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HIGHLIGHTS

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**Terrorist
Activity**

○ **Highlight of week 1 & 2**

- The number of incidents recorded during the first two weeks was 113 and the most recorded incidents were killings and terrorist activity.
- COVID-19 cases decreased in the first two weeks with 2,714 new cases and 91 deaths.
- Threat letter written by IPOB to community in the SE over not following the stay-at-home order.
- Armed clashes prevalent in SW region during the week.
- Resurgence of armed groups in some parts of NC region.
- Military Operation named Golden Dawn launched in some states in the country.
- President Muhammadu Buhari visits Imo State.

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Banditry

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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 116 incidents.
- COVID-19 numbers in the last two weeks slightly increased to 2,857 new cases while deaths decreased to 45.
- Increase in number of prison break.
- Launch of the enaira digital money by CBN.
- Home of Supreme Court Justice raided by EFCC.
- Surge in terrorist attacks against mi.

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Kidnapping

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Killings

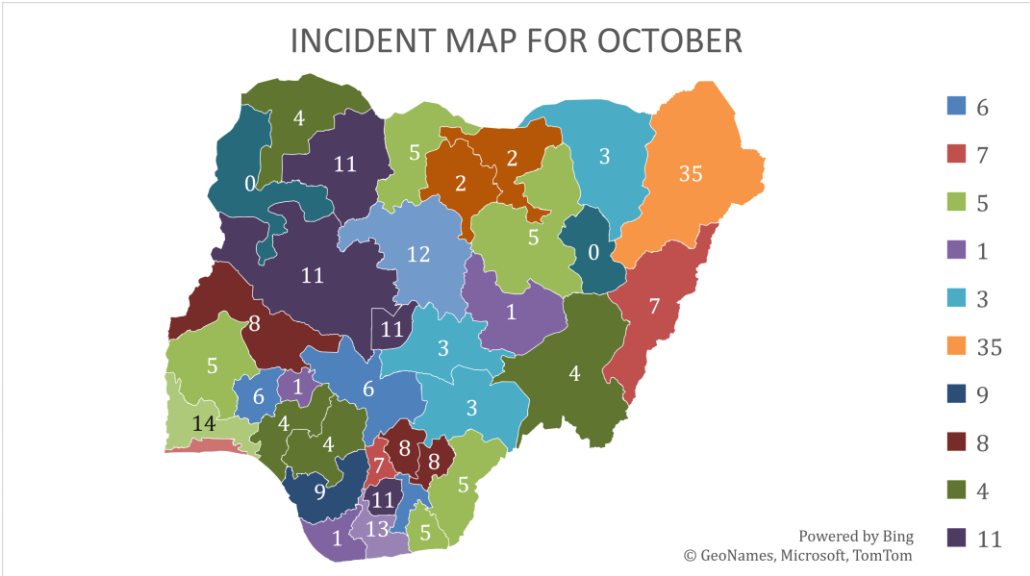
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Floods

