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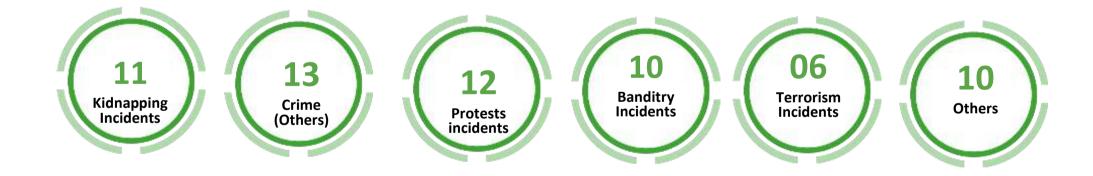
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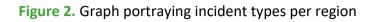
## **Executive Summary**

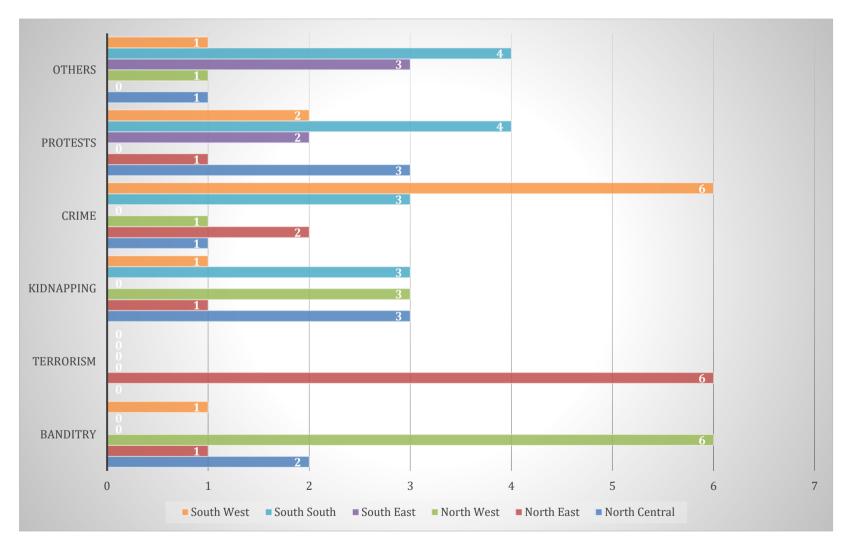
## **Countrywide Incidents for the Week**

- **1.** Two extremist-related attacks were reported in Borno State.
- 2. IPOB, has declared a sit-at-home from May 29 to May 31 in the South East region to commemorate Biafra Day.
- 3. Security operations uncover illegal oil bunkering sites in Rivers state.
- 4. Cult clashes erupt in parts several parts of Lagos State.
- 5. Kidnapping Resurged in the North Central.



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## Weekly Statistics

Figure 3.



Risk map showing killed victims



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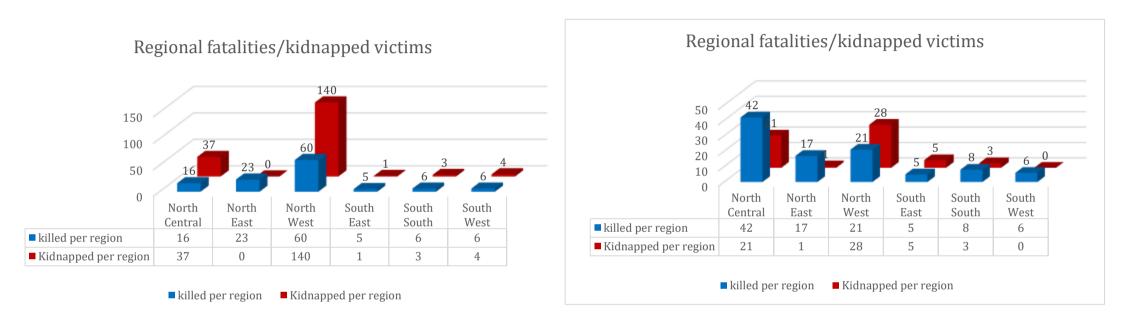
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The above risk maps show locations where citizens were killed and kidnapped in the reporting week. Figure 3 represents areas where abductions occurred, while Figure 4 reflects locations with recorded fatalities.

