



**WEEKLY INCIDENT
REPORT**

15 November 2020

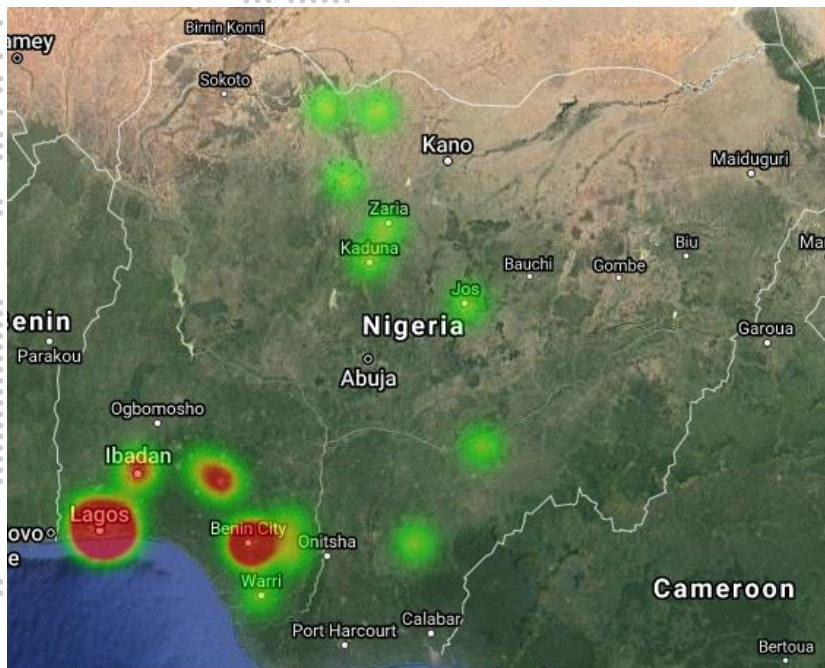
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Covering period from 0000-hour 9 November to 1600 hours 15 November 2020

HIGHLIGHTS



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Fire

25
Killings

06
Robbery

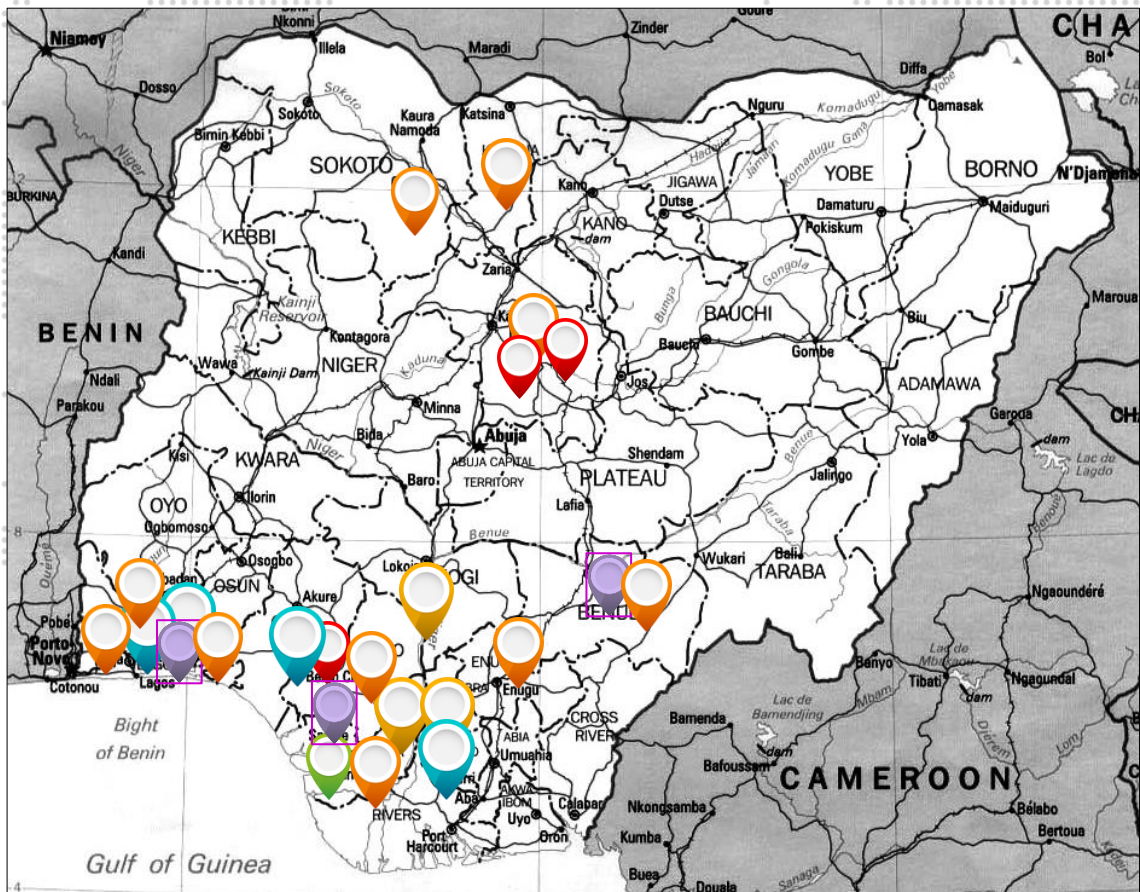
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Kidnapping

