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**MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

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**Terrorist Activity**

○ **Highlight of week 1 & 2**

- The number of incidents recorded during the first two weeks was 157 and the most recorded incidents were armed attacks and terrorist activity.
- COVID-19 cases decreased but deaths surged in the first two weeks with 1,126 new cases and 70 deaths.
- Anambra State Gubernatorial elections held with low report of election violence.
- Building collapse led to the deaths of many.
- Alert on a possible attack in the FCT.
- Armed groups impose taxes and levies on locals in the NW region.
- Fire incidents were common in the northern region.

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**Banditry**

○ **Highlight of the week 3 & 4**

- The number of incidents increased in the last weeks of the month with 138 incidents.
- COVID-19 numbers in the last two weeks further decreased to 936 new cases while deaths decreased to 8.
- Prison break recorded in Plateau State.
- DSS warns Nigerian Custom Service (NCS) of an impending plan by terrorists to attack border communities.
- Fire incidents surged at IDP camps in Borno State while tanker explosions were common nationwide.
- Oil spills prevalent in the Niger/Delta region.
- Resurgence of kidnapping activities along the Highway linking the Northwest to the FCT.
- Foreign separatists attack community in NE region.
- Lagos EndSARS panel report affirms the killing of civilians by soldiers and police officers on 20th October.

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**Civil Unrest**

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**Kidnapping**

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**Killings**

**24**

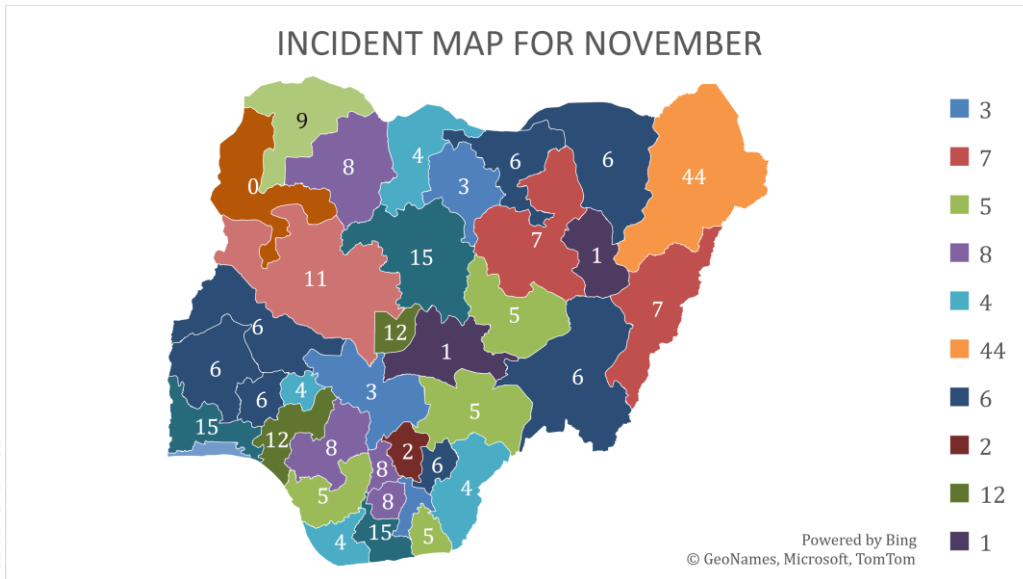
**Fire**

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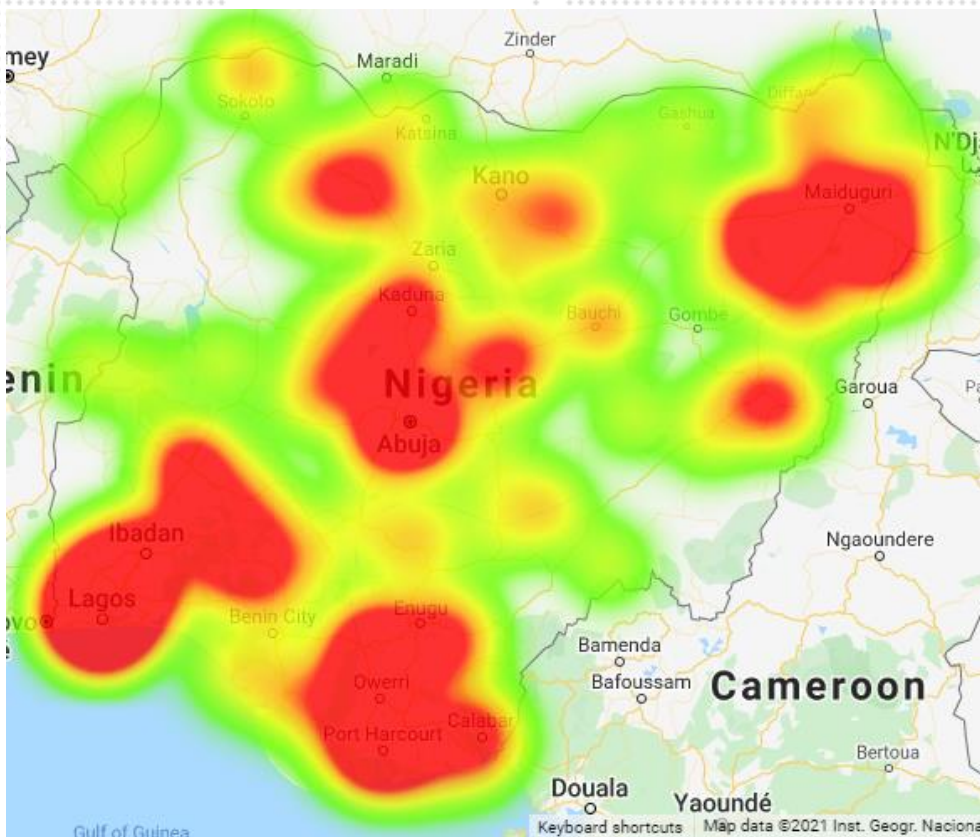
**Theft of Asset**



