



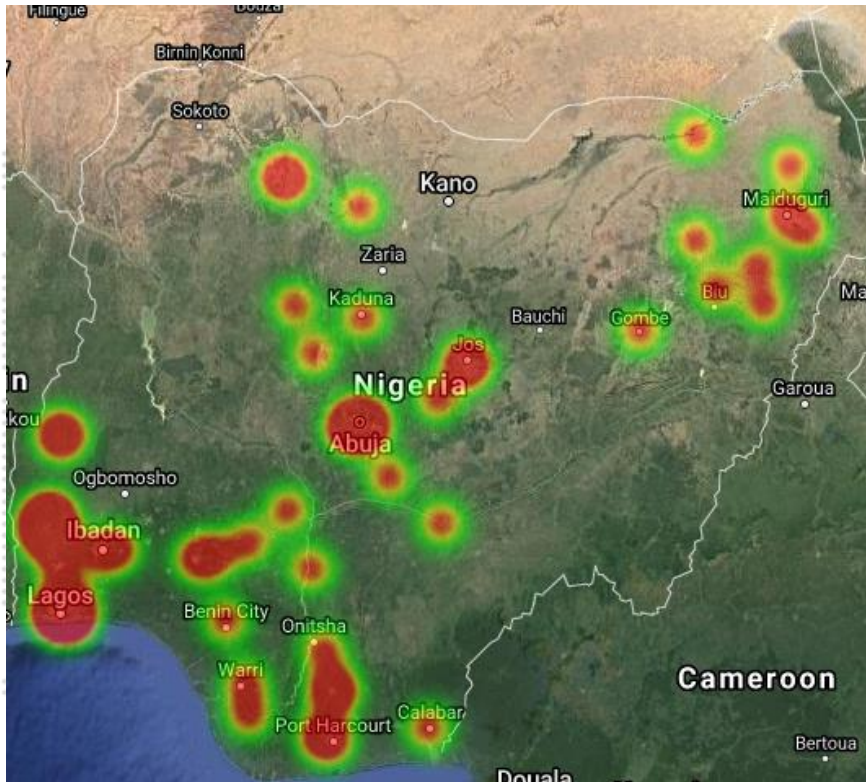
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**DATE: 10 January 2021**  
**WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT**

