# NIGERIA WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT 20 July 2024 – 26 July 2024

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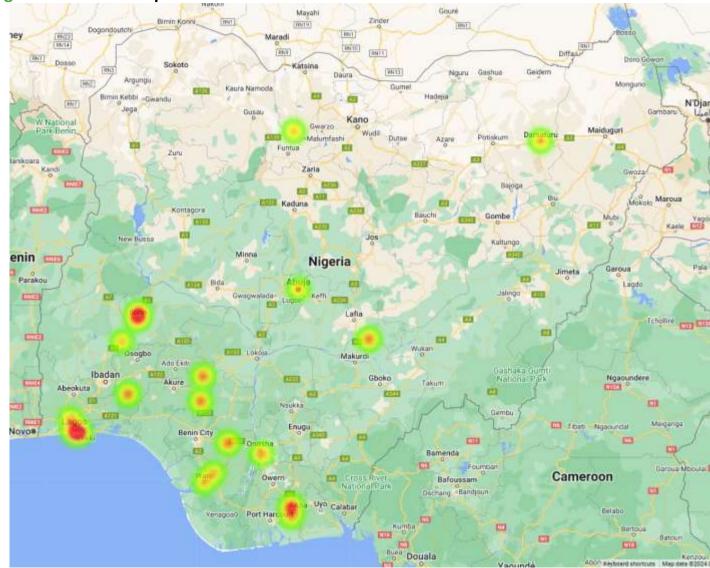
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## **Executive Summary**

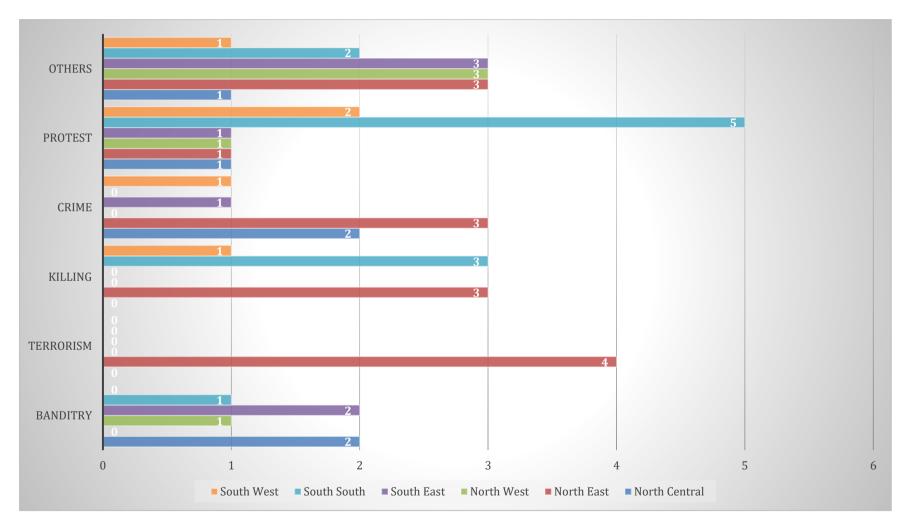
## **Countrywide Incidents for the Week**

- 1. Four incidents of gang violence occurred in Benue, Kwara, Edo, and Delta States, resulting in four casualties.
- 2. Bandit activity persisted, with 6 incursions recorded nationwide.
- **3.** Civil society organizations and youth groups have organized a 10-day protest in state capitals and the FCT from August 1 to August 10. The demonstration aims to address the country's ongoing cost-of-living crisis.
- 4. A Security convoy struck an IED in Kukawa LGA, Borno State, resulting in several fatalities.





#### Figure 1. Incident map



#### Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

## **Weekly Statistics**

Figure 3.



Risk map showing killed victims



Figure 4.