## Weekly trend analysis

Figure 5. Week 20

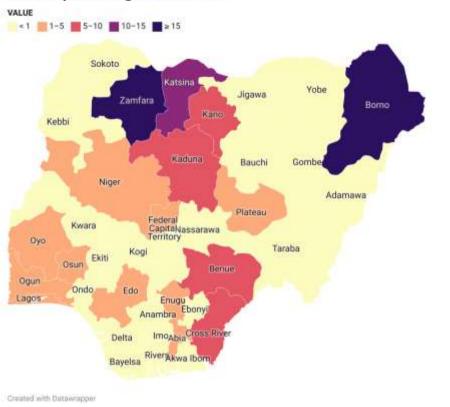
#### Figure 6. Week 21



The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 20 and week 21. 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 20

#### **Risk map showing killed victims**

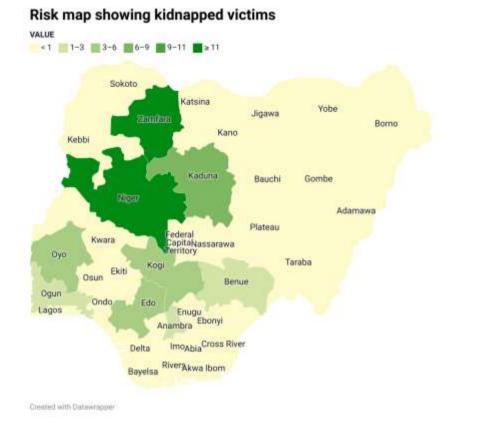


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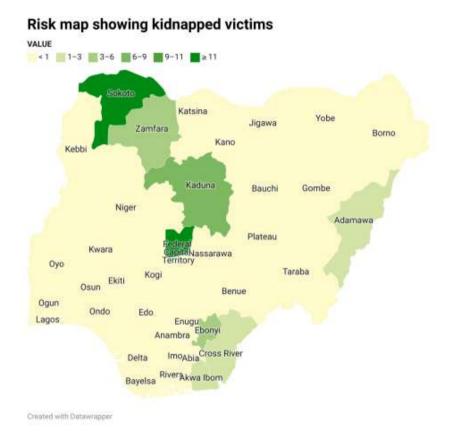


The above figure shows a risk map contrasting areas where fatalities occurred in the country. The contrast between week 20 and week 21 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and least. The colour intensity and lightness depict areas with the least and most fatalities. Based on the above map, there was an overall increase in fatalities, with Kaduna, Plateau, and Borno states having the most fatalities nationwide.

#### Figure 9. Week 20



#### Figure 10. Week 21



The above figure captures areas where victims fall into kidnapping threats the most or least. In week 21, most kidnapped victims were from FCT and Sokoto State. This is most likely because kidnap incidents were underreported in other states during the week.

## **Regional Summary/Incident list**

### **NORTH CENTRAL (NC) - Summary**

Analysis – During the week, the number of fatalities increased significantly to 42 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims decreased with 21 reported victims.

The North Central region experienced a decrease in reported incidents, from 18 the previous week to 10 this week. Despite this reduction, key threats like herdsmen attacks, kidnappings, armed assaults, and demonstrations remain significant concerns. Notably, there was a resurgence of bandit activities in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), particularly in Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), where peripheral communities were targeted, leading to numerous abductions. In Plateau State's Wase Local Government Area (LGA), another severe bandit attack occurred, the motive for which is still unclear. Meanwhile, Benue State saw a reduction in herdsmen attacks, with only one incident reported.

