



NIGERIA WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

12 May 2024 – 17 May 2024

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Executive Summary

Countrywide Incidents for the Week

1. The Nigerian Labour Congress held protests nationwide over the increase in electricity tariffs
2. Security operations uncover illegal oil bunkering sites in Rivers and Delta state.
3. Cult clashes erupt in parts of the South West region.
4. Bandits abduct 130 locals in Zamfara state.



Figure 1. Incident map

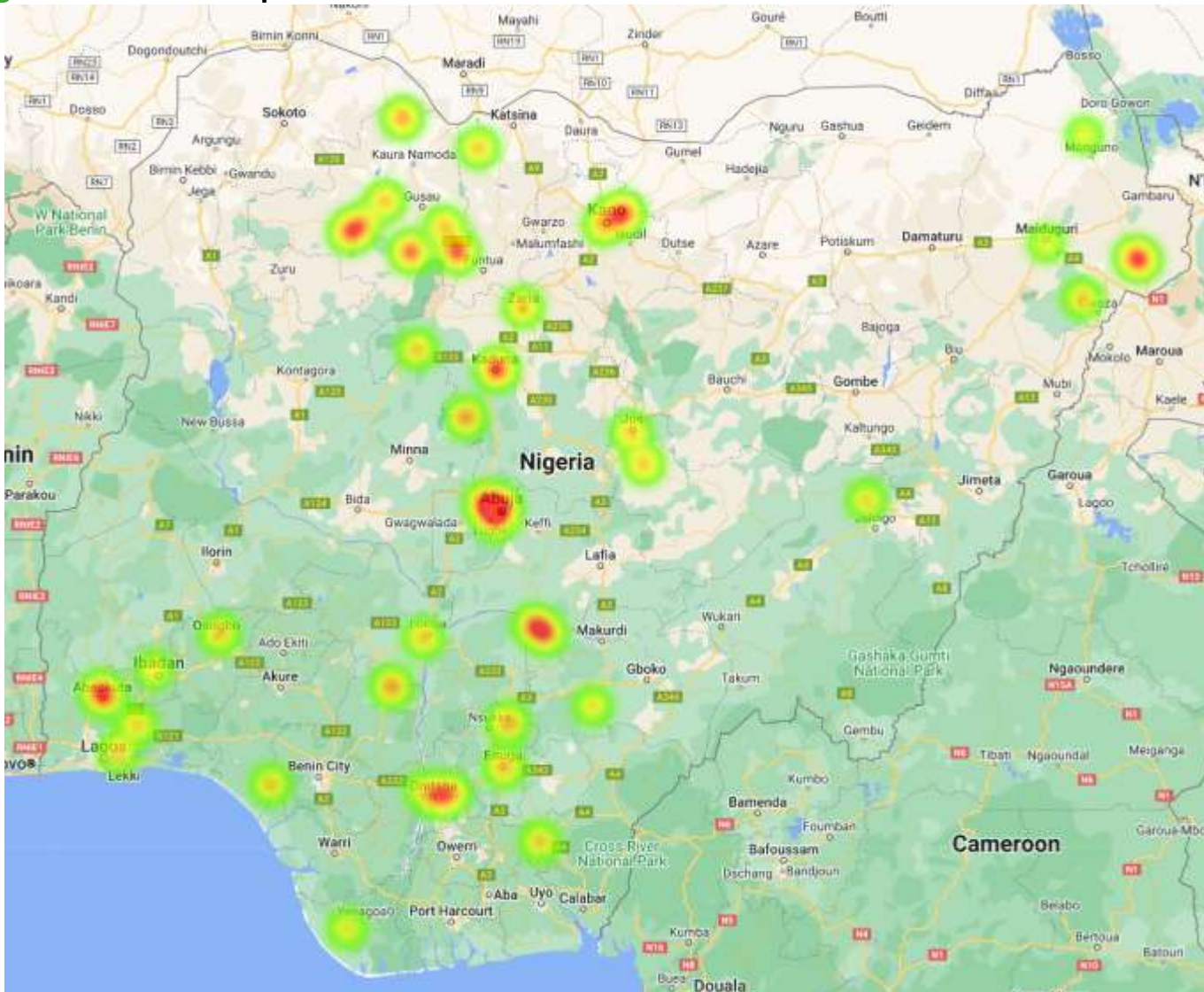


Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

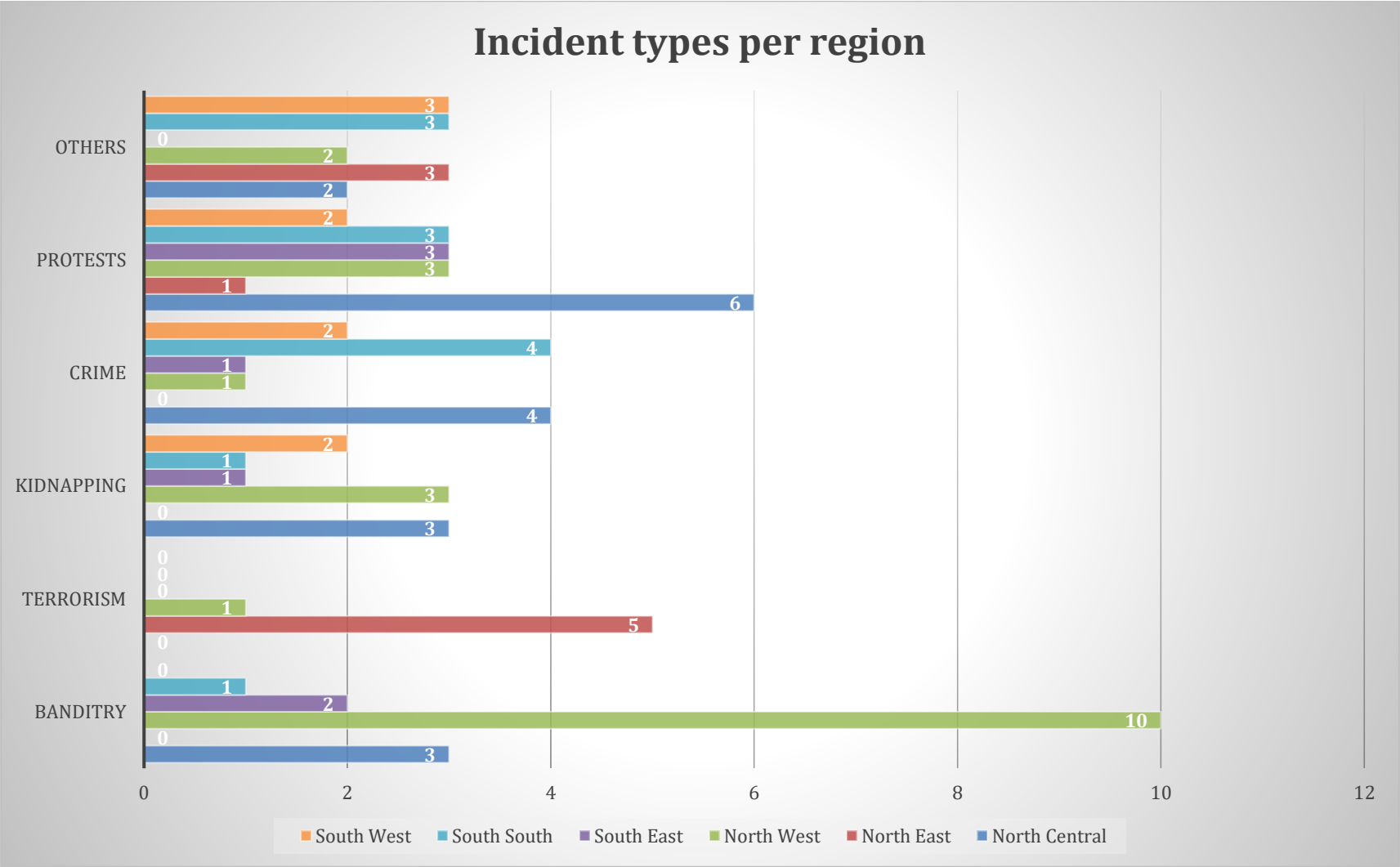
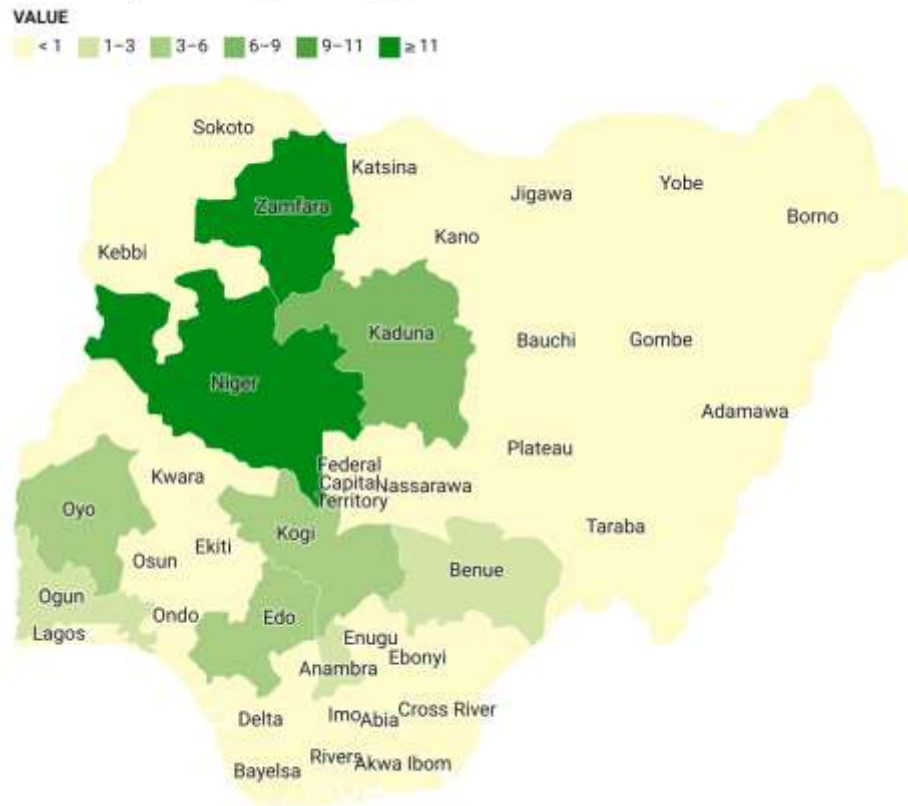


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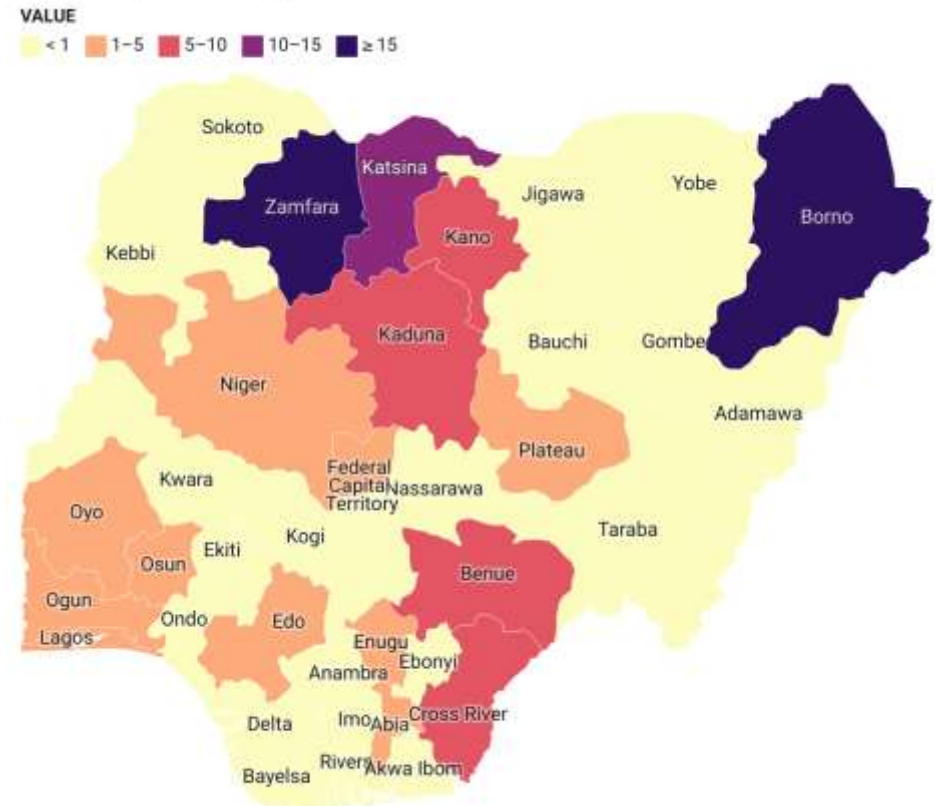
Risk map showing kidnapped victims



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Figure 4.

