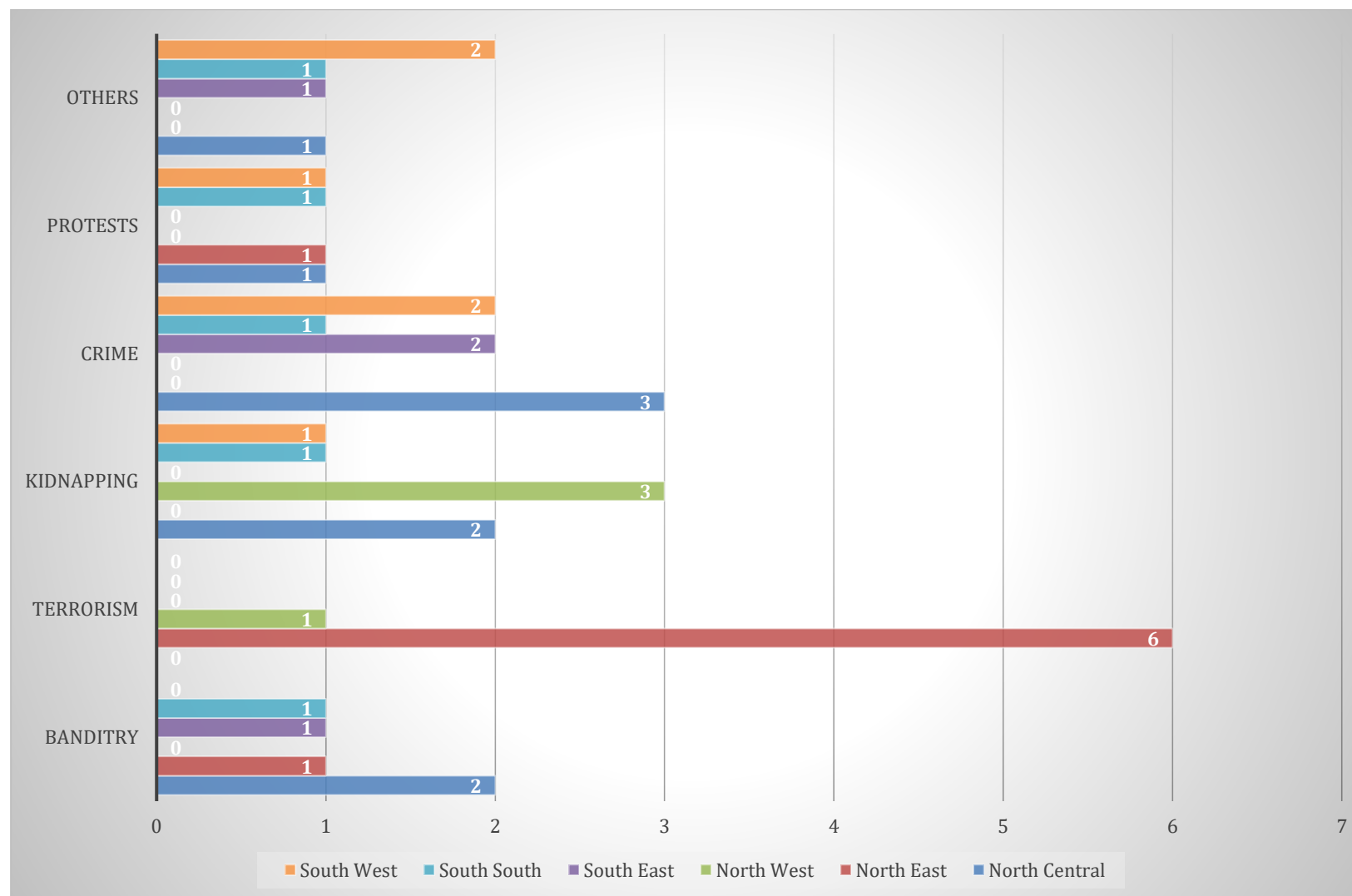


Figure 3.