On May 22, herders attacked Edikwu-Icho village in Benue State, leading to a violent clash with local youths, resulting in one youth's death and several missing persons. That same day, enforcement actions at Jos South LGA's Terminus Market by GSF personnel and the Jos Metropolitan Development Board turned violent, with one policeman killed and five traders injured. Additionally, suspected kidnappers invaded Ushafa in FCT Abuja, kidnapping one person and stealing valuables. Demonstrations also took place, including a protest by retired police officers in Abuja over unpaid pension arrears and an Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) protest in Jos North LGA over funding and welfare issues.

Further incidents included a severe bandit attack in Zurak village, Plateau State, on May 20, resulting in over 40 deaths, and community unrest in Kogi State over a disputed local leadership installation. The same day, an organized crime group kidnapped 16 people in Abuja's Dawaki area, with security forces rescuing four after a firefight.

### NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

22 May 2024 – Herders fired indiscriminately in Edikwu-Icho village in Apa LGA, Benue state. Youths were mobilized and engaged the herders in a violent clash until they withdrew. One of the youths was killed, and an unspecified number of people who went to the farm were reported missing after the attack.

22 May 2024 – GSF personnel and members of the Jos Metropolitan Development Board (JMDB) enforcing the ban on the indiscriminate display of wares and goods within business areas fired teargas and warning shots to disperse traders at the Terminus Market in Jos South LGA, Plateau state. A policeman was shot and killed, and five traders were shot and injured by stray bullets.

22 May 2024 – Suspected kidnappers invaded the Ushafa area in FCT Abuja, kidnapped one person and stole a vehicle and some valuables.

21 May 2024 – Retired police officers registered under the Contributory Pension Scheme held a protest at the National Assembly complex, Three Arms Zone, AMAC, FCT over unpaid pension arrears and called on the Federal Government to remove them from the Contributory Pension Scheme.

**21** May 2024 – Members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASSU) held a protest at the University of Jos campus in Jos North LGA, Plateau state over the failure of the Federal Government to provide increased funding for the educational sector and improved welfare for the union's members.

**20 May 2024** – Bandits have reportedly attacked Zurak village in Bashar District of Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State, killing more than 40 persons, including vigilantes.

**20 May 2024** – Aggrieved people of the Iloke Community in Mopa-Muro Local Government Area of Kogi State, on Monday, May 20, expressed their reservations over what they termed as the 'secret installation' of the new Elulu of Mopa, Chief Muyiwa Ibeun.

**19** May 2024 – Members of an OCG attacked the Dawaki area opposite Gwarinpa, along the Kubwa-Dei-Dei Road in Abuja, and kidnapped 16 persons. SF responded and engaged the bandits in an exchange of fire, rescuing four persons.

**19** May 2024 – Gunmen fired indiscriminately in Dakwa community, Dei Dei, AMAC. Four people were abducted, and an unspecified number were injured. Vigilantes engaged the gunmen in a firefight until they retreated.

18 May 2024 – A mob assaulted and injured two military police at Banex Plaza, Wuse 2, AMAC. The reason is currently unknown.

### **NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary**

Analysis – There was an overall decrease in the number of fatalities as 17 persons were killed while kidnapped victims increased slightly, with one kidnap victim during the week. This can be attributed to underreporting during the week.

The region experienced 11 incidents this week, indicating a steady level of activity. Patterns of incidents include IED attacks, armed assaults, kidnappings, and security operations. ISWAP remains active, with a notable attack on a health worker and an ambush on a response team that resulted in the death of a Divisional Police Officer. In Borno State, an IED attack caused civilian casualties, while in Adamawa State, a kidnapping occurred with the expectation of the victim's release upon ransom payment. Despite intensive counter-insurgency (COIN) operations weakening

extremist groups, terrorism continues to be the primary threat, particularly in Borno State. However, petty crime and kidnappings remain prevalent in other states, driven by financial motives.

