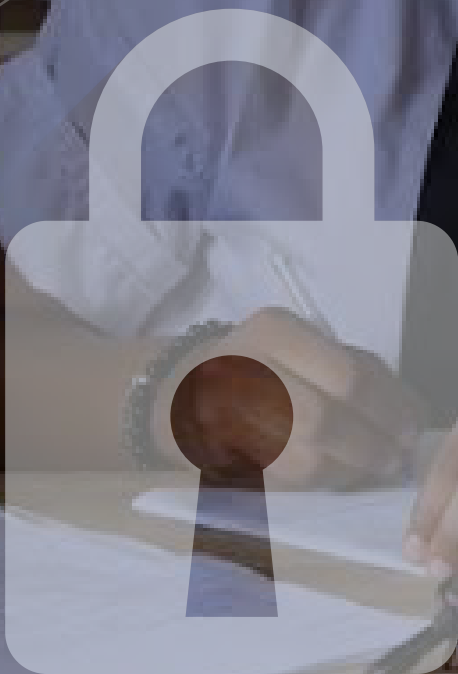


NIGERIA SECURITY INTELLIGENCE REPORT OCT 2020

Theme:

Schools' Reopening – How Safe?



ESRM INSIGHT

Nigerians embrace reopening of schools

- Six months after the pandemic lockdown, the government had announced that schools will start to reopen. However, concerns remain that schools opening is an open invitation to a tragic explosion to the pandemic.
- To ascertain the pulse of the nation, Academy Halogen interrogated the risks exposures in the reopening of schools. The following is the feedback from that survey:
- **62%** of Nigerians support the reopening of schools. This number suggests that people are either tired of the prolonged lockdown and the inability of their children to return to normal learning or some trust that the risks associated with COVID-19 is now negligible.
- **87%** of Nigerians accept that the students will be exposed to HIGH RISK as they return to school. Although only a third of this believes it would be a high risk. Only a small percentage of respondents are unwilling to take the risk – at 13% of respondents.
- **70%** of Nigerians agree that the schools are prepared and ready to reopen. Of this number, however, less than one-fifth appear to be certain about this assumption. Most of the respondents based their optimism on a number of factors, including the government's management of the crisis, the compliance of the schools and a desire to return to normal life.
- **38%** of Nigerians will not permit their children to return to school immediately as they want to observe for a while before deciding.



THE HALOGEN SOLUTION

- To assist with the nation's gradual reopening agenda; the Halogen Group developed an enterprise security risk management (ESRM) framework that assists organisations to assess their readiness to resume operations after the COVID-19 lockdown, whilst also serving as a tool that situates ESRM as an integral part of an organisation's system and infrastructure.
- By deploying this framework, an organisation (e.g. school) will be able to assess its ESRM capabilities to ensure and assure operational efficiencies and effectiveness in managing COVID-19, and identify corrective actions as well as institutionalizing the requirements.
- Below are the key elements of the framework and the percentage of Nigerians in support of its application:

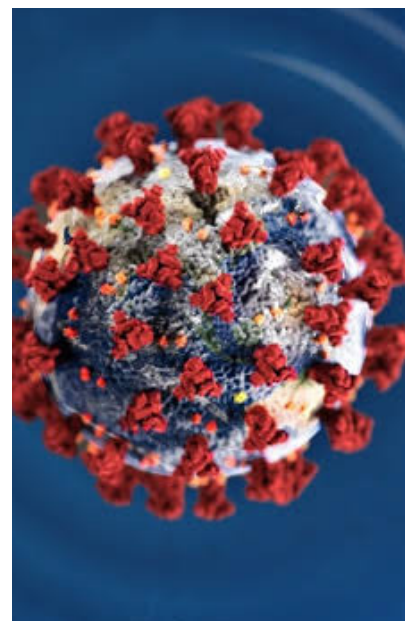
	REQUIREMENTS	%
1.	Evidence of compliance with statutory protocols for the reporting and management of pandemic, in the context of COVID-19	83%
2.	A comprehensive review of HSE standards with evidence of compliance	71%
3.	Updated policies and standards regarding premises' cleanliness and hygiene	71%
4.	Seating and floor plans to meet social distancing guidelines	82%
5.	New etiquette and protocols communicated via signages posted throughout the school	73%
6.	Compulsory face mask wearing within the vicinity with clear guidelines	77%
7.	Medical advice and medical support service(s) available and in place if signs and symptoms are suspected at the vicinity/premises	74%
8.	Establish crisis management team that serves as organizational COVID-19 task force	69%
9.	A phased premises re-entry and occupation procedures communicated to all employees and clients/visitors	70%
10.	Protocols in place for identifying and ensuring employees/students with high-risk conditions do not return to the office	76%
11.	All employees have been trained on infection control and hygiene protocols	77%

