



WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

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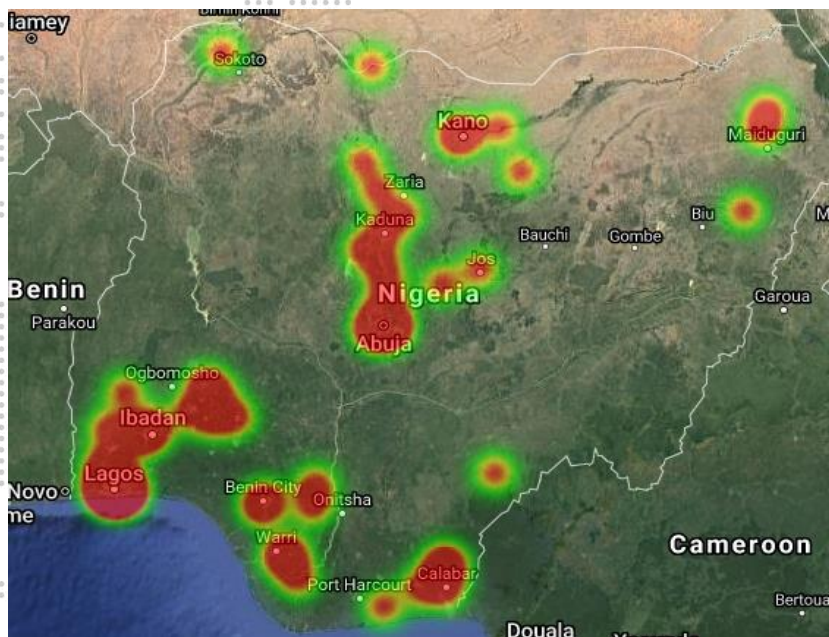
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Covering period from 0000-hour 16 November to 1600 hours 22 November 2020

