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**MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

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**Boko Haram Activity**

○ **Highlight of week 1 & 2**

- The number of incidents recorded during the first two weeks was 120 and the most recorded incidents were armed attacks and terrorist activity.
- COVID-19 cases exponentially increased in the first two weeks with 8,188 new cases and 70 deaths.
- An Unexploded Ordinance (UXO) incident led to the death of a child in NE Nigeria.
- IPOB enforced stay-at-home order as at least three persons were killed during altercations with members in the SE region.
- Several displaced by floods in the northern regions.
- Terrorists surrendering with their families.

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**Banditry Activity**

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**Civil Unrest**

○ **Highlight of the week 3 & 4**

- The number of incidents increased in the last weeks of the month with 172 incidents.
- COVID-19 numbers in the last two weeks slightly decreased to 9,928 new cases and 220 deaths.
- Increase in attacks on military positions and erection of illegal vehicle checkpoints by ISWAP in NE region.
- Warnings on impending flooding in northern states surrounded by rivers and dams.
- Upsurge in robbery incidents, specifically in the SW region.
- Attack on the NDA in Kaduna State.
- Journalists of a media outlet arrest by the DSS after granting an interview to a former intelligence officer.

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**Kidnapping Activity**

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**Killings**

**06**

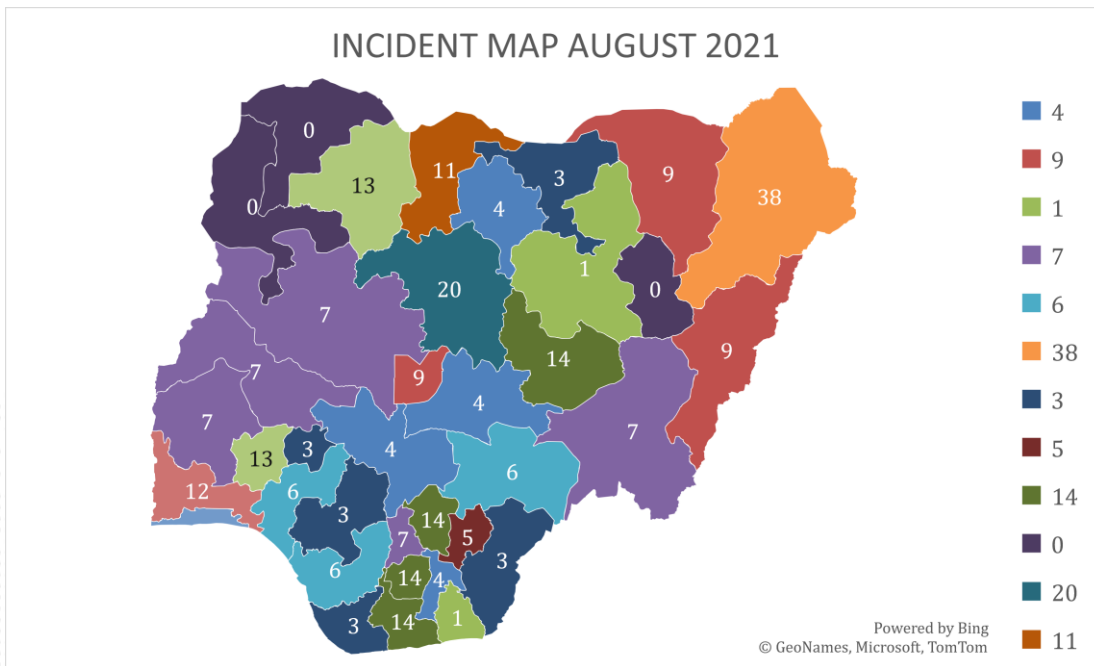
**Fire**

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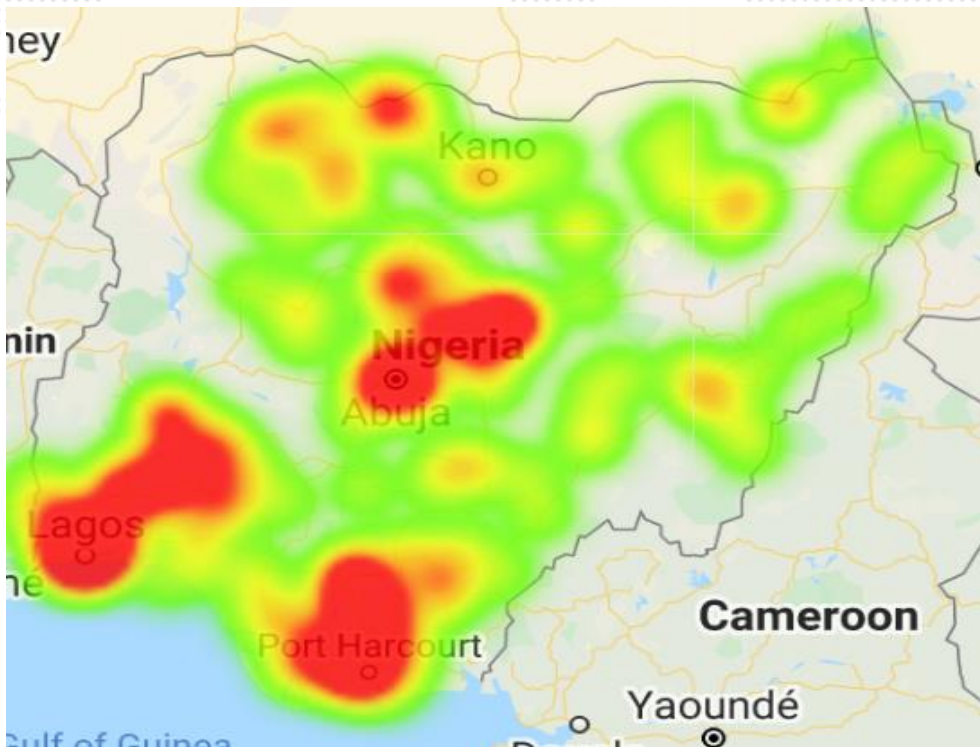
**Theft of Asset**



## MAPS AND CHARTS



*Heat Map for Nigeria - August 2021*



General threat level for the month of August is **High** as the impact of insecurity nationwide is evident in journey management and emergency response which is relatively non-existent. An estimated 307 persons were victims of armed attacks and robberies while 226 persons were kidnapped in the month of August.

The highlight of the month was the attack on the Nigerian Defence Academy in Afaka, Kaduna State where three senior officers were killed by armed men who invaded the academy early morning of 24<sup>th</sup> August. The assailants gained entry by breaking down a side of the academy's wall which is the same mode of attack in all kidnappings of students recorded in the state. Although, emerging reports claim the third officer was kidnapped and remain hostage, conflicting reports stated he was killed as his corpse was discovered outside the premises of the NDA. The incident caused an uproar as it became evident that a location housing military officers could easily be invaded by criminal elements therefore what chance do the civilians have. This is because the public rely mostly on the military for general safety rather than the police. This resulted in a ricochet of events in the state to date.