WEEKLY THREAT LEVEL ASSEMENT

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. Banditry remains a major threat in the Northwest. Incidents were recorded in Kaduna, Katsina and Zamfara states while the Military conducted operations against the bandits.
2. Criminal activities were recorded in the South South and Southwest regions as robbery incidents and armed conflicts among cult groups increased in the reporting week. Not many arrests were made in the reporting week, nevertheless there were reports of police brutality in Lagos State.
3. The existential threat of Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) in the North East region remains. No terrorist incident was recorded in the week.
4. Kidnapping remain a major issue in the country and most cases recorded in the week occurred in the Northern region.



THREAT	Code
Kidnapping	Red
Killing	Orange
Protest	Green
Armed conflict	Cyan
Arrest	Yellow
Robbery	Purple
Terrorism	Blue

OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH CENTRAL REGION

1. On 10 November, an armed man was killed by a mob for shooting at a commercial cyclist and attempting to snatch his motorcycle in Makurdi, Benue state.

2. On 11 November, a mob set ablaze Ayilamo police station following reports of a police officer sexually assaulting a thirteen-year-old girl in Logo

LGA, Benue state. The officer was arrested and rescued from lynching.

3. On 13 November, a fire broke out at the top floor of the headquarters building of the Jos Electricity Distribution Company located along Ahmadu Bello way, Jos, Plateau state.

Analysis

The reporting week recorded incidents in Benue and Plateau states compared to the last reporting period which recorded incidents in only Abuja FCT. One of the incidents which occurred in Benue was mob violence which is prevalent in the country while the other was a fire incident caused by an unknown source. Mob violence is known to occur against suspected criminals in the country. Although most have been known to occur against criminals caught red-handed as was in the case recorded in the week, others have been known to occur against innocents. Sometimes these victims are saved by the intervention of the police but most times that is not the case. A great number of these incidents occur in daylight and most victims are set ablaze by irate mobs who seek justice away from the law. There has been no known persecution for mob violence in Nigeria thus it is expected to continue as avenues to seek justice become more cumbersome to attain.

On the other hand, fire broke out at the head office of the Jos Electricity Distribution Company on Ahmadu Bello Way, Jos, Plateau State at 1800 hours. This is one of the four fire incidents which occurred in the reporting week. Although the fire was contained, it however destroyed some parts of the company's offices.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH EAST REGION

No terrorist activity was recorded in the week.

Analysis

Apart from incidents relating to Boko Haram insurgents' operations in the North East region, criminal incidents in the region rarely make the news. This might be attributed to underreporting or late reporting of incidents in the area. Sadly, the Acting Commander of the 158 Battalion, Gubio, Borno State, Col. I. Yusuf slumped and died while addressing his troops on the morning of 14 November.

In other news, Nigeria and the United States of America hosted a virtual meeting of the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS on 13 November, 2020. The meeting which was attended by delegates from the 82-member global coalition drawn from Africa, America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East was co-chaired by National Security Adviser, Major General Babagana Monguno (retired), represented by the Coordinator of the Nigeria Counter Terrorism Centre, Rear Admiral Yaminu E.M and Coordinator for Counterterrorism Ambassador Nathan A. Sales, who is the Special Envoy for the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS. The panellists discussed on ways the Global Coalition could enhance efforts to curb the expanding influence of ISIS in the West Africa and the Sahel.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH WEST REGION

1. On 9 November, the convoy of the Zamfara State commissioner for Security and Home Affairs was attacked by a group of bandits along Zurmi-Jibiya road, Zurmi LGA. One individual identified as the driver of the commissioner was killed.