Risk map showing kidnapped victims

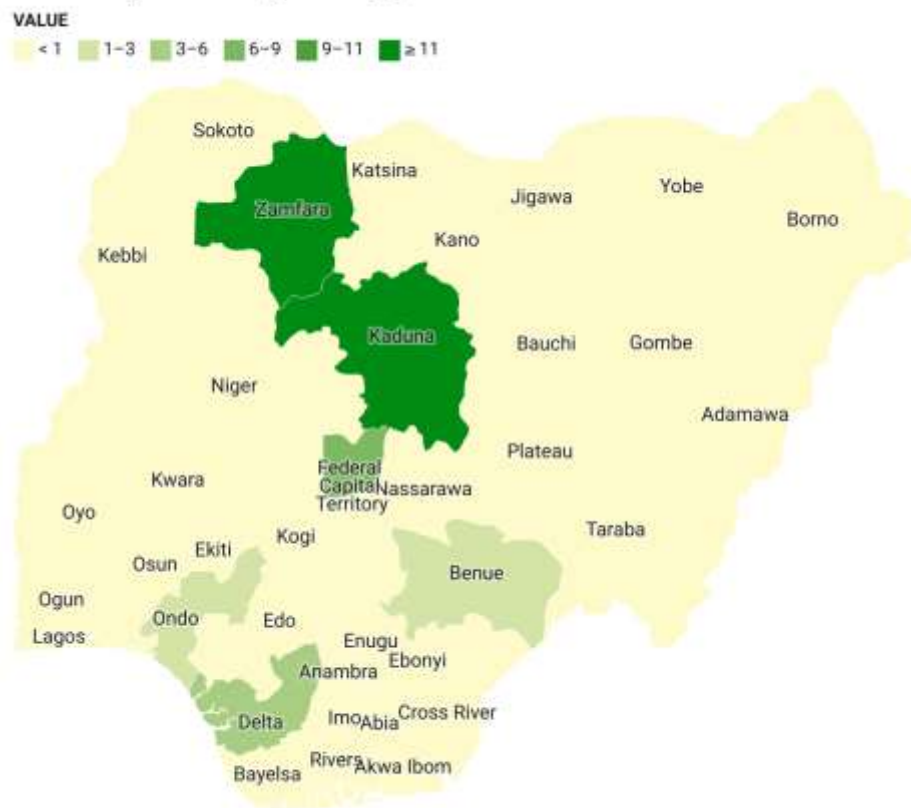


Figure 4.

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 17

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims

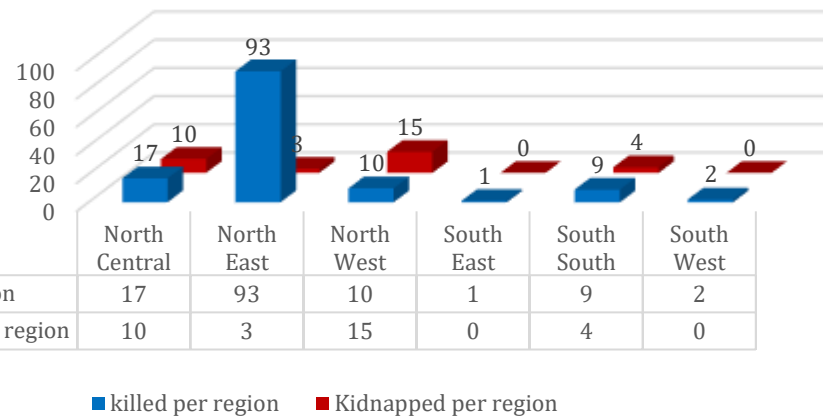
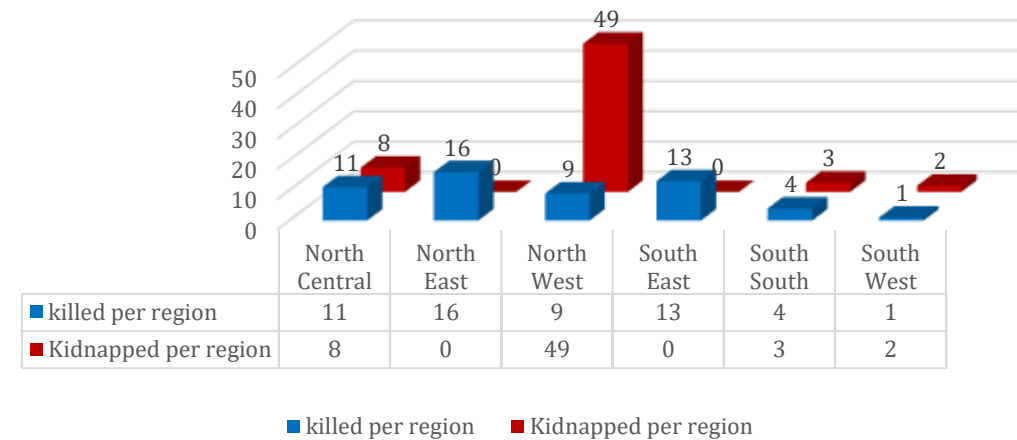