- This shows that most Nigerians are willing to accept the reopening protocol so far the schools comply with statutory protocols for the reporting and management of the pandemic.
- Another overwhelming feedback is that Nigerians support the government's directive, where seating and floor plans meet social distancing guidelines.
- Strict observance of cleanliness/hygiene (personal and premises) with compulsory guidelines to all concerned is also a strong factor for many respondents.

GLOBAL IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON EDUCATION

- The COVID-19 pandemic has created the largest disruption of education systems in history, affecting nearly 1.6 billion learners in more than 190 countries across all continents.
- Closures of schools and other learning spaces have impacted 94 per cent of the world's student population, up to 99 per cent in low and lower-middle income countries.
- Some 23.8 million additional children and youth (from pre-primary to tertiary) may drop out or not have access to school next year due to the pandemic's economic impact alone.
- As fiscal pressures increase, and development assistance comes under strain, the financing of education could also face major challenges, exacerbating massive pre-COVID-19 education funding gaps.
- Schools have struggled with what to do if a student or teacher tests positive. It remains to be seen, however, if schools can safely reopen in places suffering widespread outbreaks and community transmission.
- Reopening schools is expensive. Health experts have called on schools to guarantee they have enough personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks and face shields, for students and teachers; cleaning supplies; and other safety materials, the costs of which can add up. Some schools have hired more teachers because of smaller class sizes, and others have paid to improve their ventilation systems and build hand washing stations.
- Pandemic safeguards have also put special burdens on educators. Restrictions have made it difficult to promote collaborative and engaging learning, especially for younger students. In addition to fearing for their own health, teachers in schools that follow a hybrid model of in-person and online learning face the added stress of preparing lesson plans for both approaches.

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NATIONAL SECURITY PROFILE

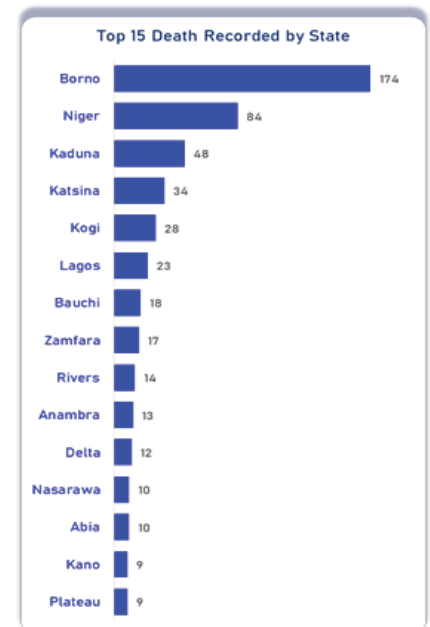
Here are the latest data and analytics from <http://halogenintel.com.ng/>



- Deaths recorded marginally reduced by 6% against previous month (591), which means September was safer.
- There is approximately 2 deaths per crime this month, making Nigeria a volatile environment still.
- Whereas arrests outnumber the crime incidents at 30% more, it is still a far cry considering where they were made.

