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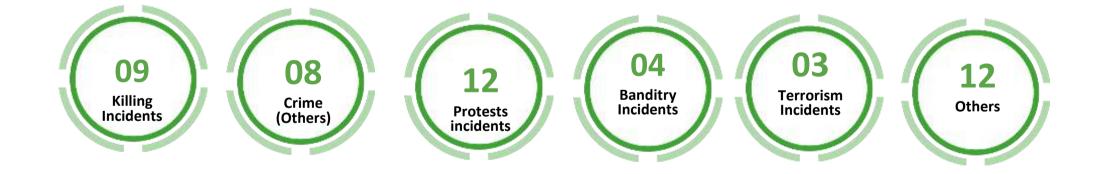
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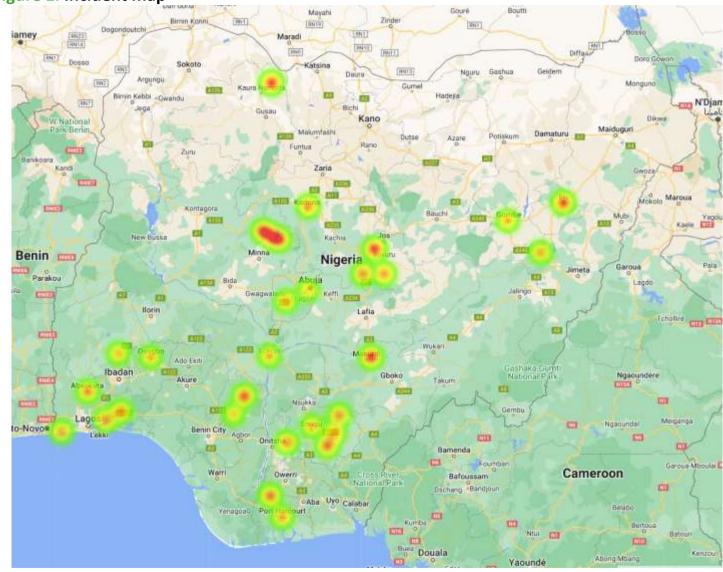
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## **Executive Summary**

## **Countrywide Incidents for the Week**

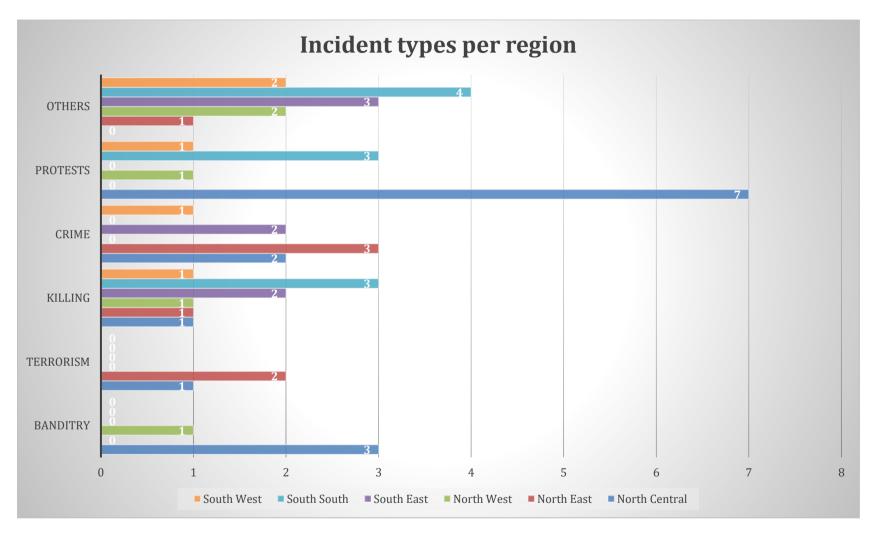
- **1.** NLC embarked on a nationwide strike causing strain in activities on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.
- 2. Armed robbers cause tension in the Gwarimpa area of Abuja.
- 3. Boko Haram terrorists kill 20 in Niger State.
- 4. Troops of the Multi-National Joint Task Force (MNJTF), kill 140 Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) in Borno state.
- 5. Violent Cult Clashes persist in Southern Nigeria.