Risk map showing killed victims



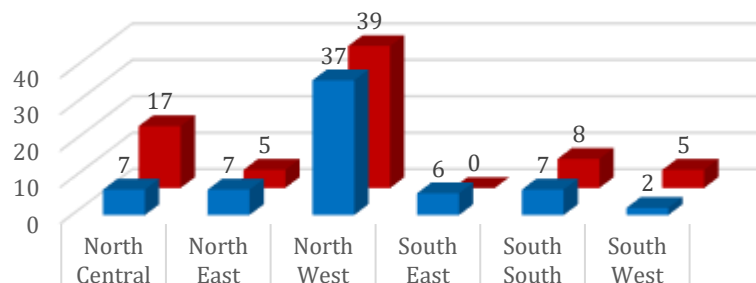
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The above risk maps show locations where citizens were killed and kidnapped in the reporting week. Figure 3 represents areas where abductions occurred, while Figure 4 reflects locations with recorded fatalities.

Weekly trend analysis

Figure 5. Week 19

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims

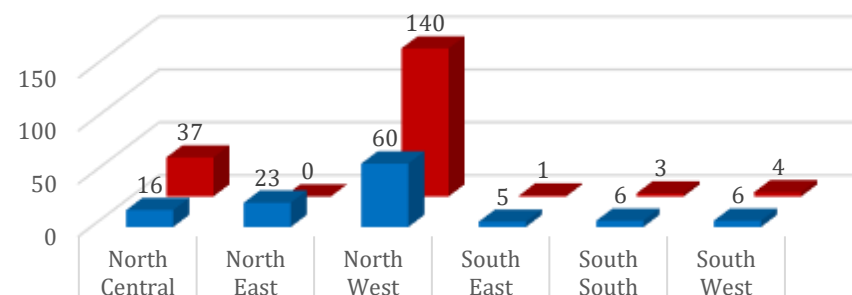


■ killed per region	7	7	37	6	7	2
■ Kidnapped per region	17	5	39	0	8	5

■ killed per region ■ Kidnapped per region

Figure 6. Week 20

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims



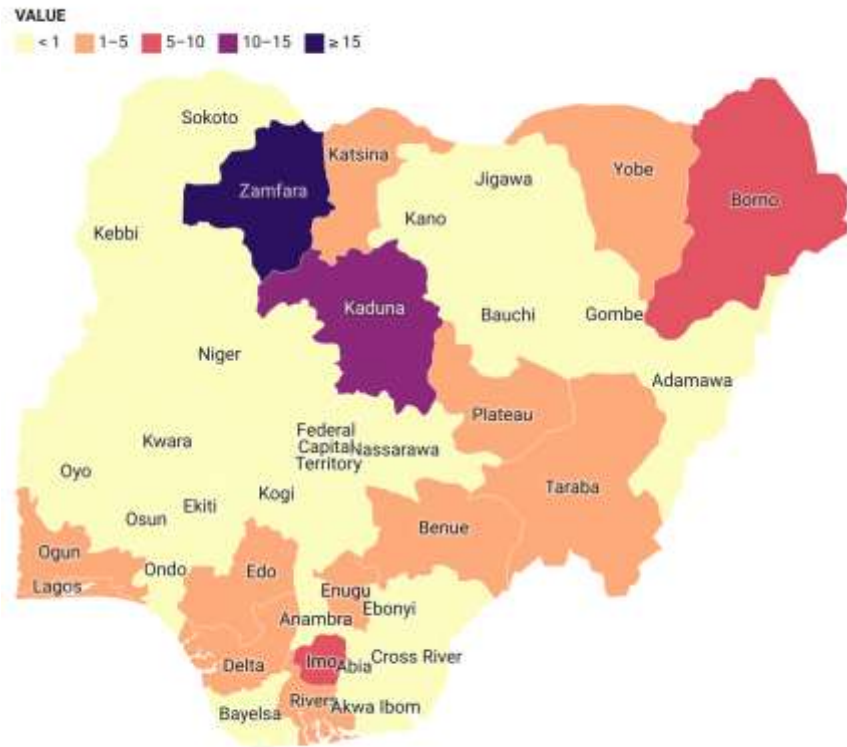
■ killed per region	16	23	60	5	6	6
■ Kidnapped per region	37	0	140	1	3	4

■ 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 19 and week 20. 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.

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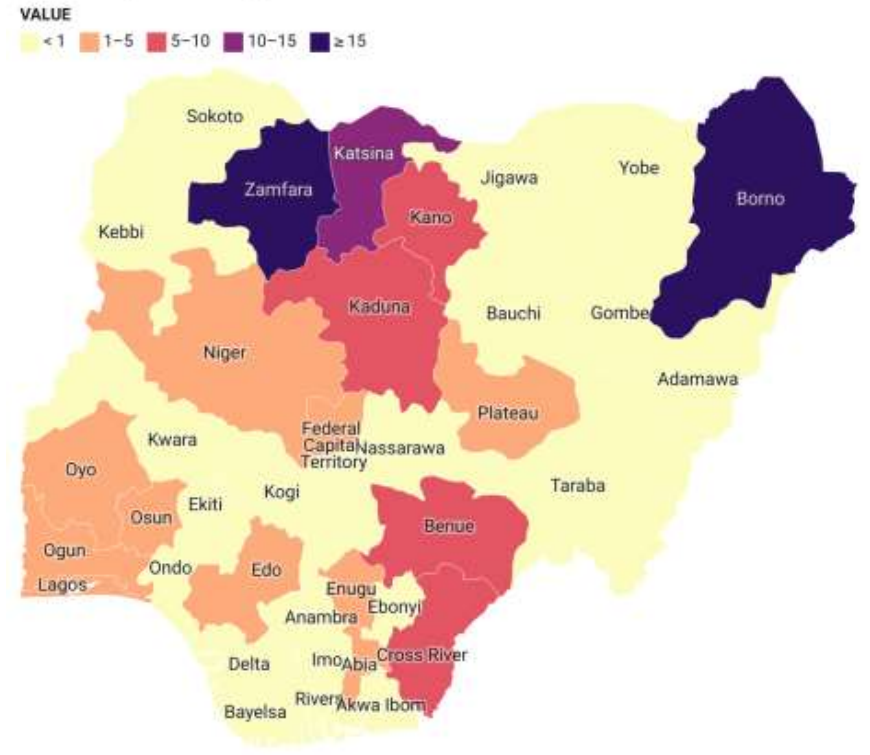
Risk map showing killed victims



