



NIGERIA WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

10 August 2024 – 16 August 2024

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Executive Summary

Countrywide Incidents for the Week

1. Two Chinese nationals were kidnapped in Ogun State.
2. Cult clashes persisted in Ekiti and Ondo states.
3. Bandits kidnap 23 in Kaduna state
4. Counter-insurgency operations carried out in Gwoza and Bama LGAs of Borno state.

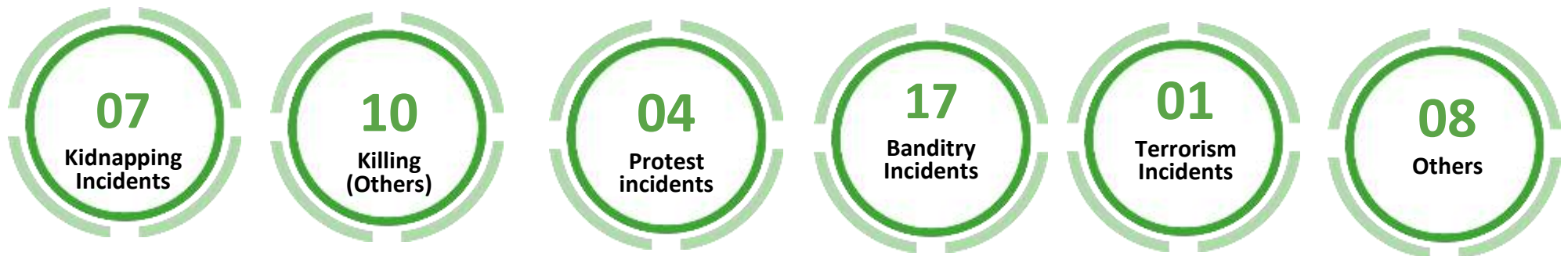


Figure 1. Incident map

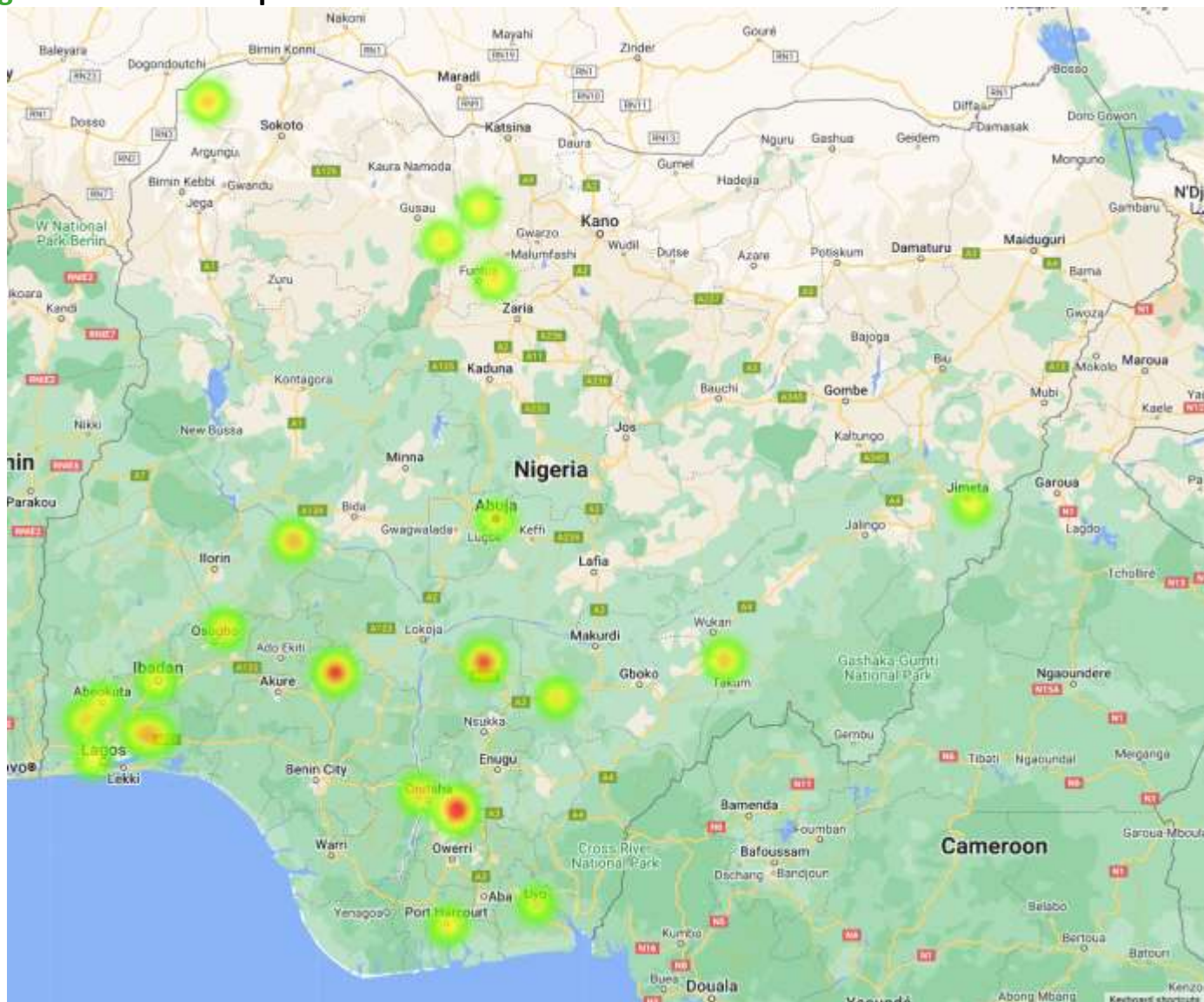


Figure 2. Graph portraying incident types per region