Figure 6. Week 18

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims

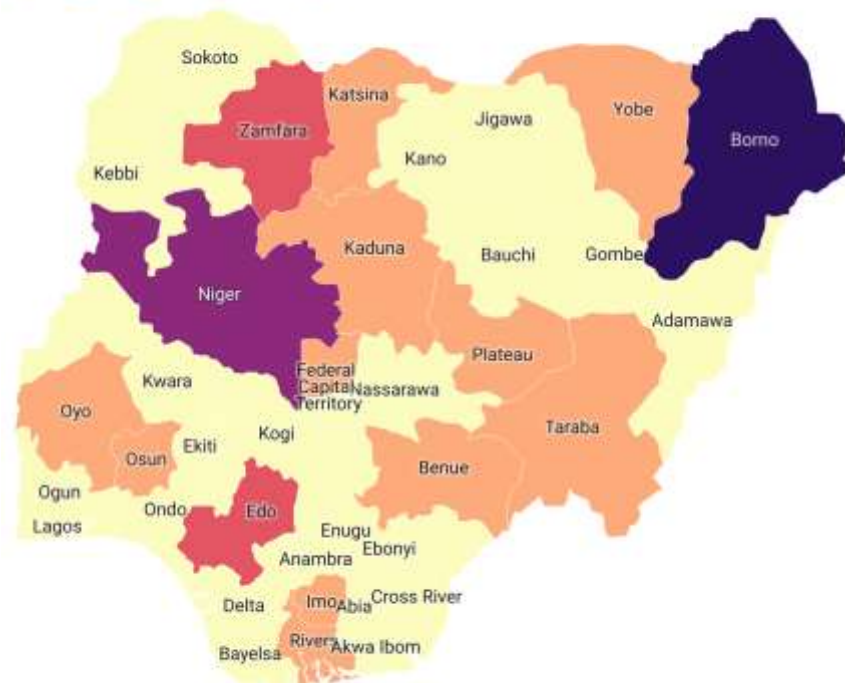


The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 17 and week 18. The figures show regions where conflict-related fatalities were high and low, also capturing regions with high/low numbers of kidnapped victims. The blue bar represents the number of persons killed, while the dark red represents kidnapped victims.

Figure 7. Week 17

Risk map showing killed victims

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Figure 8. Week 18

Risk map showing killed victims

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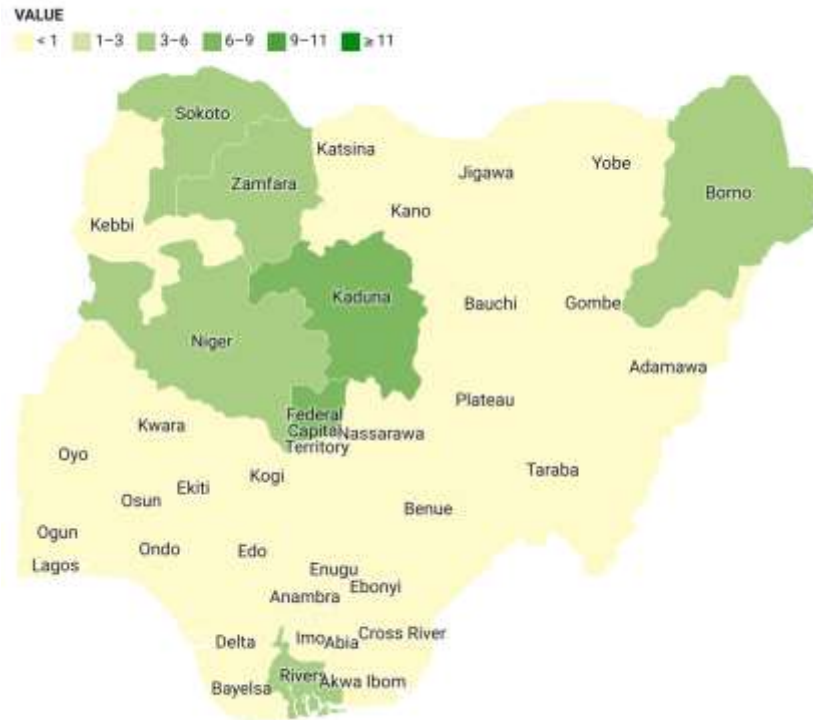


