



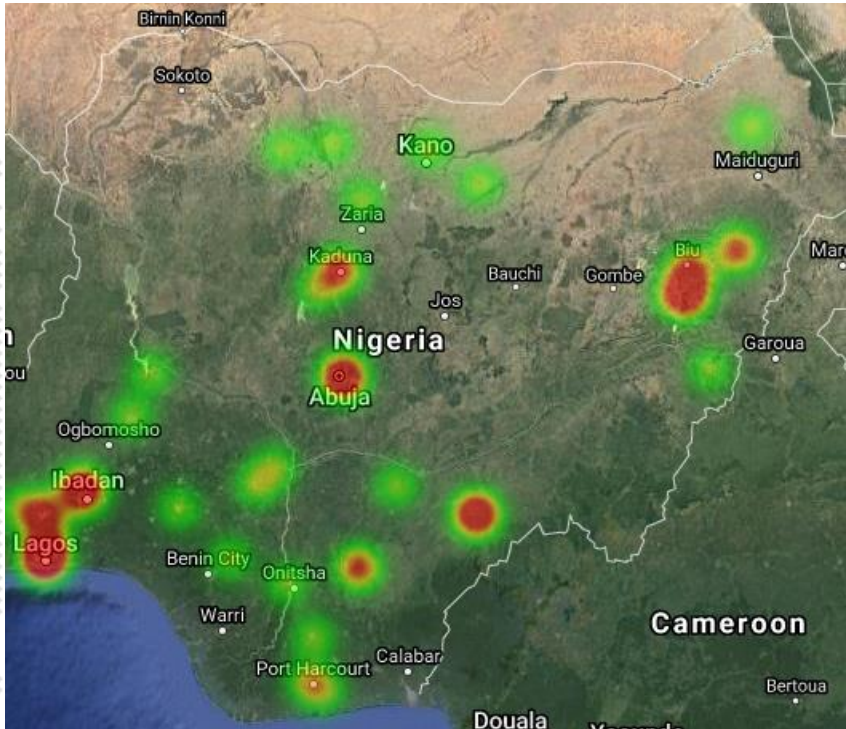
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WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

Covering period from 0000-hour 14 December to 1600 hours 20 December 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