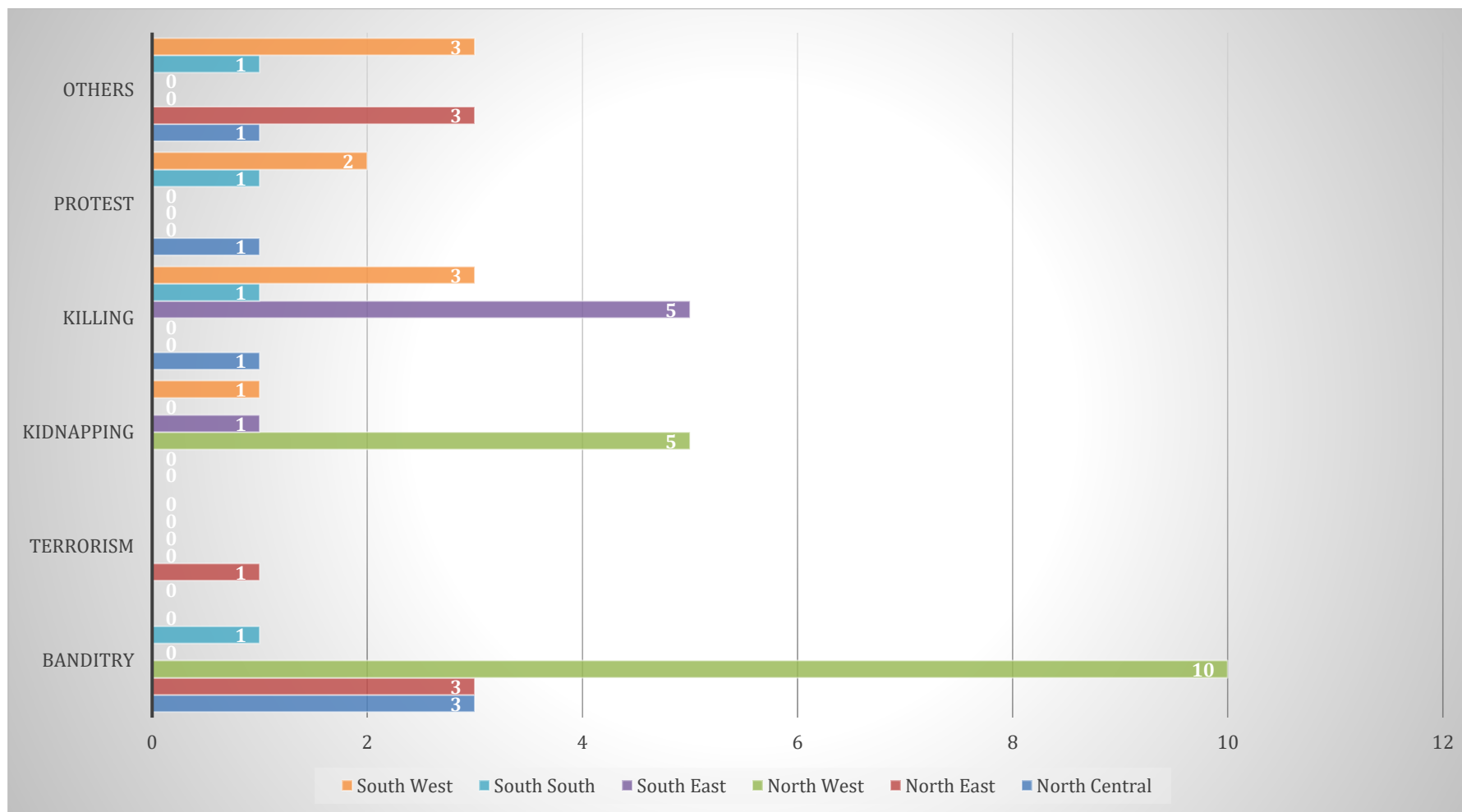


Figure 3.

Risk map showing kidnapped victims



Figure 4.

Risk map showing killed victims



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

Weekly trend analysis

Figure 5. Week 32

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims

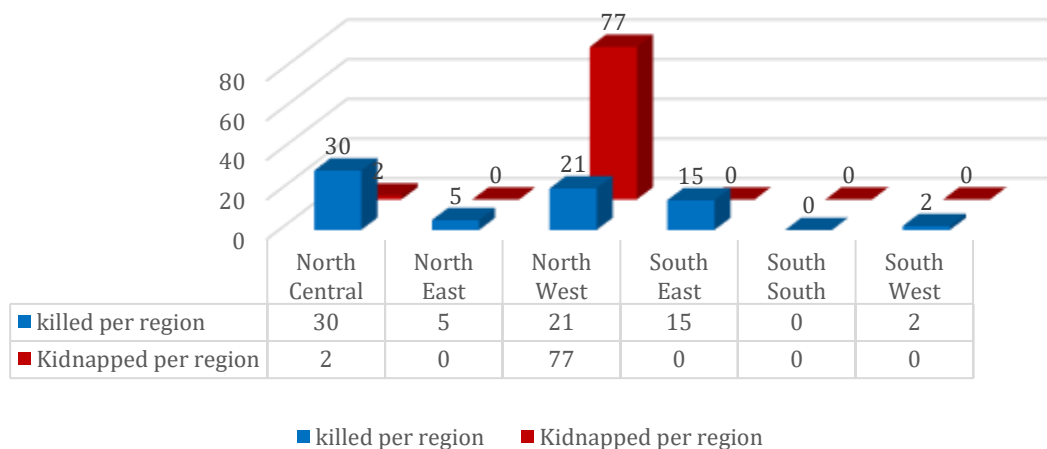
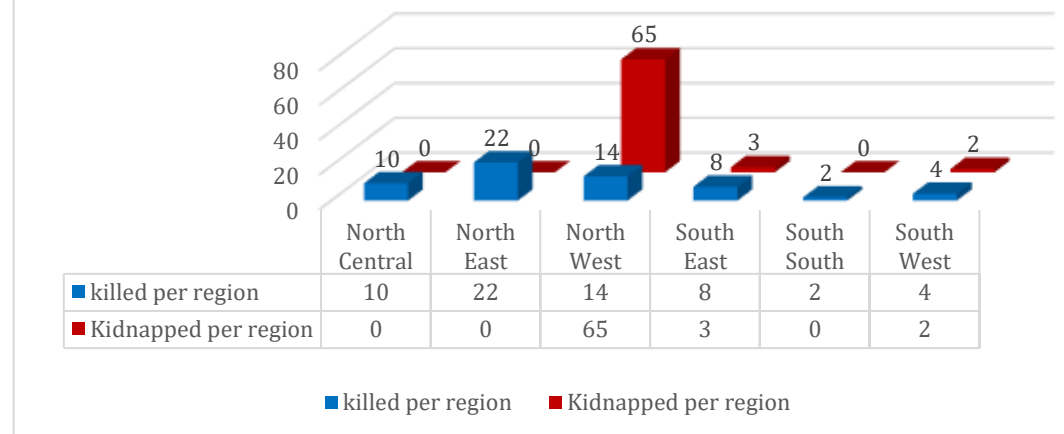


Figure 6. Week 33

Regional fatalities/kidnapped victims



The figures above show a bar chart contrasting the statistics from the total number of fatalities/kidnapped individuals between week 32 and week 33. 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 32

Risk map showing killed victims

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Figure 8. Week 33

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 32 and week 33 helps spot the progression of conflict-related fatalities and shows areas where fatalities occurred the most and least. The color intensity and lightness depict areas with the least and most fatalities. Based on the above map, there was an overall increase in fatalities, with Borno state having the most fatalities nationwide.

