



MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT

30 APRIL 2024

Highlights

Highlight of week 1 & 2

- New waves of protests spur up in parts of the South West region
- Bandits kidnap over 30 children in Katsina state.
- Police operatives raided the camps of suspected IPOB/ESN hideouts in Enugu state.
- ISWAP terrorists attack security forces in Borno state
- A governorship candidate in the 2023 general elections was abducted in his residence in Rivers State
- Several armed attacks were reported in Isi-Uzo and Uzo-Uwani LGAs of Enugu State
- Troops of the 145 Battalion neutralized terrorists in Yobe state.
- Cult clashes continue to claim lives in the SS region.



Highlight of the week 3 & 4

- Several university students protested in parts of Plateau State
- Protests also surged in parts of the Federal Capital territory.
- A clash between rival cult groups was reported in Lagos State.
- Two personnel of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were abducted in Ebonyi State
- At least 23 people were reportedly killed by bandits in Kaduna State
- Armed robbery attacks surge nationwide due to economic hardship
- Bandits Kill military commander in Katsina state.
- Cult Clashes cause tension in parts of the South-South region.
- Armed men kidnap several individuals in Sokoto state.
- Several inmates escape the Suleja prison in Niger state
- Cases of armed robbery persist in the South East region.



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Terrorist
Activity

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Killings
Incident

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Criminal
Activity

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Banditry
Incident

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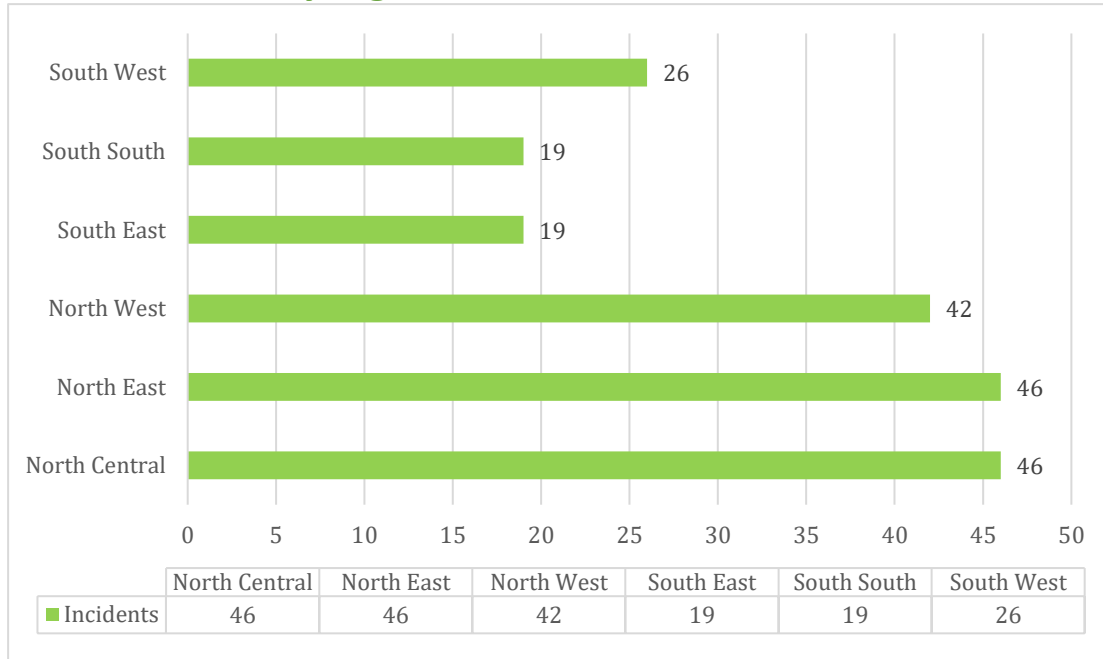
Protests
Incident