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Figure 8. Week 20

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 18 and week 19 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and least. The colour intensity and lightness depict areas with the least and most fatalities. Based on the above map, there was an overall increase in fatalities, with Zamfara and Borno states having the most fatalities nationwide.

Figure 9. Week 19

Risk map showing kidnapped victims

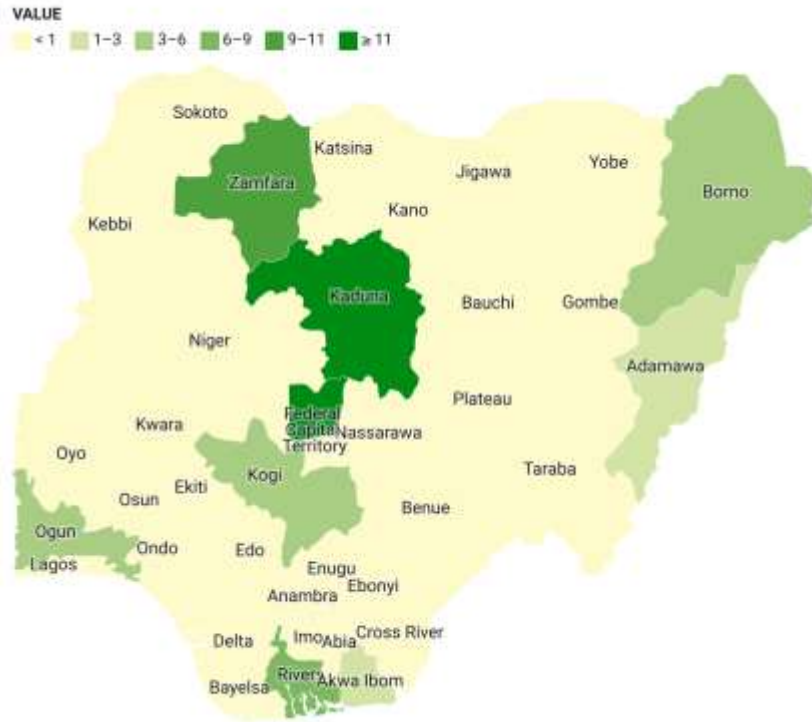
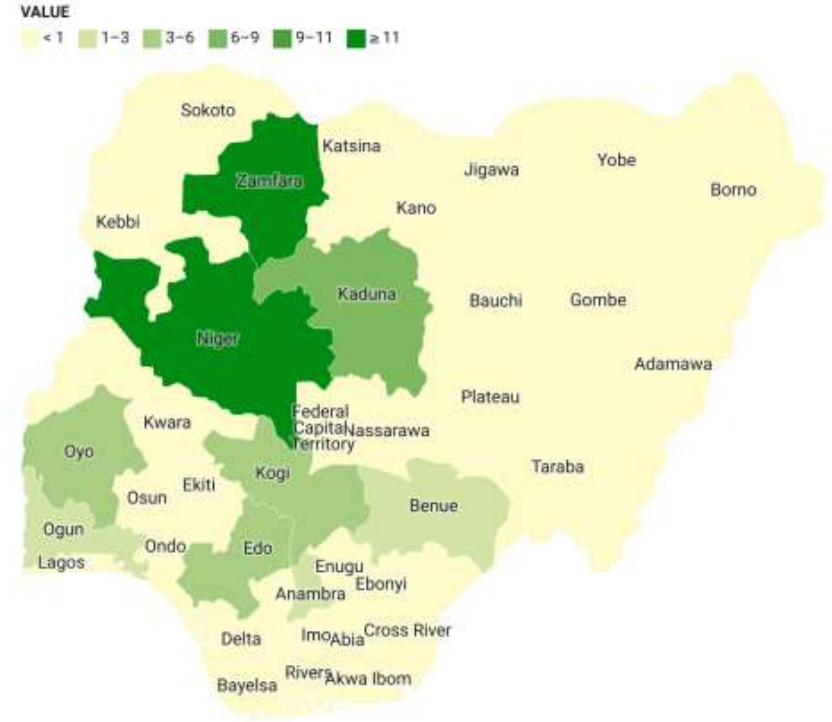


Figure 10. Week 20

Risk map showing kidnapped victims



The above figure captures areas where victims fall into kidnapping threats the most or least. In week 20, most kidnapped victims were from Niger 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 increased slightly to 16 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims also increased with 37 reported victims.

From May 11 to May 15, 2024, several protests and incidents of civil unrest occurred across the north-central region. On May 15, the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Keffi branch of the National Association of Resident Doctors (NARD) in Niger State protested the alleged assault on a female member. The same day, members of the Tinubu Youths and Women's Network protested at the EFCC headquarters in Abuja over delays in investigating the alleged misappropriation of funds by the Minister of State for Defence. On May 13, members of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC) held protests against the electricity tariff hike at various locations, including the Ministry of Power and the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) headquarters in Abuja, as well as the offices of power distribution companies in Ilorin, Kwara State; Lokoja, Kogi State; and Jos, Plateau State.