Figure 9. Week 32

Risk map showing kidnapped victims

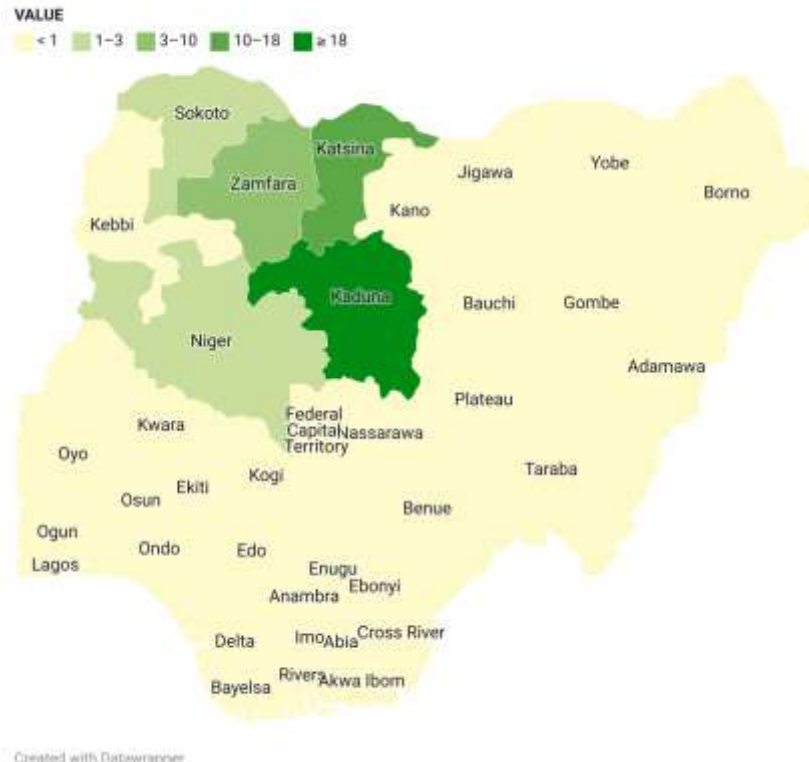


Figure 10. Week 33

Risk map showing kidnapped victims



The above figure captures areas where victims fall into kidnapping threats the most or least. In week 33, most kidnapped victims were from Kaduna 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 decreased significantly with only 10 fatalities recorded, while the count of kidnapping victims decreased with zero victims recorded.

In recent incidents across the North Central region of Nigeria, violent attacks and clashes have escalated, causing significant distress in various communities. On August 14, 2024, the police engaged a group of unidentified gunmen who attacked Pako village in the Shere District of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). This confrontation led to the death of three abducted individuals, while the attackers withdrew with an unspecified number of other captives, leaving the village in turmoil.

Similarly, on August 12, 2024, suspected armed herdsmen targeted the Egwuma community in Agatu Local Government Area (LGA) of Benue State. The attackers reportedly burned down around 23 houses, inflicted injuries on several individuals, and looted valuables. On the same day, an attack was also reported in Itama community, Dekina LGA, Kogi State, where gunmen shot sporadically at the residence of a paramount ruler, killing him before fleeing the scene. Additionally, a violent clash between two cult groups, "Aye" and "Vikings," in Sabon Gari community, Otukpo LGA, Benue State, resulted in the deaths of at least three people.

The violence continued on August 11, 2024, in Mariga LGA, Niger State, where bandits on motorcycles attacked Kamfanin Bobi village, causing an unspecified number of casualties. Meanwhile, on August 10, 2024, in the FCT, protesters marched from Lokogoma Junction to Suncity, expressing their frustration over bad governance and the deteriorating economic conditions in the country. These incidents reflect the ongoing security challenges and social unrest in the North Central region, highlighting the need for urgent interventions to restore peace and stability.

