



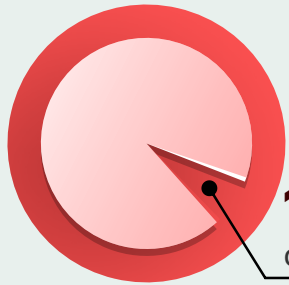
# ECHOES OF DESPAIR

## Unravelling Nigeria's Ongoing Kidnapping Crisis

The mass kidnapping of 276 Chibok school girls in 2014 and the reactions of concerned stakeholders further plunged the nation into a kidnapping epidemic. Almost a decade later, the government is still unresponsive to its duty and Nigerians are now crowdfunding to pay ransoms. The **#MissingInNG** project strives for a safer Nigeria by documenting reported missing persons, raising awareness, and demanding accountability.

### ALLOCATION FOR DEFENCE & SECURITY IN NIGERIA'S BUDGET

2023



**13.4%**  
of the budget  
**N2.98 trillion**

2024



**12%**  
of the budget  
**N3.25 trillion**

### JANUARY 2024 AGGREGATED REPORTED CASES



About **245**  
reported kidnapped cases



Over  
**N6 billion**  
ransom **demand**ed



Over  
**N200 million**  
ransom **paid**

### RECENT ACCOUNTS OF KIDNAPPING

1.

#### NORTH-CENTRAL

##### Horror Show in Nigeria's Seat of Power and Neighbouring States



- **FCT (Federal Capital Territory - Abuja)** - 7 members of the Al-Kadriyara family and scores of others in Bwari Area Council.
- Abduction of 45 passengers in Orokam, **Benue State**.

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#### SOUTH-EAST

##### Land of the Rising Sun and Unending Security Breaches



- The region continued to face brutal acts by gunmen linked to the Eastern Security Network.
- **Ebonyi** - 2 individuals in Afikpo on New Year's Day.
- **Imo** - A traditional ruler, Samuel Ohiri.
- **Abia** - Prof. Godwin Emezue.

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#### NORTH-WEST

##### New Year, Same Old Story



- 85 individuals on the **Kaduna-Abuja** highway.
- The killing of Mr. Tijani Amedu and the abduction of 13 of his relatives in **Kaduna**.
- **Zamfara** and **Katsina** States - Over 34 other cases of abduction reported.

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#### SOUTH-WEST

##### From Relative Peace to Despair: The Tragedy of Government's Ineptitude



- **Ekiti** - 6 pupils, 3 teachers and 1 driver from Apostolic Faith School contributed to the rising number of reported cases of kidnappings across the region.

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#### NORTH-EAST

##### No Respite in Nigeria's Largest Geographical Region



- **Bauchi** - A violent attack in Chibok resulting in numerous casualties and the abduction of a young lady on New Year's Day.  
*The incident is significant considering the community's past turmoil, particularly with the kidnapping of school girls in 2014.*

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#### SOUTH-SOUTH

##### Niger-Delta States and Unending Security Breaches



- **Bayelsa** - A 40-year-old businesswoman.
- **Delta** - 3 police officers along with their AK-47 rifles.

### CITIZENS

- Engage your elected representatives on security affairs and support security operatives in intelligence gathering.
- To report a case, visit **www.governi.ng** or tweet at us **@MissingInNG**



### GOVERNMENT

- Strengthen law enforcement and intelligence capabilities.
- Foster international collaboration and partnerships.
- Impose strict legal punishment for perpetrators of the crime