Covering period from 0000-hour 4 January 2020 to 1600 hours 10 January 2021

**HIGHLIGHTS**



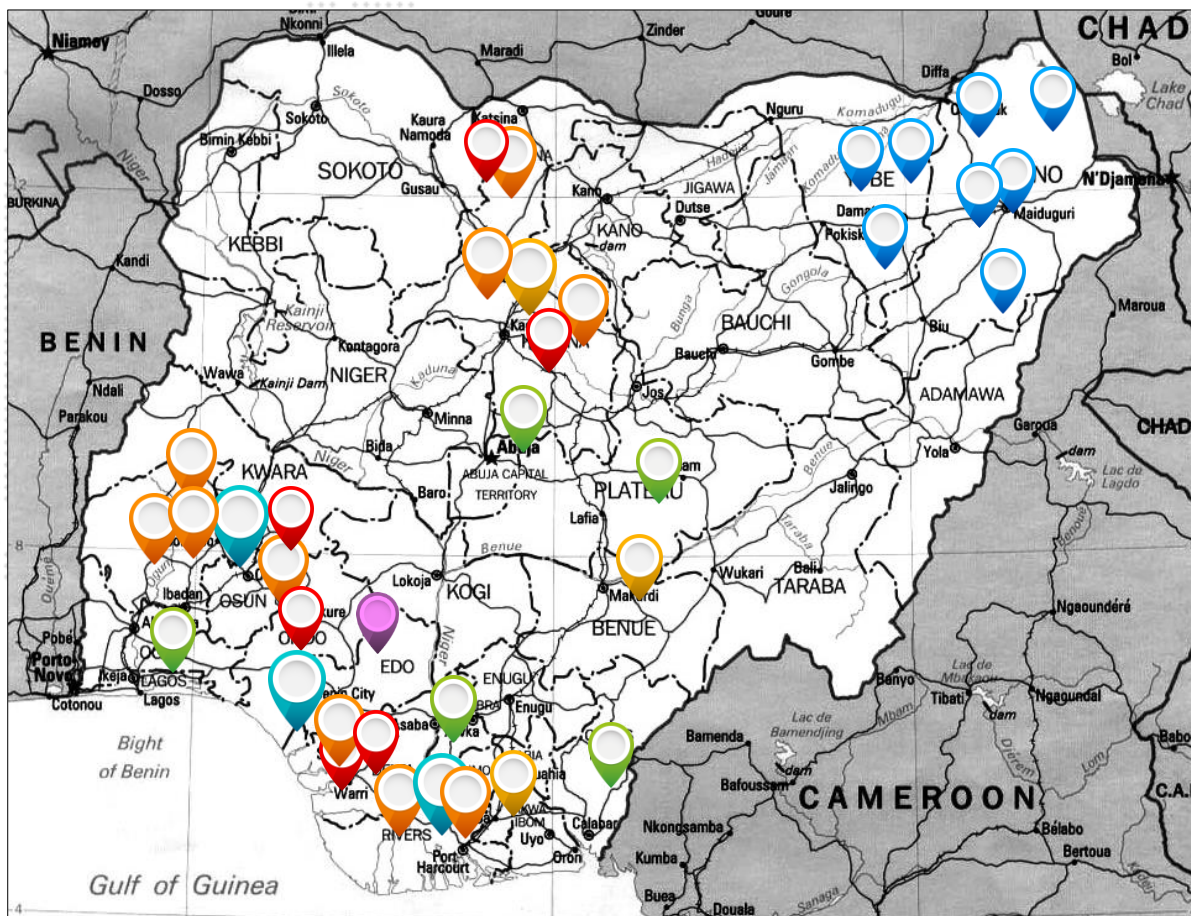
**WEEKLY THREAT LEVEL ASSEMENT – Medium**

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. Criminal activities such as robberies and armed clashes remain major issues in the Southern region with incidents recorded in Lagos, Oyo, Delta and Edo states.
2. A general uptick in activities of armed groups in the Northwest region.
3. Upsurge in attacks by ISWAP fighters in the Northeast region with incidents occurring in Yobe State. Military offensive was also intense in the week.
4. Number of kidnappings increase in the week. Clients are advised to take adequate measures to safeguard their foreign and local personnel.



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 4 January**, a soldier sustained gunshot injuries during a protest at Plateau State secretariat in Jos.

**2. On 6 January**, a police officer was shot and killed while several residents were injured during an attack by unknown gunmen in Chukuba community, Shiroro LGA, Niger State.

**3. On 7 January**, Staff of NIMC commenced an indefinite strike action to protest lack of funds and denounce the exposure to COVID-19 at centres due to the influx of people for registration.

**4. On 9 January**, man identified as a Saudi oil expert was killed at his residence in Idahm, Kogi State by armed men.

### Analysis

The seeming lull registered in the NC during the last reporting period has come to an end with reports of kidnappings, killings, robberies and violent protests in Nasarawa, Benue and Plateau states.

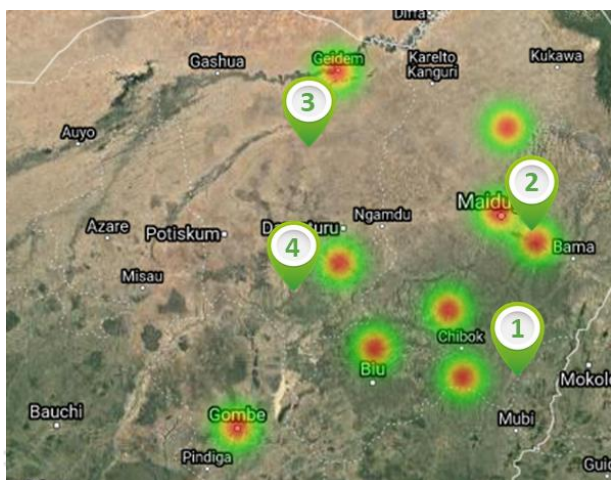
Katsina Ala and Ukum LGA of Benue State have in recent times been the most volatile part of Benue State with most crimes perpetuated by armed individuals aboard motorcycles. Therefore, in the course of the week the state's security council banned the use of motorbikes in the area. An estimated 70 motorcycles were impounded by troops deployed to the area as a measure to combat insecurity.