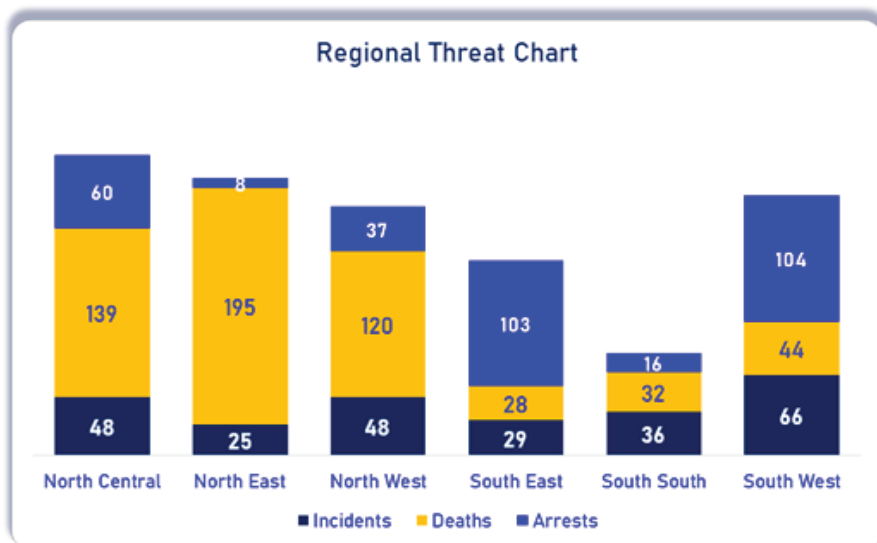
Threats	Incidents	Deaths	Arrests
Terrorism	19	178	20
Banditry	42	164	32
Others	33	96	52
Murder	32	33	26
Herdsmen Attack	12	27	10
Community Crises	14	13	
Political/Civill Unrest	22	12	43
Armed Robbery	12	11	31
Kidnap	20	10	17
Cultism	8	10	6
Theft	5	3	8
Drug Crime	1		1
Child Abuse	9		3
Safety Accident	2		
Fraud	20		79
Grand Total	252	558	328

- Death from Terrorist and banditry related activities comprises 61% of the total deaths making the 2 the leading threats in the country.
- Political induced crime and arrest increased by 49% compared to previous month. Majority of incidents occurred in Edo and Ondo – results of electioneering activities



- The hotbed of insecurity in Nigeria, Borno, maintains the highest death record for the 6th month in 2020.
- Bandits induced deaths in Niger overtook deaths recorded in Kaduna and Katsina, making banditry the next big issue in Nigeria.
- Zamfara recorded the least death recorded for the second month running in 2020. It is an 88% drop from the death recorded in June 2020.

REGIONAL OUTLOOK



- The South-South region recorded the least crime in September, contrary to projections before the election that suggested otherwise.
- North Central incident casualty overtook North East and North West for the first time in 2020. This is a sign that banditry related activities are spreading into core North Central.
- Most North Central incidents occurred in Niger, Kogi and Nasarawa states.

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NORTH WEST

- In Zamfara State, bandit kidnapped three children in Nahuche town under Bungudu LGA, and two sharia court judges were kidnapped.
- The Air Component of Operation Hadarin Daji destroyed another armed bandit's camp in the Doumborou Forest area of Zamfara, killing bandits and gangs terrorizing the community.
- Despite the existing curfew in southern Kaduna, gunmen invaded different communities in Zangon Kataf council area, killing 30 persons and setting ablaze a number of buildings. The victims were mainly women and children. The affected settlements are Apyiashyim, Atak'mawai, Kajuru and Kurmin Masara, all in Atypa chieftdom.
- A suspected bandit was killed when members of a vigilance group confronted attackers at Yantara village, in the Danmusa LGA of Katsina State. Troops of Operation Sahel Sanity rescued 14 victims including two women abducted by bandits in the Faskari and Mararaban Kawaye areas.



- 2 operatives of the Federal Road Safety Corps were killed and 10 others abducted at Mararaban Udege, 26 personnel were attacked while traveling from Sokoto and Kebbi States' Command of the Corps for a training programme at FRSC Academy, Udi. They were attacked by bandits and kidnappers at Udege junction, along Mararaban-Udege between Adoka, Nasarawa state.

