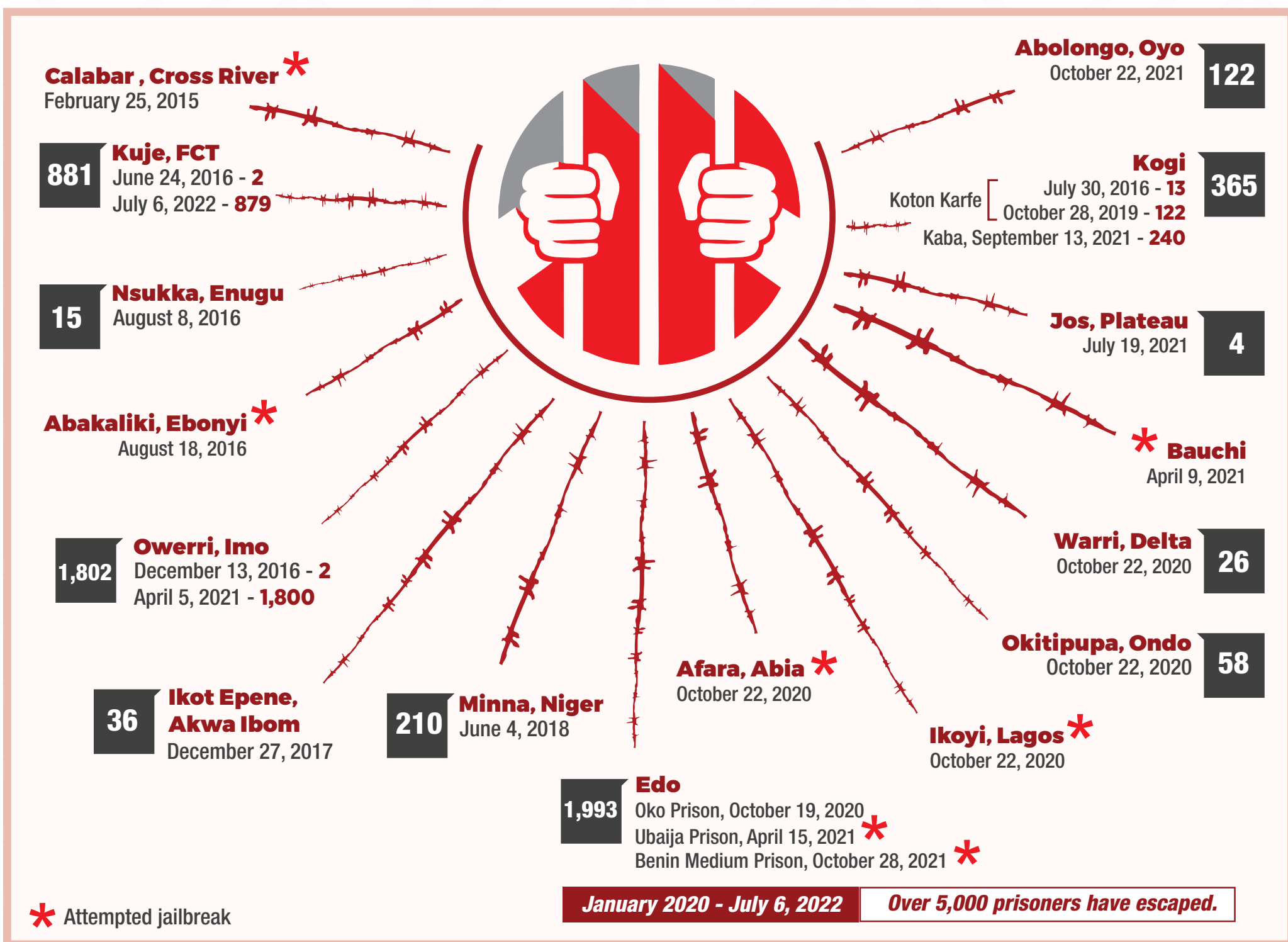


PRISON BREAKS IN NIGERIA

Prison breaks have become a reoccurring phenomenon in Nigeria, yet the government is seemingly making little or no effort to curb the menace. Inmates who are considered dangerous to society and isolated are back without proper reorientation and rehabilitation. This poses a security threat to all of us.



PRISON CONDITIONS

- Prison congestion caused by delay in the administration of justice
- Inadequate prison staff
- Lack of modern equipment in prison administration
- Inadequate funding
- Inadequate training of prison officials

EFFECTS ON NATIONAL SECURITY



Unnecessary panic in the state



Increased criminality



Concerns for investors in affected communities

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Relocate, rebuild and redesign prison yards
- Decongest prisons - 75% of inmates are awaiting trial
- Train prison officials regularly
- Improve welfare of prison officials & inmates
- Equip prison facilities with modern equipment