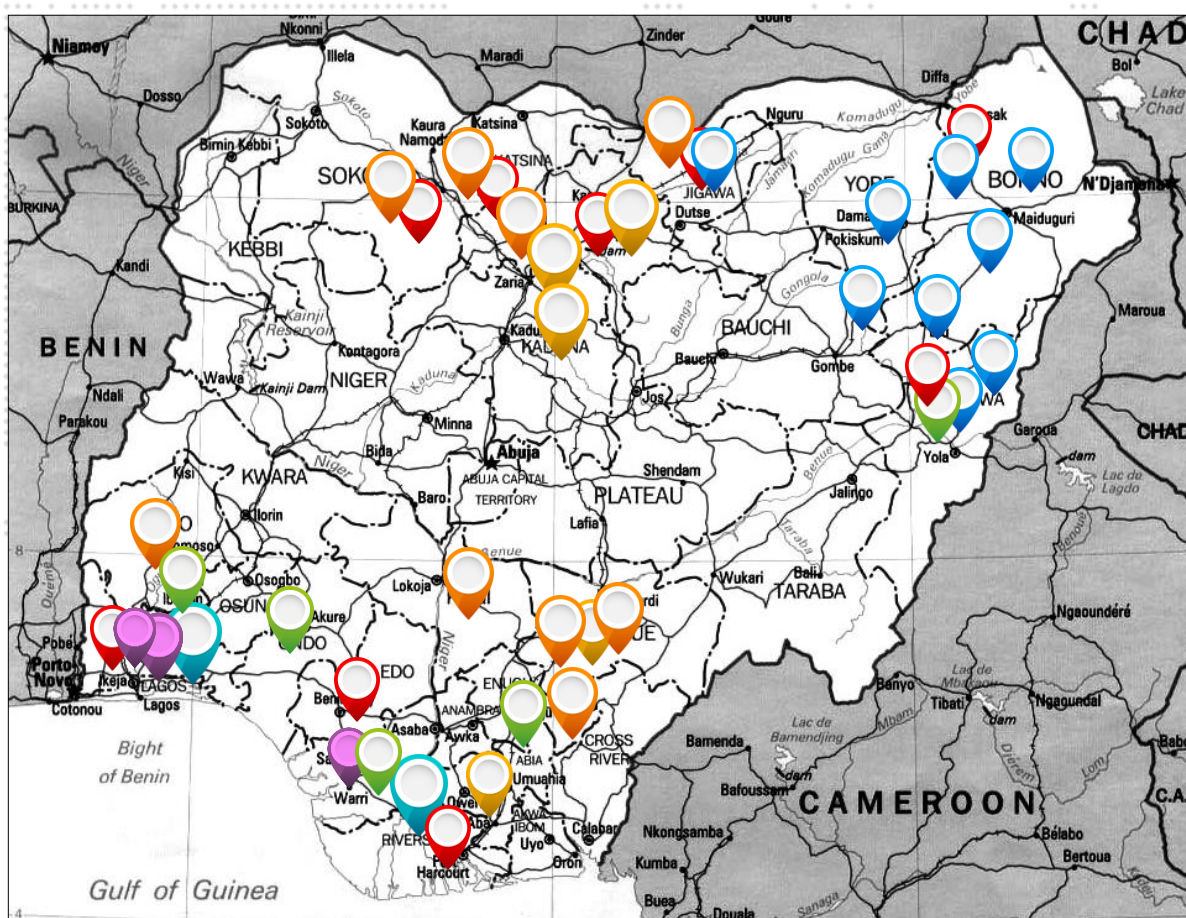


WEEKLY THREAT LEVEL ASSEMENT – Medium

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

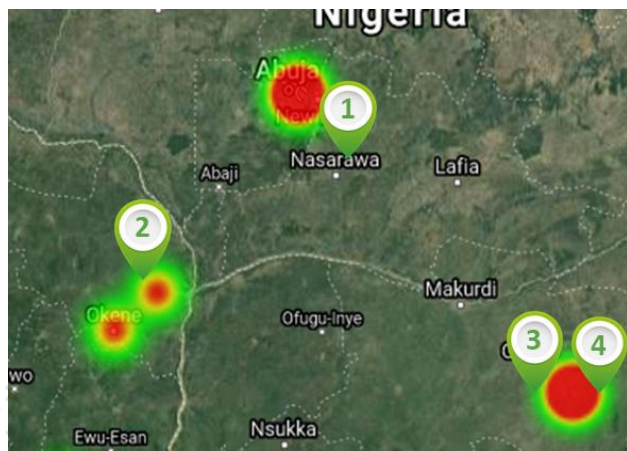
OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS FOR THE WEEK

1. The Northwest region continues to record incidents with new incidents recorded in Kano State.
2. A drop in criminal activities was registered in the Southern region during the week. Nevertheless, there were pockets of kidnappings in the South South and South West regions.
3. Insurgents affiliated to ISWAP continued to operate in the North East spreading attacks into Yobe and Adamawa states.
4. Kidnapping continue to be a major concern in the country as reports of kidnappings were spread across the country with most incidents occurring in the North. All 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	Blue
Arrest	Yellow
Robbery	Purple
Terrorism	Light Blue

OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH CENTRAL (NC) REGION



1. On 21 December, federal government ordered the closure of all schools across the country until 18th January 2021 while civil servants below grade

