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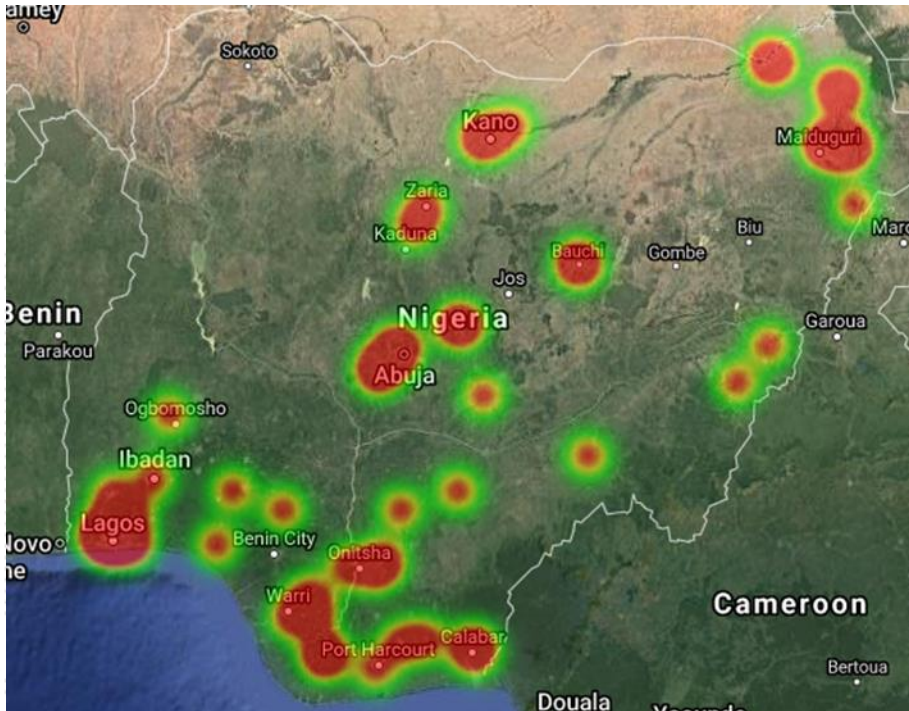
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WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