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The above figure shows a risk map contrasting areas where fatalities occurred in the country. The contrast between week 17 and week 18 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and 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 17

Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 10. Week 18

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 18, most kidnapped victims were from Kaduna and Zamfara states. 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 11 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims also decreased slightly, with 8 reported victims.

The security landscape across various states in the region remains turbulent, marked by a series of violent incidents and clashes. On May 2nd, the Association of Resident Doctors at the Federal Teaching Hospital Lokoja staged a protest in Kogi LGA, decrying the shortage of manpower and unfavorable employment policies implemented by the hospital's management.

Meanwhile, on May 1st, deadly conflicts erupted in multiple communities, including Mararaba Udege in Nasarawa State, where a dispute over land between rival ethnic groups resulted in several fatalities and forced residents to flee their homes for safety. Similarly, clashes between rival cultist groups in IVO Budo-Oke, Eiyenkori, claimed lives and led to the destruction of property, highlighting the pervasive influence of gang violence in some areas. Additionally, attacks by unidentified armed individuals, believed to be herdsmen, on communities like Ajokpachi Odo and Agojeju Odo, resulted in multiple deaths, stolen property, and missing residents, underscoring the continued threat of insecurity faced by rural populations.

NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

02 May 2024 – •The Association of Resident Doctors at the Federal Teaching Hospital Lokoja held a protest at the hospital in Kogi LGA over the shortage of manpower and unfavourable employment policies implemented by the hospital's management.

01 May 2024 – The village head of Ebbe Oka and several others have been reportedly killed in a dispute over land in Mararaba Udege, Nasarawa Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

01 May 2024 – One person was killed, and two buildings were razed down during a clash between two rival cultist groups IVO Budo-Oke, Eiyenkori. The sources indicated that operatives of the State police command arrested three suspected cultists in possession of a Dane gun in connection with the clash.

01 May 2024 – Unidentified individuals believed to be herdsmen carried out an armed assault on the Ajokpachi Odo community, resulting in the deaths of three individuals. Additionally, the perpetrators stole motorbikes and food supplies, with numerous residents reported missing. This incident occurred shortly after a similar attack by suspected herdsmen resulted in the deaths of over 20 people in the neighboring Agojeju Odo

community. Reports suggest that the assault took place as local youths, conducting surveillance in the area, were ambushed, and killed by the suspected herdsmen.

01 May 2024 – A politician was ambushed and fatally shot by unidentified gunmen while traveling to his farm near Gaube Village in the Kuje Area Council of the FCT. The assailants fled after abducting four persons from the politician's vehicle, although one of them managed to escape. FCT police are currently working to apprehend the attackers and ensure the safe return of the abducted individuals.

30 April 2024 – Gunmen fired indiscriminately and abducted four people in Bmuko community, Dutse Baupma, Bwari Area Council.

30 April 2024 – Unidentified armed individuals abducted a lecturer of a popular university along the Makurdi – Naka Road, Benue State. The abductors are yet to contact the victim's family for payment of a ransom.

29 April 2024 – Cult gang members killed a member of the “Eiye” cult gang in Ilorin West LGA.

29 April 2024 – Two persons were attacked and killed by suspected armed Fulani herdsmen at Egba and Ogbaulu communities, Benue State. A police investigation is ongoing.

NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

Analysis – There was an overall decrease in the number of fatalities as 16 persons were killed while kidnapped victims also decreased slightly, with no kidnap victims during the week.

