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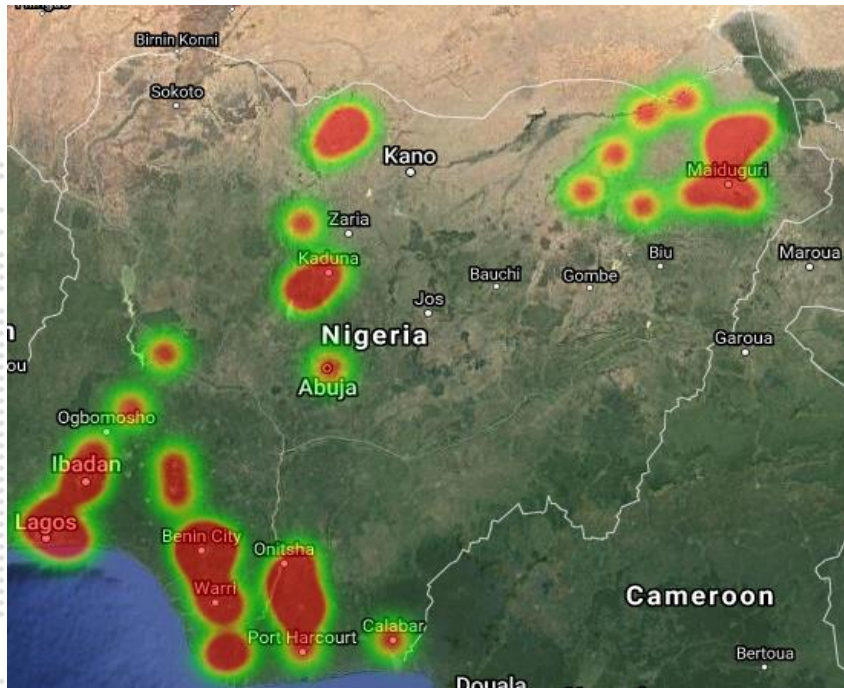
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## WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

Covering period from 0000-hour 28 December 2020 to 1600 hours 3 January 2021

### HIGHLIGHTS



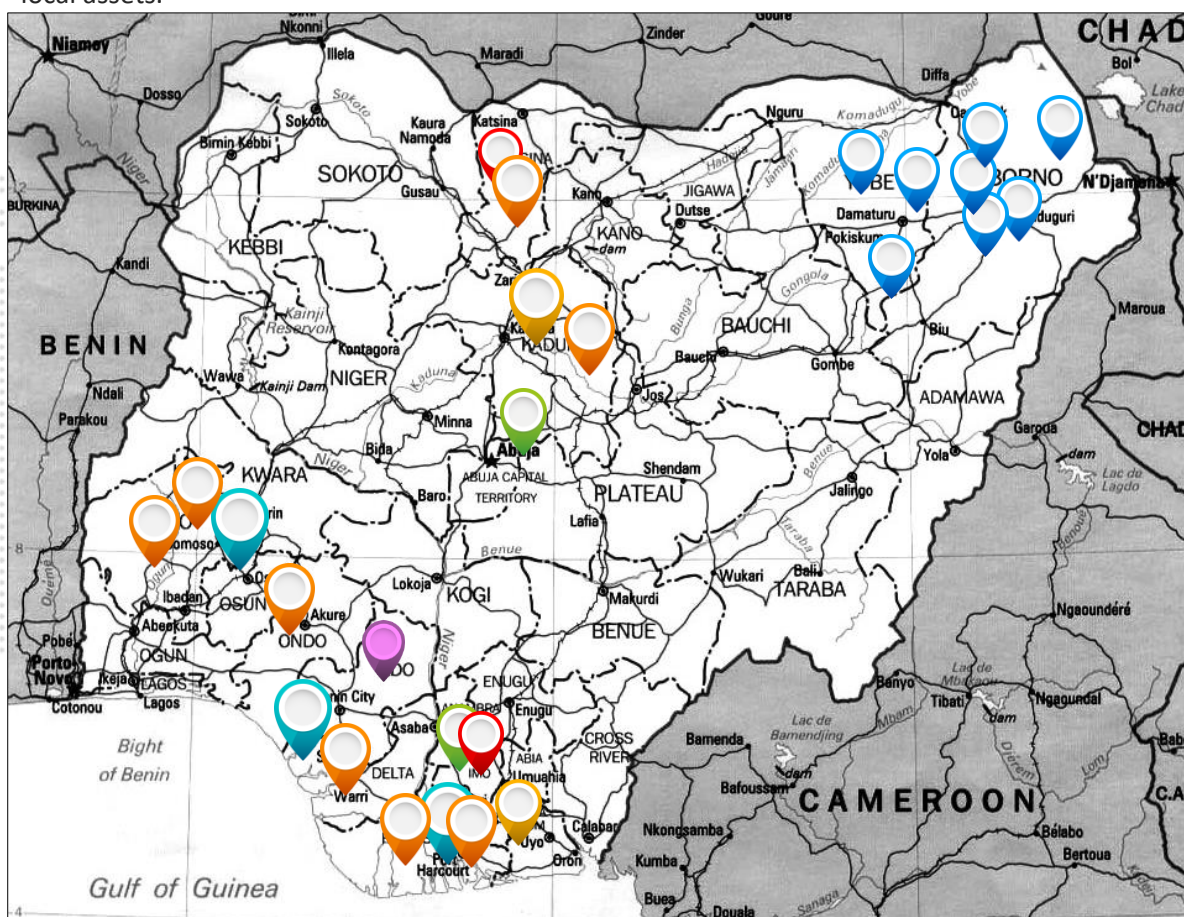
#### WEEKLY THREAT LEVEL ASSEMENT – Medium