HIGHLIGHTS



03
Fire

36
Killings

06
Robbery

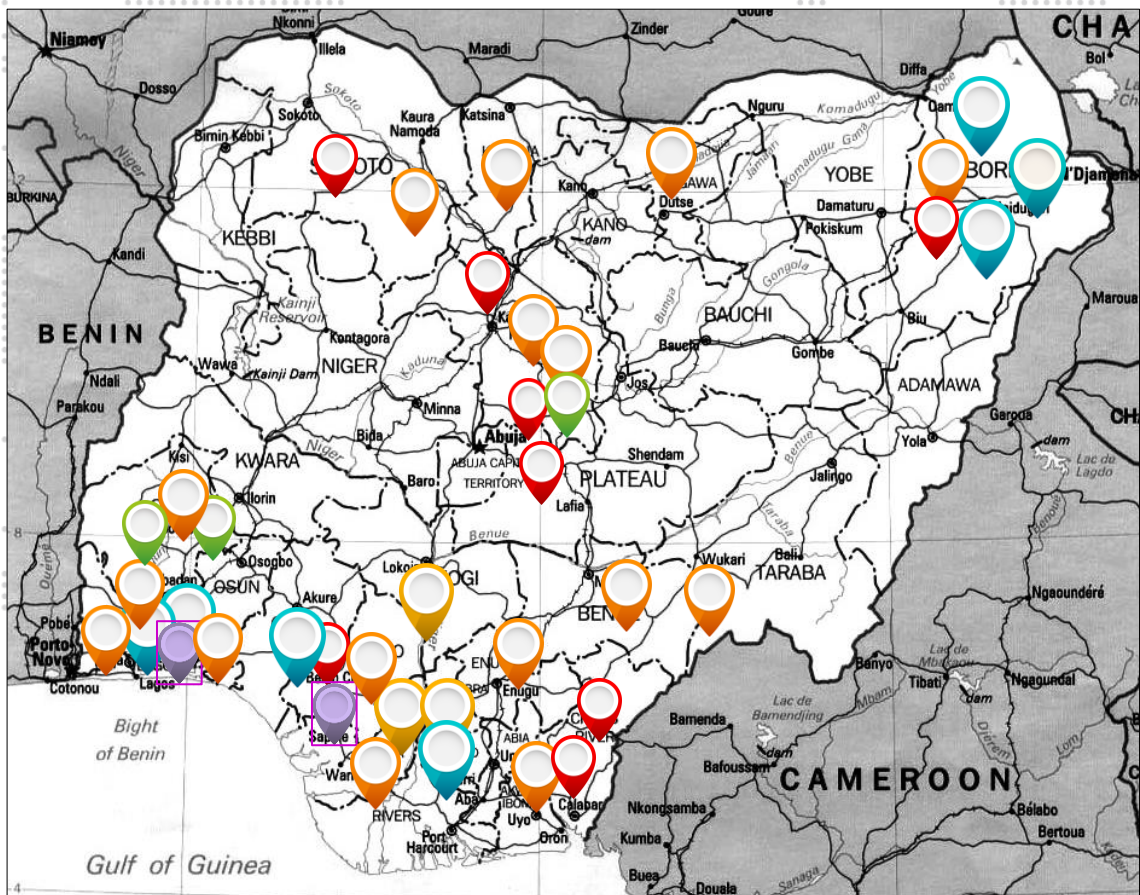
48
Kidnapping

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. The Northwest continues to witness an upsurge in Bandit activities in the reporting week. Incidents were spread throughout the region with most incidents occurring in Kaduna State.
2. The South South and Southwest regions continued to record criminal activities such as robberies and armed conflicts among cult groups. The week recorded an upsurge in arrests as police officers return to the city centres.
3. The existential threat of Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) in the North East region remains. Three terrorist activities were recorded in the week.
4. The week recorded an upsurge in kidnappings in the North and South South regions with an estimated 49 individuals kidnapped by assailants.



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

OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH CENTRAL REGION

1. On 16 November 2020, a fire broke out at the Fire the Katako Timber market in Jos North LGA, Plateau State. No casualty recorded.

2. On 19 November 2020, a newspaper vendor was shot and killed by an officer attached to the convoy of the Speaker of House of Representatives outside the Federal Secretariat in Abuja, FCT.

3. On 20 November 2020, several newspaper vendors held a protest over the killing of their colleague by a police officers attached to the Speaker of the House of Representatives at the Three Arms Zone in Abuja FCT.

4. On 21 November 2020, the Chairman of All Progressive Congress (APC) Nasarawa State was kidnapped by armed men from his residence in Lafia.

Analysis

The reporting week recorded incidents in Abuja FCT, Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau states recording an uptick in kidnapping incidents in the region. The highlight of the week was the killing of a newspaper vendor by an agent of the Department of State Security (DSS) attached to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Femi Gbajabiamila. There was public outcry over the reaction of the agent who attempting to disperse a gathering crowd at the secretariat in the evening of 19 November fired live ammunition allegedly into the air. The Speaker took to twitter to apologise for the killing and announced the arrest of the agent involved in the shooting. That did not however deter the deceased colleagues from organising a protest the next day.

Benue and Nasarawa states recorded two separate kidnappings of high-profile individuals. Five state officials were kidnapped by assailants in military uniform from a site in Vandeikya LGA while the APC chairman was kidnapped from his residence in Lafia.

Another fire incident occurred in Jos, Plateau State destroying the timber market. This was one of the three fire incidents recorded 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

1. 16 November 2020, an unknown number of soldiers were killed by Boko Haram insurgents who ambushed a convoy along Monguno-Gajiram road, Borno State. The insurgents carted away several arms and ammunition and set ablaze a fuel tanker.

2. 17 November 2020, an individual was killed while several buildings including a church were set

ablaze by Boko Haram insurgents who invaded Tsiha A village in West Chibok, Borno State.

3. 17 November 2020, seven wedding guests including the bride were kidnapped by Boko Haram insurgents along Maiduguri road, Borno State.