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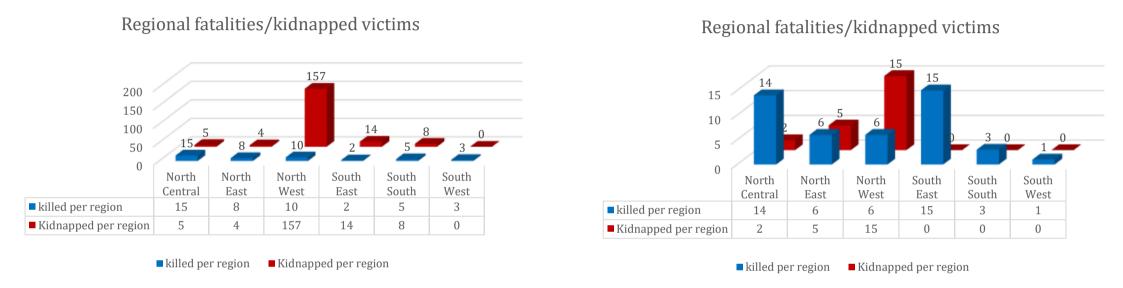
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The above risk maps show locations where citizens were killed and kidnapped in the reporting week. Figure 3 represents areas where abductions occurred, while Figure 4 reflects locations with recorded fatalities.

## Weekly trend analysis

Figure 5. Week 29

#### Figure 6. Week 30



The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 29 and week 30. 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 29

#### Figure 8. Week 30



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



#### Risk map showing killed victims

The above figure shows a risk map contrasting areas where fatalities occurred in the country. The contrast between week 29 and week 30 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and least. The color intensity and lightness depict areas with the least and most fatalities. Based on the above map, there was an overall decrease in fatalities, with Abia state having the most fatalities nationwide.

#### Figure 9. Week 29

#### **Risk map showing kidnapped victims** VALUE <1 1 1-3 1-3 1-6 10-9 10-11 11-20 12 ≥20</p> Sokoto Katsina Yobe Jigawa Borno Kano Kebbi Kaduna Gombe Bauchi Niger Adamawa Plateau Federa Kwara CapitaNassarawa Territory Oyo Taraba Kogi Ekiti Osun Benue Ogun Ondo Lagos Ar Imo<sub>Abia</sub>Cross River Delta River Akwa Ibom Bayelsa

#### Figure 10. Week 30



#### Risk map showing kidnapped victims

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The above figure captures areas where victims fall into kidnapping threats the most or least. In week 30, most kidnapped victims were from Kaduna state. 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 decreased slightly with 14 fatalities recorded, while the count of kidnapping victims decreased significantly, with over 2 victims.

The North Central region experienced a slight decrease in reported incidents, from 9 the previous week to 06 this week. Critical threats include armed attacks, robbery, kidnapping, and gang violence. A notable kidnapping incident in Kogi State involved the abduction of two Chinese nationals, underscoring the prevalence of financially driven crime in the region and across the country. Additionally, on 21 July 2024, an assault in Chito village, Ukum LGA, Benue State, resulted in at least nine fatalities, underscoring the high level of violence perpetrated by gunmen in rural communities. These incidents reflect a pattern of coordinated attacks aimed at destabilizing regions and instilling fear among the populace.

The incidents of protests and criminal activities reflect different facets of security challenges. On 23 July 2024, contractors protested at the Federal Capital Development Authority in Abuja over unpaid dues, prompting the deployment of GSF personnel. This incident underscores the potential for civil unrest to increase due to unresolved socio-economic issues. Concurrently, in Nasarawa State, law enforcement responded to armed robbery activities in New Karu on 21 and 23 July 2024, resulting in the arrest of eight criminals and the recovery of stolen items, including laptops, mobile phones, and weapons. These arrests highlight ongoing efforts by the police to combat criminal elements. Although herder-related violence declined during this period, the risk of further incidents remains high in the region. Current threat patterns are expected to persist in the coming days.

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

24 July 2024 – GSF personnel engaged gunmen in a firefight in Kwandu village, Kwali Area Council of Abuja. No further details.