LEVEL		SCORE	THREAT
High	Very High	5	Red
	High	4	
Medium	Medium	3	Yellow
	Low	2	
Low	Very Low	1	Green



## OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS FOR THE WEEK

1. The Northwest region remains volatile with incidents recorded in Kaduna and Katsina States.
2. An upsurge in criminal activities was registered in the Southern region during the week.
3. Insurgents affiliated to ISWAP continued to operate in the North East with sightings in Yobe states.
4. A slight decline in kidnapping incidents nationwide. Nevertheless, kidnappings were reported in Katsina and Imo States. Clients are advised to take adequate measures to safeguard their foreign and local assets.



THREAT	Code
Kidnapping	Red
Killing	Orange
Civil unrest	Green
Armed conflict	Light Blue
Arrest	Yellow
Robbery	Purple
Terrorism	Dark Blue

## OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH CENTRAL (NC) REGION



**1. On 28 December,** 23 individuals were killed while

33 others were injured in a road traffic accident involving a cargo truck conveying cattle and some individuals along the Bokani-Makera road in the Mokwa LGA of Niger State.

**2. On 29 December,** members of the Islamic Movement Nigeria (IMN) held a protest along Herbert Macaulay Way, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja FCT to demand the release of their leader.

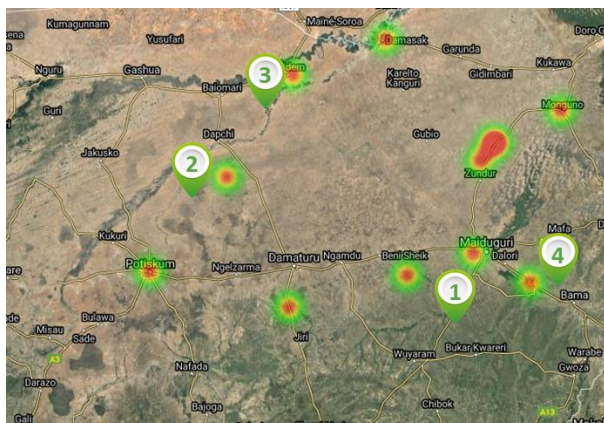
### Analysis

A decline was registered in incidents occurring in the NC with only two incidents recorded in the week. The first an accident in Niger State and the second protests in Abuja FCT.