Analysis

The week was riddled with activities orchestrated by Boko Haram insurgents. Although the mainstream media did not pick up on these incidents they were however reported via the Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) media which is used to claim attacks and display arms, ammunitions and vehicles stolen from the military. Notably, there has always been a disparity between reports by government forces and reports published by Boko Haram. In addition, the military has been known to report counter-insurgency operations a day or two after an attack has been orchestrated by insurgents against military positions.

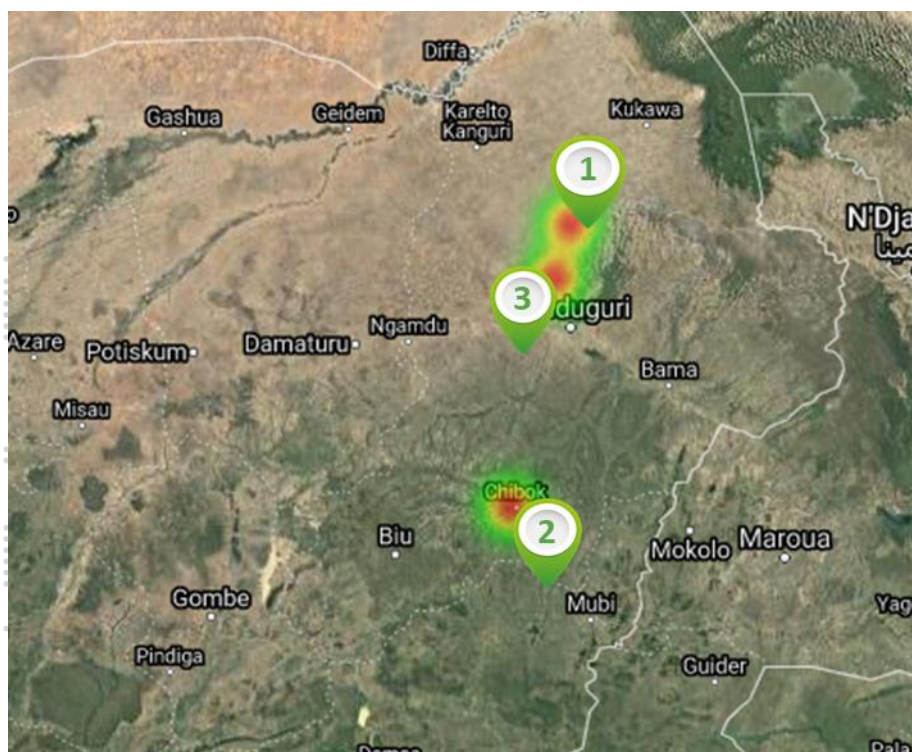
The reporting week recorded three incidents with several military casualties but it is not a complete representation of the daily insecurity faced by residents of the state. One of the incidents was orchestrated against a convoy which resulted in military fatalities and the theft of arms and ammunition while the other two incidents were against civilians in a village close to Chibok LGA and the kidnap of seven individuals travelling along Maiduguri-Monguno road.

Kidnappings specifically for ransom or for execution has become common along highways leading inward and outward Maiduguri making the capital the only green zone in the state while leaving other parts of the state at the mercy of insurgents. In July 2019, the army decided to use the strategy of creating super camps which was supposed to make it harder for insurgents to overrun military bases by concentrating soldiers, manpower and weapons in a large base. This decision was made following the aftermath of incessant attacks in 2018 against forward operating bases (FOBs), mobile units and checkpoints outside the capital. There were supposed to be 20 super camps spread across the state but the continuous movement and emboldened attacks by Boko Haram insurgents on not only civilians but also on military and state official convoys in recent times state otherwise.

As such, this becomes the reality of travellers who dare to ply the highways outside the capital risking both lives and properties. Reports from frequent travellers show that the people have resigned to fate at the occurrence of a kidnapping whilst plying either the Maiduguri – Damaturu, Maiduguri – Monguno road which has become so common that it has become normal. According to a report by Wall Street journal, an estimated 200 individuals have been victims of insurgency in the state and this is not including military casualties. The report also stated that drivers do not welcome the use of convoys as protection as they believe it makes them

even more of a target. Also, insurgents have been known to put up checkpoints to rob and sometimes target Christians who are then either summarily executed or abducted.