NORTH EAST

- In recent attacks at Borno, 13 district heads and several ward heads (Bulamas) have been killed at the peak of the ongoing crisis by the Boko Haram terrorist group.
- Troops of Operation Lafiya Dole killed five members of Boko Haram/Islamic States for West African Province (ISWAP) terrorists and rescued seven kidnapped victims in Gwoza LGA. Boko Haram terrorists have invaded two villages in Borno, killing an estimated three persons while others were injured.
- In continuation to the sustained offensive against criminal elements in the North East of the Country, the Air Task Force of Operation Lafiya Dole eliminated some ISWAP terrorists and destroyed compounds housing them at Kaza along the Gulumba Gana – Kumshe axis of Borno State.
- Gombe State Police Command paraded a 37-year-old farmer, over the killing of an Okada rider. It took the police much effort to rescue the suspect from an angry mob that attacked the divisional police station over the incident.
- A one-man drug dealer was busted in Gombe. The 21-year-old SS3 pupil, who was allegedly caught with 107 tramadol capsules and 59 sachets of Exole and N400,000 used as bribe money. Upon interrogation, the suspect confessed to be a dealer in illicit substances for over two years in Gombe and environ.

NORTH CENTRAL

- Armed Bandits abducted 9 people from Kusu village in Shiroro. In another attack, an estimated 17 persons were killed by bandits in Dukku community in Rijau LGA of Niger State. The attackers stormed the community at night, and also attacked a bank at Kagara in Rafi LGA.
- The Cybercrime Unit of the Nigeria Police Force, Interpol National Central Bureau, Abuja arrested two suspects for alleged complicity in €14.7 million COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment contract scam.
- A Dubai-bound passenger was handed over to the EFCC following his arrest with 2,886 ATM cards and four SIM cards concealed inside cartons of noodles.

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- The troops of Operation Whirl Stroke raided some identified bandits' camps in parts of Benue and Nasarawa states killing one and arresting four. The troops stormed the hideout and apprehended four suspects, while one AK 47 rifle, two AK-47 magazines and 46 rounds of 7.62 mm special ammunition were also recovered. The hideout was subsequently destroyed.
- Security agencies issued a Red Alert across the FCT and adjoining states after a circular emerged warning of impending terrorist attacks on selected targets within the FCT, following warnings that Boko Haram terrorists have set up five camps in forests at Nasarawa and FCT to Kogi.
- Few weeks after that circular, gunmen raided Tungan Maje, a suburb of Abuja, abducting an unspecified number of residents. At least 20 people were kidnapped after prolonged shooting, which started around 12:15am and lasted more than an hour at a community near Zuba. Members of the local vigilante group were overwhelmed.

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SOUTH-SOUTH

- Tension arose in Egunughan community in the Abua/Odual LGA of Rivers State when some hoodlums hacked a man to death. The hoodlums laid in ambush on the waterways for unsuspecting locals. The slain victim was accompanied by his kinsman who narrowly escaped the onslaught and later alerted the community and security agencies in the area.
- In Warri, a rival cult clash led to the death of a 14-year-old pupil who was hit by a stray bullet. This triggered a full-blown unrest in the area causing multiple shootings that was eventually calmed by the combined intervention of the Police and vigilantes. Rival cult clashes are ubiquitous in this region with intermittent clashes going on for days unending.
- The People's Democratic Party (PDP), Cross River North Senatorial by-election primary was laced with violence as one person was feared dead, two others shot and journalists, delegates were teargassed. On eve of the election two persons were killed by suspected thugs in the house of one of the aides to the state governor.
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SOUTH EAST

- Abia State Command of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) destroyed illicit drugs worth several millions of naira at its office in Ogbor Hill, Aba. The illicit drugs amounted to 9,110,252 kilograms of drugs comprising 6,574.116 kg of cannabis, 10.81 kg of heroin, 8.9832 kg of cocaine and 2,516.394 kg of psychotropic substances.
- The State Police command paraded 41 suspects arrested for various crimes including armed robbery, cultism, and kidnapping. Exhibits recovered from the suspects were locally made guns, live cartridge, an axe, mobile phones, and substance suspected to be Indian hemp.
- At least 2 people were killed, while 4 others injured in a boundary clash between Odekpe and Allah/Onugwa communities in Anambra West LGA of Anambra State. Since July, the two communities have been in conflict over their boundary lands.
- The EFCC arrested 22 suspected internet fraudsters at different locations in Imo state. The all-male suspects, whose ages range between 20 and 41, were arrested at Sight and Services within "World Bank", in Ugwuma town and by Toronto road, Egbu, Owerri, Imo state. Also recovered from them are 15 laptops and 20 sophisticated mobile phones.