Several violent attacks by armed groups also took place during this period. On May 14, suspected armed herdsmen attacked the Ogbaulu community in Agatu LGA of Benue State, killing six people and wounding others. A land dispute on the same day between the Amla and Okete communities in Otukpo LGA, Benue State, resulted in three deaths, including a traditional ruler, and extensive property destruction. On May 13, unidentified armed individuals, suspected to be herdsmen militia, killed one person in Ratsat Rung, Foron District, Plateau State. Additionally, on May 13, gunmen attacked Okpella village near Okene LGA in Kogi State, abducting several people and wounding others.

Kidnappings and abductions were notably prevalent. On May 13, terrorists attacked Majure village in Munya LGA, Niger State, killing a pastor and two others, and abducting 20 people. On May 12, unknown gunmen attacked the Kundu community in Wushishi LGA, Niger State, blocking the main road linking Minna to Kontagora and abducting 13 people. On May 11, unidentified armed men killed an online content creator in the Mpape area of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja.

The region also faced incidents of theft and robbery. On May 12, unknown individuals stole air conditioners, ceiling fans, sockets, and electrical circuitries from the Kwara Stadium in Kwara State. Increased tensions were reported on May 15 in Byazhin, Kubwa, Bwari Area Council, Abuja, following violent clashes by unidentified armed men. These incidents underscore ongoing security challenges, civil unrest due to economic grievances, and persistent threats from armed groups in the north-central region.

NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

15 May 2024 – The Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Keffi branch of the National Association of Resident Doctors (NARD) in Niger State, on Wednesday, protested the alleged assault on a female member of the Association.

15 May 2024 – Increased tensions were reported at Byazhin in Kubwa, Bwari Area Council Abuja, following violent clashes by unidentified armed men. No further details.

15 May 2024 – •Members of the Tinubu Youths and Women's Network held a protest at the headquarters of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in Jabi, AMAC, Abuja over the delay in the investigation of the alleged misappropriation of funds by the Minister of State for Defence while he was the Governor of Zamfara State.

14 May 2024 – Suspected armed herdsmen attacked the Ogbaulu community in Agatu LGA of Benue state and killed 6 persons, wounding an unknown number of others. One person was reported missing after the attack.

14 May 2024 – Armed men attacked the Kopa Community of Lavun LGA in Niger state and displaced over 100 persons, with an unspecified quantity of property destroyed.

14 May 2024 – A land dispute occurred between the Amla and Okete communities, of Otukpo lga in Benue and three persons including a traditional ruler were killed while several others.

13 May 2024 – Unidentified armed individuals suspected to be herdsmen militia killed one person in an attack on Ratsat Rung Foron District Plateau state near the river. The reason behind the attack is not known

13 May 2024 – Members of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC) are protesting at the offices of the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC) in Challenge and Baboko market area, Ilorin, Kwara state over the hike in electricity tariff.

13 May 2024 – Members of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC) are protesting at the office of Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC) in Lokoja LGA of Kogi state, over the hike in electricity tariff. Security forces are confirmed at the location to forestall the breakdown of law and order.

13 May 2024 – Gunmen attacked Okpella village near Okene lga of Kogi State and reportedly abducted an unspecified number of people with several others wounded.

13 May 2024 – A pastor of the Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA) and two others were killed by terrorists in Majure village, Munya Local Government Area of Niger State. The terrorists also abducted 20 people, mostly women and children, and transported them to an unknown destination in a Sharon bus.

13 May 2024 – Members of the NLC and the TUC held a protest at the Jos Electricity Distribution Company (JEDC) in Jos, Jos North LGA, in Plateau state over the electricity tariff hike and removal of the subsidy from the power sector by the Federal Government.

13 May 2024 – Members of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC) will stage protests, at the Ministry of Power, the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) headquarters, Abuja, FCT, and state offices of the power distribution companies (DisCos) across the nation, today May 13.

12 May 2024 – Unknown persons stole some air conditioners, ceiling fans, sockets, and electrical circuitries from the Kwara Stadium in Kwara State

12 May 2024 – Unknown gunmen attacked the Kundu community and blocked the main road linking Minna to Kontagora in Wushishi Iga of Niger state. Thirteen people were abducted during the attack.

11 May 2024 – Some unidentified armed men killed an online content creator in the Mpape area of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja. The victim was reported to be among five others seen in a video shoot.

NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

Analysis – There was an overall increase in the number of fatalities as 23 persons were killed while kidnapped victims decreased slightly, with no kidnap victims during the week.

The frequency of threat activities declined across the North-East Region, with 9 incidents reported. Security forces' counterinsurgency operations accounted for most incidents, highlighting a decrease in terrorist capacity. Nonetheless, the risk of spontaneous terrorist attacks remains, as evidenced by the attack on a military position in Bama despite government forces' pressure. Implementing the new electricity tariff amid intense economic hardship also prompted the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress of Nigeria (TUC) to stage a peaceful protest at the Yola Electricity Distribution Company's head office in Borno and Yobe States. If issues with electricity supplies persist, they may provoke local grievances that could escalate into violent protests shortly.

On May 16, 2024, troops of the Nigerian Army conducted clearance operations at an ISWAP insurgents' hideout in Fulatari and Kago villages, Gwoza LGA, Borno State. Six insurgents were killed, and 48 abducted victims were rescued. On May 15, an IED struck a commercial vehicle around

Ala village along the Dikwa-Marte road in Borno State, killing five people and damaging the vehicle. The same day, ISWAP members attacked and carjacked two vehicles from traders near Gargada village along the Gagamari-Damasak road on the Niger-Nigeria border in Borno State. A Nigerian Special Forces team pursued the attackers, engaged them in an exchange of fire, and recovered the vehicles.

On May 14, 2024, troops of Operation "HADIN KAI," supported by CJTF members, conducted a clearance operation at an insurgents' hideout in Garin Fallujah, Ukuba general area, Bama LGA, Borno State, killing four insurgents. On May 13, a Special Forces unit ambushed ISWAP members on Litri Island in Central Lake Chad, on the border between Chad and Nigeria. One ISWAP operative was killed, and the SF recovered one AK variant rifle, two magazines, one unexploded ordnance device, a mobile phone, and other personal belongings. On the same day, ISWAP elements attacked the SF and CJTF position in New Marte village along the Dikwa-Marte Road, Borno State. The attackers were engaged in an exchange of fire before they withdrew, resulting in the deaths of one CJTF member and two civilians.