On May 21, suspected ISWAP terrorists attacked security operatives in New Marte, Borno State, resulting in three casualties, including a government security force fatality. That same day, a priest from the Yola Catholic Diocese was kidnapped in Adamawa State. Meanwhile, the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) in Bauchi State joined a nationwide protest, highlighting long-standing demands. On May 20, two vehicles were struck by IEDs between Mangeri and Maiyanti in Borno State, resulting in six deaths and four injuries. ISWAP also targeted and killed a Civilian Joint Task Force member in Yobe State, emphasizing selective targeting within communities. Additionally, an organized crime group wounded a person and stole his phone in Adamawa State.

Other incidents included an armed group attacking the Bitiku settlement in Adamawa State on May 19, resulting in one death and five injuries. ISWAP ambushed a security patrol team in Borno State, killing a soldier, while two IDPs were killed by suspected ex-JAS Shekau elements in Borno State. On May 18, ISWAP claimed responsibility for an attack on security positions in Malam Fatori, Borno State, resulting in multiple casualties. These incidents underscore the persistent security challenges, with active threats expected to continue in the near term despite ongoing COIN efforts.

### NORTH EAST (NE) - Incident List

**21** May 2024 – Suspected ISWAP terrorists reportedly attacked security operatives at New Marte in Marte Local Government Area of Borno state resulting in 3 casualties including a GSF fatality.

21 May 2024 – A priest, Very Rev. Fr. Oliver Buba, serving with the Yola Catholic Diocese, has been kidnapped by unknown gunmen. The incident occurred during the early hours of Tuesday in the reverend father's rectory at St. Rita's Catholic Church, Bare, in Numan Local Government of Adamawa State.

**21** May 2024 – The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) of the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi state, has joined the nationwide protest to demand the government's attention to their long-standing demands some of which have been unresolved for the past 15 years.

**20 May 2024** – Two Volkswagen Golf cars with passengers were struck by IEDs assessed to be emplaced by ISWAP elements between Mangeri and Maiyanti, about 10 km south of Bama LGA, Borno state. Six people were killed and four were wounded, and all the casualties were evacuated to the General Hospital Bama where the wounded people were being treated.

**20 May 2024** – ISWAP elements reportedly attacked and murdered a CJTF member in his residence in Ngirbuwa village of Gubja LGA, Yobe state. The attackers seemed to have specifically gone for the victim, hence, no one was impacted in the community. Ngirbuwa village is about 45km south of Damaturu town along the Damaturu-Katarko-Goniri road.

**20 May 2024** – Members of an OCG attacked and wounded one person and stole his mobile phone IVO Bank Road in Mubi North LGA of Adamawa State. The victim was taken to a medical facility for treatment.

**19 May 2024** – An armed group stormed the Bitiku settlement in the Gulak ward bordering the Kumardza settlement in Askira Uba of Madagali LGA, Adamawa state. The assailants shot dead one person and wounded five others, and the wounded people were evacuated to a medical facility for treatment.

**19 May 2024** – A 23-year-old woman was arrested for setting fire to her stepchildren's hands and wounding them severely at Federal Housing Estate Girei LGA of Adamawa state.

**19 May 2024** – An ISWAP group ambushed an SF patrol team in Daral Jamal village in Bama LGA of Borno state. One soldier was killed in the exchange of fire that lasted approximately 10 minutes, while the ISWAP group withdrew. The body of the fallen soldier was evacuated to the Bama General Hospital.

**18 May 2024** – Two adult males from the GH IDP camp were reportedly killed by suspected ex-JAS Shekau elements around the Ba'ale general area approximately 70 km East of Damboa LGA in Borno State. Some vigilante members recovered the corpses and handed them over to the Police.

**18** May 2024 – ISWAP claimed, in their propaganda magazine, to have attacked the SF positions in Malam Fatori town in Abadam LGA of Borno state and killed five soldiers with nine others wounded. The wounded were evacuated to a health facility in Maiduguri for treatment.

#### NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased significantly, with 21 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals decreased significantly with 28 victims during the week.