The security landscape in Borno and Yobe states remains fraught with frequent attacks and unrest, perpetrated by various armed groups and criminal elements. On May 3rd, the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) launched dual assaults on a Security Forces (SF) checkpoint in Monguno town along the Monguno – Marte Road. Despite the intensity of the attacks, the SF successfully repelled both incidents with reinforcements from nearby barracks, preventing any casualties on their side. However, the continued threat posed by ISWAP underscores the persistent challenges faced by security forces in maintaining stability in the region.

Meanwhile, in Maiduguri LGA, traders at the Maiduguri Fish Market voiced their grievances through a protest on May 2nd, expressing concerns over the prolonged tenure of the market's leadership. The demonstrators accused the leadership of flouting the association's constitution by overstaying their mandated term limits, sparking tensions within the market community. These incidents, alongside other attacks, reported throughout April and the beginning of May, highlight the complex security dynamics and socio-political tensions prevalent in northeastern

Nigeria, necessitating concerted efforts from both authorities and community stakeholders to address underlying grievances and ensure the safety and well-being of residents.

NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

03 May 2024 – ISWAP attacked twice the SF Checkpoint in Monguno town along the Monguno – Marte Road, Borno State with SF repelling the attacks, with reinforcement from the barracks. The first attack was carried out at around 23.00 LT through CP 1 and 5, with two ISWAP elements killed.

02 May 2024 – Traders at the Maiduguri Fish Market in Maiduguri LGA held a protest over the alleged continued tenure of leaders of the market's Fish Producers and Marketers Association. The protesters accused the leadership of refusing to call for a fresh election and staying for 21 years instead of the prescribed eight years of two-term tenure contained in the association's constitution.

01 May 2024 – A group of ISWAP elements attacked seven firewood vendors in a pickup vehicle around the Tawarmara general area approximately 3 km West of Damboa town. Two people were wounded and evacuated to a medical facility in Damboa town for treatment.

01 May 2024 – ISWAP elements attacked the SF position in Konduga town Borno state and the SF engaged the attackers in an exchange of fire.

30 April 2024 – Armed suspected ISWAP members reportedly shot dead a man on his farmland on the outskirts of Buni Yadi town, Yobe state. The victim had left for the farm the previous day but did not return, hence a search party from the community discovered and evacuated his corpse for burial.

28 April 2024 – A group of suspected Fulani herders armed with bows and arrows reportedly attacked the Garin Mallam Ya'u community, Yobe State. Two people were reportedly wounded, several animals rustled, and many shops looted by the attackers.

28 April 2024 – A pick-up van transporting goods and passengers detonated an IED along the Geidam axis, off Gubio-Kareto, Mobbar LGA of Borno State killing two civilians while three others sustained severe injuries.

27 April 2024 – A CJTF operational vehicle coming from Ngala LGA triggered an IED emplaced by suspected ex-JAS Shekau members between Gajibo and Maula communities of Dikwa LGA in Borno State. The vehicle was destroyed and 11 members of the CJTF were killed, while six others sustained serious injuries and were conveyed to General Hospital for medical attention.

NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased slightly, with 9 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals increased significantly with 49 victims during the week.

In Kaduna and Zamfara states, the scourge of violence perpetrated by criminal elements continues unabated, posing significant challenges to the security and well-being of residents. On May 2nd, armed individuals affiliated with an organized criminal group launched a deadly assault on the Maraban Agyaro community in Birnin Gwari LGA of Kaduna state, resulting in the loss of eight lives and the abduction of key village figures and other individuals. The brazenness of this attack underscores the urgent need for swift and decisive action from law enforcement agencies to apprehend the perpetrators and prevent further bloodshed in the region.

Similarly, in Zamfara state, the threat of terrorism and banditry persists as terrorists target vulnerable communities, such as Zurmi, where at least 23 farmers were abducted from multiple villages on April 29th. Despite efforts by security forces, including the military, to protect civilians, the terrorists executed a daring assault on the main town of Zurmi local government area on April 30th, resulting in loss of life and further abductions. These incidents underscore the pressing need for coordinated and proactive measures to confront the escalating security challenges in both states and restore peace and stability to the affected communities.

NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

02 May 2024 – Armed individuals linked to an OCG have attacked the Maraban Agyaro community in Birnin Gwari LGA of Kaduna state killing eight people and abducting the village heads of Kakangi and Kisaya, alongside other 10 persons, before fleeing the area. An investigation by the police is ongoing.