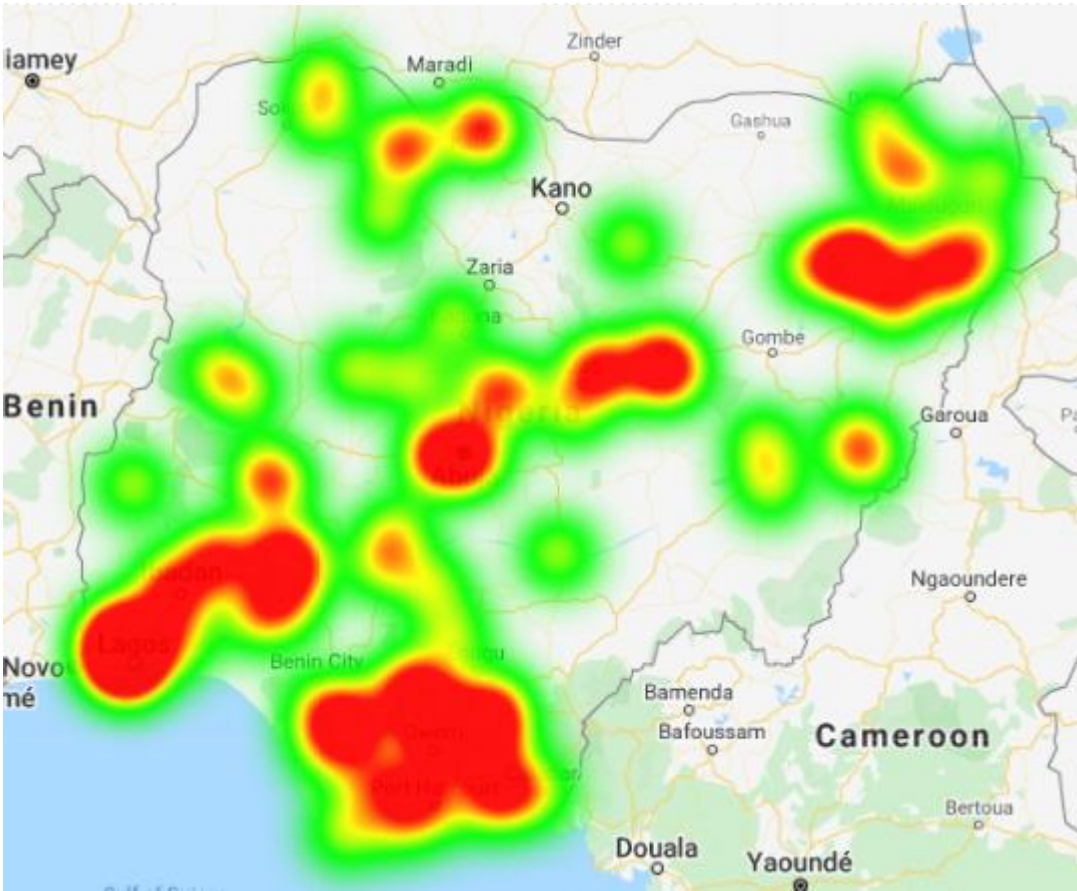
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**Theft
of Asset**

MAPS AND CHARTS



Heat Map for Nigeria - October 2021



General threat level for the month of October was **High** as the armed attacks and killings increased in the Middle Belt, South East and North West regions while terrorists activities surged in the North East region. An estimated 605 persons were killed while 248 persons were kidnapped in the month of October which is a 30 percent increase in persons killed compared to September.

The highlight of the month was the EndSARS memorial on 20 October when several young protesters were killed by soldiers deployed to disperse a weeklong protest over police brutality and extortion. Tension was high throughout the week preceding the event as on Monday, 19 October, several riot police officers with armoured vehicles were deployed at the memorial point along the Lekki/Admiralty Toll Gate, Lagos State to clamp down on any protest. Despite the tension, there began to emerge reports on social media of another bout of brutality meted out on some youths in the southern part of the country. Noteworthy, it was the killing of two young men by police officers that sparked the nationwide EndSARS movement in October 2020.

On the morning of 20 October, the police began arresting any person that was found standing around the Toll area and were held in the task force vehicles parked in the vicinity. The procession did go according to the police predictions as the organisers adopted a new strategy by using vehicles. Several buses and private vehicles drove slowly inwards and through the Toll Gate flying the flag. The motorcade was however teargassed by the police, forcing the protesters to disperse. In another scene, the police assaulted a driver of an e-hailing cab who was falsely accused of causing chaos while there was also an altercation with a media team as they wanted to forcefully acquire a drone used by the journalists. The memorial was also recorded in other cities like Asaba, Abuja, Port Harcourt, Oshogbo, and Ibadan without incident.

Although calm has been restored, there is still the possibility of chaos erupting over the maltreatment of youths in the country as recorded in the last week of the month when students in Yola, Ijebu-Ode and Benin held protests over brutality, poor living conditions and failure to provide required tools for training.

In North Central, there was a surge in killings and kidnappings in Kogi and Niger states. This was attributed to the ongoing military operation in the North West region where telecoms has been shut down to aid in the quick expulsion of armed groups. It has been reported that there have been mass movement of some groups from the NW into the forest of Niger and Kogi states. At the end of last month, it was reported that Boko Haram terrorists overtook at least 500 communities in Shiroro LGA while armed attacks were recorded in Mashega, and Rafi LGA between 7 and 26 October contributing to over a 100 killed and several more kidnapped.



Consequently, it was during the same month that the Federal Government reportedly bought back an anti-aircraft from bandits at USD 50,000 to prevent the shooting down of the presidential jet.