During this period, the North Central region saw a significant decline in incidents, with 11 reported compared to 20 previously. Despite ongoing military operations, banditry remains the primary security threat, with consistent patterns of armed assaults and abductions. The persistent

bandit attacks have led to local protests, such as the blockage of the Kaura Namoda-Zurmi Road to attract government attention. The continuous threat from banditry is expected to remain a significant security challenge in the coming days.

On May 23, pandemonium broke out at Blantyre Street in Kano State, where hired hoodlums attacked party chieftains from the North Central zone protesting against the former Kano State Governor's continued stay as National Chairman of the ruling party. On May 22, bandits fired at motorists near Kwanar Riyoji along the Birnin Magaji-Kaura Namoda Road in Zamfara State, forcing the government forces to respond and repel the attackers without casualties. The same day, bandits indiscriminately fired in the Takalmawa community, Sokoto State, resulting in four deaths, 17 abductions, and the rustling of 150 rams.

In Kaduna State, bandits abducted eight people from Kwassam and Kakude communities on May 21, later killing one of the victims, the wife of a pastor. On May 19, security forces (SF) engaged organized crime groups (OCGs) in multiple exchanges, killing armed individuals and recovering weapons and motorcycles in Chikun and Birnin Gwari LGAs. Unidentified armed men attacked Libere Gari village in Kajuru LGA, killing six people and wounding others before fleeing. Additionally, bandits abducted four people along the Kucheri-Magazu highway in Zamfara State. On May 18, OCGs attacked Mother Cat and Yaji communities in Kachia LGA, Kaduna State, resulting in deaths, abductions, and cattle rustling. Mobile police operatives also killed two OCG members in Chikun LGA during a firefight.

### NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

23 May 2024 – There was pandemonium on Thursday at Blantyre Street, the location of the All Progressives Congress National Secretariat in Kano state as hired hoodlums beat up party chieftains from the North Central zone who organized a protest against the continued stay in office by former Kano State Governor, Abdullahi Umar Ganduje as National Chairman of the ruling party.

22 May 2024 – Bandits fired shots at motorists near the Kwanar Riyoji area along Birnin Magaji-Kaura Namoda Road in Birnin Magaji/Kiyaw LGA, Zamfara state as the group were crossing towards Zurmi. GF responded to the incident and forced the bandits to retreat. No casualties were reported.

**22** May 2024 – Bandits fired indiscriminately in the Takalmawa community, Gada LGA of Sokoto state. Four people were killed, 17 people were abducted, and at least 150 rams were rustled.

**21** May 2024 – Bandits abducted eight people from Kwassam and Kakude communities in Kaura LGA, Kaduna state. Bandits later killed one of the victims, who was the wife of a pastor of Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) was dead.

**19 May 2024** – HG SF exchanged fire with an OCG at Udawa Village in Chikun LGA of Kaduna state and killed five armed individuals. An AK variant rifle, a pump action gun, and six cartridges were recovered from the suspects.

**19 May 2024** – Two armed men were killed by SF in Kwaga village in Birnin Gwari LGA of Kaduna state during an exchange of SAF. Two AK variant rifles, two magazines, and two motorcycles were recovered from the individuals.

**19 May 2024** – Unidentified armed men attacked Libere Gari village, in Kajuru LGA of Kaduna state killing six persons, and wounding an unspecified number of others. The gunmen fled the area upon SF mobilization.

**19 May 2024** – Bandits abducted four people along the Kucheri-Magazu highway, Chafe LGA, Zamfara state.

**18** May **2024** – An OCG attacked the Mother Cat community in Kachia LGA, Kaduna state firing sporadically and killing one person. They abducted an unspecified number of people as they left.

**18** May 2024 – An OGC invaded the Yaji community in the Ankwa ward, Kachia LGA OF Kaduna state, killed two herdsmen and rustled an unspecified number of cattle.

**18** May 2024 – Mobile Police operatives killed two suspected members of an OCG during an exchange of fire on the outskirts of the Kuriga community in Chikub LGA of Kaduna state.

