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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 116 and the most recorded incidents were killings and terrorist activity.
- COVID-19 cases increased in the first two weeks with 7,343 new cases and 160 deaths.
- General decline in kidnapping activities.
- IPOB enforced stay-at-home order as at least three persons were killed during altercations with members in the SE region.
- Resurgence of armed groups in some parts of NC region.
- Military Operation against armed groups in NW as telecoms is shut down for greater impact.
- 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 144 incidents.
- COVID-19 numbers in the last two weeks slightly decreased to 5,423 new cases and 81 deaths.
- Husband to former Information Minister killed in the SE region as IPOB agitations become more violent.
- Jetty Platform collapse in the South.
- IMN members attacked by security forces.
- Kaduna and Sokoto states shut down telecoms and banned the use of motorcycles to combat criminal armed groups.

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Kidnapping

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Killings

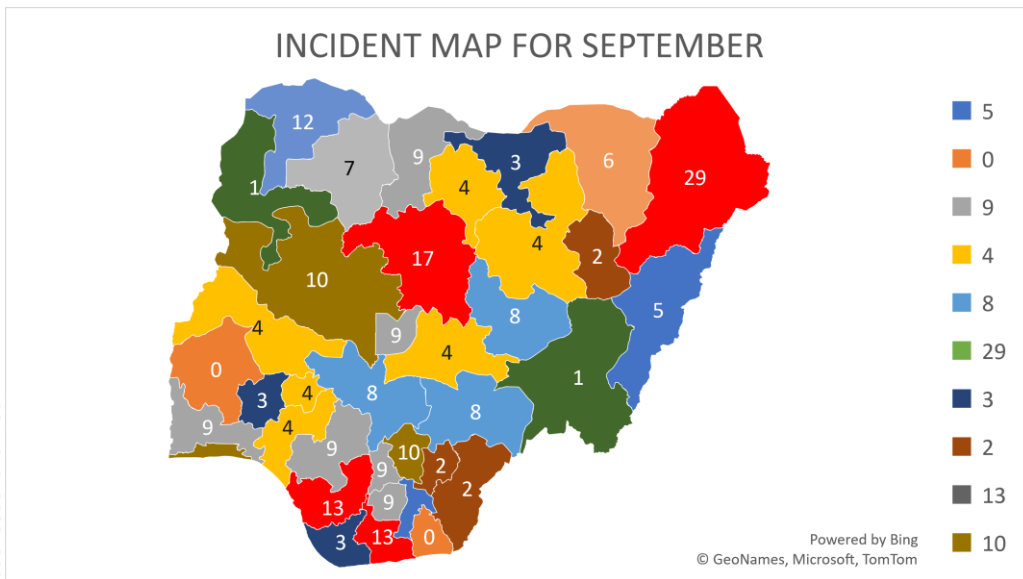
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Floods