2. On 12 November, a suspected bandit was killed while several other escaped with gunshot injured following an encounter with troops of Operation

Sahel Sanity on a routine patrol at Dajin Wuta Forest, Faskari LGA, Katsina state.

3. On 13 November, six individuals including the five daughters of a pastor were kidnapped by armed men in Karji, Chikun LGA, Kaduna State.

4. On 14 November, a man identified as a lecturer was shot while his two sons were kidnapped by armed men who invaded Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic in Zaria, Kaduna State.

Analysis

There was an upsurge in bandit activities in the reporting period compared to the last reporting period. Reports emerged on 12 November that farmers in Dan Kumi village, Maru LGA, Zamfara State, Damari village, Sabuwa LGA and Yankara village, Faskari LGA in Katsina State were forced to pay between NGN 300,000 – NGN 800,000 to bandits who would then allow them plant or harvest crops. Although this is not a new trend, as in 2018-2019 bandits were known to also demand taxes from farmers in Sokoto State before they were allowed to cultivate or harvest their crops. Even state officials are not spared from the onslaught as the convoy of the Zamfara state commissioner for Security and Home Affairs was attacked by a group of bandits along Zurmi-Jibiya road, Zurmi LGA. His driver was killed by the assailants. This operation has gone on unchecked by the security forces who according to the Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Army, Abdulrazak Namdas, have less budgetary allocations compared to the bandits and therefore appealed to the Federal Government to increase the funding for the Nigerian Army on 13 November, 2020 during a visit with Bayelsa State Governor in Yenagoa. He further added that the Army is overstretched and the allocated funds are not enhancing the fight against terrorism and other security threats in the country.

Although kidnappings decline in the reporting week, 10 individuals including six girls were kidnapped by armed men in Kaduna State with two of the incidents occurring in Chikun LGA and Zaria respectively. Kidnappings are prevalent in the state with incidents happening not only in the metropolis but along the routes linking to Abuja FCT. Young girls have been known to go missing and later discovered dead according to eyewitness reports on an incident which was recorded on 8 November. A young girl was declared missing but her corpse was discovered on the morning of 8 November in Kurmin Mashi, Kaduna, Kaduna state.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH EAST REGION

1. On 10 November, a mob set an articulated truck belonging to Dangote Group on fire after the driver hit and killed a cart pusher in a road traffic accident at Upper Iweka, Onitsha, Anambra state. The driver was physically assaulted before he was handed over to the police.

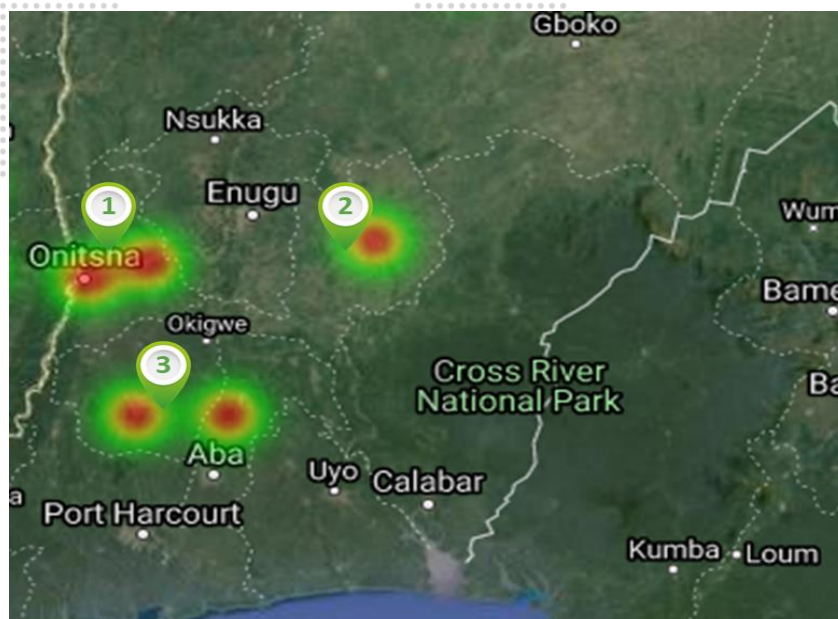
2. On 11 November, armed men shot and killed the legislative assistant to the Ebonyi State Deputy Speaker, Obasi Odefa whilst travelling along

Abakiliki road. The assailants carted away a bag containing an unspecified sum of money and other valuables.