More incidents are expected to occur in the next reporting week as the military tries to grapple with new strategy on how to contain insurgency in the North East region.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH WEST REGION

1. On 16 November 2020, at least eleven persons were killed and four others were injured after bandits onboard several motorcycles invaded Albasu community in Igabi LGA, Kaduna State.

2. On 17 November 2020, the district head of Gidan Zaki and his son were killed while his wife and daughter were injured by five armed men at their home in Atyap, Zangon Kataf LGA, Kaduna State.

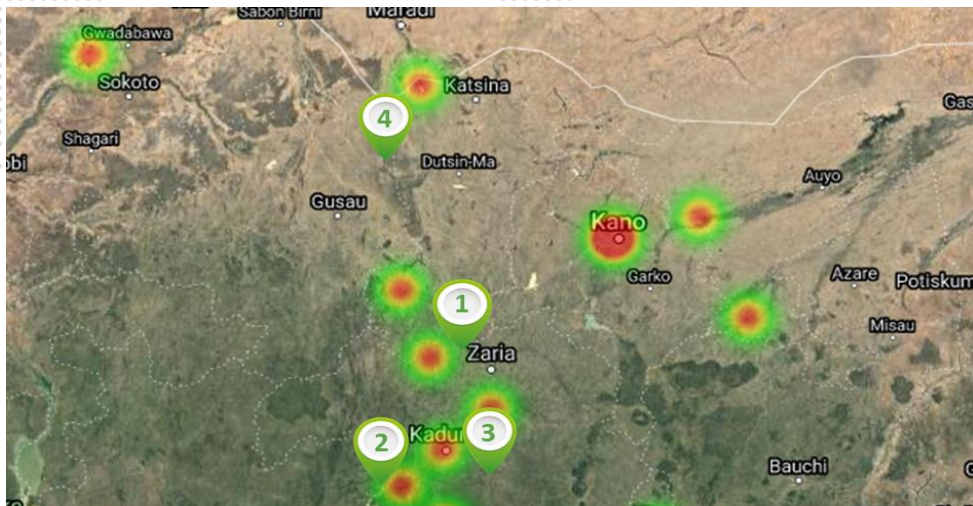
3. On 17 November 2020, three members of the Kaduna State Vigilance Service were killed by suspected bandits along Damba-Kasaya road in Chikun LGA.

4. On 17 November 2020, nine Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) were kidnapped whilst travelling along a route between Zamfara and Katsina States.

Analysis

Banditry remains the biggest threat in the Northwest region and most of the incidents in the week were concentrated in Kaduna State. There has been an internal ethnic and religious conflict ongoing in the state for decades and there seem no end in sight to the issues. One of the peacemakers identified as the district head of Gidan Zaki, Haruna Kuye was killed alongside his son while his daughter and wife sustained injuries during an invasion by armed men on his residence in Zangon Kataf LGA in the early hours of 17 November. Other incidents in which individual were killed or kidnapped were also recorded in the state with the Abuja-Kaduna Highway also recording an upsurge in kidnapping incidents.

Another worrisome incident involved the kidnap of six newly promoted Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) from Borno State who were travelling along the red zone of bandit activities between Zamfara and Katsina states when they were kidnapped by suspected bandits. Reports emerged that only eight made the trip from Borno and during the attack two escaped from the assailants while six others were held hostage by the assailants. Further reports emerged that the victims called family members to sell properties to enable them gather funds for their release after the kidnapers demanded a ransom of NGN 100m (USD 300,000). They were eventually released to the Zamfara State government on 20 November.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH EAST REGION

No incident was recorded in the reporting week.