NORTH CENTRAL (NC) – Incident List

14 August 2024 – The Police engaged a group of unknown gunmen who attacked Pako village in the Shere District, FCT in an exchange of fire on the outskirts of the village. The attackers killed three abducted victims and withdrew with an unspecified number of others.

12 August 2024 – Suspected armed herdsmen reportedly burnt about 23 houses in Egwuma community, Agatu LGA, Benue State. An unconfirmed number of people were injured and valuables were stolen by the suspected herdsmen.

12 August 2024 – An unspecified number of gunmen stormed the Itama community, shooting sporadically at a paramount ruler's residence, Dekina LGA, Kogi state. The gunmen killed the traditional ruler before fleeing the scene.

12 August 2024 – There was a violent clash between members of the “Aye” and the “Vikings” cult gangs in Sabon Gari community, Otukpo LGA, Benue state. At least three people were killed.

11 August 2024 – Bandits mounted on motorcycles attacked Kamfanin Bobi village in Mariga LGA, Niger state. An unspecified number of people were killed and injured.

10 August 2024 – Protesters moved from Lokogoma Junction to Suncity in AMAC, FCT over bad governance and the current economic conditions in the country.

NORTH EAST (NE) - Summary

Analysis – There was an overall increase in the number of fatalities as 22 persons were killed while kidnapped victims stayed the same with zero reported victims as compared to the previous week.

Most of the reported incidents in mid-August 2024 occurred in Borno State, highlighting the region's ongoing struggle with insurgency and violence. On August 10, 2024, troops of Operation "HADIN KAI" conducted a clearance operation targeting insurgents in the Sambisa Forest, Gwoza LGA. The operation resulted in the deaths of five insurgents and the recovery of arms and ammunition. On the same day, insurgents attacked the vicinity of Monguno in Monguno LGA, prompting a swift response from government security forces (GSF). Additionally, a tragic incident involving a roadside improvised explosive device (RPIED) along the Monguno-Marte Road claimed the lives of a farmer and two others.

The next day, August 11, 2024, insurgents set up an Illegal Vehicle checkpoint (IVCP) on the Dikwa-Ajiri Road in Dikwa LGA, Borno State. Here, they robbed commuters of their valuables before being repelled by GSF personnel. On August 12, 2024, in a separate operation, troops of Operation "HADIN KAI" and members of the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) also engaged insurgents in a firefight across several villages in Bama LGA, Borno State. Five insurgents were killed, and weapons, including locally manufactured guns, were seized along with six motorcycles.

Outside of Borno State, violence also struck other parts of the North East region. On August 12, 2024, gunmen ambushed a vehicle on the Takum-Wukari Road in Takum LGA, Taraba State, killing at least eight people, including a university lecturer and a deputy registrar. Meanwhile, on August 13, 2024, suspected armed herders attacked farmers near the Kademon community in Demsa LGA, Adamawa State, resulting in one fatality and several injuries. These incidents reflect the broader security challenges across the North East, with Borno State remaining a focal point of insurgent activity.

NORTH EAST (NE) – Incident List

13 August 2024 - Reportedly, suspected armed herders attacked a group of civilians on their farms around Kademon community, Demsa Iga, Adamawa State killing one person while many others were injured. The victims were evacuated to a hospital where the wounded were being treated.

12 August 2024 - Gunmen fired indiscriminately at a vehicle between Chanchangi town in Taraba State and Saa'yi village in Benue State along the Takum-Wukari Road in Takum LGA, Taraba State. At least eight people were killed, including a lecturer at the Federal University, Wukari, and the Deputy Registrar of the Taraba State School of Health Technology.

12 August 2024 – Troops of Operation "HADIN KAI" and members of the CJTF engaged AOG insurgents in a firefight in Kashomiri, Sharori, Kalmari, and Mantari villages, Bama LGA, Borno State. Five insurgents were killed, and three locally manufactured guns and six motorcycles were recovered.

11 August 2024 – AOG insurgents mounted an Illegal Vehicle Check Point (IVCP) along the Dikwa-Ajiri Road in Dikwa LGA, Borno State, and robbed commuters of their valuables. GSF personnel were deployed to the location and repelled the attack.