Analysis

Most of the incidents recorded in the week occurred in Benue State. On 21 December, two suspected bandits were killed during a military operation in Karu village Katsina Ala LGA, three days later, a family of five were killed in Nagu village of the same LGA. They were reportedly killed whilst sleeping and no other person in the area was attacked making it highly possible it was a targeted killing. On Christmas day at a carnival, a police officer shot into a crowd of people at about 2300 hours killing a young male and a female. This sound of the gunshot caused a stampede which resulted in several casualties. The incident was denied by the police. Two days later, two young men were discovered dead following an attack by armed men who invaded Naka town in Gwer West LGA at about 0100 hours. The police reportedly arrived to the scene and arrested five individuals in connection with the incident. It is however possible the arrested persons are innocents as suspected gunmen may have fled the scene. Benue in recent times has been faced with the heavy presence of armed groups especially Fulani herdsmen who have been known to destroy farmlands during the dry season and bandits who move from the NW into the NC region through Abuja- Kaduna Highway, Niger and Kogi states.

In Kogi State, two naval officers were killed by armed men who attacked a military checkpoint in Okene at 1900 hours. The officers were reportedly resuming for duty when the incident occurred.

In other news, the Federal Government put in place measures to curb the spread of COVID-19 by ordering the closure of schools till 18th January 2021 while government workers below Grade 12 are to stay home for 5 weeks. All night clubs and recreational venues are to close while churches should be at 50 percent capacity till further notice alongside other measures which were initially in effect during the lockdown in March.

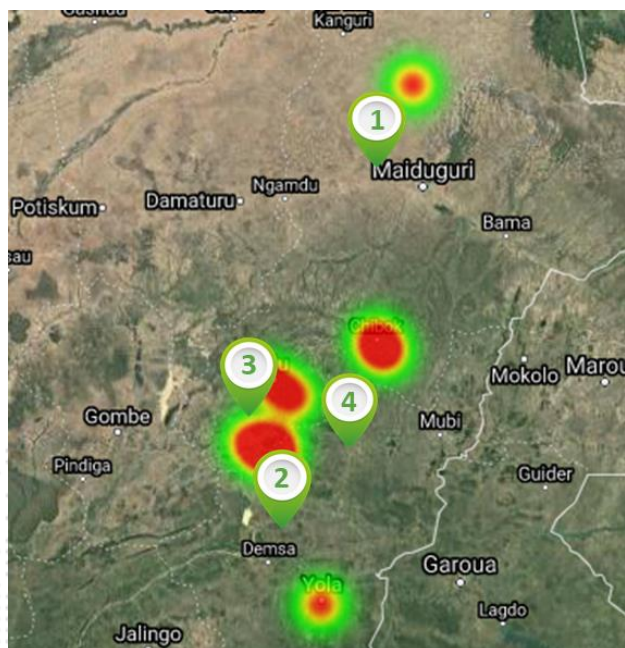
level 12 to stay off work as a measure to reduce the current upsurge of the spread of COVID-19.

2. On 21 December, an unknown number of suspected bandits were killed while two others were arrested during an operation at Karu Village and Katsina-Ala LGA, Benue State.

3. On 25 December, a young male and a female were killed by a police officer who fired gunshot into a crowd at Ochacho carnival in Otukpo, Benue State.

4. On 27 December, two killed by unknown armed men in Naka town, Gwer West LGA, Benue State. Police arrest 2 at the scene of the crime.

OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH EAST (NE) REGION



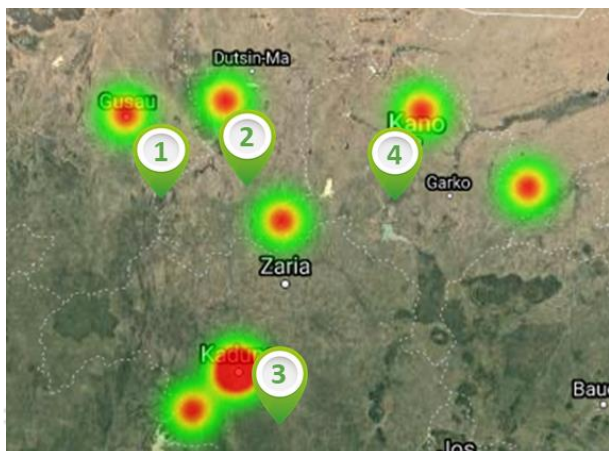
1. On 23 December, ISWAP fighters attacked military position in Gajiram and were repelled by soldiers. Two fighters were killed while arms were recovered by the troops.
2. On 24 December, Boko Haram insurgents attacked Garkida village, Gombi LGA, Adamawa State killing three persons and kidnapping five youths. Several houses were also set ablaze.
3. On 24 December, residents fled for safety following an attack by Boko Haram insurgents on Debiro village in Biu LGA, Borno State.
4. On 26 December, Reports of an imminent attack on Shank LGA, Borno State as insurgents were seen approaching the area.