## MAPS AND CHARTS



*Heat Map for Nigeria - November 2021*





## Analysis

General threat level for the month of November was **High** as the kidnappings and killings increased in the Middle Belt, South West and North West regions while terrorists activities surged in the North East region. An estimated 455 persons were killed which does not account for soldiers killed during combat with terrorists in the NE region while 337 persons were kidnapped in the month of November. Therefore, number of persons killed for the month declined while kidnapped victims increased compared to October 2021.

The threat posed by ISWAP and Boko Haram terrorist groups in the NE is underreported by the media. There has been upsurge in attacks not only against the military but against communities in most LGAs in Borno State. They reportedly move from their hideouts along the Chad Basin down into towns close to the capital, Maiduguri. Attacks have been prevalent in Gwoza, Monguno, Askira UBA, Bama, Malam Fatori, Damboa, Nganzai, Marte, Gubio LGAs and along Damaturu – Maiduguri Highway. During the month, 42 incidents of terrorist attacks on military camps, robberies, kidnappings and IED attacks were recorded. The mode of operation remains the same. They invade communities to prevent farming, demand levies and ransack for food items and valuables. They also masse up aboard motorcycles and gun trucks before any major attack against the military. ISWAP have similarly increased the use of IEDs and mortars as a strategy to slow down operations and response missions against possible and ongoing threats in the state. At least ten IEDs were destroyed by soldiers in Malam Fatori during clearance operations in the town. They continue to mount illegal checkpoints where at least 18 persons including soldiers and humanitarian workers have been kidnapped while others have been robbed. Also, farmers are a target with them having to rely on vigilantes and military escorts to cultivate and harvest their crops. At least three farmers were reported to have been kidnapped while five others have been killed in Kaga and Damboa LGA respectively.

Other issues such as the surge of riots in transit camps occupied by over 17,000 surrendered Boko Haram fighters is a source of concern. They have reportedly been in these camps for four months since the reintegration process is slowing down as the rehabilitation programme seem to be ineffective.

After a year of investigations over the killings of protesters and resulting violence of the EndSARS demonstrations, the panel of inquiry for Lagos State affirmed that several individuals were killed by soldiers and police officer on 20 October 2020 at the Lekki/Admiralty Toll Gate in Eti-Osa LGA. The Minister of Information Lai Mohammed however made a statement during a press briefing to negate the outcomes of the panel while



other government supporters have followed suit with untruths to invalidate not only the report but the panel. During the week the report was made public, one of the witnesses before the panel was attacked by armed men who also left a threat letter to other witnesses. The echo of the protest is expected to reverberate for years to come as this could pose future threats not just for private citizens but also for governmental infrastructure. Noteworthy, the toll gate which was grounded since October 2020 will reportedly be reopened by January 2022.