### **SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary**

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

Throughout this week, the region experienced various incidents including murder, gang violence, demonstrations, and government force operations. Notably, there were no incidents of separatist violence, though related activities are anticipated in the upcoming week leading to Biafra Day. These events highlight ongoing security challenges and social tensions within the region.

On May 22, residents of the Mburubu community in Nkanu East LGA, Enugu State, held a protest over a leadership dispute, accusing the current Commissioner of abusing his position. This reflects underlying governance issues and local dissatisfaction. On May 20, a significant protest occurred in Mmahu Street, Ohaji/Egbema LGA, Imo State, where at least 100 women demonstrated against alleged police brutality in their communities, highlighting concerns over law enforcement conduct and community relations.

Violent clashes and attacks also marked the week. On May 20, inter-communal violence erupted between the Ezza community and Ikachi village in Akparata, Effium, Ohaukwu LGA, Ebonyi State. This attack resulted in two beheadings, seven abductions, and the burning of five houses. On

May 19, a legal practitioner was shot and killed by unidentified armed individuals in Umudioka-Umuohi Okija, Ihiala LGA, Anambra State. Additionally, another violent incident occurred in Ikachi village in the Akpataka area of Effium community, Ohaukwu LGA, Ebonyi State, leading to two deaths, several injuries, and seven abductions, with multiple houses set on fire. These incidents underscore the persistent threat of communal violence and targeted attacks in the region.

### **SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List**

**22** May 2024 - Residents of Mburubu community held a protest in Mburubu, Nkanu East LGA, Enugu State over a leadership dispute. The protesters accused the present Commissioner of abusing his position.

20 May 2024 - At least 100 women held a protest at Mmahu Street, Ohaji/Egbema LGA, Imo state over alleged police brutality in their communities.

**20** May 2024 - Residents of the Ezza community attacked Ikachi village in the Akparata area of Effium, Ohaukwu LGA, Ebonyi state following ongoing inter-communal violence between the two communities. Two people were beheaded, seven others including women were abducted, and five houses were set on fire.

**19** May 2024 - Unidentified armed individuals shot and killed a legal practitioner in the Umudioka-Umuohi Okija community in Ihiala LGA of Anambra state.

**19 May 2024** - Unknown persons attacked Ikachi village in the Akpataka area of the Effium community, Ohauwku LGA of Ebonyi state in an alleged communal clash. Two persons were killed, an unknown number of others were wounded and seven persons were abducted by the assailants who burnt several houses.

### SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased as compared to the previous week with 8 victims captured, while 3 people were kidnapped during the reporting week.

Incident levels increased slightly this week, with 14 incidents reported compared to 12 previously. Gang-related activities persisted, although their frequency declined. Notably, the "Aiye" gang was prominently involved in these clashes, indicating its significant influence in the region.

Other threats included kidnappings, murders, demonstrations, and militancy. Demonstrations, particularly in Delta and Akwa Ibom States, were prominent, reflecting public dissatisfaction with the growing insecurity and perceived government inaction. The abduction of a traditional leader highlighted the rising prevalence of financially motivated crimes. The ongoing reduction in government force operations is expected to allow criminal activity to remain consistent in the coming days.

Other notable incidents included the shooting of a person by unidentified individuals in Nkek Abak, Ukanafun LGA, Akwa Ibom State, on May 20, which the police are investigating. Protests by the Traders' Welfare Union of Nigeria and Ekiosa Market Traders Association over rising food prices were held at the Edo State House of Assembly complex. On the same day, cult gang members killed a person in Isihor, Ovia North East LGA, Edo State. Increased tensions were reported in Iwuru Obio Ntan community, Biase LGA, Cross River State, following an attack on "Aiye" cult gang members by youths and community members after the gang killed one of their own. Government security forces were deployed, and suspected gang members were arrested.