Analysis

Although no incident was recorded in the week, underreporting remains an issue in the South East region. Nevertheless, on 16 November, the Ebonyi State Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Abdulrahman launched the task force known as Focus Initiative Against Tout, (FIAT) “Anti-Tout” to curb criminal activities.

In Imo State, a lawmaker representing Ohaji/Egbema constituency, Heclus Okoro who was arrested in the last reporting week for “thuggery” was granted bail on 18 November and released from the state’s correctional centre.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH SOUTH REGION

1. On 17 November 2020, a group of armed men attacked and robbed several traders of their personal belongings at the Yam market along Dawson road in Benin, Edo State.

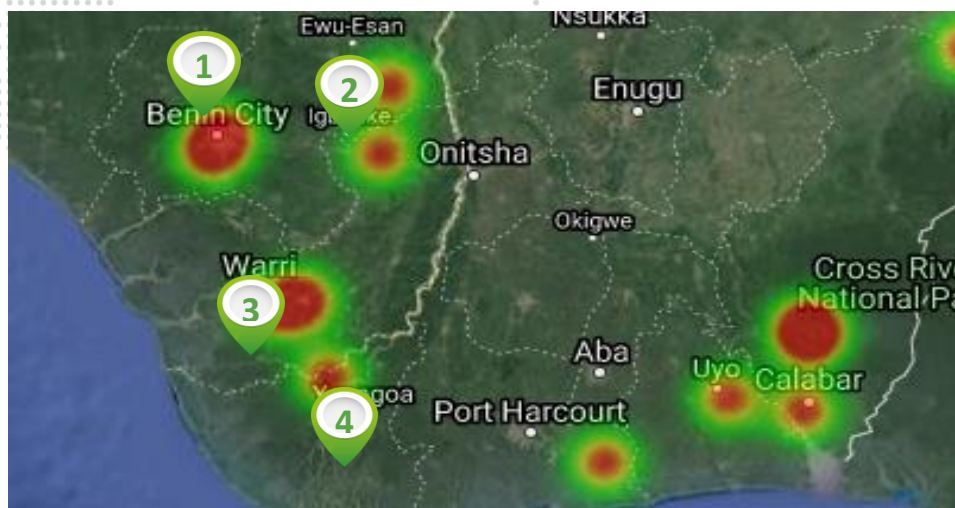
2. On 17 November 2020, eight female passengers between the ages of 30 and 40 were kidnapped from a commercial bus between Okhuessan and Emu towns in Esan South East LGA, Edo State. All passengers were robbed while male passengers and three aged women were allowed to leave.

3. On 18 November 2020, armed men invaded the house of the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor of Delta State on Transport at Otu-Jeremi, Ughelli South LGA. The security guard attached to the residence was shot and killed by the assailants.

4. On 19 November 2020, a police officer attached to the home of former Governor of Bayelsa State, Seriake Dickson was shot and killed by unknown armed men who broke into the residence in Toru-orua community, Sagbama LGA.

Analysis

Bayelsa, Cross River, Edo and Delta States all recorded incidents ranging from killings to kidnappings in the reporting week. There continues to be an upsurge in the kidnapping of high-profile individuals in Cross River State and the root cause of these incidents remains unclear. Doctors have also been identified as targets and the Nigerian Medical Association in the state has threatened to embark on an indefinite strike till the issue resolves. Thus far, an estimated ten individuals have been kidnapped from their residences in the reporting week. Bayelsa recorded one incident in which a police officer was killed at the residence of the state's former governor. It was reported that the assailants who arrived on two speedboats into the community via the Forcados River attempted to rob the residence before they were repelled by the police. There is therefore a possibility that the assailants are either militants or pirates who have been known to operate in the waterways and the Gulf of Guinea. In Delta State, a security guard was killed at the residence of another state official which shows the similar trends of state officials being targeted by criminal elements and all these has been amplified by the absence of security operatives in key areas since their withdrawal after the civil unrest of October.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH WEST REGION

1. On 17 November, a fire outbreak resulted in the destruction of over 30 shops at Shasha Market in Ibadan, Oyo State. No casualties were reported.