10 August 2024 – Troops of operation "HADIN KAI" conducted a clearance operation at AOG insurgents' hideout on the fringes of the Sambisa Forest, Gwoza LGA, Borno State. Five insurgents were killed, and arms and ammunition were recovered.

10 August 2024 – AOG insurgents carried out an attack in the vicinity of Monguno, Monguno LGA, Borno State. GSF personnel were deployed to the location. No further Details.

10 August 2024 – A farmer stepped on a RPIED along the Monguno-Marte Road, Monguno LGA, Borno State. He was killed along with two other farmers.

NORTH WEST (NW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased slightly, with 14 persons killed, while kidnapped individuals also decreased slightly with 65 victims during the week.

In mid-August 2024, a series of violent attacks across Northwestern Nigeria highlighted the persistent threat of banditry and organized crime in the region. On August 14, bandits attacked Yan Shantuma village in Dan Musa LGA, Katsina State, abducting three people, robbing villagers of their valuables, and rustling animals. A firefight ensued when government security forces (GSF), supported by members of the Katsina State Community Watch Corps, ambushed the bandits at Tashar Ice village. The same day, bandits targeted Moriki town in Zurmi LGA, Zamfara State, injuring one person and abducting an unspecified number of others.

The violence also extended to other parts of the region. On August 13, 2024, armed members of an organized crime group (OCG) infiltrated the Garun Kurama community in Lere LGA, Kaduna State, abducting the traditional ruler. This was followed by multiple incidents on August 12, where bandits and armed groups carried out coordinated attacks across Zamfara and Kaduna States. In Zamfara, bandits mounted an illegal vehicle checkpoint (IVCP) at Unguwar Chida, abducting several people from three commercial vehicles. In another incident, bandits blocked the Gusau-Zaria Road near Magazu village in Chafe LGA, engaging in a firefight with GSF personnel before abducting an unspecified number of commuters. Meanwhile, in Kaduna State, OCG members attacked the Kwasam community, killing one person and abducting seven others.

Earlier in the week, on August 11 and 10, 2024, several communities in Zamfara, Katsina, and Kaduna States experienced a wave of violence. Bandits attacked multiple villages, including Gora, Janbako, and Dan Magori in Zamfara, and Kaliyawa and Yandaka in Katsina, resulting in numerous deaths and abductions. In a particularly brutal assault on August 10, bandits in Kaduna State's Anguwan Luka community abducted twenty-three people. These incidents underscore the ongoing security challenges in Northwestern Nigeria, where banditry, abductions, and armed confrontations remain pervasive, despite efforts by security forces to curb the violence.

NORTH WEST (NW) – Incident List

14 August 2024 – Bandits attacked Yan Shantuma village in Dan Musa LGA, Katsina state. Three people were abducted, an unspecified number of villagers were robbed of their valuables, and animals were rustled. GSF personnel supported by members of the Katsina State Community Watch Corps ambushed the bandits at Tashar Ice village resulting in a firefight.

14 August 2024 – Bandits attacked Moriki town in Zurmi LGA, Zamfara state. One person was shot and injured, and an unspecified number of people were abducted.

13 August 2024 – Armed OCG members infiltrated the Garun Kurama community in Garu ward, Lere LGA, Kaduna State, and abducted the traditional ruler of the community.

12 August 2024 – Armed persons mounted an IVCP at Unguwar Chida along Funtua- Tsafe/Gusau LGA, Zamfara State. They stopped three commercial vehicles and abducted an unspecified number of persons before leaving the scene.

12 August 2024 – Some OCG members infiltrated the Kwasam community, Kaduna state firing their arms sporadically, killing one person and abducting seven others.

12 August 2024 – Bandits blocked the Gusau-Zaria Road near Magazu village in Chafe LGA, Zamfara State. GSF personnel were deployed to the location and engaged the assailants in a firefight until they withdrew. An unspecified number of commuters were abducted.

11 August 2024 – An armed group infiltrated the Katul Crossing community in the Agunu ward, Kaduna state, and killed a cleric with one other person, while eight others were abducted. The assailants fled the location when vigilantes were mobilized.

11 August 2024 – Bandits abducted seven people traveling in a commercial vehicle from Mayanchi to Anka in Anka LGA, Zamfara State.

11 August 2024 – Bandits attacked Kaliyawa in Mahuta community, Dandume LGA, Katsina State. One person was killed, and four people were abducted.