The incident in Niger resulted in the death of an estimated 23 individuals. The road where the accident happened is in a state of disrepair and possibly the reason the accident occurred as trailer drivers are known to exceed speed limits on most routes in the North.

Member of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN) held a march along Wuse road to demand the release of their leader Ibrahim El Zakzaky who had been incarcerated alongside his wife since 2015 despite court judgement granting their bail.

## OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH EAST (NE) REGION



**1. On 28 December**, two soldiers were killed while four others were injured after their vehicle struck an IED planted by ISWAP fighters in vicinity of Kuniuba while escorting civilian vehicles from Ngala to Maiduguri, Borno State.

**2. On 28 December**, a soldier deliberately shot himself twice in the abdomen and was badly injured in vicinity of Buni Gari, Gujba LGA, Yobe State. Reason for his action is unknown.

**3. On 29 December**, ISWAP fighters were sighted moving in unspecified number on board gun trucks crossing South-North between Mainok and Jakana, heading towards Babbangida, Tarmuwa LGA, Yobe State.

**4. On 30 December**, a private vehicle was shot at by ISWAP insurgents who mounted a checkpoint in vicinity of Ali Gambori, along Monguno – Gajiram road, Borno State. The driver of the vehicle escaped unharmed.

### Analysis

The North East continues to record attacks from ISWAP and Boko Haram fighters. A total of twelve incidents were recorded during the week as illegal checkpoints were mounted in the reporting week and the major locations for these attacks were Ngala, Monguno-Gajiram road, Mobbar and Nganzai LGAs. Also, there were several incidents of insurgent sightings in Yobe State. These assailants are seen dressed in military fatigue and moving around in large numbers aboard gun trucks possibly strategizing on which village to attack. Noteworthy, most of the villages in Yobe have vigilante groups protecting the vicinity which is possibly the reason no major attacks have been recorded in the area. This might however change in the next reporting period. On 30 December 2020, the insurgents were seen lurking around a community before heading to Geijiram town. For the fear of an attack, the market in the vicinity was abruptly closed.



## OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH WEST (NW) REGION



**1. On 28 December**, nine suspected bandits were killed by security forces patrolling the vicinity of Kaduna-Abuja highway, along the Rijana-Maruu wooded land in Chikun LGA, Kaduna State.

**2. On 28 December**, armed men killed a man who is a relative of a politician in Runka village - Safana

LGA, Katsina State. He was reportedly killed for resisting abduction. The assailants however kidnapped 15 persons from Babban Duhu village before they left.

**3. On 29 December**, troops and local vigilantes during a joint effort patrol encountered armed men along Konan Bature village in Chikun LGA, Kaduna State. The assailants had rustled some livestock and were crossing from the Chikun forest to the Birnin Gwari axis when they were ambushed by security forces which was followed by a firefight. One was killed while several others were injured.

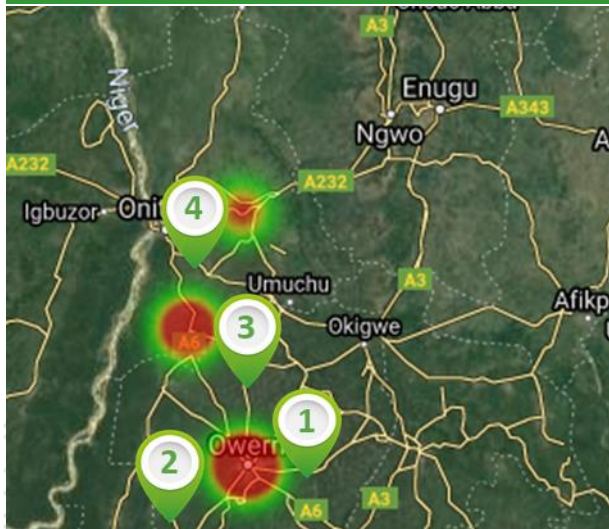
**4. On 2 January**, Residents of 50 villages reportedly blocked a highway in Katsina to demand an end to insecurity. They gave a four days ultimatum to government or threatened to take up arms for self-defence.