2. On 17 November, a lecturer was shot and killed by armed men whilst leaving D.S Adegbenro ICT Polytechnic along Lagos-Abeokuta Highway, Itori, Ogun State.

3. On 18 November 2020, Officials of the Lagos State Task Force and motorcycle riders engaged in a violent clash at Ikeja along, Lagos-Abeokuta

Expressway, Lagos State. The motorcycle riders set up bonfires along the expressway disrupting vehicular movement.

4. On 20 November, a police officer was killed by friendly fire after a group of police officers fired teargas cannisters and gunshots to disperse youths protesting the killing of a motorcycle rider by a motorist at the Ado central police divisional headquarters in Ekiti State.

Analysis

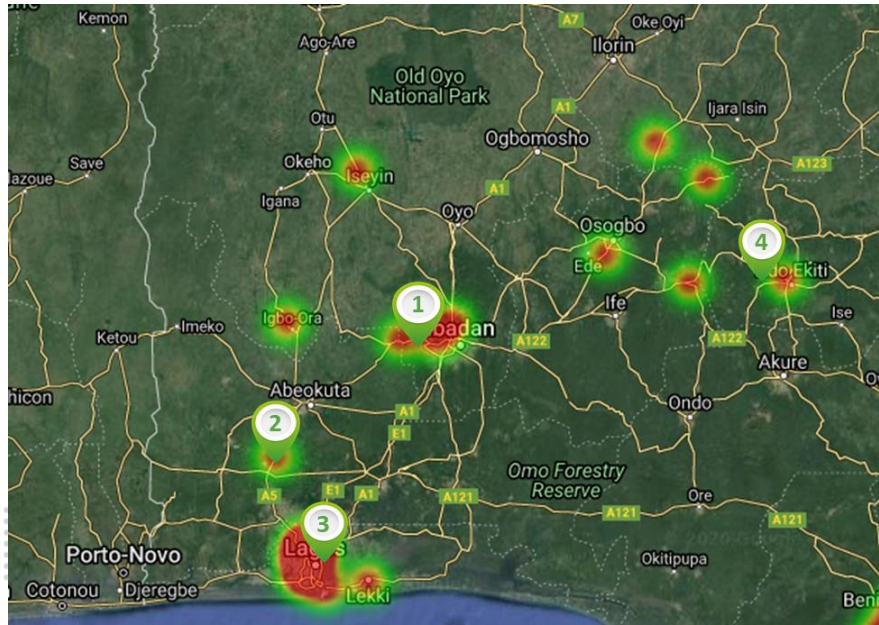
The slow return of security forces to city centres has been attributed to the increase in violent crimes in the region. The number of incidents occurring in states like Lagos remains underreported as young individuals describe being accosted by armed individuals who dispossess them of their belongings and threaten to claim their lives. These incidents occur mostly at night despite the presence of police officers as reported by a victim on 18th November who was reportedly robbed some feet away from a group of police officers stationed at Ojota in Lagos State. It is therefore advised that operations specifically in Lagos State should be run during daylight.

Commercial motorcycle riders who had been banned by the Lagos State government returned to the highways which led to the deployment of task force officials to enforce the law. This was however unacceptable to the riders who clashed with police officers in Apapa/Oshodi and Ikeja LGAs. It has become more tasking for security officials to uphold the law since the chaos which ensued after the EndSars protest opening the state up to anarchy.

In other news, during the week, a young man who was arrested for participating in the EndSars protest was bailed during the week which calmed the brewing tension of another round of demonstrations in the week.

On the other hand, during the hearing by the Panel set up to understand what transpired during the EndSars protests which resulted in the killing of several protesters at the Admiralty Toll Lekki, Lagos State, the military responded and admitted to not only the presence of soldiers at the location but also the use of live ammunition. The military's representative however claimed that the protesters pelted stones at the soldiers present at the site and that was what possibly led to the use of live ammunition on the protesters according to the army's rules of engagement with civilians. It should be noted that the military had earlier denied being present at the toll despite video evidence.