Covering period from 0000-hour 23 November to 1600 hours 29 November 2020

HIGHLIGHTS



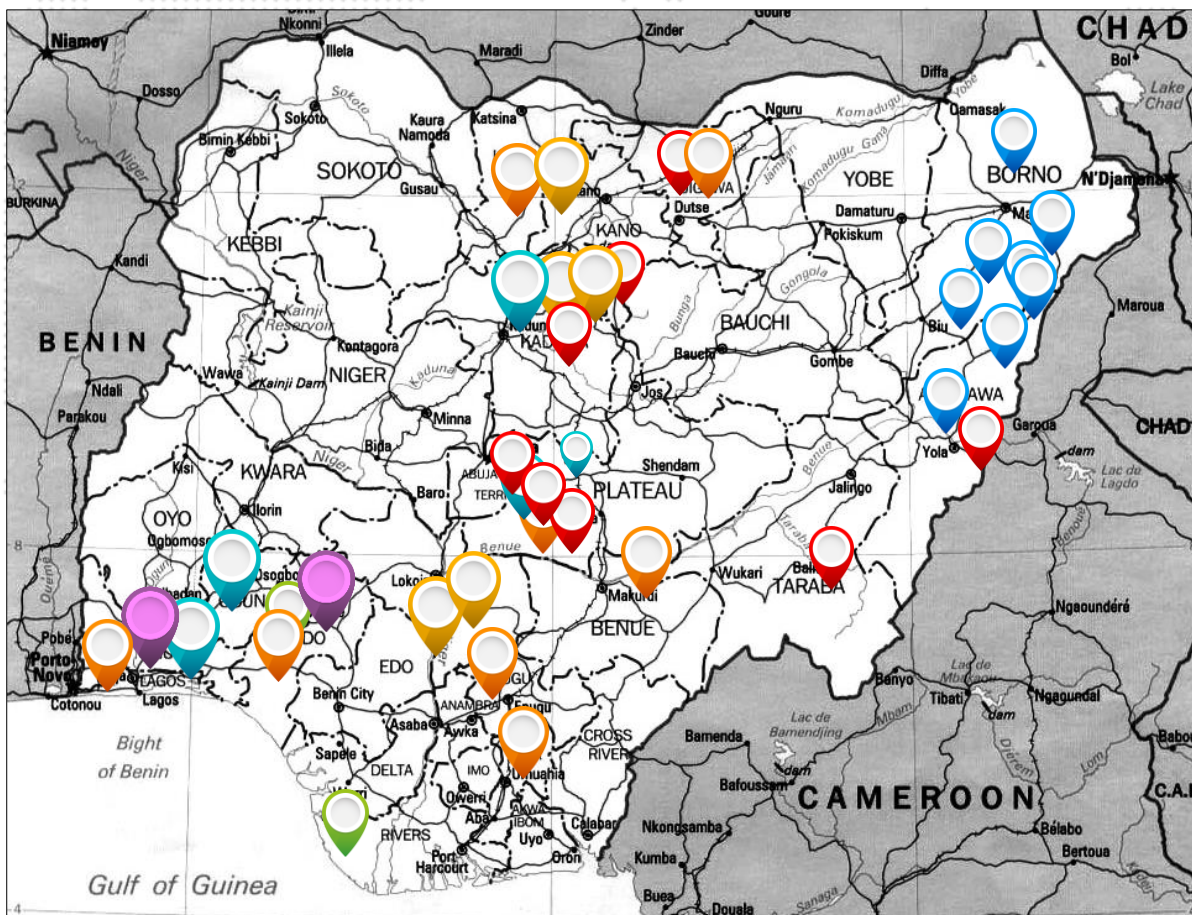
WEEKLY THREAT LEVEL ASSEMENT - **HIGH**

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



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS FOR THE WEEK

1. Although the week recorded a decline in bandit activities in the Northwest, there were pockets of activities spread to other parts of the country.
2. Criminal activities were recorded in the in all the geo-political zones in the country. Notably, towards the festive season, there is always an increase in crime. There was also an upsurge in fire incidents caused by tankers.
3. The Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) operating in the North East region conducted several criminal operations in the reporting week.
4. Kidnapping incidents continued to increase as cases were recorded in all the six geo political zones in the country.



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

OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH CENTRAL REGION

1. On 25 November, an estimated 70 shops were destroyed by fire at Otukpo main Market in Otukpo, Benue State. Cause of fire unknown.

2. On 25 November, police officers reportedly foiled an attempted kidnap of 19 individuals after a gunfire exchange with suspected kidnapers along Pai-Leleyi road, Kwali, Abuja. The suspects however escaped with three victims.

3. On 28 November, a police officer caught in a video drunk was arrested by the police in CBN junction, Abuja FCT.

Analysis

Most of the incidents in the week occurred in Abuja FCT. Although there has been a general decline in violent activities in the North Central region, this could majorly be attributed to underreporting. A fire incident was reported in Benue while a kidnapping and an arrest were recorded in Abuja FCT.

This is the second fire occurring in Otukpo market in seven months. The fire which commenced at about 0600hours destroyed 64 shops in the building material, electronics and plastic sections. The state fire service stopped the fire before it could spread to other areas.

Kidnapping specifically for ransom in the capital is common and the area that has been recording a large number in kidnappings is Kwali. There is a possibility that these kidnappings are orchestrated by armed groups known to operate along the Abuja-Lokoja Highway infiltrating the border town. Although the kidnapping was obstructed, the assailants still escaped with three hostages. The number of victims who have remained hostages thus far in the region remains unknown.



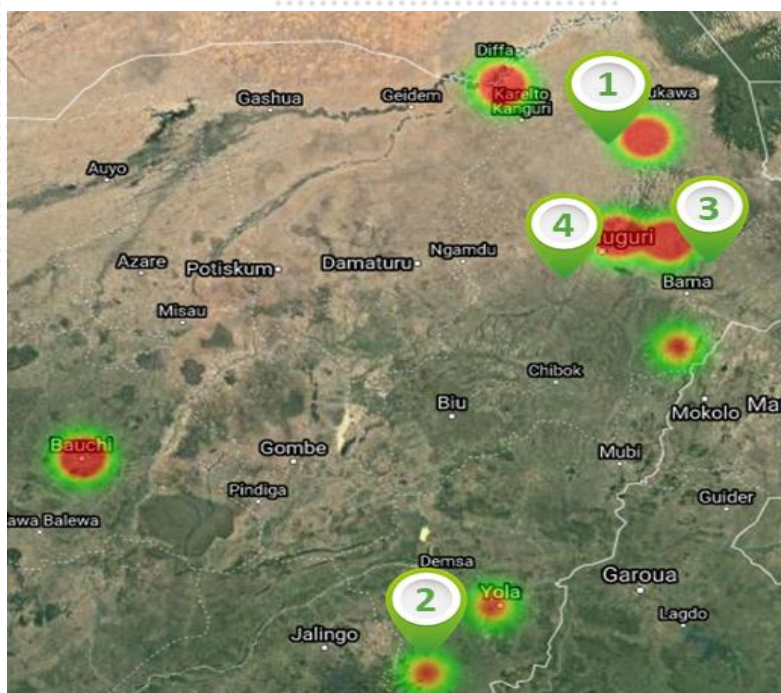
OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH EAST REGION

