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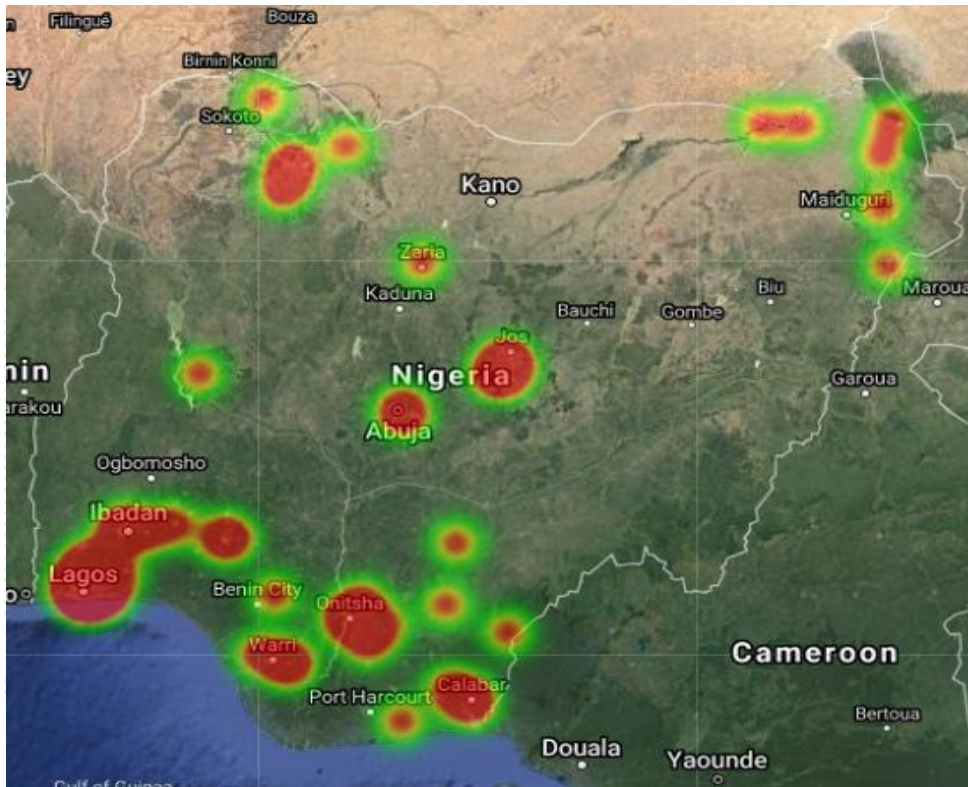
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## WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT