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Kidnapping
Activity

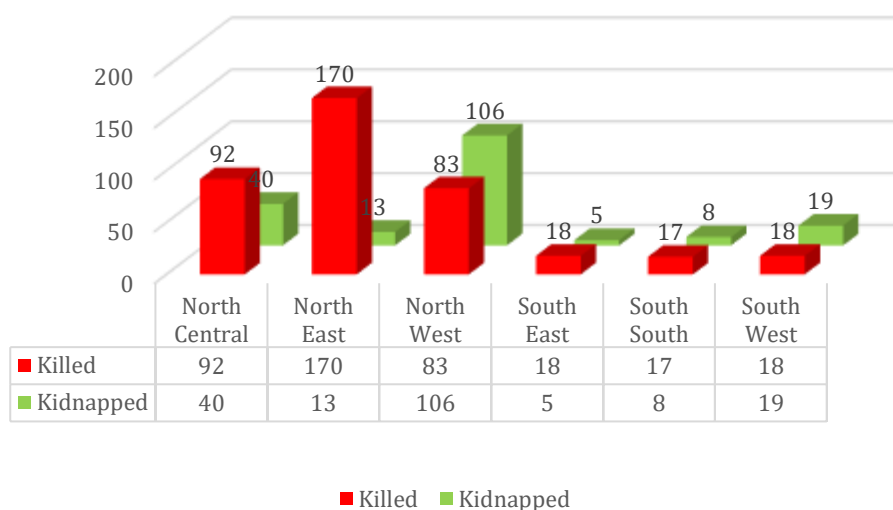
Monthly Statistics

Total incidents by region



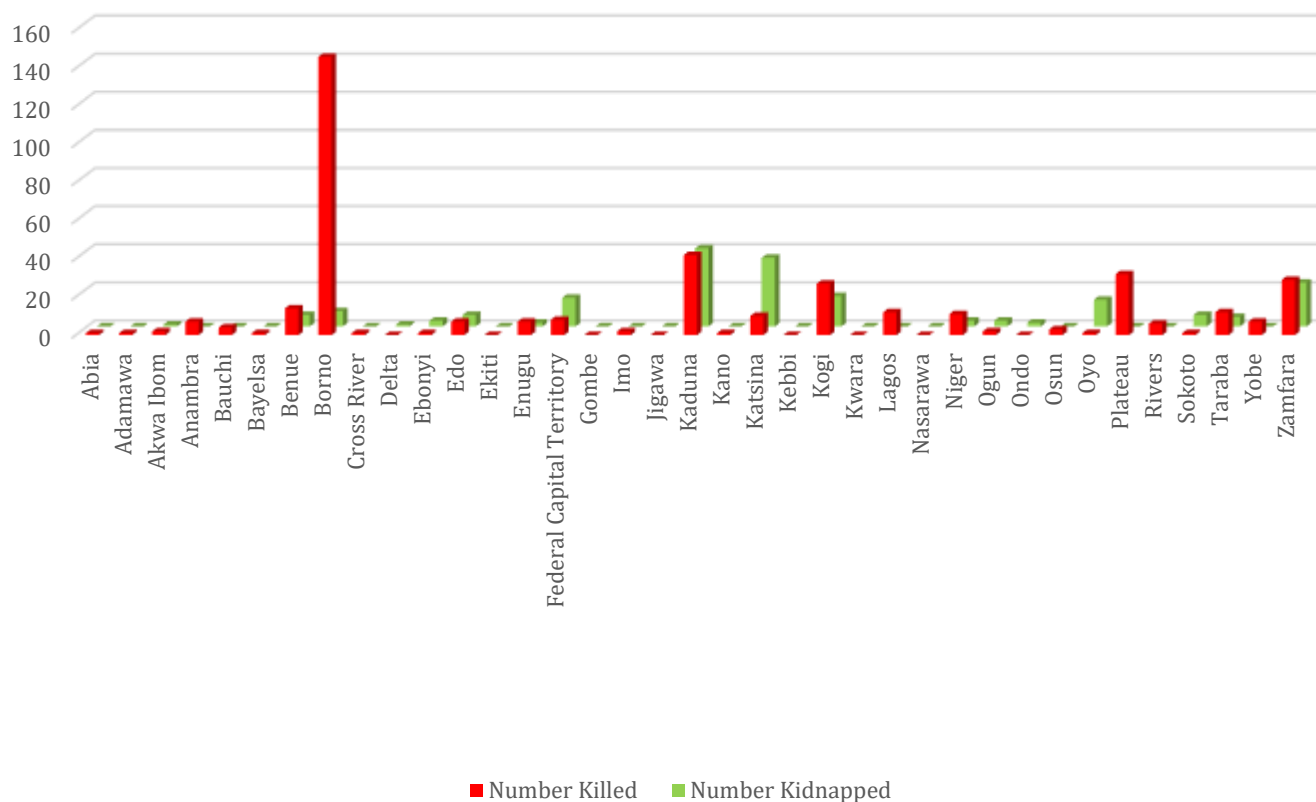
The above charts show the total incidents by region. The NE and NC regions recorded the most incidents, while SE and SS recorded the least.

Individuals killed/kidnapped per region



Above captures the total number of individuals killed and individuals kidnapped per region. As a result of the high presence of banditry and terrorism, the NW had the most kidnap victims while the NC and NE had the most fatalities.

Total killed/kidnapped per state



The above charts show the total killed and kidnapped per state. Borno State recorded the most killed victims, while Kaduna State recorded the most kidnapped victims.

Nationwide Statistics Analysis

Fatalities/kidnapped victims

Locations displayed: all regions 1 January 2020 – 30 April 2024

Estimated Number of security incidents related to fatalities

< 20 20–200 200–800 800–2,000 ≥ 2,000



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Estimated Number of Kidnapped Victims

< 5 5–150 150–600 600–1,410 ≥ 1,410



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Analysis

The overall threat level for the reporting month is rated as **High**. An estimated 398 fatalities were recorded. The total number of persons kidnapped within the month was 191. It should be noted that as a result of underreporting, the estimated figures could be more than what was presented above.

During the month, there were 198 incidents relating to banditry, terrorist activities, kidnappings, killings, attacks on police operatives, and gang clashes. In order of sequence, the incidents with the most occurrences during the month were kidnappings, banditry, terrorist activities, attacks on security operatives, and towards the end of the month, we had gang clashes. This is a significant increase compared to incidents reported in March. In terms of frequency, the most prevalent incidents during the month were banditry, kidnapping, civil unrest, and acts of Terrorism.

The South East and South South South experienced the lowest number of incidents among the six geo-political zones during the month. The Northern region, however, continues to face significant threats from activities related to banditry and terrorism, with areas such as Borno, Zamfara, Kaduna, and Taraba recording the highest number of incidents this month.

There was a slight surge in nationwide banditry over the course of the month, resulting in the establishment of roadblocks and instances of government property vandalism in certain areas. Raids and apprehensions of bandits and kidnappers were documented in the NC, NW, and NE regions. These endeavors persisted until the end of the reporting period, with a concentrated effort on tackling bandit factions in the region.