Bandits were however successful in damaging a train and rail lines between Abuja and Kaduna with IEDs on 19 and 20 October. Commuters have relied on trains since the surge of armed group activities along the Kaduna – Abuja Highway. This new means of transport had resulted in the reduction of armed attacks along the highway. Perhaps this was what galvanised the assailants to destroy the rails which would force passengers back to the road. The trains were grounded for a week but has since resumed operations. The incident raised the questions of what label should be attached to the perpetrators: “bandits or terrorists”.

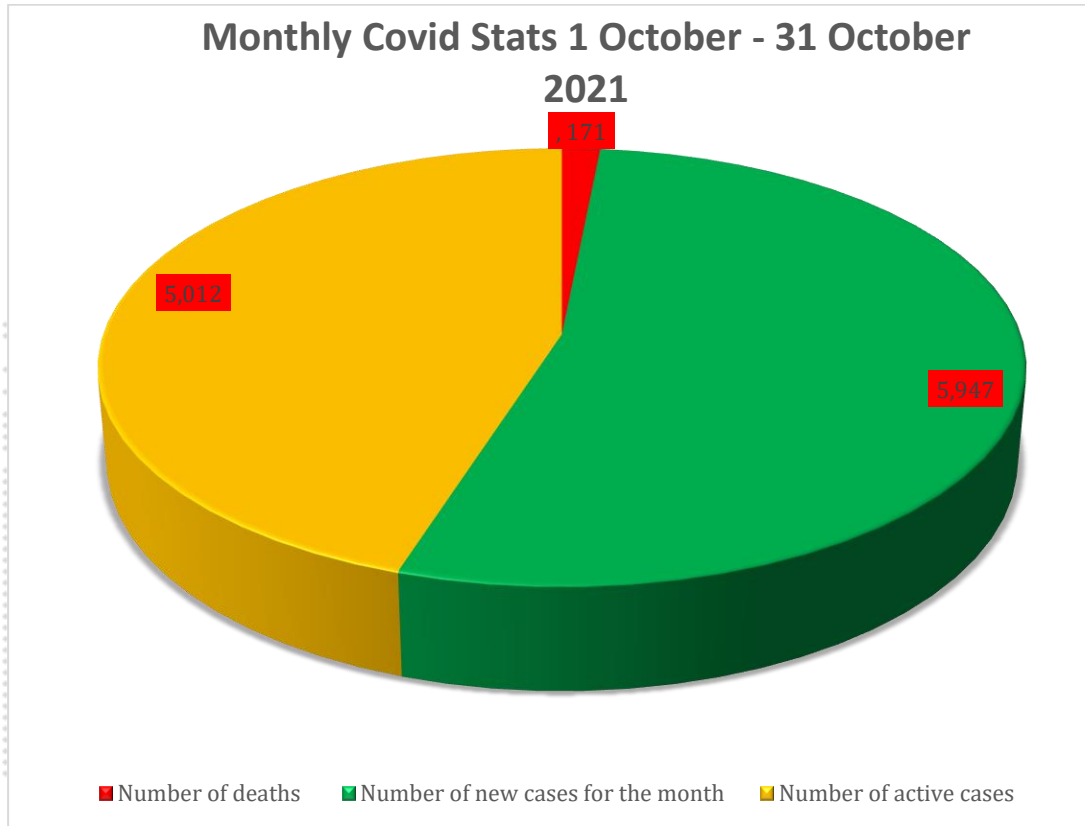
Jail breaks were common in the month and they mostly occurred in the southern region. Four attempts were made by armed men to break into four prisons in the country. Two of the incidents were recorded in the SE region (Ebonyi and Imo), one was recorded in the SW region (Oyo) while the last in the month occurred in the Niger/Delta (Edo). These incidents occurred amidst attacks on police officers and police stations during the month. The incidents which occurred between 18 and 28 October exposed the hardship faced by inmates in the country. Most of the prisons are over capacity and in findings, most of the inmates are awaiting trial for unknown crimes. The autonomy of the police to transfer culprits from holding cell to prison without trial is also the major issue of overcrowding in the prisons. Some inmates escaped and the police is reportedly searching to rearrest the escapees. Unfortunately, this event is expected to result in the surge of criminal incidents in the affected states next month.

The Justice of the Supreme Court Mary Odili was in the headlines towards the last part of the month when reports emerged that her house was searched by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) allegedly in search of evidence against her husband, former Governor of Rivers State, Peter Odili. The EFCC has been criticised for engaging in indiscriminate raids in recent times and it is unclear how the warrant was granted for the search on the justice’s house because the Attorney General of the Federation, Abubakar Malami has denied issuing the warrant. Noteworthy, a raid on a similar matter was what led to the ousting of former Chief Justice Walter Onnoghen in 2019.