One of the five protests during the week occurred in Plateau State on 4 January as about 3,000 protesters stormed the state secretariat in Jos to demand the implementation of the new minimum wage set at N30,000. The number of protesters galvanised the state to deploy troops of Operation Safe Haven, police officers and other security personnel to prevent further chaos. The protest however turned violence as a soldier sustained gunshot injuries after an individual from the crowd reportedly fire gunshots. It is however uncorroborated as security forces in Nigeria have known to be harmed in friendly fire when it concerns civil unrest.

The staff of National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) commenced a nationwide strike action to protest lack of funds and denounce their exposure to COVID-19 due to the mass registration occurring at all centres after the Minister of Communication and Digital Economy, Isa Pantami issued an ultimatum for the link of SIM cards to National Identity Numbers (NIN) which might lead to blockage of phonelines for non-compliance. The directive by the Minister had been criticised since December when it was initially announced. However, on 9 January, the Minister through his spokesman announced that the issues have been sorted and services from the commission is expected to recommence by 11 January.



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



**1. On 5 January**, several residents have reportedly fled for safety while several houses were set on fire as Boko Haram fighters opened fire during an attack on a community in Askira/Uba LGA, Borno State.

**2. On 6 January**, troops of 254 Task Force Battalion repelled an insurgent attack on their position in Sabon Gari along Damboa-Biu road, Borno State.

**3. On 6 January**, Boko Haram insurgents aboard several gun trucks opened fire at residents during an attack on Geidam community, Geidam LGA, Yobe State. The group also looted dispensaries in hospitals and several stores. An infant sustained gunshot injury.

**4. On 8 January**, ISWAP fighters attacked Ngurbuwa village in Gubja LGA, Yobe State. Number of casualties unknown.

### Analysis

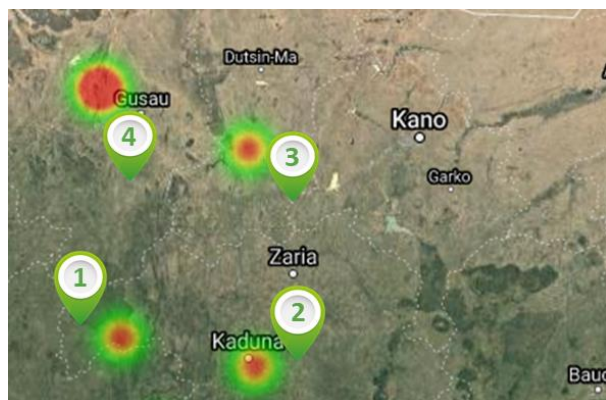
The reporting week was riddled with incidents orchestrated by insurgents affiliated to ISWAP in Borno and Yobe states.

Apart from Borno State, Yobe recorded three different incidents and as predicted in the last reporting period, Geidam LGA which was surrounded by insurgents was eventually attacked. A local leader was kidnapped after the assailants fired sporadic gunshots which displaced several residents to surrounding bushes. Although it seems the aim of the insurgents was to steal supplies as only one casualty was recorded caused by a stray bullet, it however shows the ease with which these villages can be infiltrated.

On 8 January, the town of Baga in Kukawa LGA close to Lake Chad in Borno State was reportedly surrounded by ISWAP fighters with collaboration from Chad, Cameroon and Niger. Eyewitness claimed that the reason for their need of more fighters is because the number of insurgents has greatly reduced in the area due to continuous airstrikes by the Air Task Force of Operation Lafiya Dole as recorded in Alargano Forest on 7 January. This military offensive was however undermined by another attack in Gubja LGA in Yobe which is close to the forest.