Below are the major incident categories discussed for the month.

Terrorism

Terrorist activities remain a dominant threat in Nigeria and have over the years given rise to other Organized Crime Groups. Collaborations between terrorist groups and other OCGs have been witnessed in the NE and NW regions between 2020 and the present. In April 2024, there were 27 incidents of terrorist activities recorded nationwide, with 25 being in the NE region alone which is a significant increase compared to the previous month. The security stance in northern Nigeria is likely to remain frequently sabotaged by insecurity owing to the presence of armed factions.

There was a slight increase in terrorist-related activities this month; terrorist activities in April 2024 numbered 27, compared to March which recorded over 14 incidents. The increase is not directly proportional to any recent development,

as incidents have been known to be fluctuational the past three years. The porosity of border areas between states has equally left a wide gap through which terrorists and bandits alike operate freely with little or no GSF resistance.

During the reporting month, the Northern geopolitical zones documented a resurgence of armed activities from unidentified armed groups and organized armed groups such as ISWAP terrorists, as well as Boko Haram. Some of these attacks were against Government Security personnel. It should also be noted that a lot more Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) attacks were also carried out during the month, particularly in Borno state. Clashes between terrorist factions also persisted in April, with a major one on 25 April, when at least 85 terrorists were killed in another series of clashes between the Islamic

State of the West African Province, ISWAP, and Boko Haram in Marte LGA of Borno State.

Key Incidents of Terrorism in April

27 April - Suspected ISWAP terrorists planted a landmine explosive along Baga Road in Kukawa Local Government Area resulting in 30 casualties including 10 fatalities. Reports indicate that the commercial vehicle exploded after contact with the IED. Security forces are unconfirmed at the location.

26 April - The Bakoura terrorist group launched retaliatory attacks on ISWAP positions IVO Tumbun Fulani in the wee hours killing 2 ISWAP commanders and several fighters. ISWAP reportedly launched a counterattack as Bakoura fighters were withdrawing killing four Bakoura commanders, and several fighters, and capturing 24 while several arms and ammunition were seized by the ISWAP fighters.

17 April - No fewer than 16 persons were feared dead and 20 others injured when a commercial vehicle plying the Baga-Kukawa Road in the Kukawa Local Government Area of Borno State drove over an Improvised Explosives Device suspected to have been planted by ISWAP terrorists.

10 April – Air strikes by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) have killed many terrorists in Zamfara state. The terrorists were eliminated at the camps of kingpins Abdullahi Nasanda in Zurmi Local Government Area and Mallam Tukur in Gusau local government area, on April 10.

09 April – Security forces raided ISWAP enclave IVO Ngauru Forest killing four ISWAP members and rescued 17 family members. The rescued family members were taken to an SF facility for profiling

Kidnapping

The threat of kidnapping remains **high** despite efforts by GSFs to mitigate this illegal enterprise. Several arrests were made during rescue operations, leading also to the rescuing of abductees. Kidnapping for ransom is a major threat to both locals and foreigners in the country particularly due to increasing economic hardship. According to HWA, there were 37 overall kidnapping incidents recorded countrywide, a significant increase as compared to the previous month.

Kidnap incidents were captured across all regions though in varying numbers. Large-scale kidnap incidents were captured in FCT, Kaduna, Katsina, and Zamfara states. With over 191 kidnap victims reported nationwide. Kidnapping remains a main threat in Nigeria.

The second week recorded the least number of kidnap incidents, while Kaduna state recorded the highest number of kidnapped victims, with over 41 reportedly kidnapped individuals.

Kidnapping incidents were recorded in the six geopolitical zones. A breakdown of the locations is; Bwari, AMAC, FCT; Gwari West, Makurdi in Benue state; Koton Karifi in Kogi State; Shiroro in Niger state; Takum in Taraba state; Gubio, Bama, in Borno state; Ibi, Taraba state; Birnin Gwari, Kachia, in Kaduna State; Batsari in Katsina State; Gada in Sokoto state; Gusau, Zurmi, Tsafe, in Zamfara state; Abakaliki in Ebonyi State; Uyo in Akwa Ibom state; Ughelli south in Delta state; Ose in Ondo State; Ewekoro in Ogun State; Ibara Easy in Oyo State.

The Southern geopolitical zones of the country documented a surge in kidnappings for ransom,

and criminal acts orchestrated by unidentified armed individuals and IPOB militants were documented within the reporting month precisely in the Southeast and South-south states.

Positively, Government Security Forces (GSFs), and Troops of the Nigerian Army thwarted a kidnap attempt on three commercial buses in Kogi State and rescued the victims.

Key Incidents of Kidnapping in April

30 April - Gunmen fired indiscriminately and abducted four people in Bmuko community, Dutse Baupma, Bwari Area Council.

27 April - Unidentified armed OCG members have attacked Jere town in Kagarko LGA, Kaduna State fired shots sporadically and abducted 10 persons before fleeing the area upon mobilization of security forces to the location. An investigation is ongoing

23 April - Information received from sources revealed that armed persons linked to OCG attacked the Angwan Habuja community in the Kakangi ward of Birnin Gwari LGA, Kaduna state killing two people and abducting eight others before fleeing the area before the arrival of

security forces. An investigation is ongoing by the police.

19 April - A cleric and 13 others were abducted by members of an organized crime group (OCG) at the Maya axis of Lanlate – Eruwa road. Sources indicate that the victims were heading to Lagos when the incident occurred. Efforts by SF to rescue the victims and arrest the suspects are ongoing.