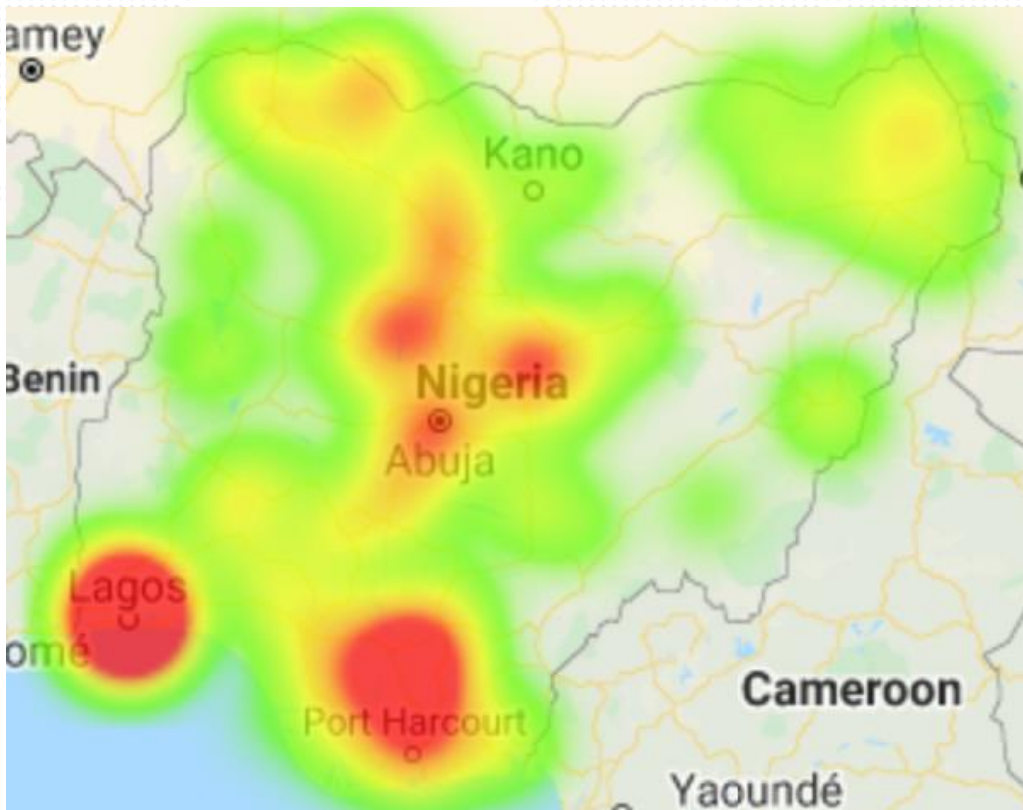
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Theft of Asset

MAPS AND CHARTS



Heat Map for Nigeria - September 2021



General threat level for the month of September is **High** as the impact of kidnapping and armed attacks were evident nationwide with an increase in number of fatalities. An estimated 426 persons were killed while 223 persons were kidnapped in the month of September.

The highlight of the month was the military operation against bandits in the North West region. Telecommunications was shut down by the government in Kaduna, Katsina, Sokoto and Zamfara states. The first states were Zamfara and Katsina where the military reported success, but the locals testified otherwise. As the onslaught continued, it was reported that the criminal groups were moving into neighbouring states which had dense forests which were Sokoto and Kaduna states. A week later, an order to shut down telecoms in those states was also issued with the most recent in effect on 30 September. Apart from the telecoms, the Kaduna State Governor, Nasir El Rufia also imposed a ban on the movement of motorcycles in some local governments in the state. Noteworthy, the state is riddled with poor roads in the rural areas and motorcycles are the only means of transportation.

Critics claim this strategy would not work as the bandits could just wait out the operation to re-emerge angrier, more brutal, and innovative to circumvent the current telecoms blackout. This was witnessed towards the end of the month when bandits in Sokoto State wrote a letter to the district head of Burkusuumu to demand ransom for 20 persons held hostage by them. Others fear that to allow telecoms shut down to fight criminal groups is extreme and could find its way to the cities in the southern region where telecommunication is most important for business transactions.

Although, there was a general decline in kidnapping incidents during the month, the number of persons kidnapped only slightly decreased in comparison to last month. Also, the number of persons killed by criminal groups increased during the month.