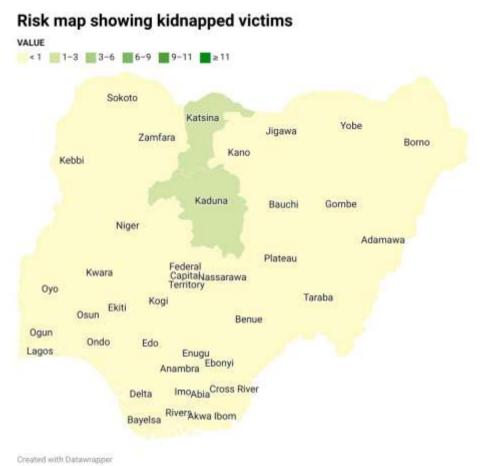
#### Figure 1. Incident map

Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region



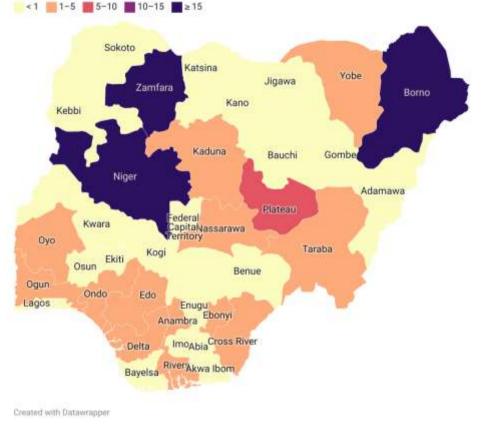
## **Weekly Statistics**

#### Figure 3.



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.

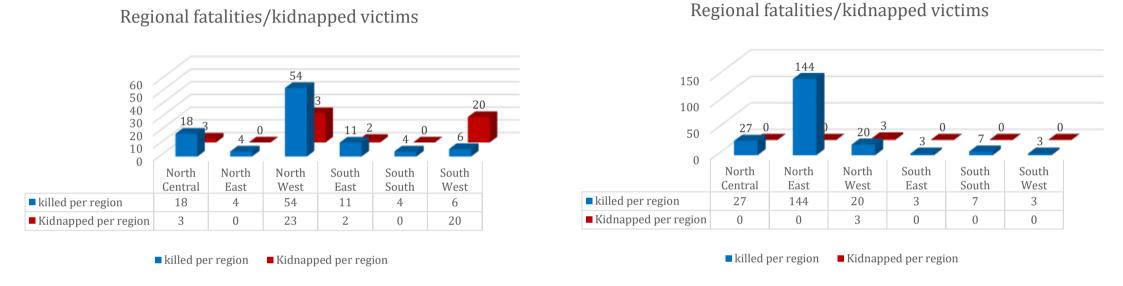
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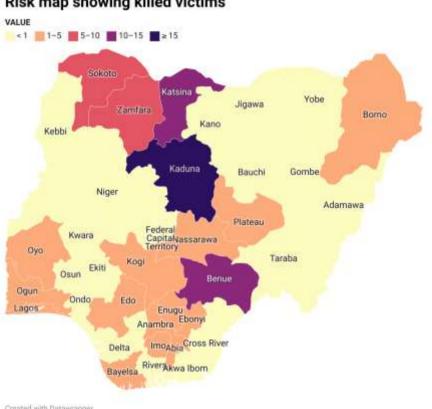
#### Figure 6. Week 23



The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 22 and week 23. 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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#### Figure 7. Week 22



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

#### Figure 8. Week 23

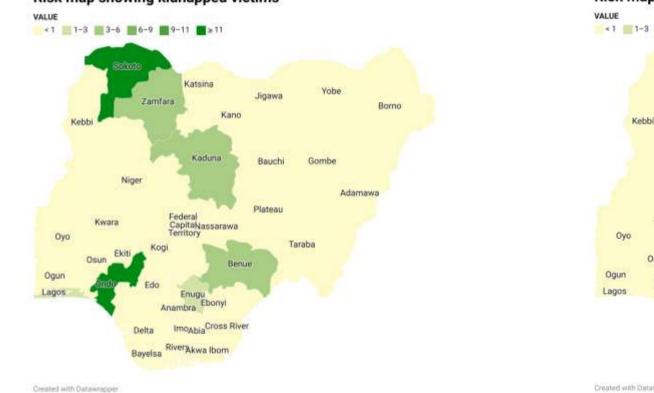


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The above figure shows a risk map contrasting areas where fatalities occurred in the country. The contrast between week 22 and week 23 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and 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 Niger, Zamfara and Borno states having the most fatalities nationwide.