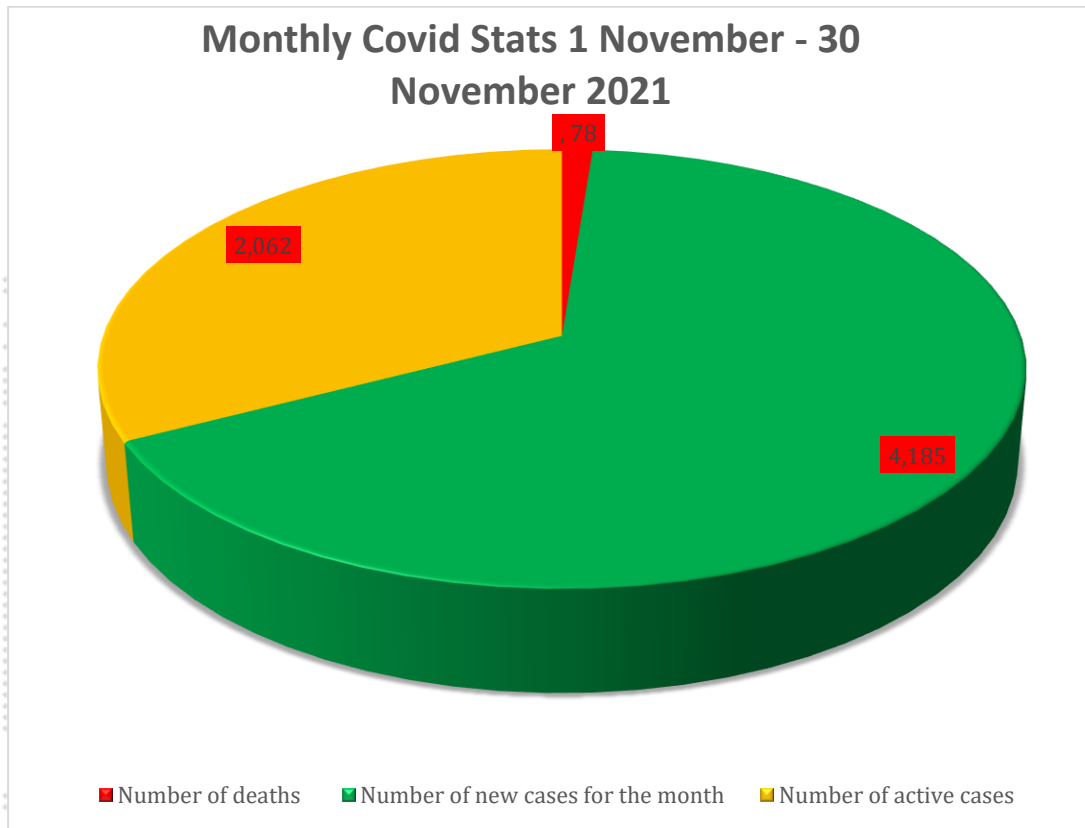
Another devastating incident occurred in Lagos State where a defective building collapsed in Ikoyi on 1 November killing over 40 persons including the developer identified as Femi Osibona. The incident highlighted the corruption between the agency in charge of building regulations and contractors in the state.

Kidnappings continue to thrive in the country with 337 persons kidnaped in the month. The kidnapping zones have spread from Kaduna, Niger, Sokoto and Zamfara states with new trends showing a resurgence of incidents along the Kaduna – Abuja Highway and the kidnapping of children in Akure, Ondo State. Although telecommunications networks have been restored after two months of shutdown to enable military operations curb the spread of armed groups in the NW region, the resulting effect have been devastating on the locals who have reported an increase in brutality from bandits in the area. Also, underreporting of kidnappings along the Auchu Road in Edo State is a major concern with commuters being the major targets of armed groups during all times of the day. It was along the route that the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Etsako LGA was kidnapped on the evening of 26 November and the sum of NGN 50million has been demanded for his release. The presence or absence of checkpoints in some of these areas do not deter armed attacks or kidnappings as recorded in Isikwuato LGA, Abia State when at least ten passengers were kidnaped by armed men on 24 November.

At least 24 fire incidents were recorded in the month including those caused by tanker explosions, oil spill and arsonists. This is a surge from last month and as the dry season emerges, more fires are expected to occur. Also, oil spills were common in the month with incidents recorded in Bayelsa and Rivers state. A fire broke out at Santa Barbara South Field of the Aiteo Eastern Exploration and Production Company since the first week of November in Opu-Nembe community. The discharge of hydrocarbon and other dangerous gases into the atmosphere and destruction of farmlands and fishes have led to a mass movement of residents from the area. These spills have led to protests in some parts of the Niger/Delta region while a militant group called Bayan-Men has commenced attacks on oil facilities belonging to AGIP in Rivers State.

The COVID-19 number of cases and deaths have dropped during the month as the third wave seem over but with the discovery of the Omicron Variant the fourth wave might follow

successively. Over 2,000 are currently infected as at the end of the month. The country remains open for business, but the recent discovery of the Omicron variant of the virus could possibly lead to new policies.







## Threat Chart for November

- ◆ **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	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	Low
North East	Medium	High	High	Low	High	Low
North West	High	High	High	Low	High	Low
South East	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low
South West	Medium	Low	High	High	Medium	Medium
South	Medium	Low	Medium	High	Medium	Low





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