A former intelligence officer Commodore Kunle Olawunmi was then interviewed on Channels Television where he highlighted some of the possible reasons and ways in which the academy had been infiltrated citing the camp's exposure to civilians on certain days for prayers etc. Furthermore, he exposed some intelligence of the war against terror which is public knowledge as currently the second major issue that might eventually become problematic is the surrendering of former terrorists in Borno State. He was declared wanted by the Department of State Security (DSS) while the journalists who anchored the interview were reportedly arrested but have been released.

As witnessed in preceding months, more students were released in August and following the pattern, there could likely be another mass kidnapping of students or children happening soon. An estimated total of 220 persons were kidnapped during the month with fifteen out of 36 states recording kidnap incidents and incidents were spread into all the six geopolitical zones which is a decline in number of states compared to last month. Zamfara State was the red zone for kidnappings as mass kidnappings were recorded between 23 and 27 August with over 60 persons kidnapped. On 8 August, a Swiss national alongside his driver were kidnapped along Ibese-Itori Road in Ogun State despite having a police officer as escort. Although the southwestern region is relatively secure, routes in Ogun State have recorded an increase in kidnapping activities and armed herders have been accused of perpetuating this act. The victim remains hostage as at time of writing.



Apart from kidnappings, killings were rampant as during the month an estimated 170 persons were killed with focus on Plateau State.

Plateau State since 2001 has been riddled with interethnic and religious clashes which has resulted into generational crisis that continues to plague the state to date. On 14 August, 22 travellers identified as Muslims were killed at Rukuba Road. The Governor, Simon Lalong knowing the outcome a retaliation would cause, immediately issued a curfew. This didn't stop the unfolding incidents as students mostly Christians were targeted and killed. States began organising transportation for their indigenes to leave the state's university to avert a tragedy. Ten days after the killing at Rukuba, at least 36 persons residing in Yelwan Zangam community, close to the university were killed by unidentified assailants. This sparked a protest at the State House of Assembly where corpses were dumped on site to evoke their displeasure of the incident.

This galvanised house members who issued a threat to the state governor to find a lasting solution to the insecurity or face impeachment.

Apart from Plateau State, which is situated in the North Central of the country, there was report of mass killings in Sokoto State in the North West where at least 118 persons were buried according to the Sultan of Sokoto.