#### Figure 9. Week 22



#### Risk map showing kidnapped victims

Figure 10. Week 23



Risk map showing kidnapped victims

The above figure captures areas where victims fall into kidnapping threats the most or least. In week 23, most kidnapped victims were from Kaduna and Katsina states. This is most likely because kidnap incidents were underreported in other states during the week.

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

Analysis – During the week, the number of fatalities increased significantly to 27 individuals, while the count of kidnapping victims decreased with no reported victims. This can be attributed to underreporting during the week.

The North Central region experienced an increase in reported incidents, from 10 the previous week to 14 this week. Key threats like herdsmen attacks, kidnappings, armed assaults, and strikes remain significant concerns. The period from June 1 to June 7, 2024, witnessed a series of strikes and violent incidents reflecting a broad spectrum of societal discontent and insecurity. The majority of the occurrences reported on June 3, 2024, and June 6, 2024, are related to violence and security incidents. These include attacks by suspected Boko Haram terrorists, armed robbers, and herders, resulting in fatalities, injuries, and property damage. In some cases, the incidents have also led to protests and blockades of roads.

On June 3, 2024, various labour unions and professional bodies in Nigeria embarked on industrial actions, including strikes by the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Trade Union Congress (TUC), Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN), and Healthcare providers at Kubwa General Hospital. These actions resulted in the shutdown of operations in various sectors, including courts, hospitals, and federal secretariats. The ASUU also joined the strike. However, on 4 June 2024, the strike was called off, pending implementation by the government.

Other occurrences reported on June 3, 2024, indicate social unrest and protests in various parts of the country. These include protests by youths, women, and children in the Antsa community in Makurdi Local Government Area of Benue State over attacks by suspected herdsmen. Similarly, protests were reported at the UniAgric Makurdi-Gbajimba Road and the Federal Secretariat in Abuja.

### **NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List**

**07** June 2024 – About 270 intending pilgrims protested at the Ilorin International Airport, Kwara state over a delayed flight to Saudi Arabia for this year's Hajj exercise on Friday.

**06 June 2024** – Twenty people have been reported killed in one of a series of attacks by suspected Boko Haram terrorists that began on Thursday in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State.

**06** June 2024 – At least 10 armed robbers reportedly attacked a compound with four apartments including the apartment of an INGO employee at Gwarimpa, Abuja, Life Camp Junction along Karimu, AMAC. The INGO employee was injured, one of his neighbours was assaulted, and valuables, money, and an ATM card were stolen.

**04 June 2024** – Armed men reportedly killed three of their kidnap victims in the Nasarawa Eggon LGA of Nasarawa state. The victims were abducted in Wamba village and moved to Nasarawa Eggon where they were killed.

**03** June 2024 – Suspected gunmen have again killed five persons in Kimakpa village of Kwall District in Bassa local government area of Plateau State.

**03** June 2024 – Unidentified men, attacked members of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) enforcing the labour strike at a private transport company in Jos, Jos North LGA, Plateau state. At least four NLC members were injured.

**03 June 2024** – Youths, women and children of Antsa community in Makurdi Local Government Area of Benue State have blocked the UniAgric Makurdi-Gbajimba Road over attacks by suspected herdsmen.

**03** June 2024 – Herders attacked the Asta community in Makurdi LGA, Benue state and injured at least 10 people. GSF personnel were deployed to the area and engaged the herders in a firefight until they withdrew. Youths of the community held a protest later in the day over the attack. The protesters blocked the road leading to the Joseph Sawuan University of Agriculture.