### Analysis

Katsina and Kaduna States recorded kidnappings and cattle rustling incidents during the week with most of the incidents occurring between the 28 and 29 December. There has been an intense campaign against these armed groups identified as bandits in the reporting week. The combined efforts of soldiers and vigilantes commenced patrols along the Kaduna – Abuja Highway and were able to ambush several gunmen moving rustled cattle from Chikun LGA to Birnin Gwari axis.

In Katsina however, bandits continue cause mayhem in most villages unhindered, which possibly led to the protest recorded on 2nd January 2021 when residents of 50 villages barricaded the highway for 5 hours demanding an end to insecurity and threatened to pick up arms to defend themselves if government does not find a lasting solution. It has been said by critics that the North have not taken action in demanding an end to insecurity in the region for ethnic reasons. This protest however changes the narrative and the possible outcome will be seen in the next reporting week.

## OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH EAST (SE) REGION



**1. On 28 December**, the Auxiliary Bishop of Owerri Archdiocese, and his driver were kidnapped by

unknown assailants along world bank road in Owerri, Imo State.

**2. On 29 December**, a man was kidnapped by armed men on a route in Owerri, Imo State.

**3. On 30 December**, a commercial bus driver conveying eighteen passengers have collided with a private car at Nise near Osita filling Station in Enugwu Ugwu LGA, Anambra State.

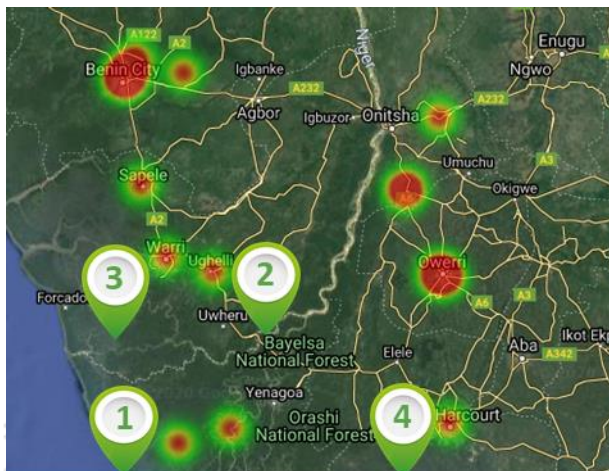
**4. On 30 December**, the driver of a vehicle hit and killed a child crossing the road along Ihiala road opposite starch mill in Ihiala LGA, Anambra State.

### Analysis

Two kidnapping incidents were recorded during the reporting week in Owerri, Imo State while the rest of the incidents were road traffic accidents in Anambra State.

On 28 December, the Auxiliary Bishop of Owerri Archdiocese, Cikwe Moses and his driver were kidnapped by unknown assailants along world bank road in Owerri. The victim's vehicle was later discovered parked on front of the archdiocesan headquarters in Owerri. The bishop is expected to take over from Archbishop A.J.V Obinna who has already retired. Noteworthy, this is the second catholic priest who has been kidnapped in less than two weeks. No further details as at time of writing. In the SE, apart from business men, clergies are prime targets for kidnappings. Sometimes the incident become fatal but it is expected that this is just a kidnap for ransom situation and the victims would be released after payments have been made.

## OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH SOUTH (SS) REGION



**1. On 28 December**, four persons were killed during a cult clash in Lobia Community in Southern Ijaw LGA, Bayelsa State.

**2. On 29 December**, the owner of a barber shop was killed by armed men who invaded his office in Sapele, Delta State.

**3. On 30 December**, suspected armed robbers attacked a Point of Sale (POS) operator at Otowwodo community of Ughelli North LGA, Delta State. One person was killed while another was injured.