1. **On 25 November**, Fire broke out at an IDP Camp in Mafa town, Borno State. Cause of fire unknown and no casualty recorded.
2. **On 25 November**, the wife and son of a police officer attached to former Vice President, Atiku Abubakar were kidnapped from their residence in Yolde Pate community, Yola, Adamawa State.
3. **On 26 November**, several motorists were robbed by Boko Haram insurgents aboard a gun truck mounted illegal checkpoint IVO Kareto village, Mobbar LGA, Borno State.
4. **On 28 November**, an estimated 43 farmers were killed by insurgents in Zambarmi, Borno State.

Analysis

In the last reporting week, the rampant insurgent activities was highlighted without evidence. This reporting week however, there were ten reports of Islamic State of West Africca Province (ISWAP) fighters erecting checkpoints along highways in several LGAs outside Maiduguri and robbing motorists of food items and valuables with unfettered access. The story which captured the week was the killing of 43 farmers who were working on a rice farm in Jere LGA. It was reported that there were 66 individuals who travelled from Zamfara to Borno to work as farm hands where they encountered ISWAP insurgents who killed 43 by slitting their throats and decapitating others, injured six while ten women are reportedly still missing. United Nations report however stated that an estimated 110 individuals were killed in the weekend attack. With reports emerging that the country is the most terrorised in the world according to 2019 terrorism index, this set the tone for the level of insecurity witnessed in the country despite claims by the military of the defeat of Boko Haram.

Kidnapping incidents occurred in Adamawa and Taraba states as six high profile personalities were kidnapped by armed men during the reporting week. There has been an increase in the kidnappings of important personalities for ransom.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH WEST REGION

1. On 23 November, a lecturer was kidnapped by armed men who invaded staff residence of ABU Zaria, Kaduna State.

2. On 23 November, the brother of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development was kidnapped by armed men from his residence in Gabasawa LGA, Kano State.

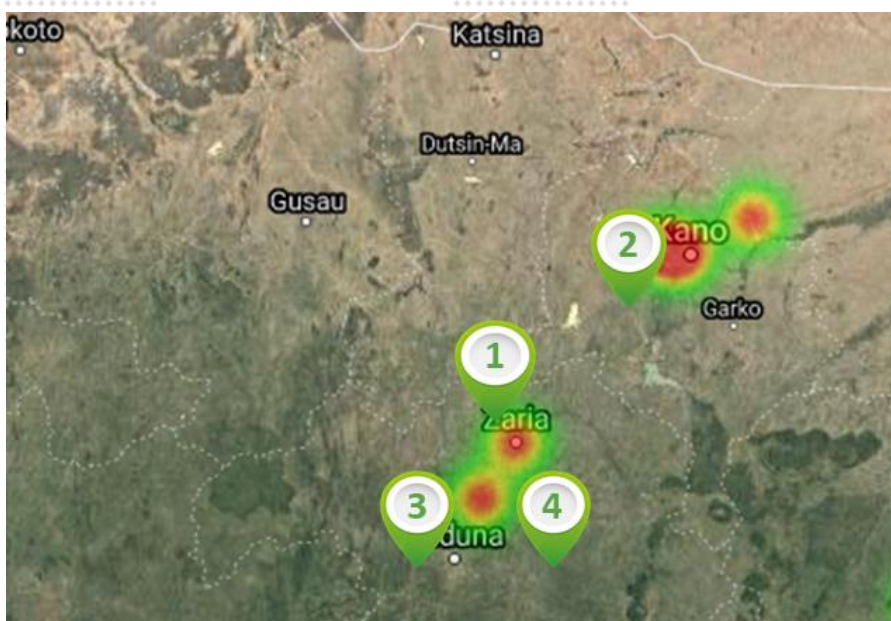
3. On 24 November, two individuals were killed by armed men who invaded Maigiginya community, Igabi LGA, Kaduna State. The assailants carted away food items.