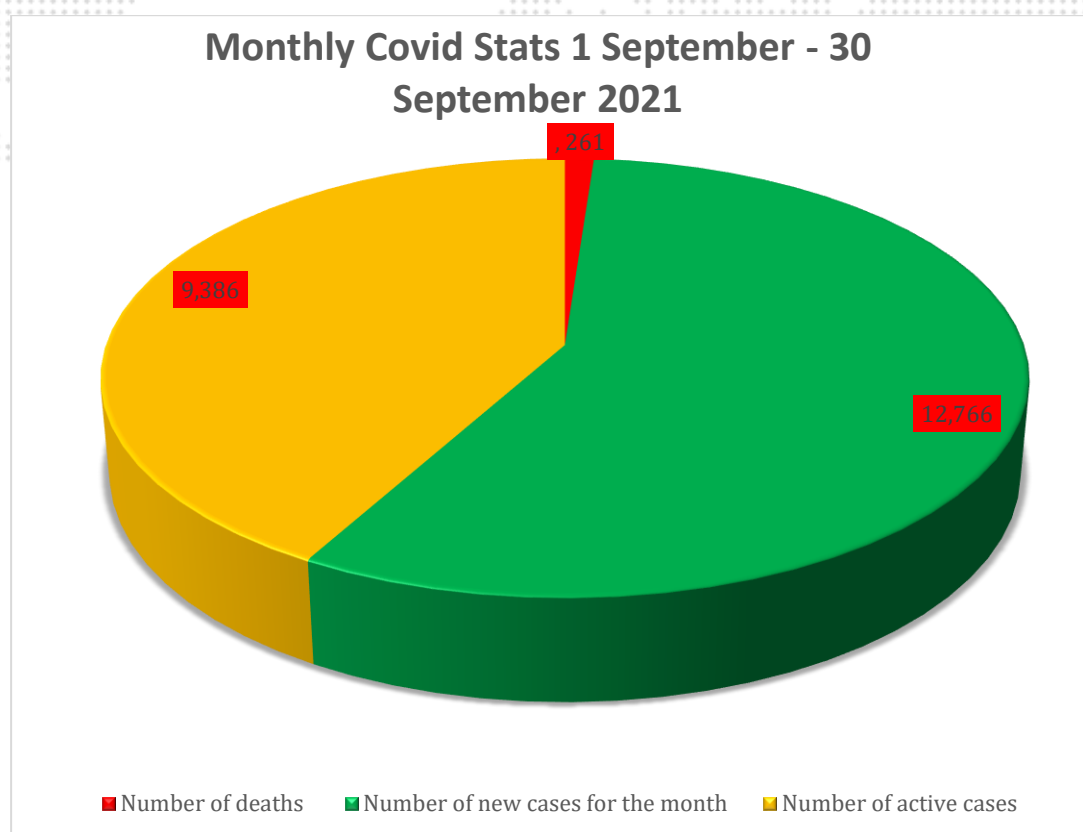
The other area of concern in the month was the activities of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB). The month recorded a surge in violence orchestrated by the group. It has escalated since the issuance of the stay-at-home order which has incapacitated commercial activities in the SE region. The violence was no more limited to just Mondays but to random days of the week. On 28 September, Dr. Chike Akunyili was returning from a meeting at the University of Nsukka, Enugu State where he received a post-mortem award for his revered wife former Minister of Information and NAFDAC DG, Dora Akunyili when armed men attacked his vehicle at Umuoji Junction in Idemili North LGA, Anambra State and fired several gunshots resulting in his death and three others. It is unclear why he was killed but his death has been linked to the Anambra Gubernatorial Elections slated for 6 November. Another theory was the target was someone else, but his vehicle was wrongly profiled. Two days later another convoy vehicle was attacked while the driver identified as working for a National Assembly member was killed in the same state. Also, a police station in Aljalli, Orumba North was attacked, and five police

officers were killed. These incidents have clarified for some South Easterners who were previously in support of IPOB that the group was not fighting for the region but their own personal gain which was taking over the SE region without elections.