**23** July 2024 – Contractors held a protest demanding their payments at the entrance gate of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA), Area 11, Garki, AMAC, Abuja. GSF personnel were deployed to the location.

**23** July 2024 – The Nasarawa State Police arrested five notorious criminals at New Karu while responding to an armed robbery attack. Consequently, two laptops, eight mobile phones of different brands, a power bank, an MP3 Player, three ATM cards, one Dane gun, a flat-screen television set, three flash drives, one cutlass, and a catapult were recovered from the suspects.

22 July 2024 – Information received revealed that armed individuals launched an armed attack on a mining site located on the outskirts of Lokoja, the capital of Kogi State, killing five security personnel and abducting two Chinese nationals.

21 July 2024 – Armed robbers attacked residents in New Karu, Karu LGA, Nasarawa state. Policemen were deployed to the location. Three robbers were arrested. Two laptops, eight mobile phones, one power bank, one MP3 player, three ATM cards, one Dane gun, one television, three flash drives, and one machete were recovered.

21 July 2024 – Gunmen attacked Chito village in Ukum LGA, Benue state, and killed at least nine people.

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

Analysis – There was an overall decrease in the number of fatalities as 6 persons were killed while kidnapped victims increased slightly to 5 victims as compared to the previous month.

The region experienced 14 major incidents this week, which is an increase, compared to the previous week. Patterns of incidents include terrorist attacks, counter-terrorism operations, kidnapping, and criminal incidents. Most incidents reported this week occurred in Borno and Yobe States. The incidents on 25 July 2024, highlight the ongoing security challenges in Borno and Yobe states. An RPIED attack along the Monguno-Kukawa Road in Kukawa LGA resulted in unspecified GSF personnel fatalities, reflecting the persistent threat posed by insurgent groups. Additionally, an IED planted by ISWAP elements in Ngirbuwa village, Gujba LGA, Yobe State, injured a teenage boy and other civilians, underscoring the indiscriminate nature of terrorist activities targeting both security forces and civilians. On 21 July 2024, ISWAP operatives abducted individuals in Bama and Damasak, Borno State, demonstrating the group's operational capacity and the ongoing risk of abductions in the region.

Criminal activities continue to pose significant challenges across different states. On 24 July 2024, a POS operator in Damaturu, Yobe State, was attacked by suspected criminals using bows and arrows, though no casualties were reported. This unusual method of attack indicates the adaptability of criminal elements in resource-limited settings. On the same day, a clash between rival cult gangs in Bauchi resulted in a severe injury, while in Adamawa, HG SF arrested suspects involved in murder and witchcraft accusations on 23 July 2024. These incidents reflect the diverse nature of criminal activities, from theft and murder to cult violence. Law enforcement agencies are actively responding, as evidenced by arrests and ongoing investigations, but the prevalence of such incidents highlights the need for continuous and adaptive security measures. Furthermore, the proposed nationwide "End Bad Government in Nigeria" has posed significant tension across the county, as the protesters appear determined to exercise their civil rights to denounce the economic hardship amidst government pleas for patience and pro-government

groups plotting a counter-protest.

## NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

**25** July 2024 – Some suspected criminals reportedly attacked a POS operator with bows and arrows in the vicinity of Nyanya ward, Damaturu town, Yobe state, and dispossessed him of a certain amount of cash. No casualties were recorded. Meanwhile, an investigation is ongoing by the HG Police to arrest the perpetrators of the act.

**25** July 2024 – A convoy of GSF personnel drove over an RPIED along the Monguno-Kukawa Road, Kukawa LGA, Borno state. An unspecified number of GSF personnel were killed.

**25** July 2024 – Youths held a protest in the vicinity of the Post Office in Maiduguri, Maiduguri LGA, Borno state to express their opposition to the upcoming nationwide protest. GSF personnel were deployed to the location to restore order.