3. On 11 November, two individuals were killed and several others injured in an armed clash between two rival cult groups at the Federal Polytechnic, Nekede, Umudibia community, Owerri West LGA, Imo State.

Analysis

Three incidents occurred in the reporting period one was mob violence in Anambra State, a robbery in Ebonyi and armed conflict in Imo State. As with the case in Benue State, mob violence is also prevalent in Anambra State and justice is meted according to the gravity of the incident. Although in this situation the driver was spared, that is not always the case. In Ebonyi, a state official's assistant was killed perhaps in a robbery gone wrong along Abakaliki road in the evening of 11 November. The assailants who reportedly trailed the deceased on his way home stole a large sum of money and other valuables from his vehicle. A resurgence of cult activity was recorded in Imo State as cult rivals consisting of students attending Federal Polytechnic, Nekede, Umudibia community, Owerri West LGA clashed resulting in fatalities. Although reports of cult related activities have declined in the state, it is however one of the major issues plaguing the south eastern regions. In other news, the Imo State House of Assembly impeached its speaker, Chiji Collins during a plenary at the Assembly complex in Owerri on 13 November over allegations of financial misappropriation while on the same day, Ebonyi State House of Assembly indefinitely suspended the member representing Ebonyi North West Constituency, Victor Aleke, over alleged misconduct.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH SOUTH REGION

1. On 10 November, youths of Ute-Okpu community, Ika North East LGA, Delta state protested the increased number of deaths of youths which is reportedly linked to an unconfirmed medical condition. The protesters set the community market on fire and were prevented from incinerating the monarch's palace by a team of security personnel.

2. On 10 November, the brother of the Deputy Governor of Edo state, Philip Shaibu was abducted

by unknown armed men whilst travelling along Irhiri road, Aruogba, Benin city, Edo state.

3. On 11 November, a mob killed two suspects who robbed guests of their valuables at refinery junction, Uvwie LGA, Delta state. A third suspect managed to escape.

4. On 13 November, cult groups clash results in multiple casualties in Sakponba road, St. Saviour Road, Ogida, Isihor, Wire road, and Ire street, Ibiwe, Benin City, Edo State.

Analysis

The South South region continues to record a surge in criminal activities as most incidents occurred in Delta and Edo states. One robbery incident, a kidnapping and cult clashes were recorded in Benin City while a police station in Igueben LGA was attacked in the reporting week. These incidents occurred in sequence from 9 to 13 November. The brother of the deputy state governor was kidnapped by armed men whilst on school runs around 0730 hours on 10 November in Benin City. He was whisked away with his kids still in the vehicle through a bush close to Ogba River according to eyewitness report. It is therefore a possibility that the assailants used the river as their access and escape point. A day before this incident, on 9 November, armed men attacked the Divisional Police Headquarters in Igueben LGA, killing two police officers and stole a large number of arms and ammunition. The access to arms and ammunition by criminal elements incident would likely increase the possibility of more criminal incidents occurring in the next reporting week. Cult clashes were also a major occurrence in the reporting week since 11 November spreading across Sakponba road, St. Saviour Road, Ogida, Isihor, Wire road, and Ire street, Ibiwe in Benin City. The number of fatalities was pegged at 18 including a high rank police officer.

Ika North LGA, Delta State recorded the only protest in the reporting week. The protest turned violence as youth of Ute-Okpu community burnt the market place and sought to incinerate the monarch's palace before they were stopped by security forces. The reason for the protest was attributed to the deaths of young individuals between the ages of 18 to 25 from an unknown ailment. The disease which has been linked to haemorrhagic fever or substance abuse with patients showing symptoms of fatigue, headache, fever and vomiting of blood before they died at home or in the hospital was first reported on 1 November, 2020. Deaths have also been recorded in neighbouring Ute-Erunu village. Although the state government and the World Health Organisation assured the communities of finding the problem and presenting a solution, no concrete resolution has been presented as at time of writing. Caution is therefore advised whilst visiting these communities.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH WEST REGION

1. On 10 November, a cab hailing service driver was robbed and his vehicle hijacked by unknown armed individuals in Awoyaya, Lekki Eti-Osa LGA, Lagos state.