Covering period from 0000-hour 30 December to 1600 hours 6 December 2020

### HIGHLIGHTS



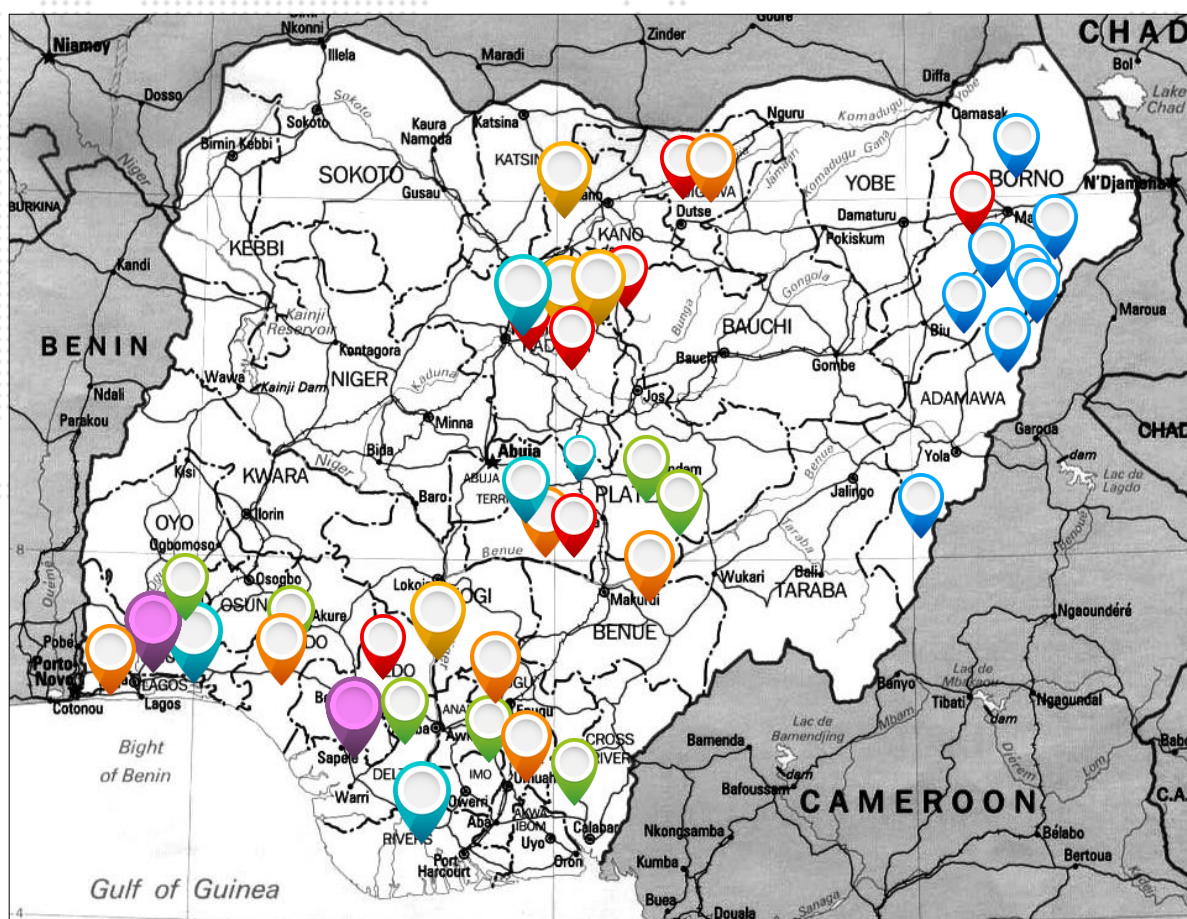
#### WEEKLY THREAT LEVEL ASSEMENT - Moderate

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. Reports of activities by bandits continue in the Northwest, with further gory stories of their operations in some communities specifically in Zamfara State.
2. Criminal activities were recorded in the South West, South South and North Central regions. Notably, towards the festive season, there is always an increase in crime.
3. The Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) operating in the North East region continued to conduct their activities in the North East region. Recent reports claim the military eliminated a top ISWAP commander Amir Goni Maina.
4. Kidnapping incidents declined in the reporting week but there is a possibility it is due to underreporting.

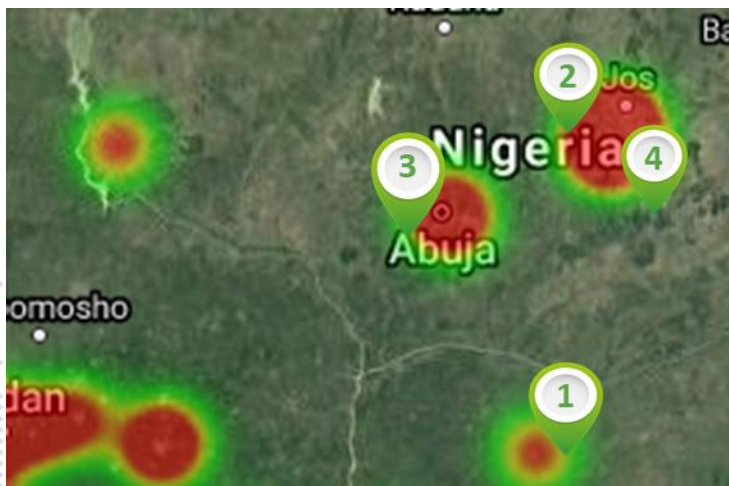


THREAT	Code
Kidnapping	
Killing	
Civil unrest	
Armed conflict	
Arrest	
Robbery	
Terrorism	

## OVERVIEW OF INCIDENTS IN NORTH CENTRAL (NC) REGION

1. On 1 December, armed men shot at a team of Police officers deployed to arrest suspected looters at Otukpo, Benue State. The Divisional Police Officer

2. On 2 December, unidentified gunmen shot and killed a local vigilante member and two others at Vwang district, Jos South LGA, Plateau State. The assailants also kidnapped a woman.