In the North East, at least 30 terrorist incidents were recorded in the month showing a n upsurge in activities since the death of Boko Haram leader Shekau. ISWAP seems to be finding its feet in the month with daylight checkpoints where passengers are robbed and attacks on patrolling military in Borno State. Guzamala, Nganzai, Bama and Dikwa have reportedly been overtaken by terrorists who collect taxes and are currently spreading their teaching in surrounding villages. They attack villages in Gubja in Yobe State and stole supply from the dispensary. The threat is imminent as they gain grounds in surrounding LGAs.

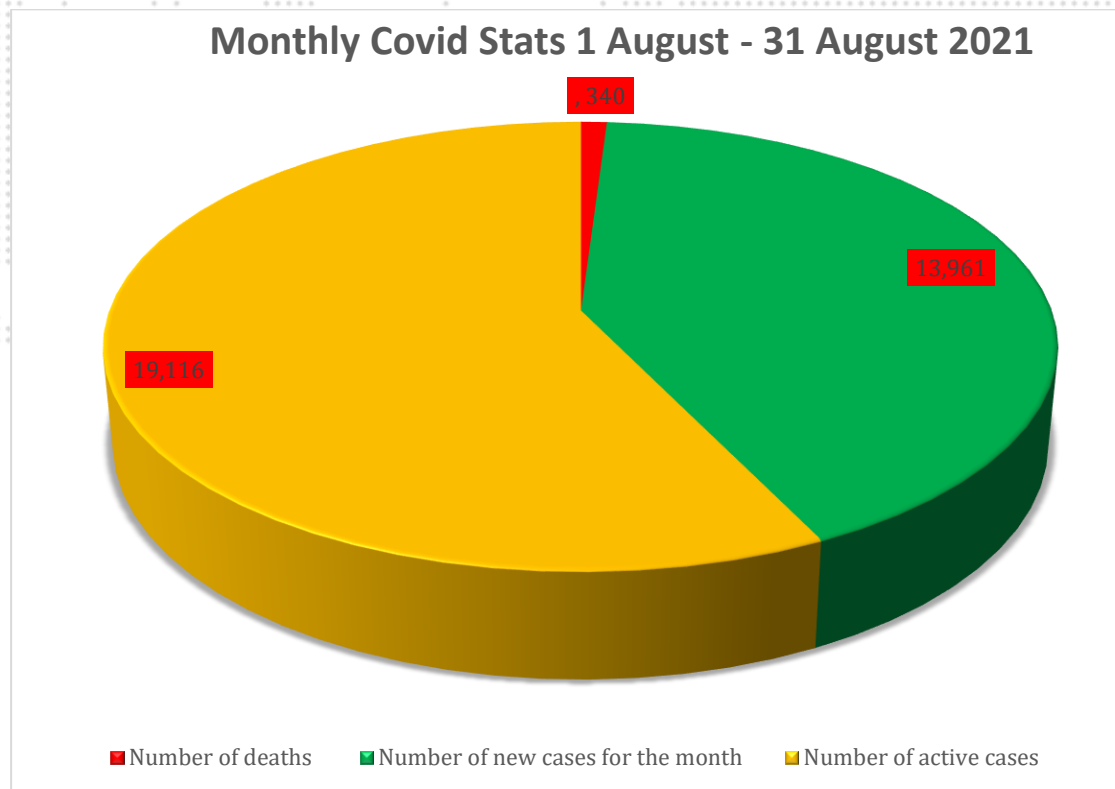
The members of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) are not backing down from their stay-at-home order. It came in effect in the reporting month and thus far at least five individuals have been killed for not complying. Although the police and state governments are trying to force non-compliance, the threat of harm makes the people adhere. Some attacks on police officers were recorded in Imo State which seem to the pulse of major attacks in the month.

Lagos and Ondo states recorded the most robberies in during the month of August with at least fourteen incidents recorded. This is an increase compared to last month's incidents. In Ondo State, banks and bullion vans were the main targets and a police officer was killed while two others were injured during the incidents which occurred during daylight on 18 August. An audacious incident was recorded in Rivers State where an ATM housed within the premises of Rivers State University was taken by armed amen.

An estimated 85 persons were killed in road accidents that mostly occurred along highways depicting 10 percent decrease in accident fatalities compared to last month. Heavy duty vehicles were the major cause of the accidents recorded within the month.

Flooding was a major concern in the reporting month with most northern states were affected. Several properties destroyed and at least 14 reportedly killed and many more declared missing. As the rainy season ends more flash flood are expected to occur in cities like Lagos, Aba and Port Harcourt according to the Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET).