Analysis

Boko Haram insurgents have begun to expand their reach back into neighbouring Adamawa and Yobe states. This was the modus operandi in 2018 as there were more incidents recorded in these states compared to 2020. Between 23 and 26 December there were multiple attacks on Biu, Chibok, Pemi, Shaffa and Shank LGAs in Borno, Gombi LGA in Adamawa and Yobe states.

The most publicised occurred in Garkida village, Gombi LGA, Adamawa State as residents were reportedly forced to hide out in the mountains as neighbouring villages were attacked by the insurgents. Three persons have thus far been killed while five youths have been kidnapped by the assailants. It was reported that the communities that have been attacked in the last 48 hours are majority Christian communities. The assailants keep moving between villages to continue the pillaging and it is highly likely to spread to other parts of the NE in the next reporting week.

OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH WEST (NW) REGION



1. On 21 December, armed men kidnapped a man identified as a banker from his residence in Damba district, Gusau LGA in Zamfara State. The reason of the abduction is unknown as the kidnappers did not establish contact with the victim's family.

2. On 21 December, an estimated 17 individuals including the village head and two of his sons were kidnapped by armed men Kaigar Malami village in Danmusa LGA, Katsina State. Six individuals were injured as a result of sporadic shooting and assailants also rustled cattle.

3. On 22 December, at least seven individuals were killed, four injured and three others abducted by armed men who attacked Katarmal village and Unguwar Tagwaye Doka in Chikun LGA, Kaduna State.

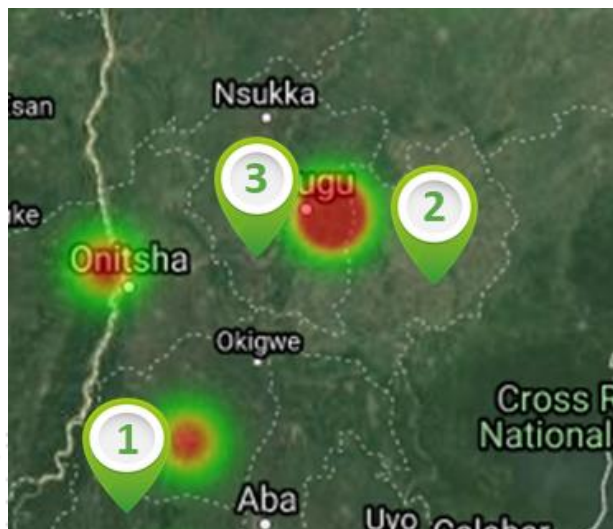
4. On 23 December, a man was kidnapped by armed men who attacked Unguwar Yamma in Minjibir LGA, Kano State and stole other items.

Analysis

The NW continues to record incidents of kidnapping and armed attacks. Eyewitness claim more incidents have occurred and are mostly underreported. Kano State and Katsina states recorded the most incidents in the week with two kidnapping incidents each between 21 and 26 December. A businessman was abducted by armed men who invaded Minjibir town in Kano. The assailants initially attacked a civil servant who reportedly did not have enough money to offer them and was told to show them the victim's house. At about 0200 hours, the police responded to a distress call and engaged the assailants in an armed confrontation but were unsuccessful as the abductors left with the abductee and set the police van ablaze. Another businessman, the wife and son of a vigilante who was killed were kidnapped from Rogo LGA in the early hours of 21 December. These incidents triggered a response from the Kano State government who reiterated its commitment to securing the state by ordering the Directors of Personnel Management of the 44 local government areas to increase and enhance security in their localities.