3. On 3 December, 20 individuals were injured following an attack by assailants who disrupted an ongoing NANS convention in Garki, Abuja FCT.

4. On 3 December, local government workers held a protest demanding the implementation of minimum wage which led to a gridlock along the Jos – Akwanga Highway, Riyomi LGA, Plateau State.

(DPO) sustained a gunshot wound during the attack.

### Analysis

The reporting week was riddled with incidents which spread across the region with Plateau State recording the most incidents ranging from armed attacks to road traffic accidents. A bandit incident was recorded in Niger State on 30 November where four farmers were killed by assailants aboard motorcycles who invaded Daja and Mangun communities in Mashegu LGA. Vigilantes arrived the scene but were only able to kill one assailant. Although incidents of this nature are rarely reported in Niger State, there is however a possibility that these incidents occur more frequently than estimated.

A kidnapping incident was recorded in Jos South after three individuals were killed at Gwa-Pwana village in Vwang district by armed men. The incident was reportedly orchestrated by herdsmen of Fulani origins and these types of incidents have been known to occur in farming communities. Additionally, farmers in the North Central have reported an upsurge in attacks on their farmland by herdsmen who not only destroy crops but also kill farm hands and kidnap residents.

Two of the protests which occurred in the week was recorded in Plateau State as local government council workers demanded an implementation of the minimum wage in the state. The protesters disrupted movement along major highways in Jos and Riyomi LGA.

In other news, it was reported on 3 December that the police filed a suit at a Federal High Court in Abuja FCT seeking an order to stop the judicial panels of inquiry set up by state governors to probe allegations of police brutality and human rights abuses against the force. It was seeking a decision that the panels were unconstitutional, illegal, null and void and of no effect and a perpetual injunction restraining the 3rd to 38th defendants (the attorneys-general of the 36 states) from making or conducting any investigations, sittings and inquiries or from making or conducting any further investigations, sittings and inquiries in respect of matters affecting the Nigeria Police Force, and or further setting up any panel of inquiry in any state whatsoever in the country. There was an uproar on social media as people expressed their dissatisfaction at the actions of the police

concluding that the police were not really interested in putting an end to police brutality. The Inspector General of Police later responded stating that he did not know about the case which further fuelled the pockets of protests recorded in some parts of the country specifically Lagos State.

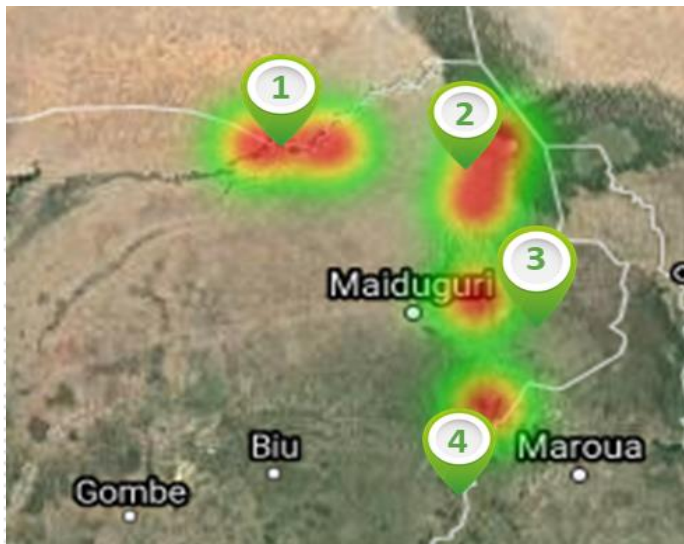
The case was rescheduled for 18 December as the Court in which the case was filed did not seat.