10 August 2024 – Members of an OCG attacked the Anguwan Luka community in the Afogo ward, Kaduna State, and abducted twenty-three people.

10 August 2024 – Bandits attacked Gora and Janbako villages in Maradun LGA, Zamfara State. An unspecified number of people were killed and abducted.

10 August 2024 – Bandits attacked Dan Magori village in Bungudu LGA, Zamfara State. An unspecified number of people were killed and abducted including a community leader.

10 August 2024 – Bandits attacked Yandaka village in Batsari LGA, Katsina State. An unspecified number of people were abducted including women.

10 August 2024 – Bandits attacked Danjanku village in Musawa LGA, Katsina State. Two people were killed, and properties were destroyed.

10 August 2024 – Bandits ambushed GSF personnel on a routine patrol along the Kukurau-Bangi Road, Gudu LGA, Sokoto State. Four GSF personnel were killed, two others were injured, and their operational vehicle was set on fire.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities decreased slightly, with 8 killed victims while kidnap victims increased slightly with 3 kidnap victims recorded during the reporting week.

In mid-August 2024, the Southeast region of Nigeria experienced a series of violent incidents that underscored the region's ongoing security challenges. On August 14, 2024, policemen engaged suspected oil bunkers in a gunfight at the Alaoji axis of the Aba-Port Harcourt Expressway in Ugwunagbo LGA, Abia State. Unfortunately, a passerby was killed by a stray bullet during the exchange. Soldiers stationed at a nearby checkpoint were deployed to restore order in the area, highlighting the volatile nature of the situation.

A day earlier, on August 13, 2024, tensions flared in Enugu State when members of the Ikolo community allegedly attacked and killed four youths from the Aku community, leaving several others injured. The victims were reportedly searching for three missing youths who were believed to have been kidnapped by residents of Ikolo. This incident reflects the deep-seated communal tensions in the area, which often result in violent clashes and loss of life.

The region also saw other violent events earlier in the week. On August 12, 2024, an off-duty soldier was brutally stabbed to death by unidentified armed men in the New Artisan area of Independence Layout, Enugu North LGA, Enugu State. On August 11, unidentified armed men abducted three people, including a lawyer, in the Nkpologwu community of Aguata LGA, Anambra State. That same day, gang violence led to the death of one person near Abia State University in Uturu, Isuikwuato LGA, Abia State. Additionally, on August 10, members of the "Aye" cult gang killed a rival "Vikings" cult member in Bakassi, Aba North LGA, Abia State.

SOUTH EAST (SE) – Incident List

14 August 2024 - Policemen engaged gunmen (suspected oil bunkers) at the Alaoji axis of the Aba-Port Harcourt Expressway in Ugwunagbo LGA, Abia State. One passerby was shot and killed by a stray bullet. Soldiers stationed at a checkpoint at Ariaria Junction were deployed to the area to restore order.

13 August 2024 - Some members of the Ikolo community allegedly attacked and killed four Aku youth members, in Enugu State wounding many others. The victims were reported to be searching for three other missing youths who were suspected to have been kidnapped by Ikolo residents.

12 August 2024 - Unidentified armed men stabbed an off-duty soldier to death at the New Artisan area, Independence Layout, Enugu North LGA, Enugu State.

11 August 2024 - Unidentified armed men abducted three people including a lawyer in the Nkpologwu community, Aguata LGA, Anambra state.

11 August 2024 - Gang members reportedly killed one person in the vicinity of Abia State University, Uturu, Isuikwuato LGA, Abia State.

10 August 2024 - Members of the “Aye” cult gang killed a member of the “Vikings” cult gang in the vicinity of Wash Tower by Old Express in Bakassi, Aba North LGA, Abia State.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased slightly with 2 victims captured, while no individuals were kidnapped during the reporting week, which is the same as the previous week.

In mid-August 2024, the Delta State region witnessed significant unrest, marked by both protests and violent clashes. On 14 August, members of the National Commercial Tricycle and Motorcycle Owners/Riders Association took to the streets along Udu Road to protest against what they described as police harassment, brutality, and indiscriminate arrests of their members. The demonstrators carried placards and called for the intervention of the state government. However, the police later clarified that the state government did not officially recognize the association, adding a layer of complexity to the protest. On the same day, a violent clash broke out between the “Maphite” and “Vikings” cult gangs in Ughelli North LGA, further contributing to the region's volatile atmosphere.