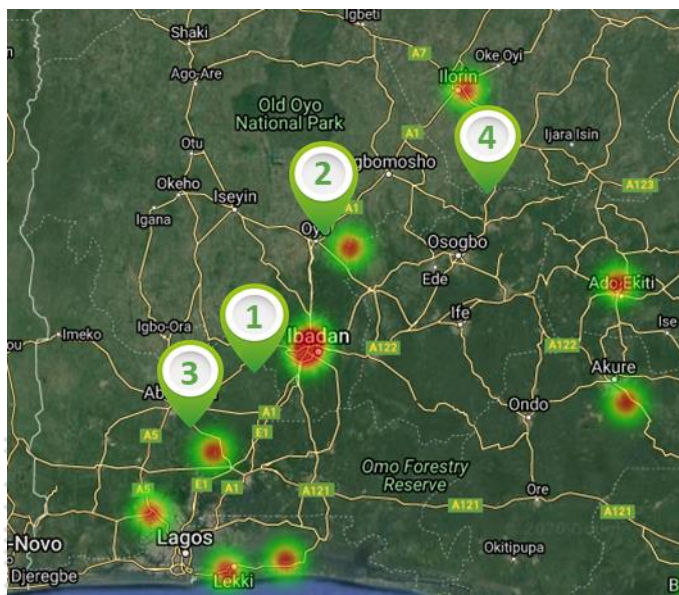
**4. On 30 December**, a group of armed men kidnapped a man at Elekahia community in Obio Akpor LGA, Rivers State.

### Analysis

The SS region recorded an upsurge in criminal incidents ranging from armed robbery to killings. Crime rate in the SS is rated as High due to the proliferation of arms in the area. One of the armed conflicts involving two rival cult groups from Ukubie and Azuzuama communities in Bayelsa State who clashed over the remembrance ceremony of a Chief from Lobia community. The clash occurred in the early hours of the morning leading to five fatalities but the police stated it was four deaths. Nevertheless, cult activities are widespread in the SS and there is a high possibility they are also involved in organised crime such as robberies, kidnappings and killings.



## OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH WEST (SW) REGION



**1. On 28 December,** A mob set a man on fire for attempting to kidnap a four-years sold child, while two of his accomplices escaped with injuries in Lanihun area of Oke- Ado in Ibadan, Oyo State.

**2. On 29 December,** a member of a cult group was killed while an unknown number of persons were injured during a clash between rival groups armed with sharp-edged weapons in Ejigbo LGA, Osun State.

**3. On 30 December,** a 24-year-old man was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Sango-Ota, Ogun State.

**4. On 31 December,** several staff of the Kwara State Universal Basic Education Board converged at the

State Government House, Ilorin, to protest their dismissal by the state government.

### Analysis

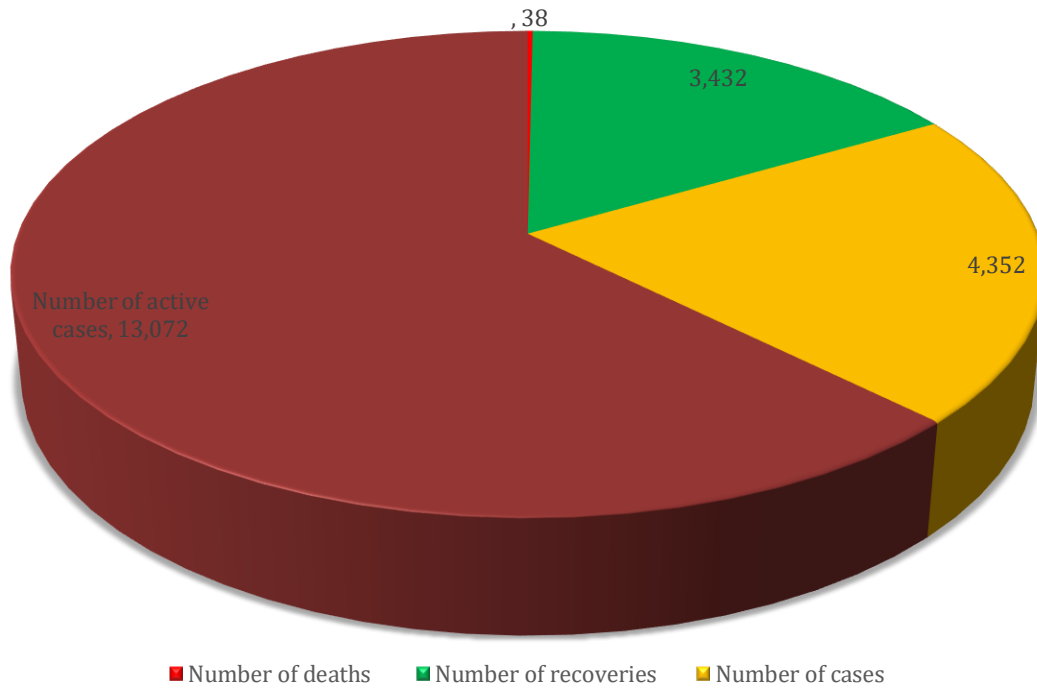
Incidents were recorded in Osun, Oyo, Kwara and Oyo States in the reporting period while Lagos continues to record a decline in crime related incidents. This is however majorly due to underreporting as armed robberies remain the major issue in the city.