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

1. On 2 December, a driver was abducted while a vehicle belonging to an International Organisation was hijacked by insurgents who mounted an illegal



checkpoint ivo kareto village, Damasak - Maiduguri road.

2. On 3 December, air component of operation Lafiya Dole conducted airstrike against ISWAP hideout in Kukawa LGA, Borno State. The commander of Tundun ISWAP, Amir Gomin Maina and other field commanders were killed in the sir raid.

3. On 3 December, a farmer was killed by insurgents who invaded a farm in Wala A, Gwoza, Borno State. The assailants fled before the arrival of the military.

4. On 4 December, ISWAP fighters were sighted on the outskirts of Gamzaki village, Yunusari LGA, Yobe State. Reason for their presence is unknown.

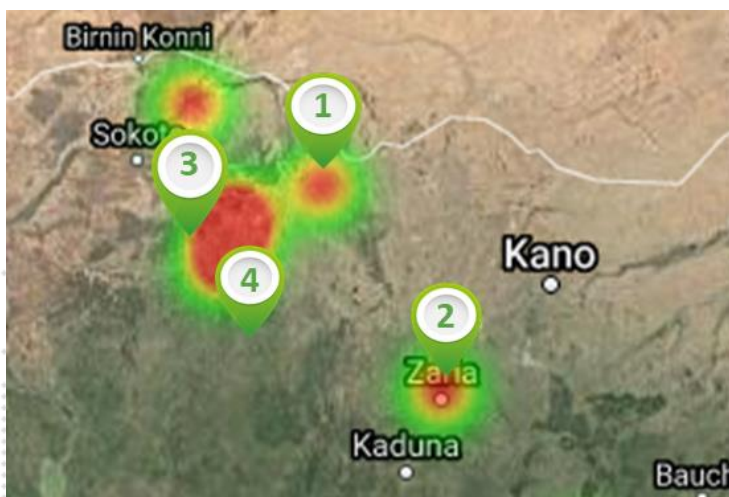
### Analysis

Most recorded incidents in the reporting week occurred in Borno State as insurgents continued to target civilians plying major highways in the state. A vehicle belonging to an International Organisation after ISWAP fighters mounted another illegal checkpoint at the Damasak - Maiduguri Highway. This location is a common ground for insurgent activities and the military has warned civilians on stopping at unofficial checkpoints outside Maiduguri since the creation of super camps. The next day, the Air Task Force of Operation Lafiya Dole conducted airstrikes which reportedly killed Amir, Gomina Maina in Kukawa LGA. Noteworthy, all the incidents in the week occurred during daylight further reinforcing reports of unfettered access by insurgents in the state. Another fire incident was recorded at an IDP camp in Monguno and it is also unclear what caused the fire which occurred in the afternoon.

A curious incident occurred in Yobe State as it was reported that ISWAP fighters were sighted mustering at the outskirt of Gamzaki village, Yunusari LGA. Although the insurgents did not invade the village, there is a possibility it might be a meeting point to plan attacks at the location. Yobe has recorded a decline in terrorist activities but this can mostly be attributed to underreporting as routes into the state capital have reportedly been besieged by insurgents.

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

1. On 30 November, a local leader was killed while eight others were kidnapped by suspected bandits at Talata-Mafara LGA, Zamfara State.



2. On 2 December, the army repelled a group of bandits who attacked travellers along the Kwanar

Tsintsiya axis of the Kaduna-Zaria road in Igbabi LGA, Kaduna State. One bandit was killed while 39 kidnapped persons were rescued.

3. On 3 December, Governor of Zamfara State, Bello Matawalle ordered a 24-hour curfew following clashes between political groups in Talata-Mafara and Bakura LGAs, Zamfara State.

4. On 3 December, two individuals were killed in an armed clash between supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Bakura LGA, Zamfara State.