**03** June 2024 – The Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria, (JUSUN) has reportedly shut down operations in Abuja in compliance with the strike action by the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC). Reports indicate that judges, lawyers, staff, and litigants were prevented from accessing the courts. Security operatives were noted at the Courts' premises.

**03 June 2024** – Healthcare providers at Kubwa General Hospital, Abuja have reportedly shut down operations in compliance with the strike action by the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC).

**03 June 2024 – The** Federal Secretariat has reportedly shut down operations in compliance with the strike action by the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC)in Abuja. Aside from the withdrawal of services, associated demonstrations are likely at the facility.

**03 June 2024** – The Academic Staff Union of Universities, ASUU, has joined the ongoing strike embarked up from Monday, by the Nigeria Labour Congress, NLC, and Trade Union Congress, TUCin Abuja.

**03 June 2024** – The Nigeria Labour Congress, NLC, and the Trade Union Congress of Nigeria, TUC, commenced m their indefinite nationwide strike today in Abuja, over the federal government's refusal to increase the minimum wage from N60,000.

**01** June 2024 – Gunmen attacked a police checkpoint in Orokam, Ogbadibo LGA, Benue state. At least one policeman was shot and injured.

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

Analysis – There was an overall increase in the number of fatalities as 144 persons were killed while kidnapped victims remained the same as the previous week, with no kidnap victims during the week. This can be attributed to underreporting during the week.

The region experienced only 7 major incidents this week, indicating a slight increase, compared to the previous month. Patterns of incidents include IED attacks, armed assaults, terrorist attacks, and security operations. ISWAP and Boko Haram activities remain active, the period from June 1 to June 7, 2024, was marked by terrorist activities and attacks involving various armed groups. In Yobe State, the security situation remains precarious with multiple incidents of violence. On June 6, 2024, armed robbers attacked a compound in Don Ethebet Estate, Damaturu LGA, stealing valuables from one of the apartments before fleeing when the occupants raised an alarm. This incident highlights the prevalence of criminal activities in residential areas. Just a day earlier, on June 5, 2024, suspected Boko Haram insurgents killed three passengers travelling on the Biu-Damaturu Road after abducting them.

Borno State continues to grapple with insurgent activities, with significant clashes between security forces and militant groups. On June 6, 2024, ISWAP insurgents fired mortar rounds targeting a GSF location in Banki town, Bama LGA, indicating ongoing hostilities and the strategic targeting of security infrastructure by insurgents. In a major counter-terrorism operation on June 3, 2024, the Multi-National Joint Task Force (MNJTF) killed 140 ISWAP insurgents and arrested 57 others in Marte LGA. This operation demonstrates the efforts of security forces to curb the influence of militant groups in the region, although the persistent attacks reveal the challenges in achieving lasting peace.

Gombe State experienced civil unrest linked to local grievances against security agencies. On June 3, 2024, a mob attacked the Lafiyawo office of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) over allegations of extortion and harassment, necessitating the deployment of GSF personnel to restore order. This incident reflects the tensions between the local population and security agencies, exacerbating the security challenges in the region. Meanwhile, in Taraba State, the assassination of the district head of the Usumanu Community on June 2, 2024, and in Bauchi State, the attack on a man near the Central Mosque on June 1, 2024, where his hand was severed, highlight the pervasive violence and threats posed by unidentified armed groups, further destabilizing the North Central region.

### NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

**06** June 2024 – Armed robbers attacked a compound with 11 apartments including the apartment of an NGO worker in Don Ethebet Estate, Damaturu LGA, Yobe state. Valuables were stolen from one of the apartments, and the robbers fled after the occupants raised an alarm.

06 June 2024 – ISWAP insurgents fired mortar rounds targeting a GSF location in Banki town, Bama LGA, Borno state. No further details.

**05** June 2024 – Suspected Boko Haram insurgents have killed three passengers plying on the Biu-Damaturu Road in Yobe State. The assailants abducted them on the road on Wednesday before later killing them.

**03** June 2024 – Troops of the Multi-National Joint Task Force (MNJTF), have killed 140 Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) insurgents and arrested 57 others in Marte Local Government Area of Borno State.