The effect of these incessant attacks, have left many displaced and on 7 January the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Sadiya Farouk announced that over 2 million Nigerians are living as displaced persons due to terrorism, communal clashes and banditry which has mostly affected the North East region.

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



**1. On 4 January**, six individuals were injured while an unconfirmed number of persons were abducted by armed men suspected to be bandits in Zankoro

community, along Birnin Gwari-Kaduna road, Kaduna State.

**2. On 5 January**, an armed robbery suspect was arrested and a firearm was recovered by police officer in Sabon Tasha, Chikun LGA, Kaduna State.

**3. On 6 January**, armed men killed four individuals and kidnapped an unknown number of women from Katarma village in Chikun LGA, Kaduna State.

**4. On 8 January**, seven children were kidnapped from their residence in Kadauri village, Maru LGA, Zamfara State.

### Analysis

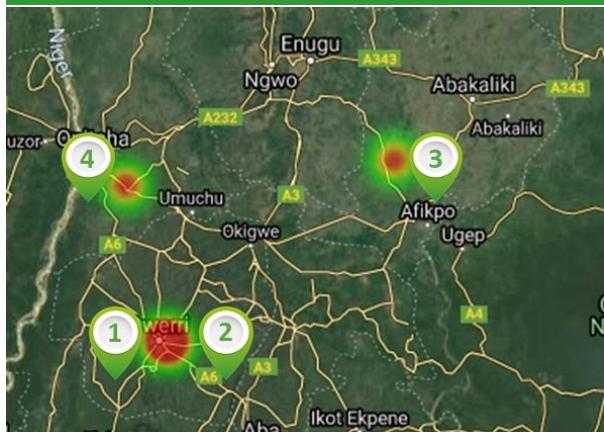
The armed group problem in the NW region is far from over as more incidents occurred in the reporting week with most occurring in Kaduna State.

Kidnap for ransom is the major operation and according to a journalist, over 1,000 of them are hiding out in forests in Katsina State. The same reporter stated that they have an unstable leadership making negotiations for ceasefire a bit more difficult. Also, there are different splinter groups with leaders who divided the area of operations amongst themselves making it easier to identify perpetrators. It is considered that the locals know the perpetrators and security forces have been inefficient in curbing their excesses. It was stated by the bandits that they move kidnapped victims aboard motorcycles in front of security operatives who do not engage them. The criminals have no ideology and they are hinged on drugs. The lack of effective security makes the only avenue for recourse be dialogue and negotiations. Residents of LGAs in the NW are left to the mercy of these armed groups who make disproportionate demands on the communities.

In Katsina State, 104 persons were released from their abductors after negotiations. It is unclear how long the victims were kept hostage but they have been released. The governor Aminu Masari stated that the herders' association known as Miyetti Allah in collaboration with the Department for State Security (DSS) are currently working on freeing more hostages in the next reporting week.

In Kano State the government deducted the salaries from the minimum wage of N30,600 to N18,000 due according to the state commissioner for information, Muhammad Garba to the financial difficulties faced by the state as a result of dwindling internal revenue and reduced federal allocation in the face of ongoing recession. which was rejected by the workers. The State's Labour Union however rejected the explanation and threatened to embark on a strike action if the issue is not sorted in January.

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



**1. On 7 January,** woman discovered dead in her partner's house in Owerri, Imo State.

**2. On 7 January,** boy's corpse discovered in a vehicle in Egbu community, Owerri North LGA, Imo State.

**3. On 9 January,** armed men attacked a Onueke police station, killed three police officers and two others were injured while two AK-47 rifles were carted away in Ezza South LGA, Ebonyi State.

**4. On 9 January,** spare parts market was razed by fire in Nnewi, Anambra State.

### Analysis

Most of the incidents occurred in Imo State with two fatalities surrounded by unknown circumstances. One was the death of a mistress at her partner's home who died at midnight with cause of death unknown while a boy who was declared missing for five days was discovered in a vehicle at Egbu community. Cause of death also unknown.