17 April - Gunmen have shot dead a bus driver and abducted his 16 passengers near Chikara village on the Abuja-Lokoja highway. City & Crime learned that the incident happened on Thursday around midnight when the gunmen opened fire on a Sharon bus at a bend near Yakwo Farms.

14 April - An armed group suspected to be ISWAP members kidnapped five people in Zaimano village approximately 20 km south of Gubio town, along the Gubio - Damasak MSR, Borno State. An SF patrol team reportedly rescued the victims and arrested four of the abductors in the process of paying ransom.

01 April - At least thirty children are believed to have been kidnapped by suspected bandits at Kasai village in Batsari Local Government Area of Katsina State. Batsari is one of several Security Frontline Local Government Areas in Katsina State where activities of bandits, and other criminal elements have been on the increase almost daily.

Banditry

Banditry remains widespread throughout Nigeria with the Northern regions experiencing the majority of incidents. HWA defines banditry as; activities by Fulani herders attacking local communities, and also Organized Crime Groups (locally referred to as bandits).

Banditry remains a significant threat to peace, stability, and progress in the NW and the country at large. Several communities in the Northern regions have been held back from societal developments following incessant attacks; locals who depend on farming, herding, and other

forms of trade have had their means of livelihood crippled by these OCGs. Bandits attack weekly markets, where they kill, rob, and kidnap locals and traders.

This month, there were 39 incidents of banditry recorded. Compared to March, the number of incidents decreased slightly. The incidents were recorded in (Adoka-Oweto, Otukpo, Agatu) Benue state; (Omala) Kogi state; (Chanchaga, Shiroro) Niger State; (Mangu) Plateau state; (Wukari, Donga) Taraba state; (Bursari) Yobe

state. Incidents were also reported in Kaduna, Katsina, Sokoto, Zamafar, and Lagos State

During the reporting month, the Southern states documented a few incursions by unidentified

Key incidents on Banditry in April

28 April - According to reports, unconfirmed numbers of persons were killed while others were injured as suspected herdsmen attacked Nimbo community, Enugu State. It was reported that HG SF has been deployed to the community to restore normalcy.

18 April - Two notorious bandit kingpins, Kachala Gwande, and Kachallah Madagwal, and 12 others have been killed following a confrontation involving three rival bandit groups at Kaurar Zomo village in the Kunchin Kalgo district of Tsafe Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

17 April - At least 23 people have been reportedly killed by bandits, who attacked the Anguwar Danko community near Dogon Dawa district in the Eastern part of Birnin Gwari Local

armed groups, predominantly in the Southeast region.

Government Area of Kaduna State. Birnin Gwari shares a border with Katsina State.

19 April - Renewed gunmen attacks in Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau state on Friday have claimed about 18 lives. The gunmen attacked the Tilengpan community in the Mangu Local Government area of the state, killing 12 people, with an additional six persons murdered in four Bokkos communities, along with a university student last night.

08 April - Further attacks remain likely in the Isi-Uzo Local Government Area following an attack by suspected armed pastoralists in the Umueje Ikem-Etiti community which resulted in a fatality. Reports indicate that 2 individuals were kidnapped during the attack that occurred on 8 April. Security operatives are confirmed in the area.

Criminality

Nigeria grapples with a high rate of criminality, often inadequately reported despite being documented nationwide. Major cities across the country frequently witness various criminal activities orchestrated by multiple threat groups. These offenses encompass home invasions, highway robberies, homicides, assaults, mob violence, cultism, and, assaults by banned separatist entities like the Indigenous People of Biafra and Oduduwa Yoruba Nation. Throughout the month, a range of incidents was documented, including robberies, killings, looting, mob attacks, gang clashes, vandalism, illegal mining, drug trafficking, smuggling, and oil bunkering.

Some state governments have declared war against vandalism following incessant incidents recorded over the months. The menace has led

to the dilapidation of infrastructures in a country with slow infrastructural developments. Petty thieves loot infrastructures such as street light poles, electrical cables, rail tracks, railings on bridges, and private homes.

Several armed robbery incidents were recorded in the country this month. Robbery incidents are highly underreported as most incidents surface at the point of arrest. Armed robbery attacks were recorded in all regions in varying numbers.

There was an increase in civil unrest incidents such as protests, and tensions across the six geopolitical zones in the country with approximately 38 incidents recorded during the reporting month as compared to the previous reporting period which documented 32 incidents. The drive behind these incidents was

mostly the high rate of inflation and the hike in the prices of consumers' goods. In the forthcoming month protest demonstrations are expected to increase.

Key Incidents on Criminality in April

29 April - A participant who attended a program organized by a UN agency was robbed of his valuables by unidentified armed individuals at Innoson Factory along Enugu- Abakaliki Road, alongside other travelers. It was reported that the vehicle conveying the victims was blocked by the culprits in an area where there was no HG SF presence.

25 April - Armed men in a tricycle robbed people beside the Golden Guinea Breweries along the Aba Road in Aba South LGA. Residents caught the criminals and attempted to set them on fire, but community elders intervened and rescued the criminals.

21 April - Three people were killed on Sunday night in a clash between rival cult groups IVO Benin. Further reports indicate that no fewer than 30 people including a journalist and vigilante heads have been killed since the renewing of the clash.

08 April - The police in Akwa Ibom have confirmed the killing of one person and the arrest of two in a suspected clash between the Black Axe confraternity and Klansmen confraternity. The cult clash occurred in Eket Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom state.