29 April 2024 - Terrorists have abducted at least 23 farmers from various communities across the Zurmi area of Zamfara, North West Nigeria. The communities include Gandasamu, Kadawa, Jabanda, and Nasamu.

30 April 2024 - Around 12:45 a.m. on April 30, the criminal gangs stormed the main town of Zurmi local government area, of Zamfara state attacking residents and ravaging their homes. The terrorists killed one person and kidnapped four others in the fresh attack after realizing that the military had left the area they wanted to attack earlier in the Zurmi administrative center.

27 April 2024 - Unidentified armed OCG members have attacked Jere town in Kagarko LGA, Kaduna State fired shots sporadically, and abducted 10 persons before fleeing the area upon mobilization of security forces to the location. An investigation is ongoing.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased significantly with 13 killed victims while kidnap victims stayed the same with no recorded victims during the week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of incidents in the region.

As observed in the preceding week, gang-related activities remained prevalent in reported incidents, alongside cases of herder violence, communal clashes, robbery, and murder. In Enugu State, persistent violence and criminal activity have disrupted the calm in various areas. On April 28th, the Nimbo settlement was attacked again by suspected herders, this time resulting in unconfirmed casualties and injuries. Similarly, on April 30th, a violent battle between the "Burkina Faso" and "Vikings" cult gangs in Nenwe highlighted the frequency of gang-related violence, with one "Vikings" gang member seriously injured. Such fights imperil not just the lives of gang members, but also the safety and stability of the communities in which they operate.

Meanwhile, incidences of robbery and violence on major highways have increased concerns about commuters' safety. On April 29th, armed people targeted a UN agency program participant and other travelers on the Enugu-Abakaliki Road. The offenders stole the victims' goods, underscoring the susceptibility of travelers to criminal activity in places without proper security. Furthermore, on May 2nd, the Umuezeoka Community in IVO Ezza Effium had a terrible attack that resulted in several fatalities and injuries, as well as severe property damage. The tragedy, thought to stem from a longstanding intra-communal feud between the Ezza Effium and Uffiom people, highlights the urgent need for reconciliation efforts and strengthened security measures to prevent additional bloodshed and restore peace to the area.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

02 May 2024 - About 10 people were killed while others sustained various degrees of injuries when unidentified armed individuals attacked Umuezeoka Community IVO Ezza Effium. Properties worth millions of naira were destroyed during the attack. The incident is alleged to be a longstanding intra-communal conflict between the Ezza Effium and Uffiom people in the Effium community.

30 April 2024 - There was a violent clash between the "Burkina Faso" and the "Vikings" cult gangs in Nenwe, Aninri LGA, Enugu State, following the recruitment of a "Burkina Faso" gang member to the "Vikings" cult gang. One "Vikings" gang member was injured.

29 April 2024 - A participant who attended a program organized by a UN agency was robbed of his valuables by unidentified armed individuals at Innoson Factory along Enugu- Abakaliki Road, Enugu state alongside other travelers. It was reported that the vehicle conveying the victims was blocked by the culprits in an area where there was no HG SF presence.

28 April 2024 - According to reports, unconfirmed numbers of persons were killed while others were injured as suspected herdsmen attacked Nimbo community, Enugu State. It was reported that HG SF has been deployed to the community to restore normalcy.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased as compared to the previous week with 4 victims captured, while 3 people were kidnapped during the reporting week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of incidents in the region.

In Edo State, the people of Inikorogha staged a peaceful protest, requesting the government to maintain and strengthen security presence in the region. Their demonstration emphasizes the role of municipal security measures in promoting community safety and stability. However, violence ensued in the state when rival cult groups, the "Maphite" and the "Aiye," clashed in Ogida, Egor Local Government Area. Though the degree of casualties is unknown, such instances highlight the ongoing difficulty of gang-related violence in the region, necessitating concerted measures to address underlying social and security challenges.

Disputes in the Rivers and Delta States proved fatal, heightening regional tensions. In Rumuekini, three people were killed in a land dispute between adjacent settlements, highlighting -standing tensions over land ownership and territorial limits. Meanwhile, in Abavo, Delta State, suspected herders brutally murdered Elder Francis Amamosa, a well-known political figure, underscoring the growing security threat presented by such criminal elements. Furthermore, the abduction of a male vocalist in Ughelli by armed men highlights the ubiquitous risk of kidnapping for ransom in the area, necessitating continuous investigations to obtain his release and catch the culprits.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

02 May 2024 - The residents of Inikorogha community, Edo state staged a protest over alleged plans by some individuals to withdraw security personnel from the area. The protesters were reportedly appealing to the state government for an extension and increase of security presence in their community. The protest ended peacefully.