24 July 2024 – One person was severely wounded in a clash between two rival cult gangs IVO Unguwan Shekal Area in Bauchi Metropolis, Bauchi state. The victim was taken to the hospital for medical attention. A police investigation is ongoing.

24 July 2024 – An IED assessed to be emplaced by ISWAP elements struck a teenage boy and a few other civilians on their way to the farm IVO Ngirbuwa village, Gujba Iga of Yobe state. Two people were reportedly injured and were rushed to the hospital in Buniyadi town.

**23** July 2024 – The HG SF arrested a 25-year-old man for alleged murder in the Dange community, Ganye LGA, Adamawa state. The suspect was reported to have brutally attacked and killed his friend at his farm and took away his motorcycle and a certain sum of money.

23 July 2024 – Armed men suspected to be ISWAP fighters stormed the Kasachia Community in Mairi Ward around Buniyadi town, Yobe State, and reportedly fired indiscriminately for some minutes before withdrawing. SF responded, but the attackers had withdrawn and no casualties were reported.

**23** July 2024 – The HG SF arrested two suspects for allegedly killing a man whom they accused of witchcraft in the vicinity of Kila village, Tougo LGA, Adamawa state.

**21 July 2024** – Ex-JAS Shekau gunmen abducted three male adults with their bicycles on a farm around the Bula Chiraye Community along the Banki-Bama MSR. A joint SF, CJTF, Hybrid, and Kesh-Kesh force were deployed at the scene. Bula Chiraye is about three km from Banki town along the Banki Bama MSR, Bama, Borno state.

**21** July 2024 – An ISWAP group intercepted a tractor, abducting the driver and two others on board, on a farm near Fadana Kurta village approximately 8 km E of Damasak Town, Borno state. However, one person was reportedly released and allowed to go. As of now, no ransom demands have been made.

**21** July 2024 – A member of the Police Mobile Force shot his father dead in the Maduganari area in Maiduguri, Borno state during an argument. The police arrested him and were investigating.

**21 July 2024** – A team of vigilante operatives arrested a teenage boy for alleged theft at a shop IV Unguwar Kofar Gombe Area in Bauchi Municipal, Bauchi state. The suspect was handed over to the police.

**20 July 2024** – Two vehicles (unspecified type) were stolen behind the Zara Plaza in Maiduguri town, Borno state during a wedding ceremony. Recoveries or arrests are yet to be made, and there is limited information available on the whereabouts of the missing vehicles. A police investigation is ongoing.

**20 July 2024** – ISWAP fighters attacked the Gyankolo market near Gagamari village along the Niger-Nigeria border, Borno state killed two Niger SF personnel, and carjacked one Toyota Hilux vehicle. The SF engaged the attackers in an exchange of fire along the Geidam-Chikun axis but details of the encounter were not available

#### NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased significantly, with 6 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals also decreased significantly with 15 victims during the week.

Most incidents reported this week in Northwest Nigeria were concentrated in Kaduna, Katsina, and Zamfara States. Efforts to combat banditry and criminal activities are evident in the military operations reported. On 24 July 2024, Nigerian Army troops ambushed bandits along the Tasha-Bwari Road near Gurara town, Kaduna State, resulting in the deaths of two bandits and injuries to several others. This operation demonstrates the proactive measures taken by security forces to disrupt bandit activities and reduce their operational capabilities. However, activities by these bandit groups persist within this region. Although military operations have yet to curb banditry significantly, increased military presence may lead to a temporary reduction in attacks, as bandit groups may shift their focus to other vulnerable locations.

Community responses to the ongoing security challenges were evident in the protest held by residents of Marabar, Kankara LGA, Katsina State, on 20 July 2024. The residents protested against the increased bandit attacks in their community, highlighting the local population's frustration and demand for more effective security measures. The protest, which resulted in a road blockade and traffic gridlock, underscores the urgent need for authorities to address the root causes of insecurity and to reassure the public of their safety. This incident reflects a broader trend of civilian protests in response to perceived inadequate security responses and the significant impact of banditry on daily life.

## NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

**25** July 2024 – Armed individuals linked to an OCG invaded Anguwan Yelwa in the Agunu ward of Kachia LGA, Kaduna State, and abducted seven people. An investigation by the police is ongoing.

24 July 2024 – Troops of the Nigerian Army ambushed bandits along the Tasha-Bwari Road near Gurara town, between Kachia and Kagarko LGAs, Kaduna state. Two bandits were killed, an unspecified number sustained gunshot wounds, and arms were recovered.

24 July 2024 – Bandits attacked Ka'ida village along the Kasuwar Daji-Gusau Road in Bungudu LGA, Zamfara state. Four people were killed, and an unspecified number of people were abducted.

**22** July 2024 – Gunmen abducted at least seven people in Idon community, Kajuru LGA, Kaduna state.

**20** July 2024 – Residents of Marabar in Kankara LGA, Katsina state held a protest over increased bandits' attacks in their community. The protesters barricaded the road, resulting in traffic gridlock.

### SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased significantly, with 15 killed victims while kidnap victims decreased with no kidnap victims recorded during the reporting week.

This week, incidents in Southeast Nigeria were notably reported in Abia, Imo, and Enugu States. Robbery and ambushes by militants were significant threats identified during the week, with Abia State being the most affected. On 23 July, two OCG members were neutralized during an attempted attack on an Army unit in Aba, resulting in civilian injuries due to crossfire. Additionally, on 21 July, a POS operator was killed in Osisioma LGA, and a security officer and three civilians were shot dead during a separate attack by unidentified armed persons on Ngwa Road, Aba. These events illustrate the high level of violence in the region, targeting both civilians and security personnel. The engagement of GSF

personnel in clearance operations at IPOB/ESN hideouts in Umunneochi LGA, Abia State, and Okigwe LGA, Imo State, on 20 July, resulting in the recovery of arms and neutralization of suspects, highlights ongoing efforts to dismantle insurgent networks. The 23 July attempted attack on an Army unit in Aba, which resulted in the neutralization of two assailants, exemplifies the Army's readiness to respond to direct threats. Moreover, the clearance operations conducted on 20 July in Abia and Imo states at IPOB/ESN hideouts reflect a broader strategy to eliminate insurgent strongholds and reduce the operational capabilities of these groups. Both criminal activity and separatist violence are anticipated to remain significant security concerns in the region in the coming days.

## SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

**23** July 2024 - Reports revealed that two members of an OCG were neutralized in an attempted attack on an Army unit in Aba, Abia state. The assailants were killed during the exchange of SAF that ensued. Some civilians caught in the crossfire sustained gunshot wounds.

**21** July 2024 - Gunmen attacked and killed a POS operator at Umuojima Junction in Osisioma LGA, Abia state. The attackers also robbed him of his money and valuables.

21 July 2024 - Unidentified armed persons attacked and killed a security officer attached to the police Rapid Response Squad (RRS) during a patrol IVO Ngwa Road, Mosque Junction, Aba, Abia state. Three civilians were also shot dead in the crossfire. Reports further indicate that during the exchange of SAF, two of the assailants were neutralized, while others escaped with various degrees of bullet wounds. A police investigation is ongoing.

**21** July 2024 - Information received revealed that the people of the Ochima community, Enugu state embarked on a peaceful protest over an alleged "plan to take over their ancestral land" by the Nigerian Army. The protesters comprising youths, elderly men, and women marched in their numbers from the community's borehole at Ochima junction to the palace of their traditional ruler, chanting songs of discontent while carrying placards with different inscriptions.

**21 July 2024** - Gunmen in a Toyota Sienna attacked policemen on routine patrol along Ngwa Road, Mosque Junction in Aba South LGA, Abia state. Policemen engaged the gunmen in a firefight. Six people were killed including a policeman and two gunmen.