03 April - An armed robbery gang numbering 6 reportedly attacked commuters between Berger Bus Stop and Otedola Bridge along the Lagos - Ibadan Expressway. Reports indicate that valuables were stolen during the incident which occurred on 3 April. The area remains susceptible to further attacks.

Threat matrix

| Likelihood | Vulnerability | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|---|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 1 - Insignificant | 2 - Minor | 3 - Significant | 4 - Major | 5 - Severe |
| 4 - High | 4 - Low | 8 - Moderate | 12 - High | 16 - High | 20 - High |
| 3 - Medium | 3 - Low | 6 - Moderate | 9 - Moderate | 12 - High | 15 - High |
| 2 - Low | 2 - Low | 4 - Low | 6 - Moderate | 8 - Moderate | 10 - Moderate |
| 1 - Negligible | 1 - Low | 2 - Low | 3 - Low | 4 - Low | 5 - Moderate |
| 12 – 20 | High Risk | Incident occurred at increased proportion and active with demonstrated will to conduct attacks targeting project assets and/or personnel. | | | |
| 5 - 10 | Moderate Risk | Incident occurred but minimal. Nevertheless, the will to conduct attacks and opportunities to target project assets and/or personnel remains a threat. | | | |
| 0 – 4 | Low Risk | Incident did not occur in the reporting period. Nevertheless, the will to conduct attacks and opportunities to target project assets and/or personnel remains a threat. | | | |

Threat table

| Threats for the Month | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Region | Kidnapping | Terrorism | Banditry | Killing | Civil Unrest | Criminal Activities |
| North Central | Moderate | Low | Moderate | Low | High | Moderate |
| North East | Low | High | Moderate | Moderate | Low | Low |

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|-------------|------|-----|----------|----------|------|----------|
| North West | High | Low | High | Low | Low | Low |
| South East | Low | Low | Moderate | Moderate | Low | Moderate |
| South West | Low | Low | Low | Low | High | Low |
| South South | Low | Low | Low | Moderate | Low | Moderate |

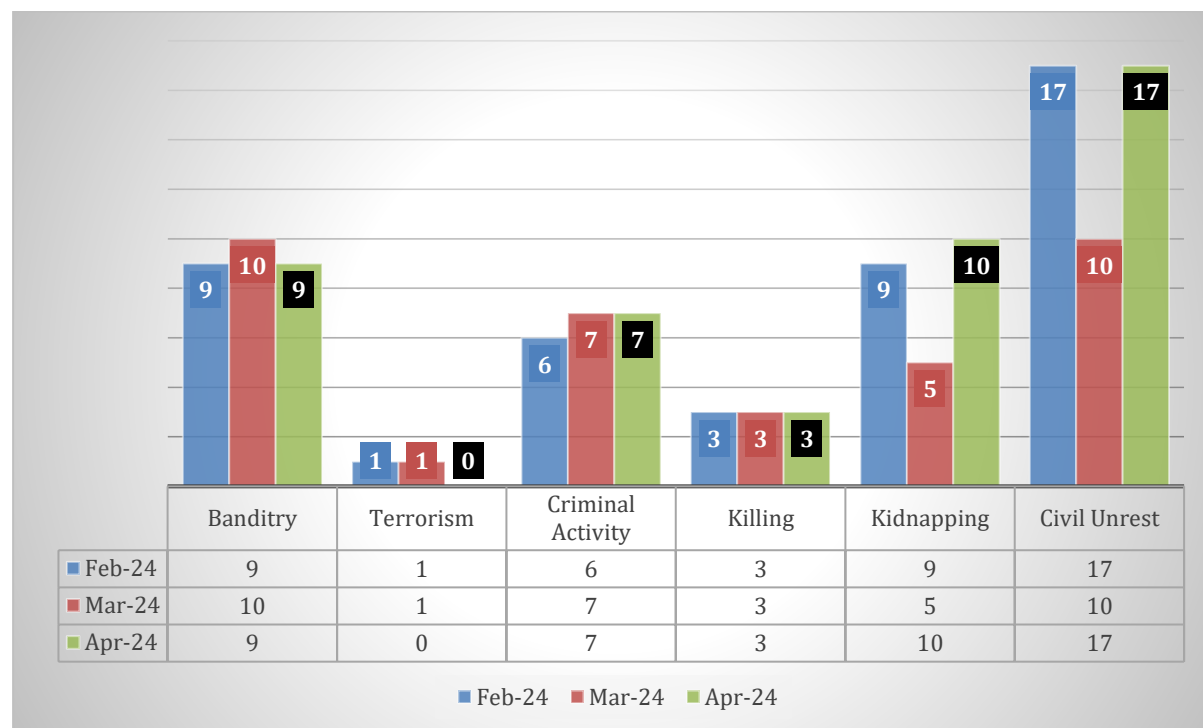
Operations in Nigeria

| Level | Definition | Characterization | Travel Restrictions |
|-------|------------|--|--|
| 1 | Low | All threats remain low and business can be conducted with routine security measures in place | Travellers should be aware of the current situation and exercise caution |
| 2 | Medium | Acts of terrorism, crime and/or instability exist, but these are considered manageable with correct corporate and personal security procedures being applied | Travellers should exercise a high degree of caution and understand their destination and personal safety. |
| 3 | High | Crime rates are high, or terrorist acts, instability and rioting are occurring, movement is constrained, Embassies are able to operate but with added levels of protection and business operations are threatened by non-standard conditions. Other civil authorities will have limited capacity | Travellers should reconsider the need to travel. If travel is necessary, a full assessment of the risks should be completed and personal should attend preparatory training. A security & risk advisor in-country may be required. |