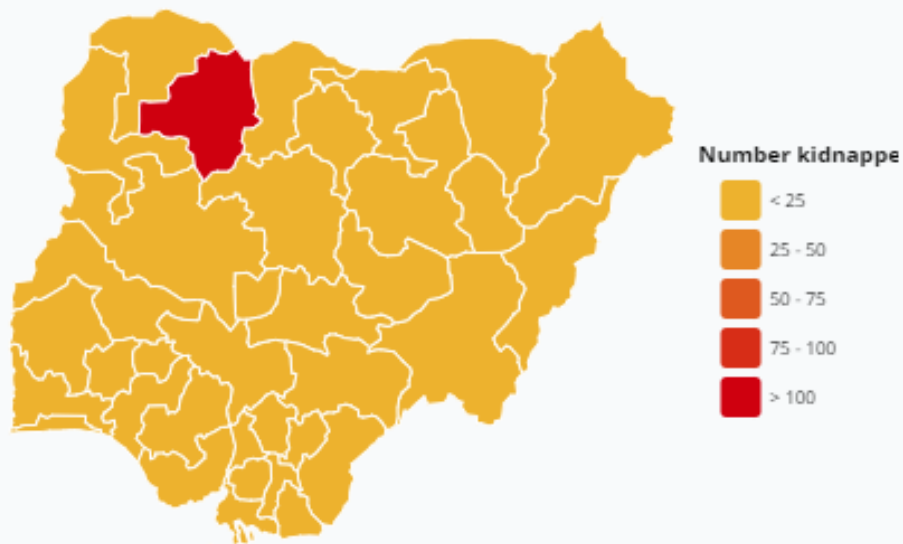
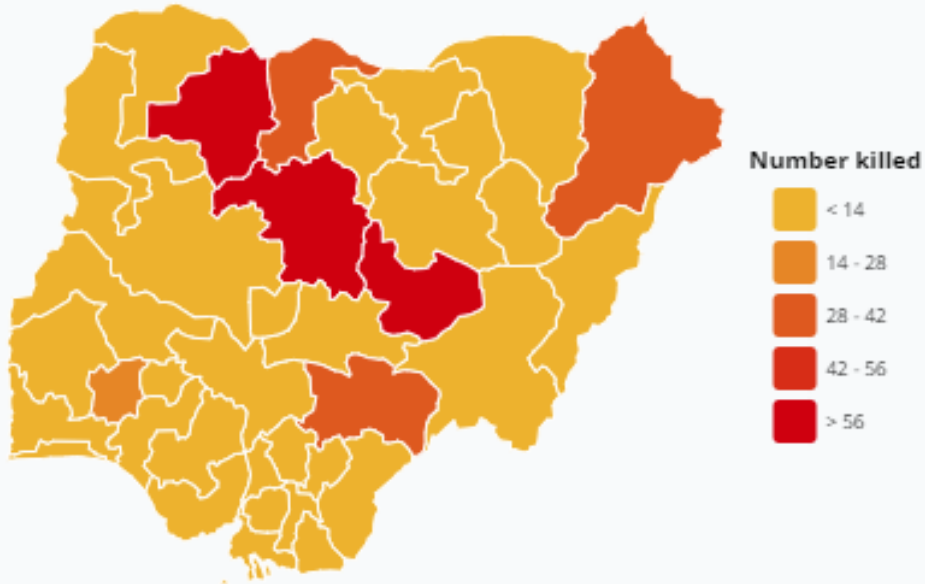
The country is currently in the third wave of COVID-19 therefore the number of cases has marginally increased with over 19,000 persons currently infected with the virus. The country remains open for business, and it is uncertain the government would issue another lockdown to curb the spread.



The general impact on the insecurity plaguing the country is unquantifiable. Therefore, all business operations should include a risk assessment inclusive of emergency response methods in all the states.



## Number of Victims Map for August



## Threat Chart for August

- ◆ **Low (1)** - Incident did not occur in the reporting period. Nevertheless, will to conduct attacks and opportunity to target project assets and/or personnel remains a threat.
- ◆ **Medium (2)** – Incident occurred but minimal. Nevertheless, will to conduct attacks and opportunity to target project assets and/or personnel remains a threat.
- ◆ **High (3)** – Incident occurred at increased proportion and active with demonstrated will to conduct attacks that would target project assets and/or personnel.

Threats for the Month						
Region	Kidnapping	Terrorism	Theft of Assets	Civil Unrest	Killing	Road Accidents
North Central	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Low
North East	Low	High	High	Medium	High	Low
North West	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	Low
South East	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low
South West	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Medium	High
South	Medium	Low	High	Medium	High	Medium





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