**20** July 2024 - GSF personnel conducted clearance operations at IPOB/ESN hideouts in Akawa Nnneato and Lomara communities, Umunneochi LGA, Abia state. Two motorcycles, two radios, arms, and ammunition were recovered.

**20 July 2024** - GSF personnel conducted a clearance operation at an IPOB/ESN hideout in Ezere forest, Umuawa Aku, Okigwe LGA, Imo state. An unspecified number of IPOB/ESN members were killed.

## SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities stayed the same as the previous week with 03 victims captured, while no individuals were kidnapped during the reporting week, which is a decrease compared to the previous week.

This week, incidents in the South-South region of Nigeria were reported primarily in Cross River, Rivers, Delta, Bayelsa, and Akwa Ibom States. Between 20 and 25 July 2024, several protests erupted across various states, reflecting widespread discontent over socio-economic and security issues. On 25 July, residents of Ekpemu in Delta State protested against NECONDE Nigeria Limited and NNPC Exploration and Production Limited, citing decades of neglect and lack of power supply despite ongoing crude oil extraction. Similarly, on 23 July, communities in Gbaramatu Kingdom threatened to shut down crude oil production unless their demands for connection to the gas turbine powering the platform were met. These protests highlight the frustrations of oil-producing communities over perceived exploitation and neglect by oil companies. Additionally, youths from the Ekpan community protested against Chevron Nigeria Limited on 22 July, demanding employment opportunities for locals.

Violent clashes and criminal activities continue to challenge security across different states. On 24 July, a clash between supporters of the Rivers State Governor and the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory in Rivers State required GSF intervention and the use of teargas to disperse the crowd. This incident, along with the violent cult gang clash at Ogwashi Uku Polytechnic in Delta State on 23 July, underscores the persistent issue of political and cult-related violence. Both criminal activity and separatist violence are anticipated to remain significant security concerns in the region in the coming days.

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

**25** July 2024 - Residents of Ekpemu oil-producing community in Jones Creeks Flow Station, Gbaramatu Kingdom, Warri South-West LGA, Delta state held a protest over the alleged neglect of the community by NECONDE Nigeria Limited and NNPC Exploration and Production Limited. The protesters stated that there has been no power supply for decades and the companies have done nothing for the community despite continued extraction of crude oil from Jones Creeks.

24 July 2024 - There was a violent clash between supporters of the Rivers State Governor and the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory during a medical outreach at the Eliozu Primary Health Care Center in Eliozu community, Obio/Akpor LGA, Rivers state. GSF personnel were deployed and fired teargas to disperse the crowd.

23 July 2024 - Reports revealed that one person was shot dead at a local bar IVO New Ring Road, Ifa Ikot Okpon, Akwa Ibom state during an OCG attack. The reports further stated that the murder was linked to a clash between two rival cult groups in the area. An investigation was ongoing.
23 July 2024 - The police in Akwa Ibom arrested a 23-year-old man in connection to the murder of a commercial motorcyclist. The reports revealed that the suspect had stabbed and killed the victim, dispossessed him of his motorcycle, and buried him in a shallow grave. An investigation was ongoing.

23 July 2024 - Protesters in large numbers from Okerenkoko, Egwa, and Bayan communities, in the Gbaramatu kingdom, Delta state stormed the Jones Creek flow station in several speed boats, threatening to shut down crude oil production if their demands were not met by the Joint Venture operators of the oil mining lease, OML, within three months. Among their demands was that their communities should be connected to the gas turbine powering the platform, stressing that the communities had been in darkness for almost a decade.

**23** July 2024 - There was a violent clash between members of the "Eiye" and the "Aye" cult gangs in Ogwashi Uku Polytechnic in Aniocha South LGA, Delta state. One gang member was injured.

22 July 2024 - Youths from the Ekpan community in their numbers, carrying placards bearing various inscriptions, chanting, and dancing protested in Chevron Nigeria Limited, Delta state for allegedly denying the indigenes of the community employment opportunities as part of its social responsibilities to the community.