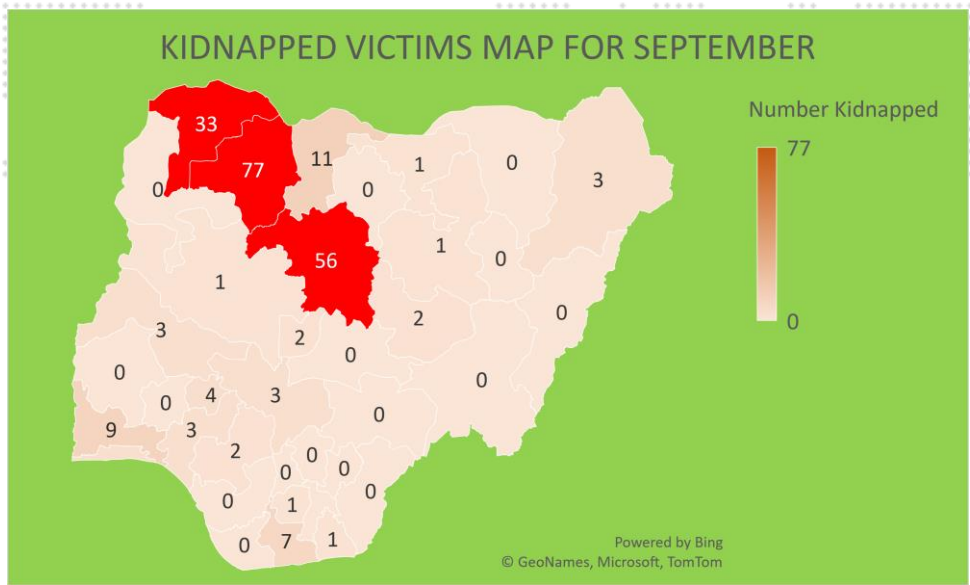
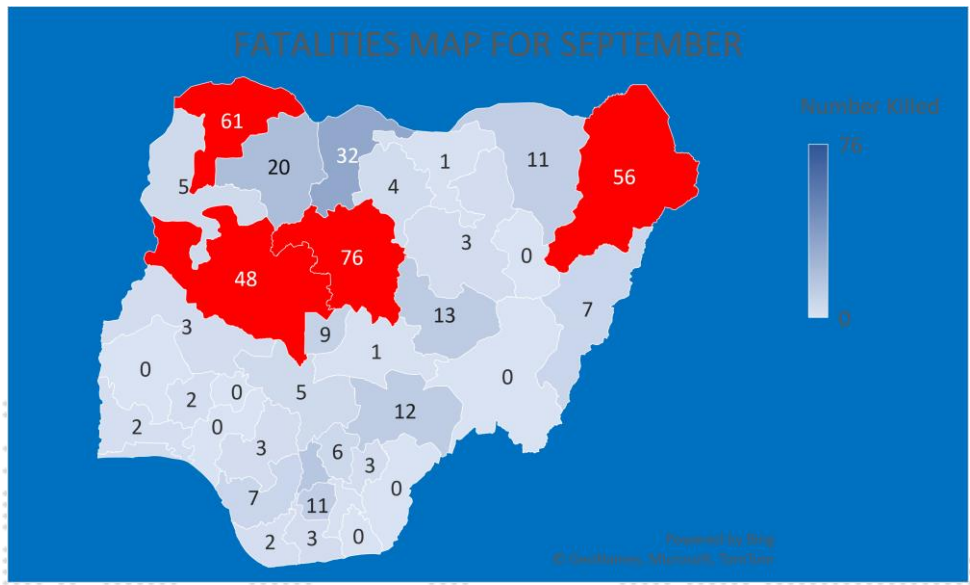
IPOB has threatened to ground SE states and force the boycott of elections if their leader Nnamdi Kanu is not released.

Kidnapping for ransom remain a major threat nationwide as 223 persons were kidnaped in the month. Incident reporting declined but the three major kidnapping zones were Kaduna, Sokoto and Zamfara states. Lagos State recorded a surge in kidnappings with three recorded on the same day which was 27 September.

The country remains in the third wave of COVID-19 with number of cases remaining high but reduced compared to last reporting month. Over 9,000 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. Noteworthy, the United Kingdom announced Nigeria would be put under a ban on COVID-19 vaccine cards as it is unsure if vaccines were administered to the carrier.



Victims Map for September



Threat Chart for September

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



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