Threats by region and monthly progression

North Central

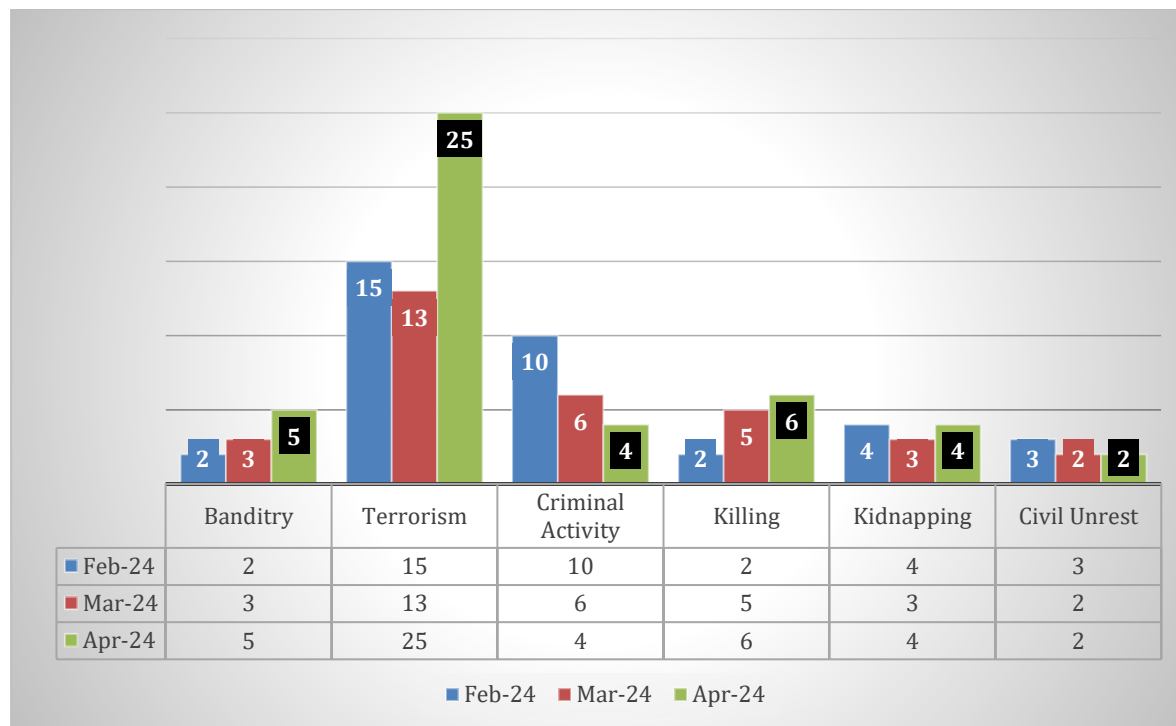
The chart shows a progression of incidents in the last three months. In April 2024, incidents of kidnapping and civil unrest increased slightly, while incidents of banditry decreased slightly.



| Threat type | Threat level |
|--------------|--------------|
| Banditry | Moderate |
| Terrorism | Low |
| Criminal | Moderate |
| Kidnapping | Moderate |
| Civil Unrest | High |

North East

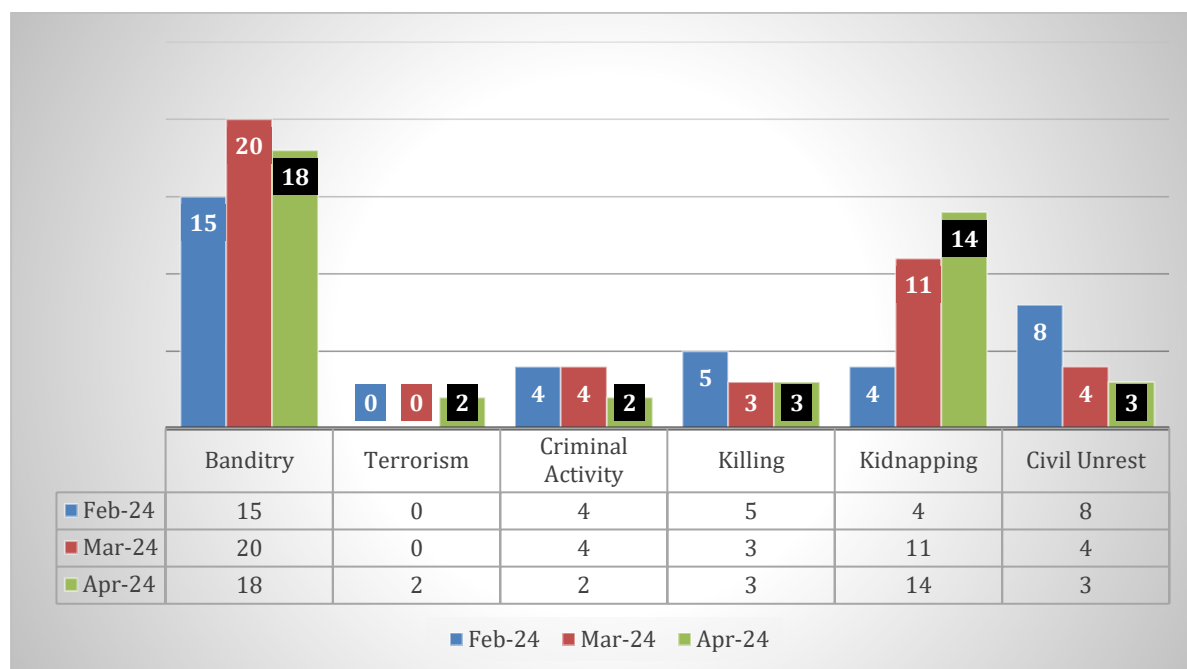
The chart shows a progression of incidents in the last three months. There was an overall increase in incidents reported in April 2024. Most recorded incidents were killing, banditry, and terrorism.