Suspected ISWAP armed men attacked a convoy of civilian vehicles around Daral Jamal village along the Bama-Banki road in Borno State on May 12, 2024. Two people were killed, and three others were wounded and evacuated to Bama General Hospital. On May 11, an ex-JAS Shekau fighter was killed while others escaped when a Special Forces fighting patrol ambushed a group of fighters in the Dumbari village area in Jere LGA, Borno State. The Special Forces further searched through Shettimari, Sabon Gari, and Dumbari villages, recovering 17 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition.

NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

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13 May 2024 – ISWAP elements attacked the SF and CJTF position in the New Marte village along the Dikwa – Marte Road of Borno state. The attackers were engaged in an exchange of fire for a while before they withdrew. One CJTF and two civilians were killed during the incident

13 May 2024 – •Members of the NLC and the TUC held a protest at the Yola Electricity Distribution Company (YEDC) in Yola, Yola North LGA of Adamawa state, over the electricity tariff hike and removal of the subsidy from the power sector by the Federal Government.

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NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased significantly, with 60 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals increased significantly with 140 victims during the week.

During this period, incident frequency increased with 20 incidents reported. Banditry remains the primary security threat in the region despite ongoing military operations. The methods and patterns of activity remain consistent, including armed assaults, abductions, and illegal vehicle checkpoints (IVCPs), particularly along the volatile A126 route within Zamfara State. This week also saw clashes between rival gang members for dominance in Kano State, while an unknown illness broke out in at least four LGAs in Zamfara State. Additionally, bandits clashed with security forces in four separate incidents in Chafe LGA, Zamfara State, as they sought to reduce security presence to facilitate further incursions. Banditry is expected to remain the predominant security challenge in the region in the coming days.

There were several protests and demonstrations during this period. Residents of Sabon Garin community in Kaura Namoda LGA, Zamfara State, held a protest along the Gusau-Kaura Namoda Road over a bandit attack on their community. The Christians Solidarity Worldwide Nigeria (CSW-N) staged a peaceful protest demanding the release of Leah Sharibu, Chibok girls, and others abducted by terrorists in Yobe and Borno States. Members of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and Trade Union Congress (TUC) protested at the entrance of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) in the Kaduna metropolis over the hike in electricity tariffs. Additionally, members of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Keffi branch of the National Association of Resident Doctors (NARD) in Niger State protested the alleged assault on a female member.

Violent clashes and attacks were frequent across the affected states. Bandits attacked Gora Namaye town in Maradun LGA, Zamfara State, killing three people, injuring six, and abducting at least 130 people. In another incident, an adult male ignited a petrol bomb at a mosque in Gadan village, Gezawa LGA of Kano State, killing eight and wounding 17 others. Clashes between rival terrorist groups in Katsina State resulted in the death of a notorious kingpin, Usman Modi Modi, along with several others. Bandits killed three people in the Jangebe community, Talata Mafara LGA of Zamfara State, and attacked Zurmi town, killing three including two security personnel.

Armed assaults and abductions were rampant. Unknown armed persons attacked Angwan Rimi village of Zangon Kataf LGA, Kaduna State, killing one person and abducting another. Armed men on motorbikes attacked FOB Faskari LGA in Katsina State, killing five soldiers and one vigilante member, and wounding eleven other security personnel. Security forces killed four members of an organized crime group (OCG) in Tumburku and Sabon Sara villages in Giwa LGA of Kaduna State. There were reports of unspecified numbers of people being abducted along the Mayanchi axis of the Gusau/Sokoto Road in Maru LGA, Zamfara State, and bandits firing indiscriminately in Yarmalamai town in Faskari LGA, Katsina State, killing an unspecified number of people and setting houses on fire.

NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

16 May 2024 – Residents of Sabon Garin community held a protest along the Gusau-Kaura Namoda Road in Kaura Namoda LGA, over the bandits' attack on the community on 15 May 24. The protesters blocked the road resulting in traffic gridlock.

16 May 2024 – Bandits mounted on motorcycles attacked Gora Namaye town in Maradun LGA. Three people were killed, six people were injured, and at least 130 people including women and children were abducted. 10 motorcycles were also stolen.

15 May 2024 – An adult male ignited a petrol bomb at a mosque in Gadan village, Gezawa lga of Kano state during the Muslim morning prayer, killing eight persons while 17 others were wounded. The man was alleged to be displeased with a family inheritance distribution and decided to punish his clan members with a violent act. The Police arrested the suspect and were investigating the incident.

14 May 2024 – A notorious terrorist kingpin, Usman Modi Modi, also known as ‘Kartakwa’, along with several others was killed in a clash between rival groups in Katsina on Tuesday. The clash, which erupted around 2:00 pm, involved notorious terrorist kingpins Usman Modi Modi of Kanta Camp and Abdulkarim Faca Faca of Marina Camp.

14 May 2024 – The Christians Solidarity Worldwide Nigeria (CSW-N), a group, has staged a peaceful protest demanding the release from captivity of Leah Sharibu, Chibok girls and others who were abducted by terrorists in Yobe and Borno State Nigeria. According to the group, Leah Sharibu was 14 years old when she was abducted in February 2018 among 150 of her classmates while in school at Dapchi, but one month later all the girls were released except Sharibu because she allegedly refused to renounce her faith.

13 May 2024 – Members of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and Trade Union Congress (TUC) are protesting at the entrance of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) in Kaduna metropolis, Kaduna state over the hike in electricity tariff.

13 May 2024 – Bandits killed three people in Jangebe community, Talata Mafara LGA of Zamfara state.

13 May 2024 – A suspected kidnapper allegedly abducted a member of his family in Angwan Juma’a in Zaria lga, Kaduna state and demanded ₦8 million ransom. The Police arrested the abductor who later killed the victim for recognising him.

13 May 2024 – Unknown armed persons invaded Zurmi town and killed three persons including two SF personnel. Many others were wounded.

12 May 2024 – Armed men on motorbikes attacked FOB Faskari LGA Katsina state and killed five soldiers and one vigilante member. Eleven other SF members were wounded.