29 April 2024 - There was a violent clash between the "Maphite" and the "Aiye" cult gangs in Ogida, Egor LGA Edo state. An unspecified number of gang members were injured.

29 April 2024 - Three people were killed in the Rumuekini community, Obio-Akpor LGA, over a land dispute between the Rumuekini and Aluu communities in Ikwerre LGA, Rivers state.

29 April 2024 - Suspected herdsmen have reportedly machete to death a pioneer chairman of the People's Democratic Party, PDP, and Ward 10 in Abavo, Ika South Local Government Area of Delta State, and Elder Francis Amamosa. It was also gathered that the suspected herdsmen abducted two other persons from the scene of the incident.

29 April 2024 - Unidentified armed individuals in uniform accosted and abducted a male singer IVO Eklat Road in the Ughelli area of Delta state. The abductors have made contact with his record label demanding ransom. An investigation is ongoing.

SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased compared to the previous week with 1 fatality captured while two individuals were also kidnapped during the reporting week.

Kidnapping, gang violence, murder, and politically motivated protests were among the region's most prominent activities. Recent instances in Lagos State have brought to light the explosive nature of certain neighborhoods. Clashes broke out at Ile Epo Market in the Oke-Odo neighborhood, resulting in multiple injuries as criminals and traders fought over betting money. Law enforcement acted quickly, detaining over 50 suspects involved in the violence and demolishing their shanties to eliminate illegal activity. A terrible incident occurred at a filling station in Obalende when a man was killed following a dispute with security personnel. In a separate event, armed robbers attacked a police officer at Otedola Bridge, but were apprehended shortly afterward in Akute, highlighting the proactive measures taken by law enforcement to combat crime in the region.

Meanwhile, in Oyo State, tensions erupted in the Oke Bola district of Ibadan when an enraged mob reportedly assaulted Federal Road Safety Corps officials, accusing them of complicity in a recent accident. In Ekiti State, students gathered to seek justice for Damilola Iyanda, a deceased corps member who was shot by a trigger-happy cop. Their nonviolent protest at the Ekiti State House of Assembly demonstrates the community's demand for accountability and reform in law enforcement institutions. Lastly, in Ondo State, criminal elements targeted travelers along the Benin – Owo road, abducting two individuals and spiriting them away to an unknown location, highlighting the persistent threat posed by organized criminal groups in the region.

SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

02 May 2024 - An irate mob beat some officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC to stupor for allegedly causing an accident in the Oke Bola area of the Ibadan metropolis, Oyo state.

02 May 2024 - Several people were injured after criminals and some traders clashed in the Ile Epo Market over betting money in the Oke–Odo area, Lagos state. Reports indicate that over 50 suspects linked to the incident were arrested, and the shanties they occupied were demolished, effectively dislodging them from their illicit activities.

01 May 2024 - A man was shot dead by a security operative during a confrontation at a filling station in the Obalende area, Lagos state. According to reports, during a confrontation between people in the queue and the officers, one of the policemen shot the victim and immediately fled the incident scene leaving the area in disarray. The police investigation is ongoing into the incident.

30 April 2024 - Ado-Ekiti—Ekiti Students in tertiary institutions, under the aegis of the Federation of Ekiti State Students' Union FESSU staged a peaceful protest at the Ekiti State House of Assembly to demand justice for a slain corps member, Damilola Iyanda who was shot by a trigger-happy policeman last week.

29 April 2024 - Operatives of the state police command arrested three suspected armed robbers who attacked a police officer with a machete at the Otedola Bridge, Alausa Ikeja, Lagos state. Sources indicate that the suspects were arrested at their hideout in the Akute area of Ajuwon, following intelligence gathering.

29 April 2024 - Two persons were abducted by an OCG along the Benin – Owo road, Ondo state. According to reports, the victims were traveling along the road when the culprits accosted their vehicle and dragged them into the forest to an unknown destination.

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