Katsina State on the other hand continues to record cases of kidnappings with an estimated 65 individuals kidnapped from several villages between 21 and 26 December.

OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH EAST (SE) REGION



1. On 23 December, increasing number of daylight robbery reported at Douglas junction, Mbase road, Owerri, Imo State.

2. On 26 December, a man identified as a traditional ruler of Oruku community was shot and killed by police officers in Nkanu East LGA, Enugu State.

3. On 27 December, youths organised a violent protest setting ablaze several cars and houses following the killing of Oruku traditional ruler in Nkanu LGA, Enugu State.

Analysis

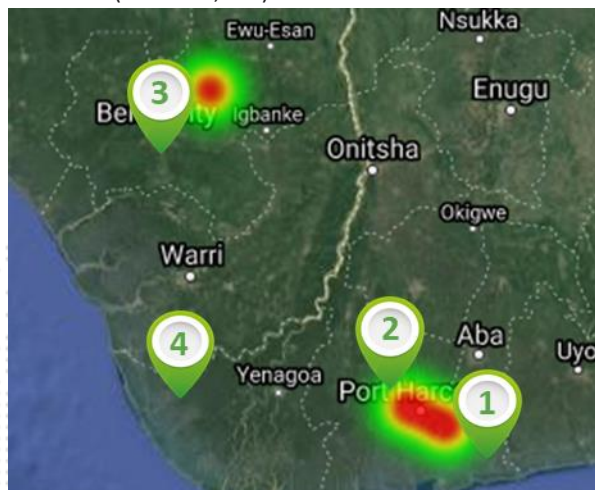
Three incidents occurred in the reporting week in the SE region. Two were interconnected while one involves the rising number of insecurities in some parts of Owerri.

On 26 December about 1400 hours, the traditional ruler of Oruku community, Emmanuel Mba who was elected in December 2019 was having a townhall meeting when men in plain clothes who claimed to be police officers wielding AK47 rifles, shot him in the thigh. The officers who were reportedly from Abuja arrived in a bus and a sports utility vehicle with three other men from the community who perhaps identified the victim. The monarch reportedly bled to death from the injuries sustained from the gunshot wounds due to lack of prompt medical assistance. The assailants disappeared with the deceased's vehicle. The community erupted into violence as houses of persons suspected of being involved in the mishap were incinerated. Community members reached out to the police for confirmation on the incident which the police denied vehemently. Unsatisfied with the response, on the morning of 27 December, youths of the community held a protest and uncorroborated reports stated that they burnt some cars and houses demanding for justice. This incident could likely escalate in the next reporting week.

Daylight robbery has reportedly become a common occurrence along Mbase road in Owerri, Imo State. A distress call by eyewitness made the issue public by demanding the intervention of police officers. Caution is therefore advised whilst plying this route.

OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH SOUTH (SS) REGION

1. On 21 December, unknown armed men abducted a female councillor near a wharf at Igbokiri, Ogu/Bolo, River State. The abductors demanded NGN50m (USD 126,700).



2. On 21 December, a man was shot and killed by armed men who trailed him from a commercial bank at Evo road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State. Another occupant of the vehicle was injured during the incident.

3. On 22 December, 15 passengers onboard a commercial vehicle were reportedly abducted by armed men along Benin-Auchi expressway, Edo State.

4. On 22 December, several protesters from Ogbelijoh communities barricaded the main gate of Government House, Asaba, Delta State to demand the creation of a political ward in Warri South LGA.