SOUTH WEST

- Crack team of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) Ogun I Command, on patrol to Ukere village in Yewa North LGA, Ogun state intercepted 28 bags of 50kg each of foreign parboiled rice smuggled with motorcycles.
- In Ondo state, several smart card readers were damaged as fire gutted the head office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in Akure.
- One person was killed and many injured during a fight that ensued between the supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the Zenith Labour Party (ZLP) in Idanre town, Idanre LGA of Ondo State.
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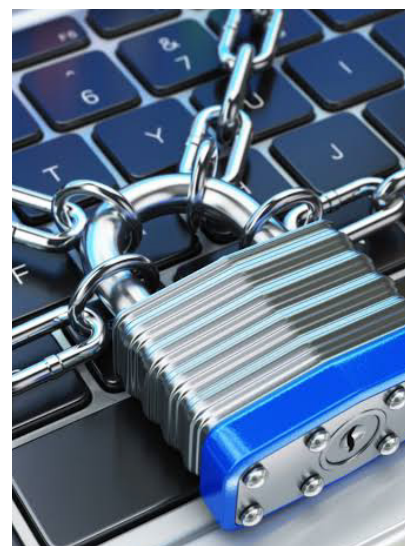


CYBER SECURITY

Latest cyber threats – and their implications

- The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and the Bankers' Committee of Nigeria has launched a cybersecurity and fraud awareness campaign, tagged 'Moni Sense', to educate Nigerians on how to protect themselves against cyber fraud and scams. Nigerians should always be cautious and ignore any text message, phone call, or email asking to update your bank information, provide sensitive bank details, disclose online banking details, debit card numbers, or PIN to anyone.
- Nigeria launched the Digital Nigeria Portal and Mobile App as part of the Federal Government's key initiatives aimed at empowering innovators and entrepreneurs with the requisite skills to thrive in the emerging digital economy. The mobile app is available on playstore, enabling Nigerians to enroll in ICT courses within the comfort of their homes. Students can download certificates after they complete the courses.
- Facebook announced that it has taken down three "coordinated inauthentic behaviour" networks promoting disinformation that included nearly 300 Facebook and Instagram accounts, along with dozens of Facebook Pages and Groups.
- Windows XP's refusal to die has caused a multitude of security problems. Microsoft stopped officially providing updates to the operating system in 2014, meaning any vulnerability largely don't get fixed on the millions of computers that still run it. The situation managed to get even worse as Windows XP source code leaked on the file-sharing site Mega, troll forum 4Chan, and beyond. By combing through source code, hackers can identify potential weak points, making it easier to craft malware.
- Improve your online privacy. Almost every site you visit tracks you to try and link your browsing history to your interests and, in turn, show you targeted adverts. If you want to get a sense of how you're being tracked across the web, take a little time to read (and disable) the cookie options that appear each time you visit a new site. With the Do Not Track setting in browsers becoming increasingly useless, web browsers are increasingly flexing their privacy credentials. Your best option for stopping creepy web tracking is to move to a privacy-first web browser.
- Twitter has automatically activated extra account protection for politicians and key figures in the forthcoming US election. A select group of election-related accounts will have to make immediate changes to improve their security. Twitter was the victim of one of the most significant hacks of a social network in history.

Nigerians should always be cautious and ignore any text message, phone call, or email asking to update your bank information, provide sensitive bank details, disclose online banking details, debit card numbers, or PIN to anyone.



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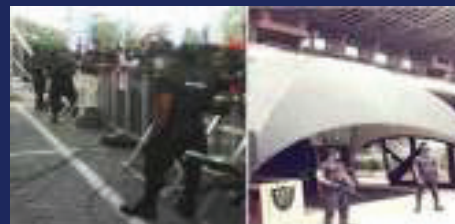
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