| Threat type | Threat level |
|--------------|--------------|
| Banditry | Moderate |
| Terrorism | High |
| Criminal | Low |
| Kidnapping | Low |
| Civil Unrest | Low |

North West

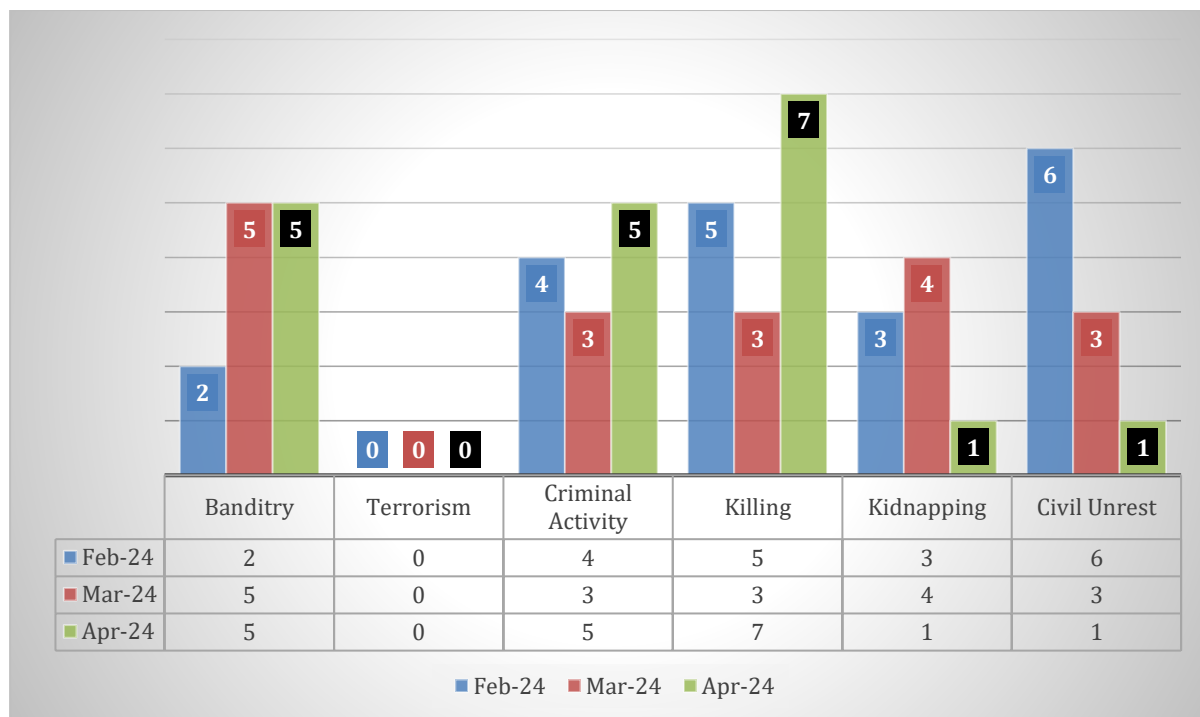
The chart shows a progression of incidents in the last three months. Incidents of kidnapping increased slightly in April, while banditry decreased slightly. This can be attributed to security operations during the month.



| Threat type | Threat level |
|--------------|--------------|
| Banditry | High |
| Terrorism | Low |
| Criminal | Low |
| Kidnapping | High |
| Civil Unrest | Low |