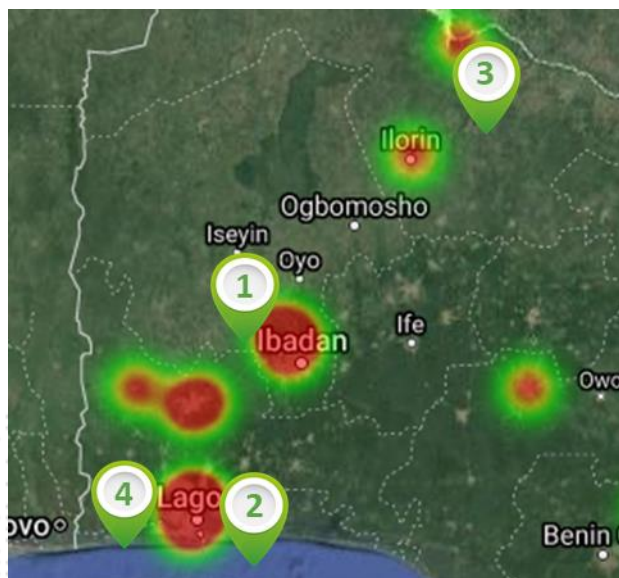
Analysis

Two kidnapping incidents were recorded in Edo and Rivers states during the week. Another incident was recorded along the Auchi Highway in Edo State which has recorded an upsurge in abductions by armed men who kidnapped 15 passengers. The movement and organisation of retrieving ransom from victims is unclear however the possibility remains that splinter groups from the NW region travelling into the NC specifically Kogi which shares border with Edo are responsible for these kidnappings. The other incident in Rivers State is another situation of kidnap for ransom as a female councillor was kidnapped and the sum of USD 126,700 was demanded for her release.

A growing concern however remains on kidnappings as communities in Delta State reported the abduction of two teachers from a school in Ohorhe community which resulted in the abandonment of most activities in the area. The kidnappers were reportedly garbed in military uniform and they took away two female teachers who were released ten days later (20 December) according to the victims by divine intervention. Also, a six-year-old girl who was also kidnapped from Abraka, Ethiope East was discovered in Benin, Edo State after six days.

In other news, the Rivers State governor, Nyesom Wike on 27 December has hinted the possibility of locking down the state by January 2021 as a measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 which has surged in recent weeks.

OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH WEST (SW) REGION



1. On 21 December, a female employee was kidnapped by five armed men who invaded a quarry located at Moniya, Ibadan, Oyo State.

2. On 21 December, Unidentified armed men reportedly robbed a lady and pushed her out of a moving vehicle IVO Ikeja, Lagos State.

3. On 23 December, at least 30 houses were destroyed while 16 persons were killed after a fuel laden tanker truck lost control and exploded in Gaika area of Jebba, Moro LGA, Kwara State.

4. On 27 December, a fire incident was reported at Ketu Plank Market, Lagos State. No casualty reported.

Analysis

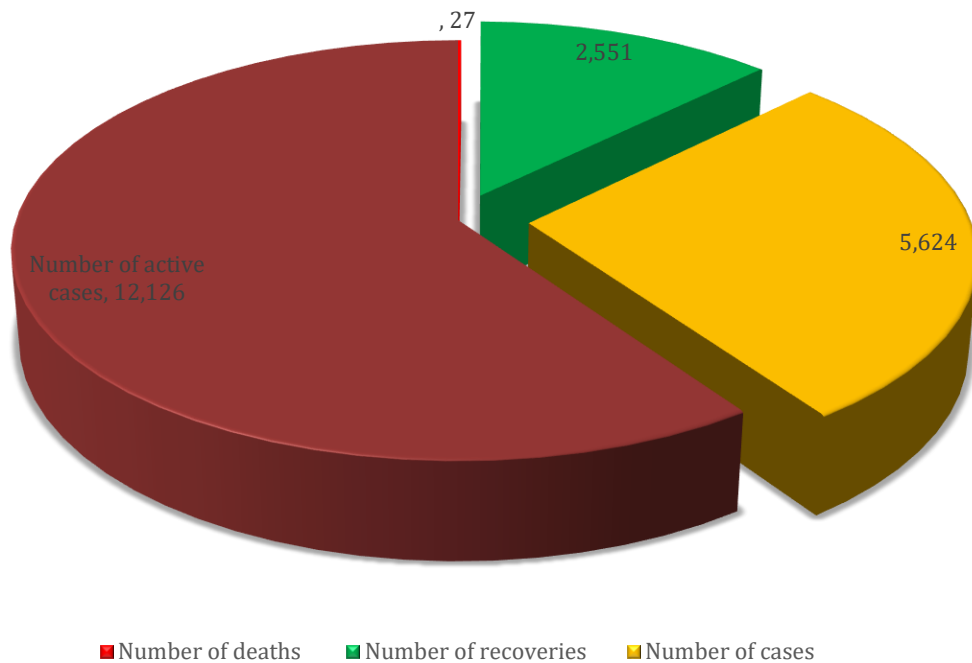
The SW region remains the region mostly plagued by fire incidents which although mostly caused by fuel laden tankers, have also been caused by unknown sources resulting in the destruction of not only buildings but also markets. Such were the cases recorded in Kwara and Lagos states. Two separate incidents in Ilorin and Jebba, Kwara State resulted in the deaths of 16 persons while the incident at a market in Ketu, Lagos State recorded no casualties as it occurred on a Sunday afternoon when no one was present in the vicinity.