4. On 29 November, an estimated seven individuals were killed in attacks orchestrated on 28 and 29 November in Ungwan Bido village, Jema'a LGA, Kaduna State. Two children have been declared missing.

Analysis

There was a decline in incidents in the region compared to the last reporting week. Nevertheless, kidnappings by suspected bandits were recorded in Kaduna, Kano and Zamfara states. Locations that were formerly known as safe zones were infiltrated by armed men. Home invasions have become a common occurrence in the reporting week with incidents occurring late at night or at early hours of the morning.

Underreporting is also a major issue in the region as residence of surrounding states do not have access to internet making it difficult to report criminal incidents. Kebbi, Bauchi, Katsina, Zamfara and Sokoto states record a prevalence in bandit attacks as the surrounding Rugu Forest is a major hideout spot for their operations and these locations have become red zones despite airstrikes conducted by security forces. Eyewitness reports states that villages in these states have become inaccessible due to escalated operations of armed groups.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH EAST REGION

1. On 23 November, the corpses of three missing children were found in a vehicle parked at the residence of a retired police officer in Ugwu Ogede, Itchi community, Igbo Eze South LGA, Enugu State. Two other children were rescued from the vehicle.

2. On 25 November, thirteen individuals were injured following a fire caused by a tanker explosion in Agulu, Anaocha LGA, Anambra state.

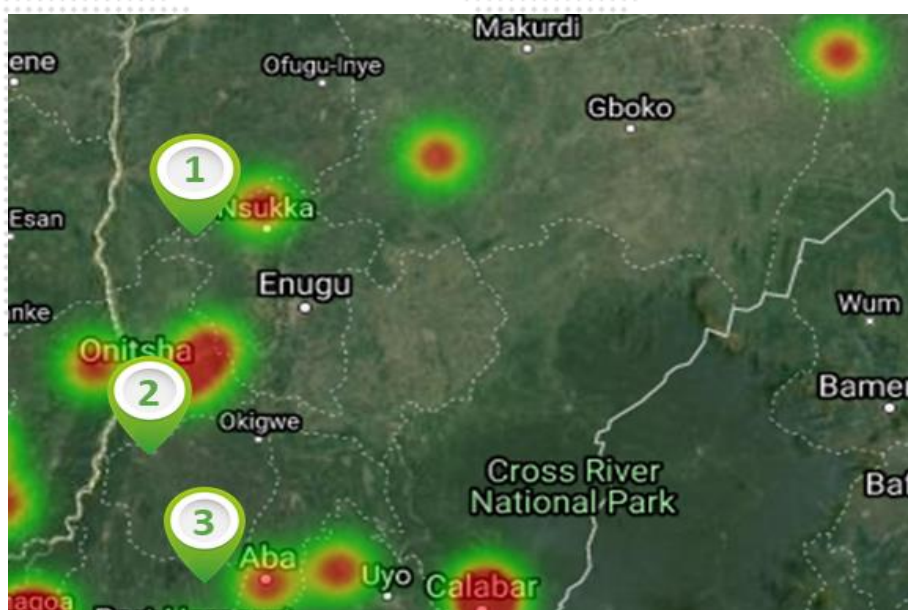
2. On 25 November, Ea man identified as the owner of a restaurant was kidnapped at the entrance of his residence along Enugu – Port Harcourt Highway Aba South LGA, Abia State.

Analysis

Two kidnapping incidents were recorded in the Enugu and Abia states while one fire incident was recorded in Anambra State.

One of the kidnapping incidents involving five children turned morbid after three were killed by asphyxiation after they were locked in a vehicle by three hooded armed men who kidnapped them on their way to fetch water at a borehole. For the other incident, the owner of a restaurant was kidnapped while entering his compound about 2000hours. His vehicle was also hijacked by his assailants but was later abandoned after pursuit by soldiers of the 144 Battalion.