Further incidents included the destruction of an illegal refinery by Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps operatives in Adobi Community, Etche LGA, Rivers State, on May 18. Women protested in the Okoloba community, Bomadi LGA, Delta State, against the return of armed youths from the Okuama community. A violent clash between the "Maphite" and "Aiye" cult gangs occurred in Benin City, Edo State, resulting in one death. Also, on May 18, gunmen abducted the Paramount Ruler of Mbo from his palace in Akwa Ibom State.

### SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

23 May 2024 - Gang members killed a traditional leader in the Useh community, Egor LGA, Edo state.

**23** May 2024 - Residents of the Oro ethnic group from Mbo, Oron, Okobo Eastern Obolo, and Urue-Offong/Oruko LGAs protested in Oron LGA, Akwa Ibom state over insecurity in their areas during their senator's visit to their constituency.

22 May 2024 - Unknown gunmen held some members of Omgbotuche Ayi Yala Worldwide (AYWI) hostage during a meeting at Harry D Hub along the Ndidem Usang Iso Road in Calabar LGA of Cross River state. The assailants reportedly abducted two persons and carted away the valuables of some members.

**22** May 2024 - Unidentified armed men suspected to be "One Chance" gang members attacked passengers in the same bus along the Airforce-Eliozu Road in Port Harcourt LGA, Rivers State. Passengers who had no money were abducted while others who made bank transfers or cash payments to the criminals were released. **20 May 2024** - Unidentified armed individuals shot and killed a person in the Nkek Abak community of Ukanafun LGA, Akwa Ibom State. The police were investigating the incident.

**20** May 2024 - Members of the Traders' Welfare Union of Nigeria and members of the Ekiosa Market Traders Association held protests at the Edo State House of Assembly complex and the secretariat of the State Council of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) in Oredo LGA, Edo state over the rising prices of food supplies in the state.

20 May 2024 - Cult gang members reportedly shot and killed one person in Isihor, Ovia North East LGA, Edo state.

**20** May 2024 - Increased tensions were reported in Iwuru Obio Ntan community, Biase LGA, Cross River state following an attack on "Aiye" cult gang members by youths and community members. This is over the killing of an "Aiye" member by his gang members on 19 May 24. An unspecified number of houses were set on fire. GSF personnel were deployed to the location, and suspected gang members were arrested.

**19 May 2024** - Members of the "Aiye" cult gang reportedly beat one of their members to death for stealing a phone belonging to a "Vikings" gang member in Iwuru Obio Ntan village, Biase LGA, Cross River state.

**18 May 2024** - Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) operatives destroyed an illegal refinery in Adobi Community, Etche LGA of Rivers state which had more than 100,000 litres of crude oil. One suspect was arrested and a yellow Robin EY 20 pumping machine, galvanized metal pipes, long large hoses, vandalized well heads, and suspected stolen crude stored in reservoirs, calibrated surface tanks, processed diesel in cooking pots, and a metal bucket were recovered from the site.

**18** May 2024 - A group of women protested in the Okoloba community against the return of armed youths in the Okuama community, Bomadi LGA of Delta state, carrying placards with various inscriptions.

**18** May 2024 - There was a violent clash between the "Maphite" and the "Aiye" cult gangs along the Sapele Road, Benin City, Oredo LGA, Edo state. One person was killed.

**18** May **2024** - Gunmen abducted the Paramount Ruler of Mbo from his palace in Ebughu, Mbo LGA, Akwa Ibom state.

**18** May 2024 - Women held a protest in the Okoloba community, Bomadi LGA, Delta state over the return of armed youths of the Okuama community in Ughelli South LGA to their community in Cross River state.

### SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities stayed the same as the previous week with 6 fatalities captured while no individuals were also kidnapped during the reporting week.

Incident levels slightly increased this week, with 11 incidents reported compared to 9 previously. The majority of these incidents were gangrelated, particularly in Lagos State, indicating a substantial focus on gang violence during this period. Other forms of criminality saw a significant reduction, suggesting a concentrated effort to address gang activities. While the overall security threat declined during this period, the trend and pattern of events suggest an anticipated increase in kidnapping, gang violence, and robberies in the coming week. The persistent presence of criminal gang groups in the region makes the likelihood of increased criminal activity very high.