12 May 2024 – Armed men attacked Angwan Rimi village of Zangon Kataf lga, Kaduna state as 3huj, killed one person and abducted another.

12 May 2024 – SF killed 4 members of OCG in Tumburku and Sabon Sara villages in Giwa lga of Kaduba state and recovered a motorcycle, mobile phone, gas lighters, tobacco, assorted charms and a polythene bag containing petrol.

12 May 2024 – An unspecified number of people were reportedly abducted along the Mayanchi axis of the Gusau/Sokoto Road in Maru LGA. No further details.

12 May 2024 – There was an armed clash between GSF personnel and bandits in the Magazu axis, Chafe LGA. No further details.

12 May 2024 – Bandits fired indiscriminately in Yarmalamai town in Faskari LGA Katsina state. An unspecified number of people were killed, and houses were set on fire.

11 May 2024 – •Bandits attacked Yar Galadima village in Marabu, Maru LGA. An unspecified number of people were killed and injured. Vigilantes and members of the Zamfara State Community Protection Guards (ZSCPG) were deployed to the area and engaged the bandits in a firefight.

11 May 2024 – Armed members of Bello Kaura and those of Kachalla Najaja clashed in the Sunke Forest area where 23 persons were killed.

11 May 2024 – Bandits mounted an Illegal Vehicle Check Point (IVCP) along the Anka-Begega Road, Anka LGA. Commuters were robbed of their valuables.

11 May 2024 – Unknown gunmen attacked a headers settlement in the Janjala Community, in Kagarko lga of Kaduna state wounding 2 people and abducting 5 others.

11 May 2024 – Bandits attacked Barnawa village in Dogon Kade district, Kaura Namoda LGA, Zamfara State. Vigilantes were deployed to the area and engaged the bandits in a firefight. No further details.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased slightly with 5 killed victims while kidnap victims increased with 1 recorded victim during the week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of incidents in the region.

Incident levels in the region this week remained steady with 13 reported incidents, compared to 9 the previous week. The notable incidents included armed attacks and civil unrest, with a single kidnapping reported in Anambra State. The armed attacks primarily involved separatist groups aiming to disrupt government operations in anticipation of Biafra Day. In Abia State, a communal clash erupted over boundary and land disputes, highlighting ongoing local tensions. Additionally, gang violence in Enugu State escalated as rival groups vied for control, exacerbating security challenges in the area. These threats, particularly separatist activities, are anticipated to persist leading up to Biafra Day.

In specific incidents, residents of Azugwu in Ebonyi State shut down the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC) office to protest a prolonged blackout, affecting business activities. In Anambra State, Reverend Father Basil Gbuzuo was kidnapped along the Nkpor-Obosi road in Idemili North LGA, with no ransom demands reported yet, underscoring concerns over security in the region. Protests against the hike in electricity tariffs were widespread across the region. Members of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and Trade Union Congress (TUC) protested at various locations including the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company headquarters in Enugu State and offices of the National Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) in Ebonyi State. These demonstrations reflect public discontent and highlight economic pressures facing residents.

The escalation of violence was evident in various incidents. In Enugu State, gunmen attacked an army checkpoint in the Orba community, resulting in casualties among security personnel and the destruction of vehicles. Another attack targeted a police station in Umabor Eha-Alumona, Nsukka LGA, resulting in fatalities among police officers. These incidents underscore the volatile security situation and the challenges faced by security forces in maintaining order amidst escalating violence and civil unrest.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

16 May 2024 - Residents of Azugwu, Abakaliki Local government Area of Ebonyi State, have shut down the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company, EEDC, located at Awolowo Street, over three months of blackout. The shutdown has led to the interruption of business activities at the EEDC office on Tuesday which lasted till Thursday morning.

15 May 2024 - A popular Catholic priest in the Onitsha Archdiocese of Anambra State, Rev Father Basil Gbuzuo had been kidnapped. The incident happened at the busy Nkpor- Obosi road in Idemili North Lga of Anambra state and the kidnappers are yet to demand ransom.

13 May 2024 - Members of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC) are protesting at the Headquarters of the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company in Okpara Avenue, Enugu state over the hike in electricity tariff.

13 May 2024 - Organized Labour in Ebonyi state on Monday protested the hike in electricity tariff at the Abakaliki office of the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC) and National Electricity Regulatory Commission(NERC) office in the State.

12 May 2024 - Several people from the Ukwa community in Cross River State invaded the Isu Community and killed one Person while 15 others were wounded. HG SF deployed to the area and restored normalcy.

11 May 2024 - Gunmen attacked an army checkpoint at Orba community in Udenu LGA, Enugu state. One policeman and one Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) officer were killed, an unspecified number of policemen and FRSC officials were injured, and a van belonging to the FRSC and a Hilux van reportedly belonging to the traditional ruler of Egali Amalla community in the LGA were set on fire.

11 May 2024 - Gunmen attacked a police station in the vicinity of Premier Junction in Umabor Eha-Alumona, Nsukka LGA of Enugu state. Two policemen were killed.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased as compared to the previous week with 6 victims captured, while 3 people were kidnapped during the reporting week.

Incident levels surged this week, with 12 reported incidents, indicating a notable increase compared to previous weeks. While gang-related activities persisted, there was a decline in their frequency. However, other active threats, such as kidnappings, illegal vehicle checkpoints (IVCP), demonstrations, and militancy, remained significant. Demonstrations were particularly prominent due to government attempts to increase electricity tariffs, while incidents of robbery and communal clashes also added to the volatile situation. Financial motivations primarily drove

kidnappings and robberies, while political differences fueled violence in Delta State. Gang-related violence, driven by struggles for dominance, increased the likelihood of reprisal attacks. With the reduction in government force operations in the region, criminal activity is expected to remain consistent in the coming days.

In specific incidents, a violent clash between the “KK” and the “Aiye” cult gangs occurred at the Akwa Ibom State University, underscoring the persistent threat of gang violence in the region. Security forces discovered illegal bunkering sites, highlighting ongoing challenges with oil theft and illegal refining activities. Meanwhile, protests erupted over various issues, including the alleged imposition of a local government chairmanship candidate and the hike in electricity tariffs.