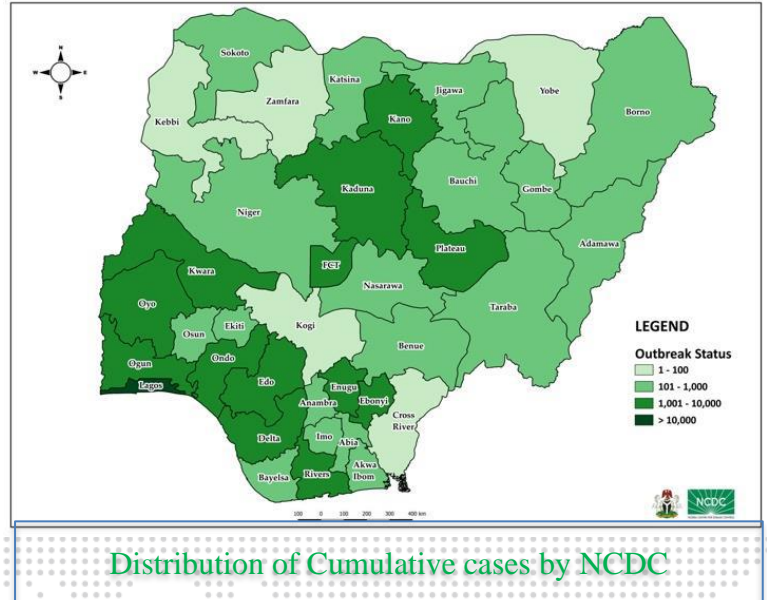
Other states in the South West region recorded an uptick in criminal incidents as there were incidents of killings, civil unrest and robberies in Ekiti, Osun Oyo states.



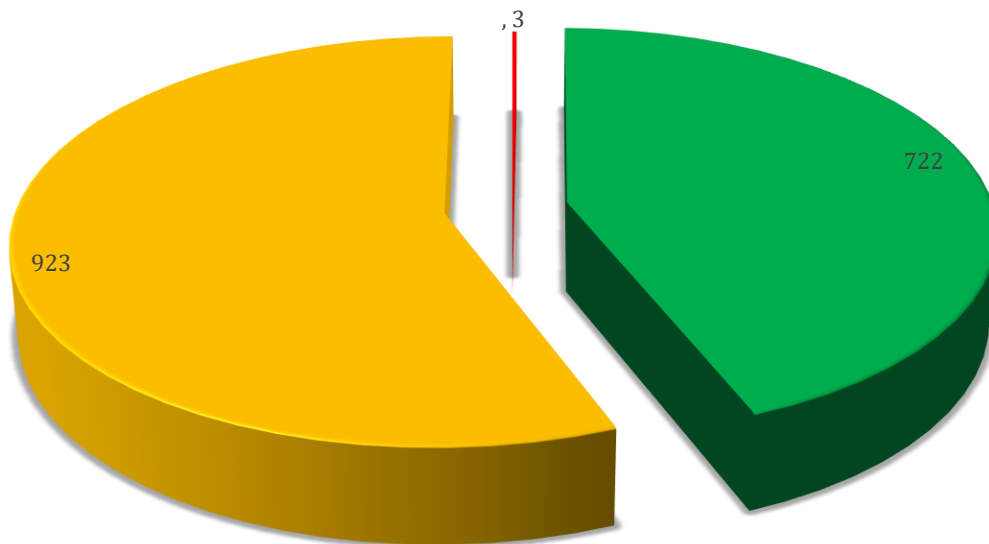
OVERVIEW OF WEEKLY COVID-19 NUMBERS

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 22 November, total number of confirmed cases is at 66,228.

Confirmed cases for the week	923
Recoveries for the week	772
Deaths for the week	3
Total number of cases	66,228
Total Number of recoveries	61,884
Total number of deaths	1,166



Weekly Covid Stats 16 November - 22 November 2020



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



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