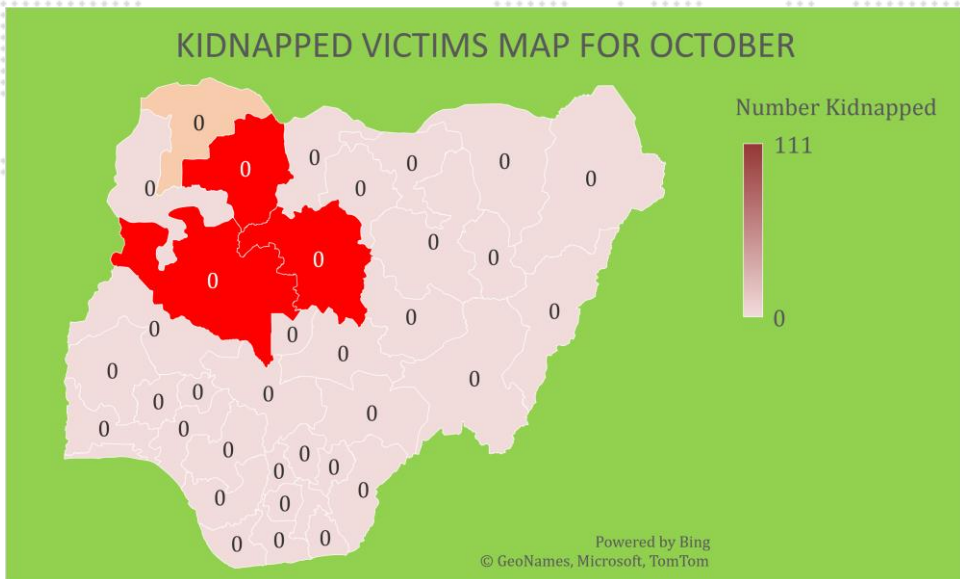
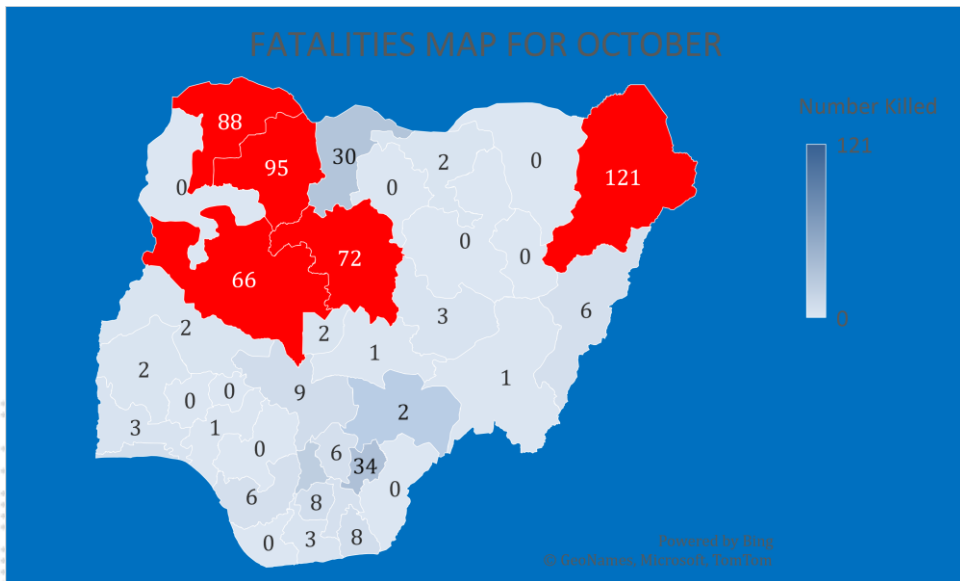
Kidnapping for ransom remain a major threat nationwide as 248 persons were kidnaped in the month. The three major kidnapping zones were Kaduna, Niger, and Zamfara states.

The country remains in the third wave of COVID-19 with number of cases remaining high but reduced compared to last reporting month. Over 5,000 are currently infected as at the end of the month. The country remains open for business, and it is uncertain the government would

issue another lockdown to curb the spread. The Government might however enforce civil servants to take vaccines before they are allowed to report to their offices.



Victims Map for October



Threat Chart for October

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



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