Armed conflict between rival cult groups was a feature in Osun State during the reporting week. Although cult activities are not a common occurrence in the state, politically motivated violence is known to be the major cause of armed conflicts.

Kwara State is generally a calm state with little or no incidents. However, in the reporting week, dismissed workers held a protest at the state government house to demand their reinstatement. The government had immediately advertised vacancies for over 4,500 teachers which narrows the possibility of reinstating the affected teachers. More protest is expected in the next reporting week.

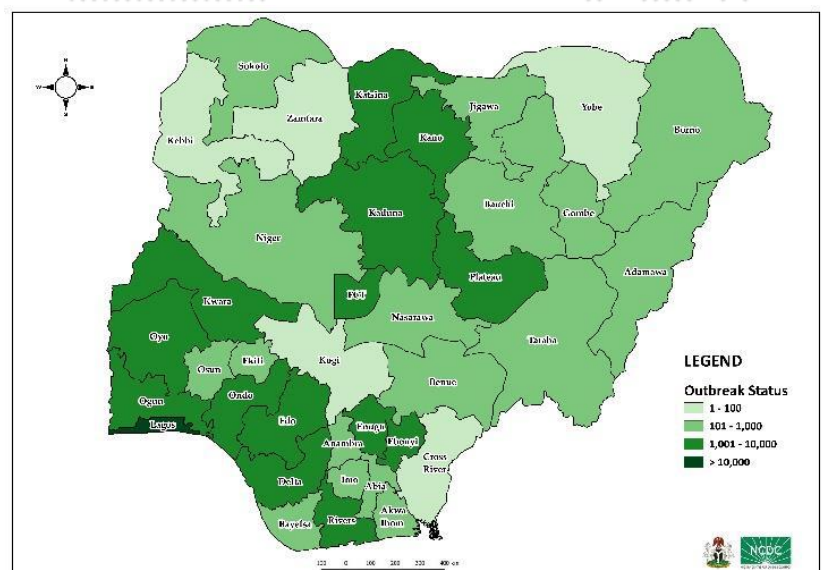
## OVERVIEW OF WEEKLY COVID-19 NUMBERS

Weekly Covid Stats 28 December 2020 - 3 January 2021



First case of COVID-19 was recorded in the country on 27 February after an Italian national returned from his trip to Milan. Other cases have been recorded in all parts of the country. As at 3 January 2021, total number of confirmed cases is at 89,163. The government officially announced the second wave of the virus spread and some states have put in place measures like restrictions on large gatherings to reduce spread.

Confirmed cases for the week	4,352
Recoveries for the week	3,432
Deaths for the week	38
Total number of cases	89,163
Total Number of recoveries	74,789
Total number of deaths	1,302



Distribution of cumulative cases





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