2. On 12 November, two individuals were killed by five armed robbers who fired gunshots on a cash distribution vehicle along Ado road, Badore, Eti-Osa LGA, Lagos state. The assailants carted away a large amount of money.

3. On 4 November, The Ondo State Governor, Rotimi Akeredolu announced a ban on the

operation of commercial motorcycle from 1800 hours following recent surge in the number of kidnapping and armed robbery across the state. There is also a ban on the unauthorised use of vehicles with tinted windows.

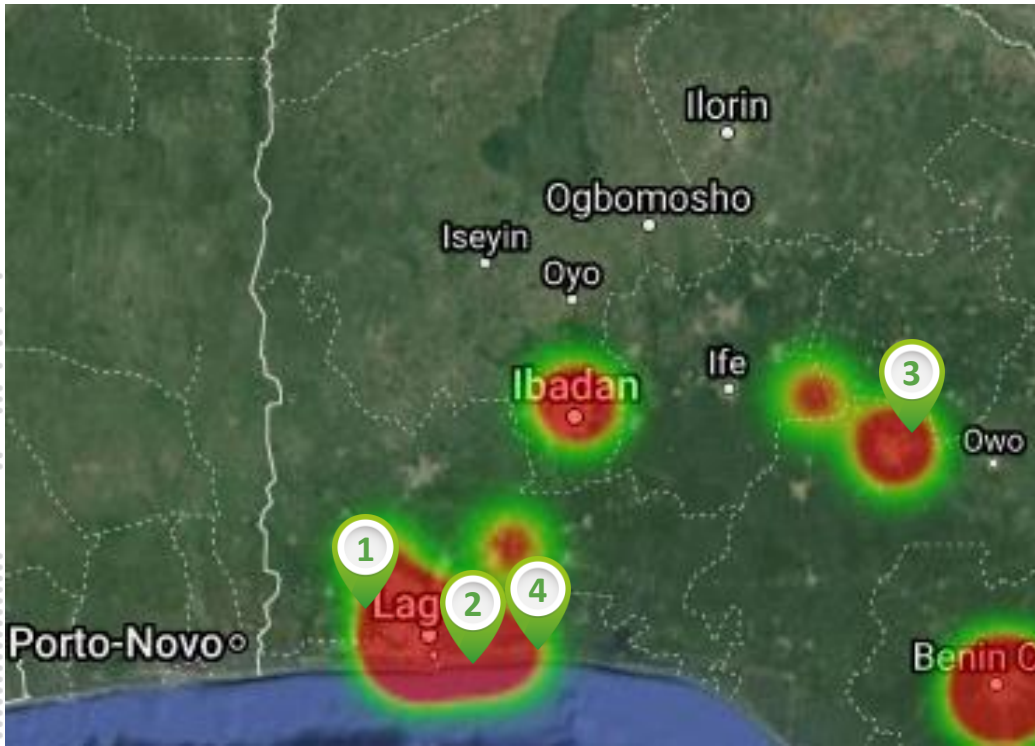
4. On 15 November, security operatives were deployed to Aja/Sangotedo area of Eti-Osa LGA, Lagos State following an increase in criminal activities in the area.

Analysis

The Southwest region remains the flashpoint for most criminal incidents in the country and Lagos State records the highest number of incidents as there continues to be a low turnout of security forces especially police officers. There was an upsurge in robberies and vehicle hijackings with small fire arms in Eti-Osa LGA. One of the incidents which was recorded during daylight in Ajah where a large sum of money was carted away by five armed men who attacked and robbed a cash distribution van. The proliferation of arms which were possibly stolen during the unrest in October after police stations in the area were incinerated can be traced to the upsurge in criminal activity in the area. Armed conflicts between rival cult groups and ethnic groups were also recorded in Eti-Osa and Iyana Ejigbo respectively. On the morning of 15 November however, security operatives were deployed and they raided the surrounding shanties which are reportedly hideouts for criminal elements. This resulted in an armed confrontation between the police and armed individuals who commenced looting and robbing along the Ajah - Sangotedo route. Calm was however restored to the area while an estimated 720 suspects were arrested.

There have also been reports of arbitrary arrests by police officers in some areas like Akoka, Fola-Agoro, Bariga, Shomolu and Ketu. Furthermore, the government continued its clampdown on Endsars protesters as a young man identified as one of the protesters in Alausa, Ikeja was arrested by security operatives and transferred to Abuja FCT for allegedly planning another round of protests.