South East

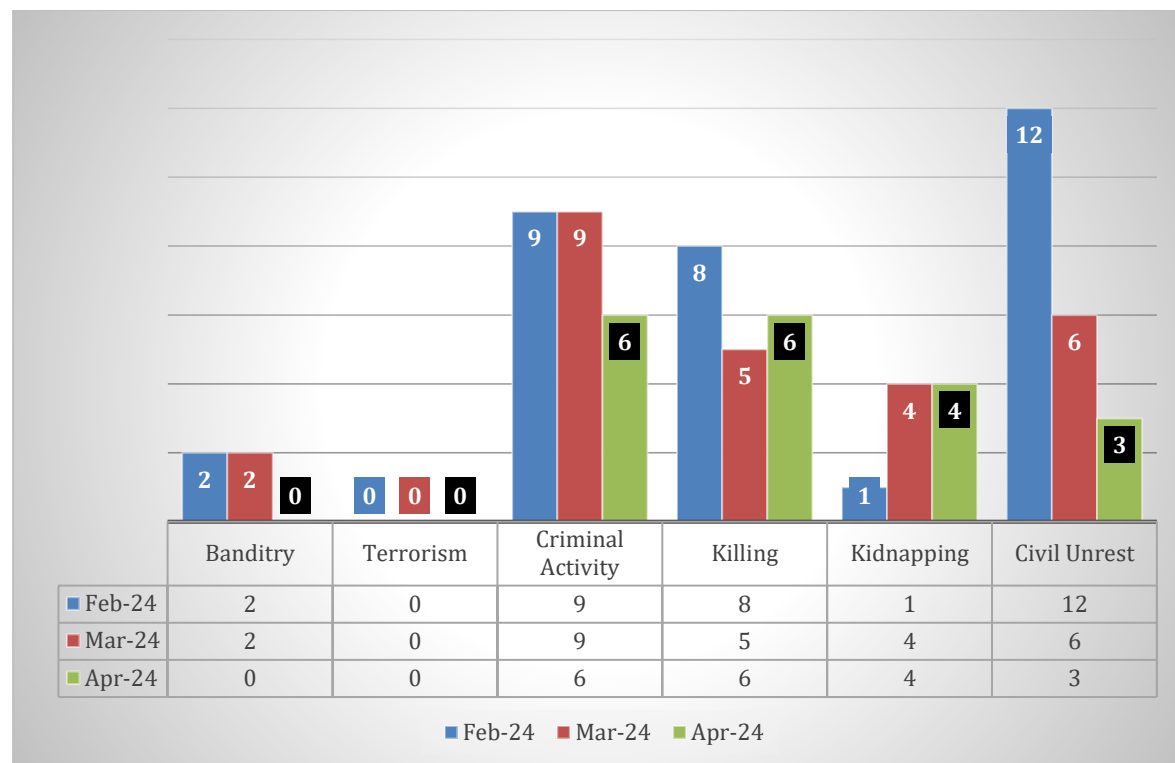
The chart shows a progression of incidents in the last three months. The overall number of incidents decreased slightly in April compared to last month. There was an increase in criminality. Common threats in the region in the past three months were banditry, killing, criminal activities, and kidnapping.



| Threat type | Threat level |
|--------------|--------------|
| Banditry | Moderate |
| Terrorism | Low |
| Criminal | Moderate |
| Kidnapping | Low |
| Civil Unrest | Low |

South South

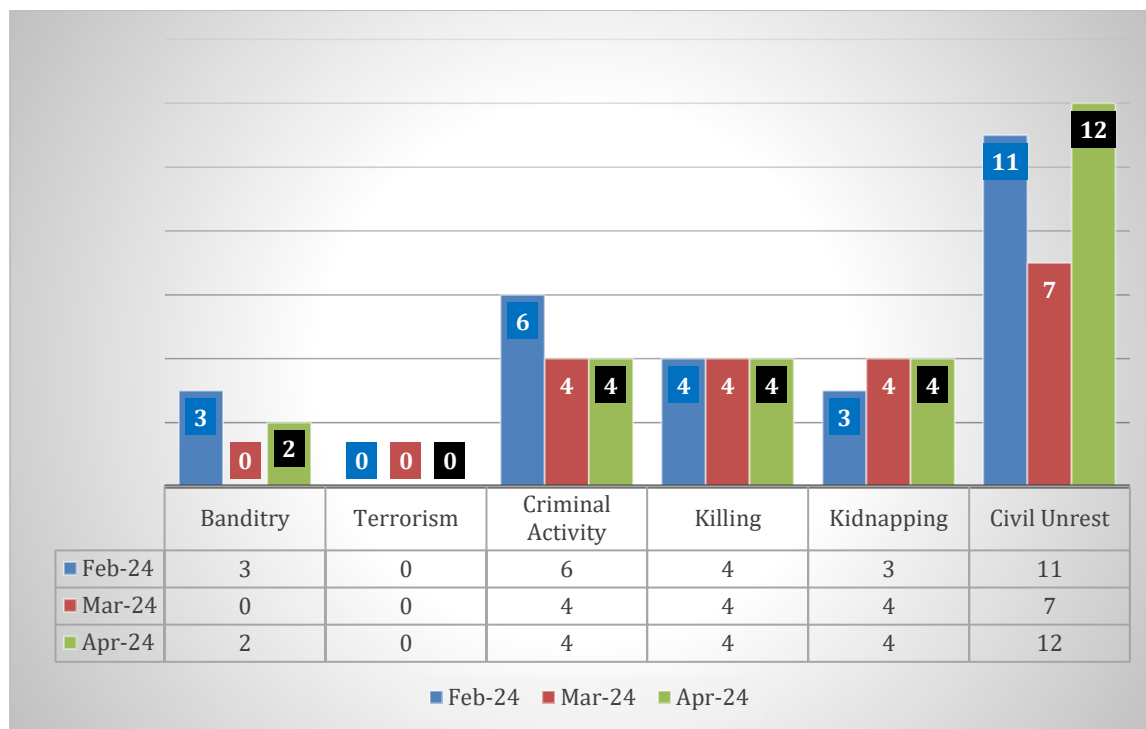
The chart shows a progression of incidents in the last three months. There was an overall decrease in the total incidents recorded in the region in April. Common threats are Criminal activities, civil unrest, and killing. However, killing increased slightly.



| Threat type | Threat level |
|--------------|--------------|
| Banditry | Low |
| Terrorism | Low |
| Criminal | Moderate |
| Kidnapping | Low |
| Civil Unrest | Low |

South West

The chart shows a progression of incidents in the last three months. There was an overall increase in incidents captured within the month of April. Common threats are criminal activity, civil unrest, and killing. Civil Unrest increased slightly during the reporting month.



| Threat type | Threat level |
|--------------|--------------|
| Banditry | Low |
| Terrorism | Low |
| Criminal | Low |
| Kidnapping | Low |
| Civil Unrest | High |

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