**03** June 2024 – A mob attacked the Lafiyawo office of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Gombe, Gombe state, over alleged extortion and harassment. GSF personnel were deployed to the area to restore order.

**02** June 2024 – Unidentified armed men stormed the Usumanu Community district head's residence in Taraba state and shot him dead. The reason for the attack was not ascertained.

**01 June 2024** – Unidentified individuals attacked a man around the Central Mosque in Bauchi Municipal, Bauchi state and cut off his hand, while on his way to Friday prayers.

### NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased significantly, with 20 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals also decreased significantly with only 3 victims during the week.

In Zamfara State, on June 6, 2024, a large-scale attack by at least 300 bandits on Magasa village in Zurmi LGA resulted in the deaths of 12 people, including a member of the Zamfara State Community Guard Force and seven policemen. The assailants also set fire to two houses, one vehicle, and an unspecified number of grain silos, reflecting the severe impact of banditry on the region. This incident underscores the ongoing security challenges in Zamfara State, where large armed groups continue to perpetrate violence and destruction, overwhelming local security forces and devastating communities.

In Kaduna State, on June 4, 2024, the Nigeria Police foiled a kidnap attempt targeting Umar Musa, the Paramount Ruler of Ninzo Chiefdom in Sanga LGA, though the whereabouts of his wife remain unknown. The same day, a military officer was tragically stabbed to death by suspected phone thieves in the Anguwan Sarki area, highlighting the multifaceted nature of insecurity in the state. Additionally, on June 3, 2024, bandits in

Katsina State abducted two lecturers from the Federal University Dutsin Ma, including Prof. Richard Kyaram and his son, Solomon, and Dr Hamza. Meanwhile, in Kano State, healthcare providers at Muhammadu Abdullahi Wase Teaching Hospital shut down operations in compliance with a nationwide strike by the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC), reflecting the broader socio-economic unrest affecting various sectors across the country.

### NORTH WEST (NW) - Incident List

**06** June 2024 – At least 300 bandits attacked Magasa village in Zurmi LGA, Zamfara State. 12 people including a member of the Zamfara State Community Guard Force, and seven policemen were killed. The bandits set fire to two houses, one vehicle, and an unspecified number of grain silos.

**04 June 2024** – The Nigeria Police in Kaduna has foiled the attempted kidnap of Umar Musa, the Paramount Ruler of Ninzo Chiefdom in Sanga Local Government Area, Kaduna state. While confirming the kidnap attempt, ASP Mansir Hassan, spokesperson of the command, said although they had succeeded in foiling the attack, the whereabouts of the Chief's wife were still unknown

04 June 2024 – A military officer was stabbed to death in the Anguwan Sarki area, in Kaduna state by suspected phone thieves.

**03** June 2024 – Bandits have abducted two lecturers of the Federal University Dutsin Ma, Katsina State Prof. Richard Kyaram and one Dr Hamza. It was gathered that Mr Kyaram was abducted together with his son, Solomon.

**03** June 2024 – Health Care providers at the Muhammadu Abdullahi Wase Teaching Hospital (MAWTH), Kano state have reportedly shut down operations in compliance with the strike action by the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC).

## SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased with 03 killed victims while kidnap victims decreased slightly with no recorded victims during the week. This can be attributed to the underreporting of incidents in the region.

In Abia State, a series of violent incidents have been reported, primarily involving clashes between rival cult gangs. On June 5, 2024, a violent clash occurred between the "Aye" and "Vikings" cult gangs in the World Bank area of Aba, Aba North LGA, resulting in unspecified injuries among gang members. This was preceded by another confrontation between the "Aye" and "Buccaneers" on June 2, 2024, at Michael Okpara University

of Agriculture, Umudike, Ikwuano LGA, over the theft of a phone. Additionally, on the same day, members of the "Aye" and "Vikings" gangs clashed violently in Osisioma, Osisioma LGA, with details of the incident remaining sparse.

In Enugu State, tensions arose on June 4, 2024, when the state task force enforcing a ban on the activities of plastic and iron scavengers clashed with the scavengers. This incident took place at Abakpa Nike, where the task force attempted to prevent the loading of suspected stolen and vandalized items into trailers. The clash underscores the ongoing struggle between state enforcement agencies and illegal scavenging operations, reflecting broader issues of law enforcement and illicit economic activities in the state.