### Analysis

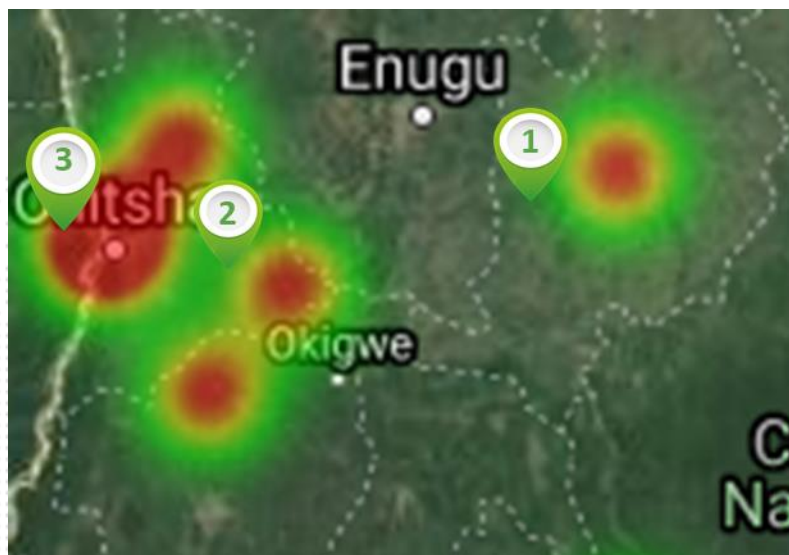
The week recorded a further decline in bandits activities compared to the last reporting period. Zamfara State however continues to record high number of incidents and in the reporting week eyewitness news recorded that bandits hold female victims of families owing taxes and sexually assault them till the taxes are paid. The fact that the governor of the state seems not to be taking a hard-line against the bandits could be the major reason insecurity has escalated in the state despite military operations recorded between 30 November and 1 December in Kaduna and Zamfara respectively.

The reporting week also recorded election violence in preparation for the bye-elections in Zamfara as two individuals were killed following a clash between supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Bakura LGA. This led the governor to impose a 24-hour curfew before the elections were held on 5 December 2020. The bye-election result was inconclusive for the state as the results of the two parties were recorded by INEC as close.

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

**1. On 3 December**, a kidnapped victim was rescued from her abductors by FRSC officers along the Enugu-Abakaliki highway, Enugu State.

**2. On 5 December**, residents embarked on a demonstration at Orumba North LGA, Anambra State to protest the imposition of leaders on the community by the state government.



**3. On 6 December**, a truck driver was reportedly killed when revenue tax collectors pursued him in Onitsha, Anambra State.

### Analysis

Two kidnapping incidents occurred in the SE one in Enugu State where a woman who was kidnapped possibly during commute was rescued by officers of the Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) during a stop and search along the Enugu-Abakaliki Highway while the other was a businessman who was kidnapped in Aba, Abia State. The other businessman who was kidnapped two weeks ago was released on 6 December. Although the number of kidnappings in the South East is rated as moderate, there has been a recent uptick in kidnapping incidents for ransom in the region possibly due to the upcoming festivities.

In Anambra, residents rejected the candidate that was imposed for a caretaker committee on them in place of a duly elected town union leadership by the state government at Ndiowu community, Orumba North LGA, Anambra State. Therefore, the residents held a protest to present their dissatisfaction of the imposition of people described as cabals.

In Imo State, a man was shot and killed by policemen on stop-and-search duty along Owerri - Orlu Highway on 5 December. The officers who fled immediately the incident occurred were later arrested and detained on 6 December.