Robberies remain a major concern in the SW specifically Lagos as individuals have reported cases of armed robberies known as “one chance” where victims board vehicles either private or public with criminal elements who temporarily hold them hostage till all their money is withdrawn from their bank accounts before they are released and in some cases some victims have been killed as these criminals sometimes push them out of moving vehicles along highways in the city. Persons are advised to remain vigilant whilst boarding public transport or taxi hailing services in Lagos.

The kidnapping incident in Ibadan, Oyo State involved a female worker of Delydad Quarry who was taken at about 13 hours by five armed men. Investigations are currently ongoing to save the victim. In recent weeks Oyo State has recorded an upsurge in kidnappings mostly of foreign nationals which suggests the possibility of a growing criminal group involved in organised crime in the area.

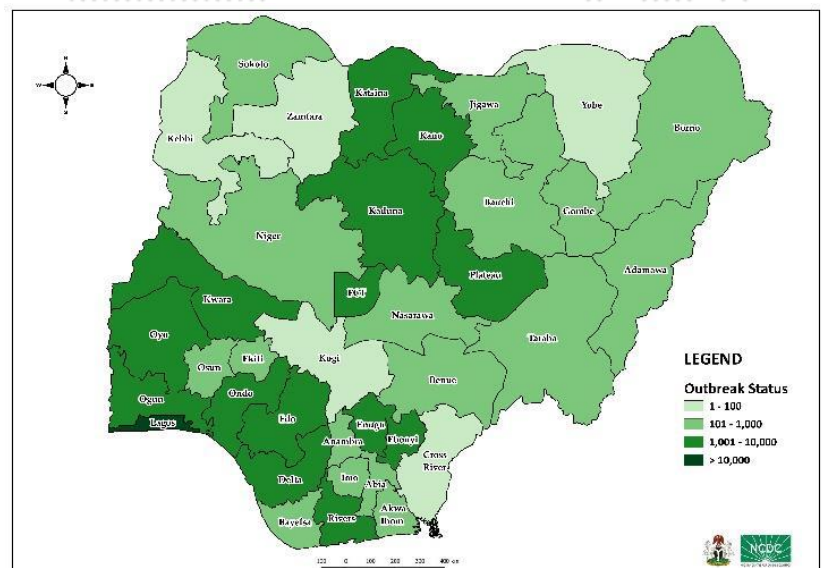
OVERVIEW OF WEEKLY COVID-19 NUMBERS

Weekly Covid Stats 21 December - 27 December 2020



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 27 December, total number of confirmed cases is at 84,414. 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	5,624
Recoveries for the week	2,551
Deaths for the week	27
Total number of cases	84,414
Total Number of recoveries	71,034
Total number of deaths	1,254



Distribution of cumulative cases



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