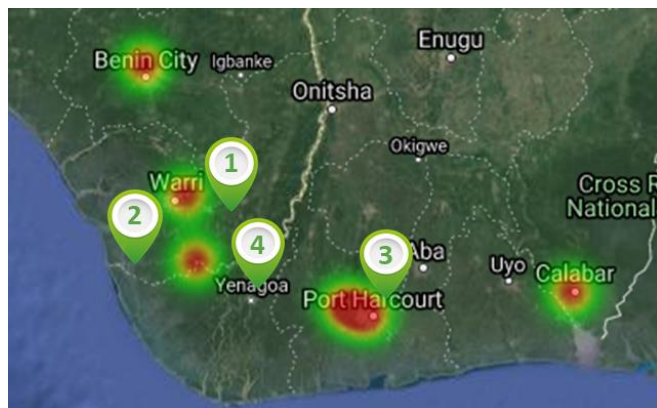
In Ebonyi State, armed men infiltrated Onueke police station killed three officers and left two injured before carting away two AK 47 rifles. Although details of the incident remain unclear, these weapons would most likely be used during crime in the next reporting period.

A major menace in the SE is what is termed baby factory or baby harvesting where babies are procreated and sold to the highest bidder. These types of factories are common in Imo State and most of the perpetrators are arrested for child trafficking. One of the major reasons this has thrived in the SE is widespread poverty. The flipside is most of these women are kidnapped and held against their will. These criminals are also known to kidnap babies in the state with hopes of sale. Although there are several advocates currently working to reduce these types of incidents, the issue however mostly stems from unwanted pregnancies.

In other news, the Enugu State Governor, Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi swore in six new judges and according to Chief Judge of the state, it was historic as the present governor has accelerated the appointment of judges from the state. From 2016 to date, 15 judges have been sworn into the state judiciary increasing the probability of an eventual federal nomination in future.



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



**1. On 4 January**, a clergyman alongside three others were abducted by armed men at a construction site in Ogwashi-Ukwu community, Aniocha South LGA, Delta State.

**2. On 6 January**, armed men abducted a local leader from his residence in Bomadi community, Bomadi LGA, Delta State.

**3. On 6 January**, an individual was killed after armed men invaded Tere-Ama community, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

**4. On 7 January**, youths under the aegis of Urhobo Youths Leaders Council (UYLC) barricaded the East-West road in Agbarho community, Ughelli North LGA, Delta State to denounce the appointment of a sole administrator for the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) by the Federal Government. The protesters issued a 20-day ultimatum for the FG to appoint a substantive board for the NDDC.

### Analysis

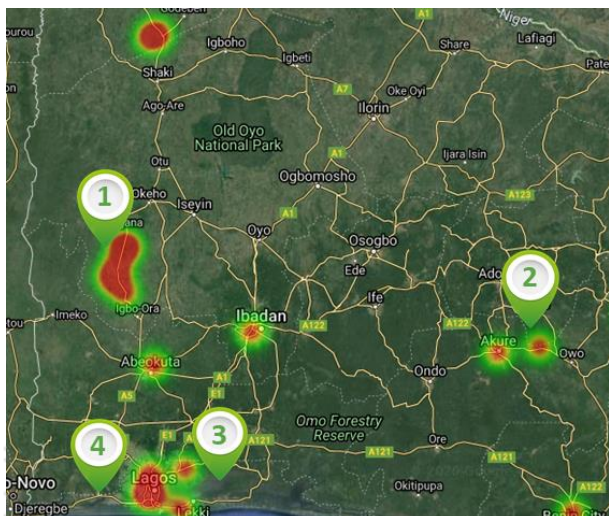
Delta State recorded three kidnapping incidents during the week. The state remains one of the most volatile for crimes in the SS region due to the presence of militants and cult groups. Five persons were kidnapped in the state while four persons were killed in Rivers and Edo States respectively.

One of the protests which occurred in Delta State has been reoccurring since last year with different groups in the Niger Delta denouncing the decision of the FG to appoint a sole administrator for Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC). Noteworthy, another of such protest took place in Bayelsa State in December with the same demands.