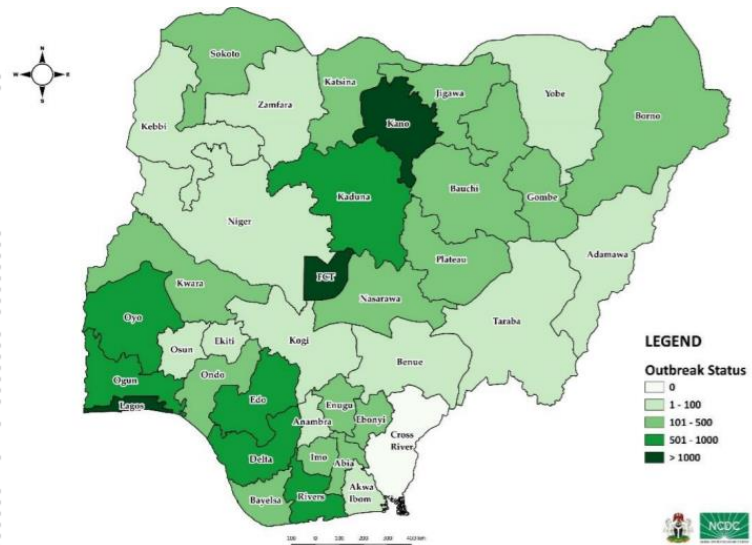
Other states in the South West region recorded a decline in criminal incidents as most incidents recorded in the week were road traffic accidents. Ondo State which had recorded an increase in kidnappings in recent times did not record any incident in the reporting week which can be attributed to underreporting. Despite this seeming lull in crime, the Ondo State Governor, Rotimi Akeredolu announced a ban on the operation of commercial motorcycle from 1800 hours following recent surge in the number of kidnapping and armed robbery across the state. Commercial motorcyclists are now to operate from 0600hours to 1800 hours. The governor also placed a ban on the unauthorised use of vehicles with tinted windows in the state.



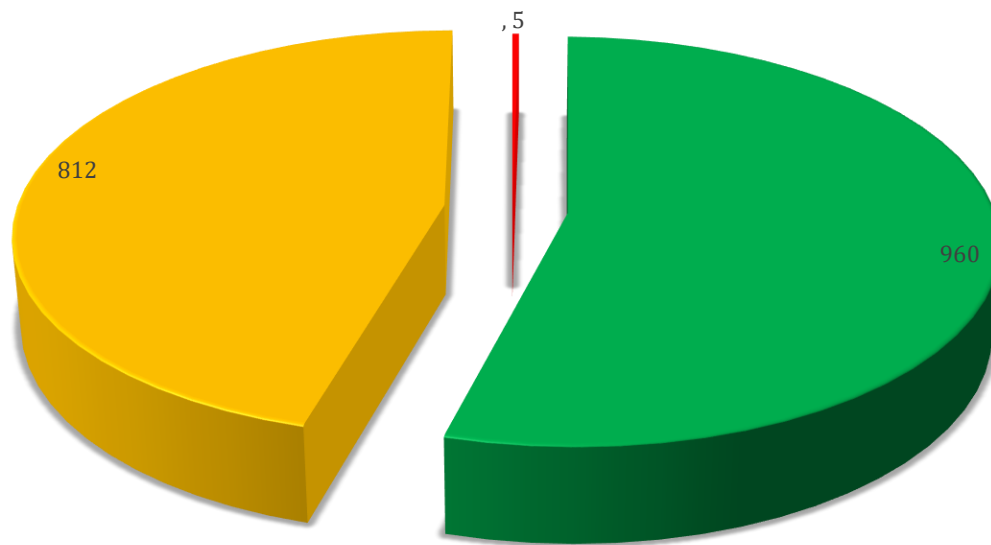
OVERVIEW OF WEEKLY COVID-19 NUMBERS

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 15 November, total number of confirmed cases is at 64,992.

Confirmed cases for the week	812
Recoveries for the week	960
Deaths for the week	5
Total number of cases	64,992
Total Number of recoveries	61,029
Total number of deaths	1,163



Weekly Covid Stats 9 November - 15 November 2020



■ Number of deaths ■ Number of recoveries ■ Number of cases





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