Militancy also resurfaced as gunmen suspected to be Ijaw Freedom Fighters attacked the Marioghionoba community in Okomu, demanding shares in a local oil company and inflicting casualties. Additionally, ambushes targeting civilians, such as the attack on a Toyota Coaster bus transporting cement company employees, underscored the security risks faced by ordinary citizens in the region. The surge in violent incidents, including attacks on communities and ambushes, highlighted the precarious security situation in the region. The uncovering of illegal crude oil refining sites by security forces further underscored the persistent challenges of criminal activity, particularly in the illicit oil industry. The protests by political party leaders over government decisions also reflected broader tensions and grievances within the region, contributing to the overall instability.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

16 May 2024 - There was a violent clash between the “KK” and the “Aiye” cult gangs at the Akwa Ibom State University (AKSU) in Ikot Akpaden, Mkpat Enin LGA, Akwa Ibom state.

15 May 2024 - An SF team discovered five reservoirs in the Odagwa community, in Etche lga of Rivers, each containing about 45,000 litres of crude oil. Five suspects were arrested for questioning.

14 May 2024 - Unknown persons broke into a house and carted away unstated valuables and media gadgets. The intruders also opened the victim’s car and stole some unspecified valuables

14 May 2024 - Residents of the Nsukwa clan in Aniocha South LGA held a protest at Government House in Asaba, Oshimili South LGA, over the alleged imposition of a Local Government chairmanship candidate.

14 May 2024 - •Increased tensions were reported in the Ashaka community, Ndokwa East LGA, following indiscriminate gunfire by unidentified armed men during the ongoing PDP councillorship primary election.

13 May 2024 - A Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) team discovered two illegal bunkering sites in the Odagwa-Owaza riverside boundaries between Rivers and Abia states.

13 May 2024 - Members of the NLC and the TUC held a protest at the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC) in Benin, Oredo LGA, over the electricity tariff hike and removal of the subsidy from the power sector by the Federal Government.

13 May 2024 - Gunmen suspected to be Ijaw Freedom Fighters attacked the Marioghionoba community in Okomu, Ovia South West LGA. One person was killed, another was injured, five cars and two lorries were set on fire, and houses were destroyed. The gunmen reportedly left an unsigned handwritten letter on the deceased asking for 25% shares in Okomu Oil and demanded to be on the board of the company.

13 May 2024 - Gunmen ambushed a Toyota Coaster bus transporting employees of a cement company travelling to the Okpella community along the Okpella-Okene Road in Estako East LGA. An unspecified number of employees were abducted.

12 May 2024 - Unidentified armed men in military uniforms reportedly attacked Mbiaong Ukwa Community resulting in the deaths of five persons while others sustained injuries. They destroyed some houses during the attack.

12 May 2024 - A Joint Task Force team "Operation Delta Safe" uncovered over 50 illegal crude oil refining sites in the Biseni Community.

12 May 2024 - •Leaders of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP) held a protest at the State House of Assembly complex in Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt LGA, over plans by the State Government to demolish the structures in the complex which were reportedly in excellent condition, fully functional, and are currently occupied by the lawmakers and their family.

SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased slightly compared to the previous week with 6 fatalities captured while 4 individuals were also kidnapped during the reporting week.

Incident levels slightly increased this week with 9 incidents reported across various states. The region saw significant activities including kidnapping, gang-related violence, assault, road traffic accidents (RTA), and civil unrest. Kidnapping incidents were reported in Oyo State, where an organized criminal group (OCG) attacked a vehicle along the Ibadan-Ijebu Ode Road, resulting in one fatality and several injuries, with three people abducted.

Gang-related violence was prevalent in Lagos State, with a violent clash between the "Aiye" and "Eiye" cult gangs in Ikorodu on May 16, 2024, resulting in unspecified casualties. Similar clashes occurred in Osun State between factions of the "Yahoo" and "Emir" within the "Aiye" cult gang in Osogbo. Assault incidents were reported in Ogun State, where a point-of-sale operator was killed by gunmen suspected to be armed robbers in Abeokuta on May 12, 2024. The gunmen stormed the area on motorcycles, escalating tensions in the community.

SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

16 May 2024 - There was a violent clash between the "Aiye" and the "Eiye" cult gangs in Ikorodu, Ikorodu LGA, Lagos state. An unspecified number of people were killed.

14 May 2024 - There was a violent clash between the "Yahoo" and the "Emir" factions of the "Aiye" cult gang at Egbatedo Street in Osogbo, Osogbo LGA, Osun state following a land ownership dispute. Members of the "Yahoo" faction armed with axes and mounted on motorcycles later moved to the Fagbewesa and Station Roads in Osogbo in search of members loyal to the Emir faction. No further details.

13 May 2024 - Two unnamed groups clashed around the Gbaemu area in Osogbo town, Osun state over the collection of money from a man who bought a property in the area. One person was killed by a stray bullet during the incident.

13 May 2024 - Members of the NLC and the TUC held a protest at the Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC) in Ikeja, Ikeja LGA, Lagos state over the electricity tariff hike and removal of the subsidy from the power sector by the Federal Government.

13 May 2024 - Members of the NLC and the TUC held a protest at the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC) in Ibadan, Ibadan South West LGA, Oyo state, over the electricity tariff hike and removal of the subsidy from the power sector by the Federal Government.

12 May 2024 - An OCG attacked a vehicle at Longe Village IVO Idi Ayunre in Ibadan along the Ibadan-Ijebu Ode Road, Oluyole Iga, Oyo state. One person was killed and four others wounded while three people were abducted.

12 May 2024 - A point-of-sale operator (PoS) was killed by gunmen suspected to be armed robbers in the Oke Lantoro area of Abeokuta, Ogun state. The gunmen stormed the area on motorcycles and shot sporadically in the air before shooting the PoS operator. HG SF deployed there and restored normalcy.

12 May 2024 - There was a violent clash between the "Aiye" and the "Eiye" cult gangs in the Oke-Santoro area in Abeokuta, Abeokuta North LGA, Ogun state. One person was killed.

11 May 2024 - Unidentified armed men attacked a man in front of his home in the vicinity of Ikenne, Ikenne LGA, Ogun state. His vehicle was stolen with his child in it.

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