Meanwhile, other parts of southern Nigeria also experienced violent incidents during this period. On 12 August, an explosive device was detonated at the Action People’s Party (APP) secretariat in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, causing damage to the building. Two days earlier, unidentified gunmen killed two siblings at Ugboni Junction in Edo State, highlighting the ongoing security challenges in the area.

SOUTH SOUTH (SS) – Incident List

14 August 2024 - National Commercial Tricycle and Motorcycle Owners/Riders Association members protested along the Udu Road, Delta State with placards bearing various inscriptions. They sought the HG's intervention to end alleged police harassment/brutality, and indiscriminate arrests of their members. The police authority revealed that the State Government did not recognize the association.

14 August 2024 - There was a violent clash between members of the “Maphite” and the “Vikings” cult gangs around the Agbara area in Uduere community, Ughelli North LGA, Delta State. No further details.

12 August 2024 - An explosive device was detonated at the secretariat of the Action People’s Party (APP) in New GRA, Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt LGA, Rivers State. Parts of the secretariat were damaged.

10 August 2024 - Unidentified armed men shot and killed two siblings at Ugboni Junction, Egor LGA, Edo State.

SOUTH WEST (SW) - Summary

Analysis – The number of fatalities increased slightly with 4 fatalities captured while two individuals were kidnapped during the reporting week. This is a significant increase, compared to the previous week.

In the reporting week, southwestern Nigeria experienced a surge of protests, violent clashes, and criminal activities, revealing a growing sense of unrest and insecurity across the region. On 15 August, traders in Abeokuta protested against the Nigeria Customs Service's seizure of allegedly smuggled rice, reflecting tensions between the authorities and the local economy. This incident underscores the broader economic struggles and dissatisfaction with governance that have sparked public demonstrations, such as the protest in Lagos on 10 August against bad governance and economic hardship. These events show a palpable frustration within the population regarding the state of the economy and government policies.

Simultaneously, the period was marked by violent clashes between rival cult gangs and criminal activities across multiple states. In Oyo, Ekiti, Osun, and Ogun States, cult-related violence led to several deaths, including a killing in Ibadan on 14 August and another in Ijebu Ode on 11 August. Additionally, incidents of armed robbery, kidnapping, and vigilante killings further illustrate the prevailing lawlessness and insecurity in the region. The kidnapping of two Chinese nationals in Ogun State on 11 August adds an international dimension to the crisis, highlighting the vulnerability of foreign nationals in Nigeria.

SOUTH WEST (SW) – Incident List

15 August 2024 - Traders under the aegis of Ifesowapo Association of Rice Sellers, Lafenwa Market, held a protest in Abeokuta, Abeokuta North LGA, Ogun State over the seizure of alleged smuggled rice by the officers of the Nigeria Customs Service.

14 August 2024 - There was a violent clash between members of the “Aye” and the “Eiye” cult gangs at Oki Olodo, Ibadan North LGA, Oyo State. One person was killed.

13 August 2024 - Clashes erupted between the “Aye” and the “Buccaneers” criminal gang members at Crown Polytechnic in Ado Ekiti LGA, Ekiti State.

12 August 2024 - Unidentified armed men killed a vigilante in Ikirun, Ifelodun LGA, Osun State.

11 August 2024 - A suspected member of a secret cult was killed during a cult clash in Ijagun township, Ijebu Ode LGA, Ogun State.

11 August 2024 - Unidentified armed men abducted two Chinese nationals traveling to Kemta village, in the vicinity of Kemta/Abule-Owu along Onigbedu Road in Ewekoro LGA, Ogun State. The kidnappers contacted the victims’ company and demanded an undisclosed amount of money as ransom.

10 August 2024 - There was a violent clash between residents supporting the Oba of Ibule and an opposition group during the annual yam festival in Ibule-Soro, Ifedore LGA, Ondo State. No further details.

10 August 2024 - Suspected gang members killed a POS operator reported to be the son of the Baale of the Kuto community. The victim was chased from his shop inside Kuto market and killed under the Kuto Bridge in Abeokuta, Abeokuta North LGA, Ogun State.

10 August 2024 - Protesters marched from Adeniyi Jones to Alausa, Ikeja LGA, Lagos State over bad governance and the current economic conditions in the country.

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