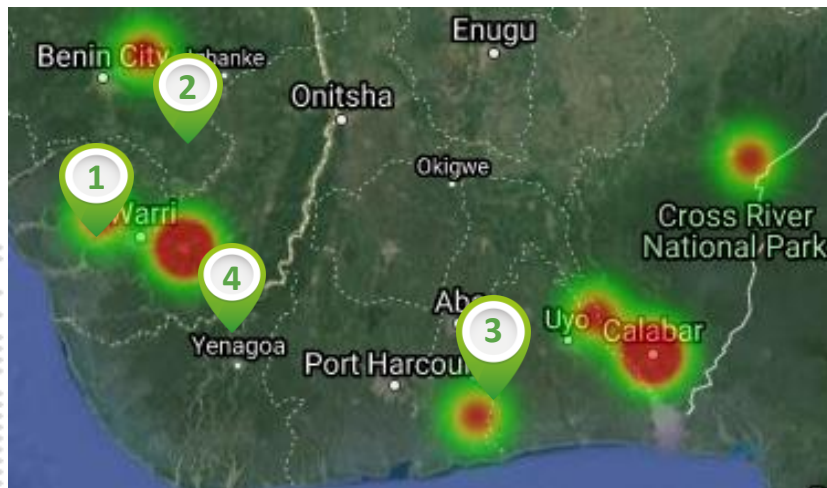
In other news, Governor Okezie Ikpeazu of Abia State suspended his Chief of Staff Anthony Agbazure after a video emerged of him spraying cash on a popular pastor in his office. The outcry from disgruntled social media users was highly likely the reason the statement was made on 6 December 2020 via a press briefing. Notably, the state owes several state workers about 24 months of unpaid salaries.



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

**1. On 30 November**, a 27-year-old male was stabbed and killed during a robbery attack by three unidentified armed assailants at Warri South LGA, Delta State.

**2. On 3 December**, four individuals were killed and ten travellers were kidnapped by armed men along Urhokosa - Obagie Highway, Edo State.



**3. On 3 December**, women of Luabe community held a protest over the killing of three young men who were vigilantes by police officers and demanded the release of their corpses in Khana, Rivers State.

**4. On 5 December**, suspected cult members attacked Igbudu Market and destroyed four vehicles in Warri, Delta State.

### Analysis

The reporting week recorded incidents of kidnapping in Edo, cultist activities in Delta, protests in Rivers and killings in Cross River.

There is a prevalence of cult groups in the Southern region coupled with the proliferation of arms which have led to an increase in not only armed conflicts but in criminal activities such as robberies and kidnappings in the region. In the week, Delta recorded three different incidents involving cult groups of which one resulted in the disruption of market activities in Igbudu where four cars were destroyed.

In Edo State, ten individuals were kidnapped while four others were killed whilst travelling along Auchu Highway in Edo State. The area has recorded an upsurge in kidnappings and it is unclear which armed groups are orchestrating these attacks. There are however two possibilities; it could likely be by armed groups resident in the area or armed groups who have migrated from the North Central into the area as the state is bordered by Kogi State which is also known to frequently record kidnapping incidents.

In Cross River State, a senior police officer was killed with an axe by unidentified armed men after his vehicle had mechanical fault at about 0100 hour along the Highway in Calabar on his way from Borno State where he was stationed. It has been speculated by investigators that he was attacked by armed robbers.

There was an EndSARS protest organised by women of Luabe community who demanded the release of three male corpses killed by police officers during a raid in Khana, Rivers State. In retrospect, second wave of EndSARS protests is expected to commence on 7 December 2020.

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

**1. On 2 December**, former workers of Access Bank held a protest at the bank's office in Victoria Island to demand payment of salary arrears after dismissal

**2. On 3 December**, one suspected cultist was reportedly killed by members of a rival gang in ifakogbagada, Lagos State.



**3. On 4 December**, a male suspect was killed by a mob at Odo Ona, Ibadan, Oyo State for his complicity in the theft of a motorcycles.