The protesters also barricaded the East-West Highway and refused vehicular movement for hours despite the intervention of the military. The group known as Ijaw Youth Council have fought for justice demanding better welfare and living conditions for indigenes of the SS region to no avail. Controversy over embezzlement of funds have trailed the NDDC which has caused tension in the region. There is no end in sight to the issues it is therefore expected that more protests would be held in the next reporting week.



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



**1. On 5 January**, four individuals including a couple were abducted by armed men in Uso community, Owo LGA, Ondo State.

**2. On 6 January**, a petroleum tanker caught fire along Oshodi-Apapa expressway, Lagos State. Personnel of the fire service have been deployed to the scene.

**3. On 6 January**, four assailants armed with machete robbed a woman of her mobile phones and other personal belonging along Herbert Macaulay way, Yaba, Lagos State.

**4. On 9 January**, seven killed in clashes between Amotekun operatives and Fulani herdsmen in Ayete, Ibarapa LGA, Oyo State.

### Analysis

In the last two weeks there has been reports of highhandedness by the Amotekun, a state organised security outfit which was created amidst controversy of fighting against armed groups infiltrating the South West region from the North. A clash was reported between its agents and youths planning a carnival in Ibarapa, Oyo State on 5 January. On 8 January another incident involving a clash with herders in another locality but in the same LGA was reported. It was registered as an armed conflict but eyewitness stated that it is unclear as the men could most likely have attacked the herders at their home. This brings to question the recent clamour for state and community policing as a means of curbing crime on a smaller scale.

In Lagos State, armed robbery incidents have been known to occur around Herbert Macaulay road. Assailants are mostly 3 or 4 armed with either sharp edged weapons or SAF. Their aim is to dispossess the victim of valuables and can turn fatal if there is any resistance. Assailants are also known to attack aboard motorcycles either in the early hours of the day or late at night with pockets of incidents occurring in daylight. This remains the modus of most armed robbers on most city centre routes in Festac, Oshodi, Marina and generally along poorly lit or damaged roads. Caution is highly advised.

Apart from criminal incidents, fire remains one of the major hazards plaguing the South West region specifically Lagos State. Since July 2020, there has been 80 fire incidents nationwide with 17 of those incidents caused by tanker explosions. These fires have been known to disrupt vehicular movement for hours into days and the



inadequacies of the Federal fire service becomes clearer as they are unable to stop the fire. Although Lagos State has a functioning fire service that is known to be operational, it has nevertheless been less effective due to other factors such as timing and emergency road networks in an already densely populated city with poor road network. Therefore, it is imperative that mitigated efforts be put in place to safeguard tanker movements in the state and nationwide to reduce the number of such cases.