22 July 2024 - Several women carrying placards with various inscriptions and dressed in back attire, took to the streets in the Ukpada community, Cross River state to vent their grievances over the threat to the lives of residents by suspected herdsmen, who frequently invaded their farmlands and destroyed their crops. The protesters called on the state government to intervene.

22 July 2024 - Unidentified armed men stabbed and killed a businessman at his shop beside the Ekeki Park in Yenagoa LGA, Bayelsa state.

**20 July 2024** - Unidentified armed individuals dressed in military camouflage attacked the Akamama Community in Opuama Kingdom, Jljaw LGA, of Bayelsa state. The reports further revealed that the armed individuals destroyed properties worth millions of Naira as men, women, and children fled into nearby bushes for safety. The attack occurred barely 10 days after a previous attack was carried out on the community and the reason was yet to be ascertained. Meanwhile, an investigation was ongoing.

**20** July 2024 - Residents of Ogbonbiri Community, Bayelsa state shut down facilities operated by Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) over an alleged unlawful arrest of their chiefs and youth president by the police. Meanwhile, the angry natives, including elders, youths, and women displaying various placards, demanded the unconditional release of their chiefs and other leaders from police detention.

### SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

**Analysis** – The number of fatalities decreased slightly with 1 fatality captured while no individuals were kidnapped during the reporting week. This is a significant decrease, compared to the previous week.

This week in Southwest Nigeria, several types of incidents were reported, including armed attacks, clashes, protests, and robberies. Several protests between 21 and 25 July 2024 indicate rising tensions and dissatisfaction among different communities. On 25 July, residents of the Ode Irele community in Irele LGA, Ondo State, protested against the state government's alleged attempt to impose a prince as their monarch. This type of protest underscores the community's demand for self-determination and local governance. Similarly, on 24 July, market women in Alimosho LGA, Lagos State, protested against extortion and harassment by hoodlums at the Iyana Ipaja market. These protesters called for the State Governor's intervention, highlighting the need for effective governance and protection from criminal elements. On 23 July, tensions escalated in Ayedaade LGA, Osun State, due to a dispute over the kingship of Araromi-Owu, leading to violence and arson.

The period also saw severe criminal activities, particularly targeting vulnerable populations such as students. On 22 July, armed robbers invaded student apartments near a university in Ijebu, Ogun State, sexually assaulting two female students and stealing valuables. This incident highlights the serious security risks faced by students and the need for increased protection in and around educational institutions. Additionally, on 21 July, a linguistics student was shot dead in Akungba Akoko, Ondo State, by unidentified armed individuals. The motive for the killing remains unknown, and a police investigation is ongoing.

### **SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List**

**25** July 2024 - Residents of the Ode Irele community in Irele LGA held a protest over an alleged attempt by the Ondo State Government to impose a prince on the community as a monarch. No further details.

24 July 2024 - Market women at the Iyana Ipaja market in Alimosho LGA, Lagos state held a protest over reported extortion and harassment from hoodlums in the market. The protesters carried placards and called for the intervention of the State Governor.

**23** July 2024 - Increased tensions were reported in the vicinity of the palace of Olowu of Araromi-Owu in Ayedaade LGA, Osun state following a dispute over the kingship of the community and an alleged attack on one of the contestants. GSF personnel were deployed to the location to restore order. One GSF personnel was injured, and vehicles and houses including the palace were set on fire.

**22** July 2024 - Armed robbers invaded students' apartments in the vicinity of a University in Ijagun, Ijebu, Ogun state. Reports indicated that two female students were sexually assaulted. The suspects, armed with guns invaded the apartments and forced the students to surrender their phones and other belongings before leading them to an uncompleted building.

**21** July 2024 - A linguistics student of a private tertiary institution in Akungba Akoko town, Ondo state was shot dead in his room in one of the students' hostels by unidentified armed individuals. The motive behind the killing was yet to be known. An investigation by the police is ongoing.

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