On May 23, a violent clash between members of the "Buccaneers" and the "Eiye" cult gangs at Crown Polytechnic, Odo, Ado-Ekiti LGA, Ekiti State, resulted in unspecified injuries. Violent clashes between rival cult gangs were also reported: on May 20, between cult gangs at PPL along the LASU-Badagry Road, Ojo LGA, Lagos State, resulting in one death and one injury; between the "Aiye" and the "Vikings" cult gangs in Ikota Housing Estate, Ajah, Eti-Osa LGA, Lagos State, resulting in one gang member's death; and on May 19, between the "Eiye" and the "Aiye" cult gangs in Orile Iganmu, Surulere LGA, Lagos State, with unspecified casualties.

On May 21, unknown armed men abducted two LGA staff members who were UN entity third-party personnel along the Iseyin-Okeho Road, Oyo State. The victims, returning from a training workshop in Ibadan, were ambushed, and their whereabouts remain unknown. On the same day, armed men invaded Olorunda village in Ipokia LGA, Ogun State, killing one person and wounding many others. Security forces arrested ten gang members and recovered weapons.

Other incidents included a protest by at least 500 former Dana Air staff members in Lagos over their dismissal and unpaid entitlements. Additionally, residents of Ikoga-Zebbe community in Badagry LGA, Lagos State, protested the dismissal of Lagos University lecturers between 2017 and 2019. These incidents highlight ongoing gang violence, criminal activities, and public dissatisfaction with local governance, indicating a volatile security environment that requires sustained intervention.

#### SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

**23** May 2024 - There was a violent clash between members of the "Buccaneers" and the "Eiye" cult gangs at the Crown Polytechnic, Odo, Ado-Ekiti LGA, Ekiti state. An unspecified number of people were injured. **21** May 2024 - Unknown armed men abducted two LGA staff members who are UN entity third-party personnel, along the Iseyin – Okeho Road, Oyo state. The victims were returning home from a two-day training workshop held at Ibadan when their vehicle was ambushed. The abductors have yet to contact anyone and the whereabouts of the victims are unknown.

**21** May 2024 - Armed men invaded Olorunda village via Atan along the Idiroko Expressway of Ipokia LGA, Ogun state, killing one person and wounding many others. The SF deployed to the scene, arrested ten members of the gang and recovered two guns, an unspecified quantity of ammunition and assorted arms from the suspects

**21** May 2024 - At least 500 former members of staff of Dana Air held a protest at the state headquarters of the aviation company in Oshodi, Oshodi/Isolo LGA, Lagos state over their unlawful dismissal as well as the refusal of the airline to pay their contributory pension, April salaries, and other entitlements.

**20** May 2024 - There was a violent clash between rival cult gangs at PPL, along the LASU-Badagry Road, Ojo LGA, Lagos state. One person was killed, and another was injured.

**20 May 2024** - There was a violent clash between the "Aiye" and the "Vikings" cult gangs at the Ikota Housing Estate area in Ajah, Eti-Osa LGA, Lagos state. One gang member was killed.

**19 May 2024** - •There was a violent clash between the "Eiye" and the "Aiye" cult gangs in Orile Iganmu, Surulere LGA, Lagos state. An unspecified number of people were reportedly killed.

18 May 2024 - A man stabbed another to death over a disagreement in the Oko Oba area of Agege LGA, Lagos state. The suspect was arrested.

**18 May 2024** - Clashes erupted between the "Aiye" and the "Eiye" criminal gang members in the Ijoko Ota area of Ado-Odo/Ota LGA, Ogun state. One person was killed during the unrest.

**18 May 2024** - Residents of the Ikoga-Zebbe community in Badagry LGA, Lagos state protested the dismissal of Lagos University lecturers between 2017 and 2019.

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