Ebonyi State witnessed multiple violent incidents on June 4, 2024. In the Isu community, two adult males were ambushed and killed by unidentified armed men. On the same day, gunmen attacked the Ohaukwu police station in Ezzamgbo, Ohaukwu LGA. A firefight ensued between the police and the attackers, leading to the retreat of the gunmen after setting operational vehicles on fire.

#### SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

**05** June 2024 - There was a violent clash between members of the "Aye" and the "Vikings" cult gangs at the World Bank area of Aba, Aba North LGA, Abia State. An unspecified number of gang members were injured.

**04 June 2024** - The Enugu State task force enforcing the government's ban on the activities of plastic and iron scavengers, Tuesday, clashed with scavengers. The incident occurred as the team members were trying to prevent the loading of suspected stolen and vandalized items into trailers to their illicit buyers at scavengers' dumpsite located at Abakpa Nike, Enugu state.

**04 June 2024** - Two adult males were ambushed and shot dead by unidentified armed men in the Isu community, Ebonyi state. The killers were unknown and not arrested.

**04 June 2024** - Gunmen attacked the Ohaukwu police station in Ezzamgbo, Ohaukwu LGA, Ebonyi state. Policemen engaged the gunmen in a firefight until they withdrew. An unspecified number of operational vehicles were set on fire.

**02** June 2024 - There was an altercation between members of the "Aye" and the "Buccaneers" cult gangs at the Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAU), Ikwuano LGA, Abia state after one of the cult gang members forcefully collected a rival cult gang member's phone.

**02** June 2024 - There was a violent clash between members of the "Aye" and the "Vikings" cult gangs in Osisioma, Osisioma LGA, Abia state. No further details.

**01 June 2024** - An armed person shot and killed someone in Umudioka-Umuohi, Anambra state.

#### SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased as compared to the previous week with 7 victims captured, while no people were kidnapped during the reporting week.

In Edo State, the period has been marked by significant unrest and violence, particularly involving cult gangs and student protests. On June 6, 2024, academic and commercial activities were disrupted at Ambrose Alli University (AAU) in Ekpoma as students protested their inability to register for courses. This was compounded by a violent clash on June 5, 2024, between the "Aye" and "Vikings" cult gangs near the Auchi Polytechnic Campus gate in Etsako West LGA, resulting in one death. Additionally, on June 4, 2024, the "Maphite" cult gang killed a member of the "Aye" cult gang in Ikpoba-Okha LGA, and another clash between these gangs occurred on June 2, 2024, at Ring Road in Benin City, Oredo LGA, leaving one member dead.

In Cross River State, tension and violence were notable, particularly around the Marian Market in Calabar. On June 5, 2024, fears of reprisal attacks emerged after a Hausa boy was allegedly killed by rate-collecting agents at the market. The same day, chaos erupted at the Heritage Bank branch in Calabar as angry customers, fearing for their deposits, gathered to demand their money but were denied entry, threatening to shut down the facility. Delta and Bayelsa States also saw significant unrest. On June 6, 2024, a communal clash in Oghara, Ethiope West LGA, Delta State, resulted in one death, highlighting ongoing local conflicts. Meanwhile, in Bayelsa State, seven protesting communities in the Shell Petroleum Development Company Estuary Area threatened to shut down the oil firm's facilities if their demands for a separate Host Community Development Trust were not met on June 4, 2024.

### **SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List**

**06 June 2024** - Academic and commercial activities within Ambrose Alli University, AAU, Ekpoma, Edo state were crippled on Thursday following a protest by students over the inability to register for their courses.

06 Delta 2024 - There was a communal clash in Oghara, Ethiope West LGA, Delta state. One person was reportedly killed

**05** June 2024 - Fears of reprisal permeated the popular Marian Market in Calabar, Cross River state and its environs following the alleged killing of a Hausa boy, allegedly by some rate-collecting agents. The reported killing took place on Wednesday afternoon at the market when the rate agents accosted the boy.