Two road traffic accidents occurred on the same day in the state with one caused by a tanker and the other by head on collision between two vehicles. The tanker which exploded in Agulu destroyed shops and a transformer while the other accident left thirteen individuals injured. Reckless driving by drivers of heavy-duty vehicles and tankers are the major causes of RTAs in most parts of the country. The Southeast region has narrow roads that run dual carriage ways making accidents more likely to occur.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH SOUTH REGION

1. On 24 November, a woman was kidnapped by armed men at her residence along Victory Way, Satellite Town, Calabar.

2. On 24 November, three women were injured by police officers who shot into a crowd to clear a gridlock preventing their van from passing through a market in Tombia-Etegwé roundabout, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

3. On 24 November, members Fifteen members of a cult group were arrested by police officers in collaboration with vigilante group in Diobu community, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

4. On 27 November, a woman killed her mother and cut her into parts in Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State. She was later arrested by the police.

Analysis

The tension in some parts of Rivers State over the killing of civilians by the military and the suppression of human rights continued in the reporting week as Governor of the state Nyesom Wike declared a curfew in Okoro-nu-Odu, Rumuokoro axis of Obio Akpor LGA over cult clashes and violence in the area. Cult groups are common in Port Harcourt and are known to be involved in organised crime in the south south region. An estimated 15 cultists were arrested by the police in the week but considering the issues with human right abuses, most of the persons arrested might be innocent.

Calabar, Cross River State continues to record an upsurge in kidnapping with two recorded in the reporting week while three women were injured in a shooting by police officers attempting to disperse a crowd in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. A gruesome murder was recorded in Akwa Ibom where a woman reportedly killed her mother over a dispute and chopped her into pieces. She was later arrested by the police. There is a possibility the killer was a mentally incapacitated as videos showed she was undisturbed by the act and her arrest.



OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN SOUTH WEST REGION

1. On 26 November, the wife of the Chief of Staff to Ondo State governor was kidnapped while driving along Owena-Ondo road, Owena, Ondo State.

2. On 26 November, an individual was killed by armed robbers who attacked a commercial bank at Ode Irele, Irele LGA, Ondo State.

3. On 29 November, a man was robbed of his valuables at Ikeja Along, Lagos State.

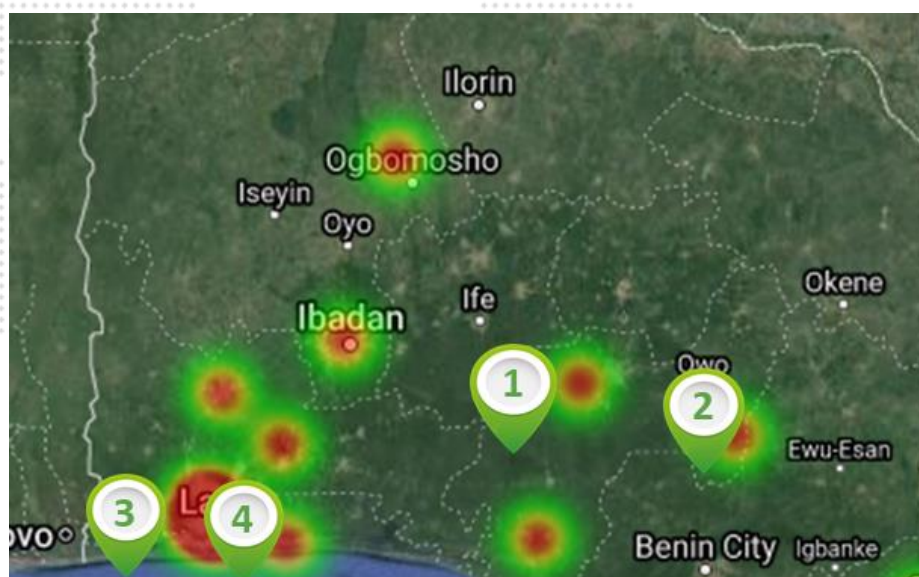
4. On 29 November, a pipeline exploded causing pandemonium in Egbe-Isheri, Lagos State.

Analysis

The reporting week recorded an upsurge in criminal incidents in the Southwest region specifically in Ondo State. Ondo has remained a red zone for kidnappings, herdsmen attacks and robberies which resulted in one fatality. This is possible due to its proximity to the volatile Edo State and North Central region known to harbour herdsmen and criminal groups. Another Incident to note was the killing of a monarch of Ifon by armed men whilst returning from a meeting in Akure. This resulted into protests by residents of Ifon community. Notably, all the incidents which occurred in the state occurred on the same day at different times.