**4. On 4 December**, two suspected armed robbers were killed by members of a mob in Ile-Ife, Osun State.

### Analysis

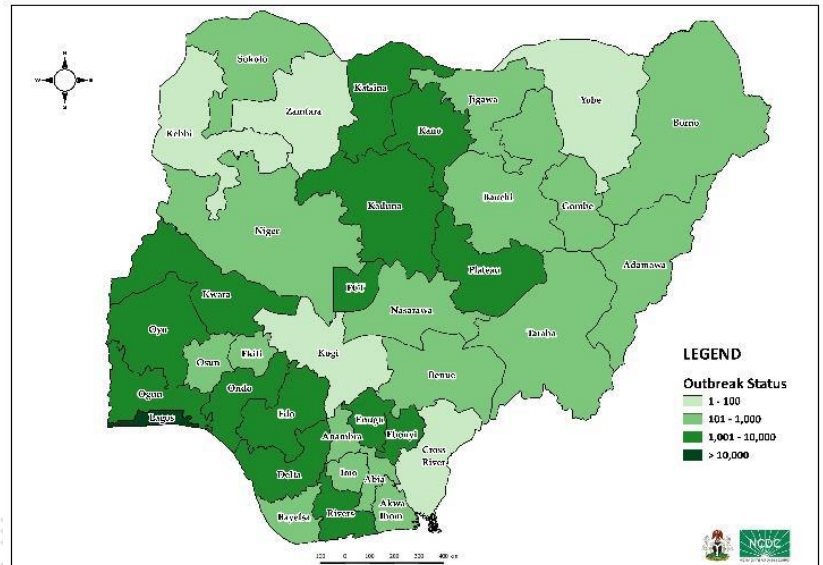
The reporting week recorded an upsurge in mob violence against criminal elements in the Southwest. Osun, Oyo and Ogun reported cases of violence and killings against individuals suspected of robberies. Also, rival cult groups and communities clashed in Oyo and Ondo states respectively. Fires remain a common occurrence in the region with at least an incident occurring in Lagos State every reporting week.

Plans are underway for a second round of EndSARS protests on 7 December according to the awareness made on twitter to demand among other things; the release of all protesters detained during the first action, unfreezing of all accounts that were frozen by the Central Bank of Nigeria as a result of ENDSARS protest and a referendum. These fresh rounds of protest could possibly have been triggered by the recent filings at the Federal High Court Abuja FCT by the Police to stop all police brutality inquiry panels. The protest is expected to occur in major cities in the country. The Lagos Police command has however issued a ban on all protests in the state considering that the last protests resulted in the loss of lives and properties which can be blamed on the highhanded response by security forces.

## OVERVIEW OF WEEKLY COVID-19 NUMBERS

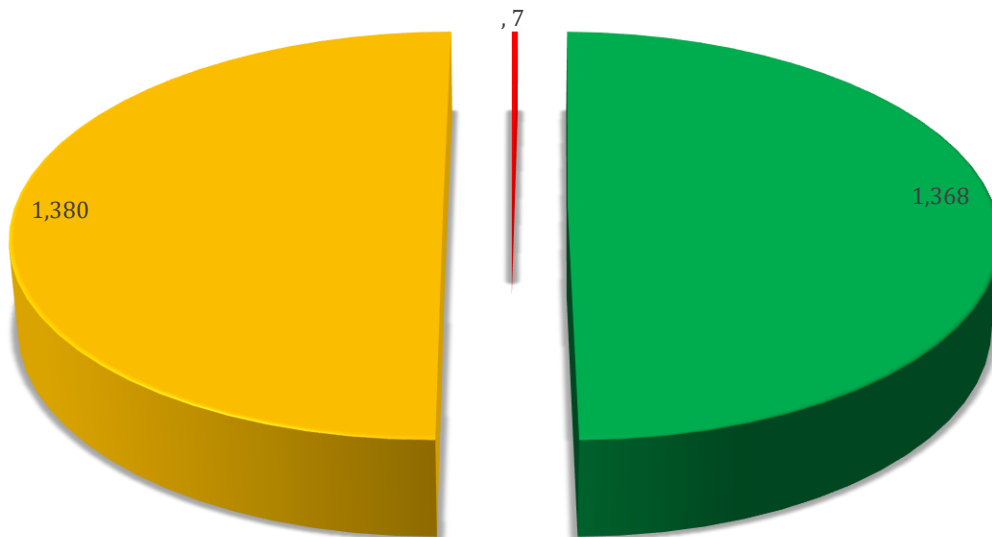
First case of COVID-19 was recorded in the country on 27 February after an Italian national returned from his trip to Milan. Other cases have been recorded in all parts of the country. As at 6 December, total number of confirmed cases is at 68,937.

Confirmed cases for the week	1,380
Recoveries for the week	1,368
Deaths for the week	7
Total number of cases	68,937
Total Number of recoveries	64,650
Total number of deaths	1,180



Distribution of cumulative cases

### Weekly Covid Stats 30 November - 6 December 2020



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





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