**05** June 2024 - There's chaos at the Heritage Bank branch in Calabar, Cross River state where angry customers have threatened to shut down the facility if their deposits are tampered with. As early as 7 a.m. on Wednesday, hundreds of clients gathered at the bank's Calabar head office door, which is opposite the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Calabar office, seeking admission to collect their money from Heritage Bank but were denied entry.

**05** June 2024 - There was a violent clash between members of the "Aye" and the "Vikings" cult gangs at Heaven Street close to the Auchi Polytechnic Campus gate, Etsako West LGA, Edo state. One gang member was reportedly killed.

**04 June 2024** - Seven protesting communities occupying Shell Petroleum Development Company Estuary Area in Bayelsa State have threatened to shut down the oil firm's facilities if their demand for a separate Host Community Development Trust is not met.

**04 June 2024** - Members of the "Maphite" cult gang killed a member of the "Aye" cult gang at Agbor Road in Ikpoba-Okha LGA, Edo state.

**02** June 2024 - Some youths and vigilante members attacked each other in the Egbeda community, Rivers state killing one person and burning two houses. Nine suspects were arrested.

**02 June 2024** - There was a violent clash between members of the "Aye" and the "Maphite" cult gangs at the Ring Road area in Benin City, Oredo LGA, Edo state. One cult gang member was killed.

**01 June 2024** - A cult gang member was shot and killed at the 3rd Circular Road by the Edo College School Junction, Benin City, Oredo LGA, Edo state.

## **SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary**

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased slightly with 5 fatalities captured while no individuals were also kidnapped during the reporting week. This can be attributed to underreporting in the region.

In Ogun State, a violent clash erupted on June 4, 2024, between members of the "Aye" and "Eiye" cult gangs in Atan-Ota, Ado-Odo/Ota LGA, resulting in the death of one person. The sounds of gunfire continued to echo in the area, creating an atmosphere of fear and insecurity. This

incident highlights the persistent issue of cult-related violence in Ogun State, which has been a significant source of unrest and poses ongoing challenges to law enforcement and community safety.

Lagos State faced notable disruptions due to industrial action and violent incidents. On June 3, 2024, activities at Lagos, Port Harcourt, and Abuja airports were brought to a halt following an indefinite strike by labour unions, including the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC). The strike was called due to disagreements over the new minimum wage and increased electricity tariffs, showcasing the broader economic and labour-related grievances affecting the state. Additionally, on June 2, 2024, an armed group attacked customs officers in the Erekiti area of Lagos while they were evacuating smuggled rice, injuring two officers and underscoring the ongoing challenges in curbing smuggling activities.

In Oyo and Ondo States, violence and insecurity were prevalent. On June 2, 2024, a violent clash between "Aye" and "Eiye" cult gangs occurred in Olodo, Egbeda LGA, Oyo State, resulting in the death of a cult member, further reflecting the widespread issue of cult violence in southwestern Nigeria. Meanwhile, in Ondo State, unidentified assailants broke into a man's house in Akungba-Akoko on June 1, 2024, and killed him, with the victim's wife reporting the incident to the police.

#### SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

**04 June 2024** - There was a violent clash between members of the "Aye" and the "Eiye" cult gangs in Atan-Ota, Ado-Odo/Ota LGA, Ogun state. One person was killed. Sounds of gunfire were later reported in the area.

**03** June 2024 - Activities have been grounded at the Lagos, Port Harcourt, and Abuja airports following the indefinite strike declared by labour unions. The Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC) had declared the industrial action over a lack of consensus on the new minimum wage and the hike in electricity tariff.

**02** June 2024 - An armed group with charms and machetes attacked some customs officers while evacuating smuggled rice in the Erekiti area, Lagos state. Two officers were wounded during the incident

**02** June 2024 - There was a violent clash between members of the "Aye" and the "Eiye" cult gangs in the vicinity of Olodo, Egbeda LGA, Oyo state. One cult gang member was killed.

**01 June 2024** - Unidentified persons allegedly broke into a man's house in the Akungba-Akoko, Ondo state area and killed him. The victim's wife reported the incident at a police station.

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