Lagos continues to record a level of criminal activities like robberies and armed conflict but at a lower rate compared to the last reporting period. Notably, a pipeline exploded in Isheri-Idimu area of the state. Although the cause of the explosion remains unknown, there is a possibility it was triggered by vandals who attempt to tap fuel from pipes running through the area. This is the second incident occurring in the area in less than a year.

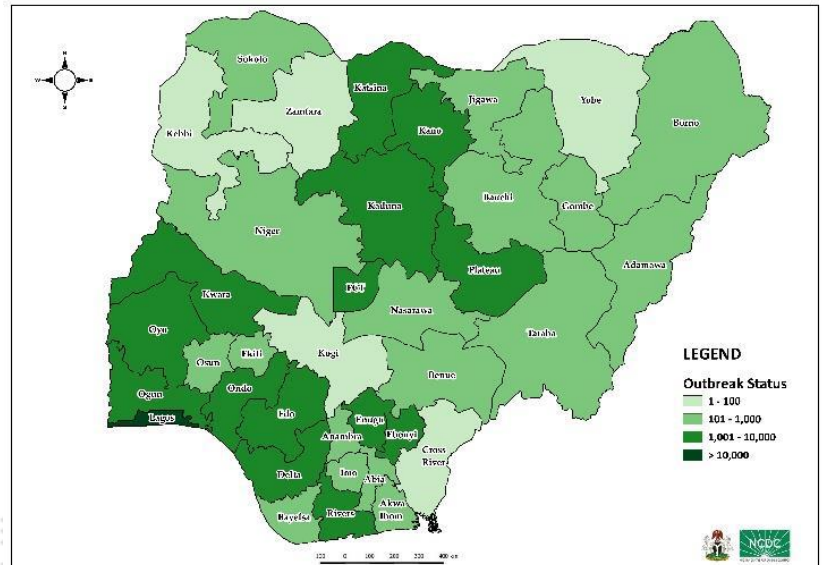
Oyo State recorded an upsurge in armed conflict between traffic wardens and commercial motorcycle riders after a shooting led to the death of an individual in Agodi, Ibadan while on the other hand, rival factions clashed over choice of local leader in Ogbomosho, Orire LGA.



OVERVIEW OF WEEKLY COVID-19 NUMBERS

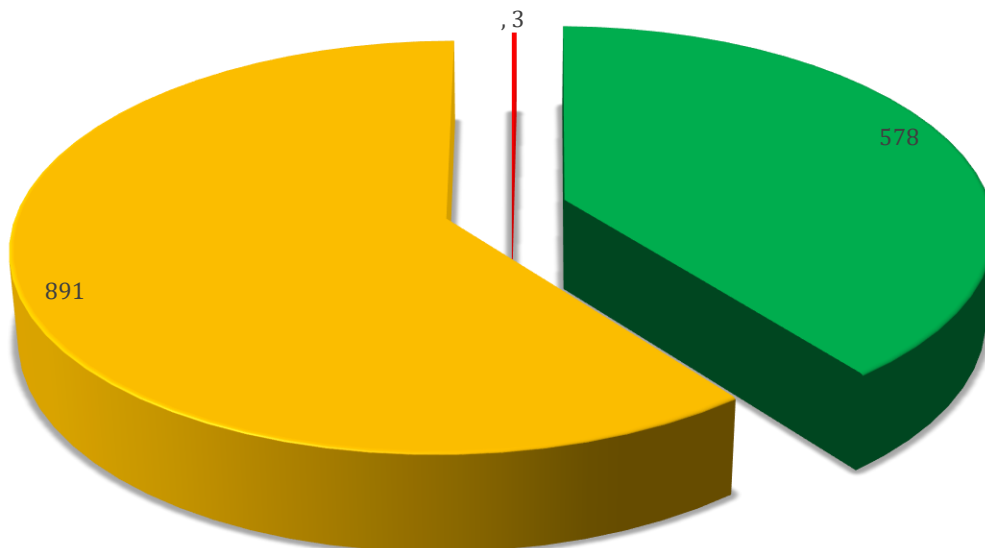
First case of COVID-19 was recorded in the country on 27 February after an Italian national returned from his trip to Milan. Other cases have been recorded in all parts of the country. As at 29 November, total number of confirmed cases is at 67,330.

Confirmed cases for the week	891
Recoveries for the week	578
Deaths for the week	3
Total number of cases	67,330
Total Number of recoveries	62,819
Total number of deaths	1,171



Distribution of cumulative cases

Weekly Covid Stats 23 November - 29 November, 2020



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



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