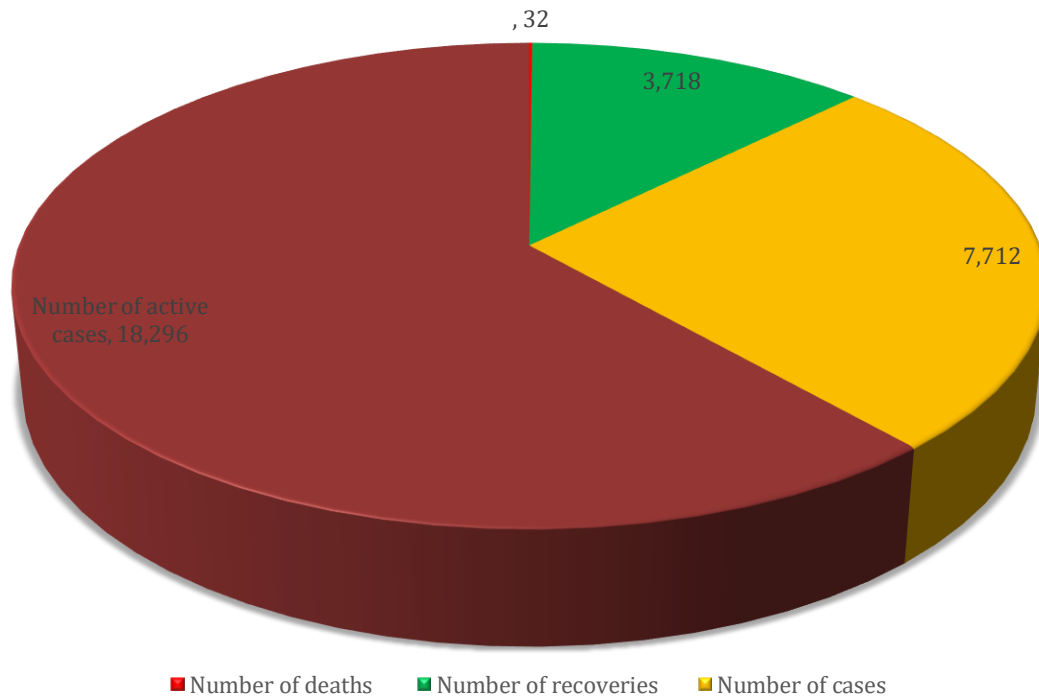
Kidnapping incidents have resurged in Ondo State as three persons were kidnapped in two separate incidents in Owo LGA and the sum of N10 million (USD 25,300) has been demanded as ransom. It was reported that the initial sum demanded was N 5 million (USD 12,600) but as the family of the victims were able to quickly arrange for the money, the assailants demanded higher. The first incident involved a couple who were abducted whilst travelling along Owo-Akure Highway with three children before they were stopped and taken whilst abandoning their kids in the vehicle. The kids were the ones who reported to the police. The other incident involved a man who was kidnapped with a colleague on a farmland. His colleague who was identified as a Hausa man was released while the man remains hostage.

In Ekiti State, the Commissioner of Police, Babatunde Mobayo announced that the Ekiti State Police Command has decentralised the Response Squad (RRS) unit of the police to increase patrol operation across the 16 council areas of the state. Police officers would be embarking on 24 hours patrol across the length and breadth of the state in a bid to combat kidnapping, banditry and other forms of crimes as well as make the state safe for all residents. Noteworthy, the state was greatly affected by kidnappings and killings in 2020.



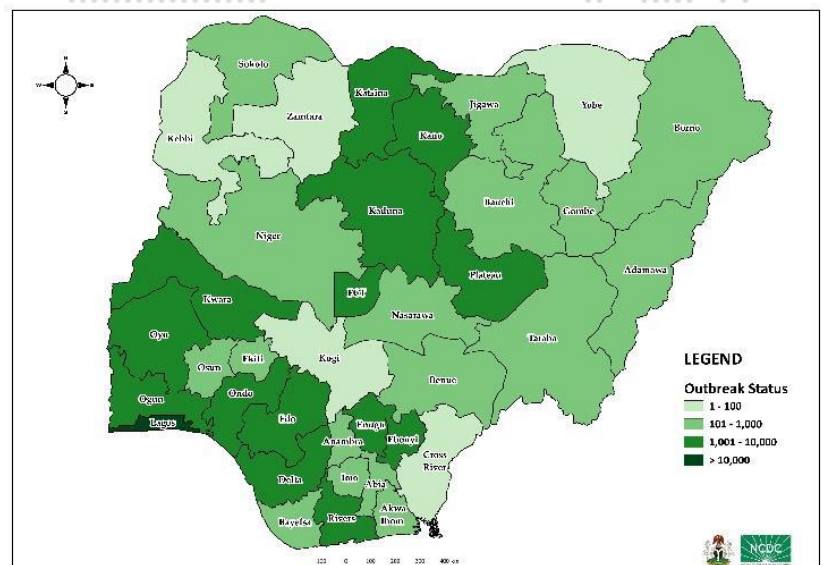
## OVERVIEW OF WEEKLY COVID-19 NUMBERS

### Weekly Covid Stats 4 - 10 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 10 January 2021, total number of confirmed cases is at 99,063. 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	7,712
Recoveries for the week	3,718
Deaths for the week	32
Total number of cases	99,063
Total Number of recoveries	79,417
Total number of deaths	1,350



Distribution of cumulative cases



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