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# ESRM INSIGHT:

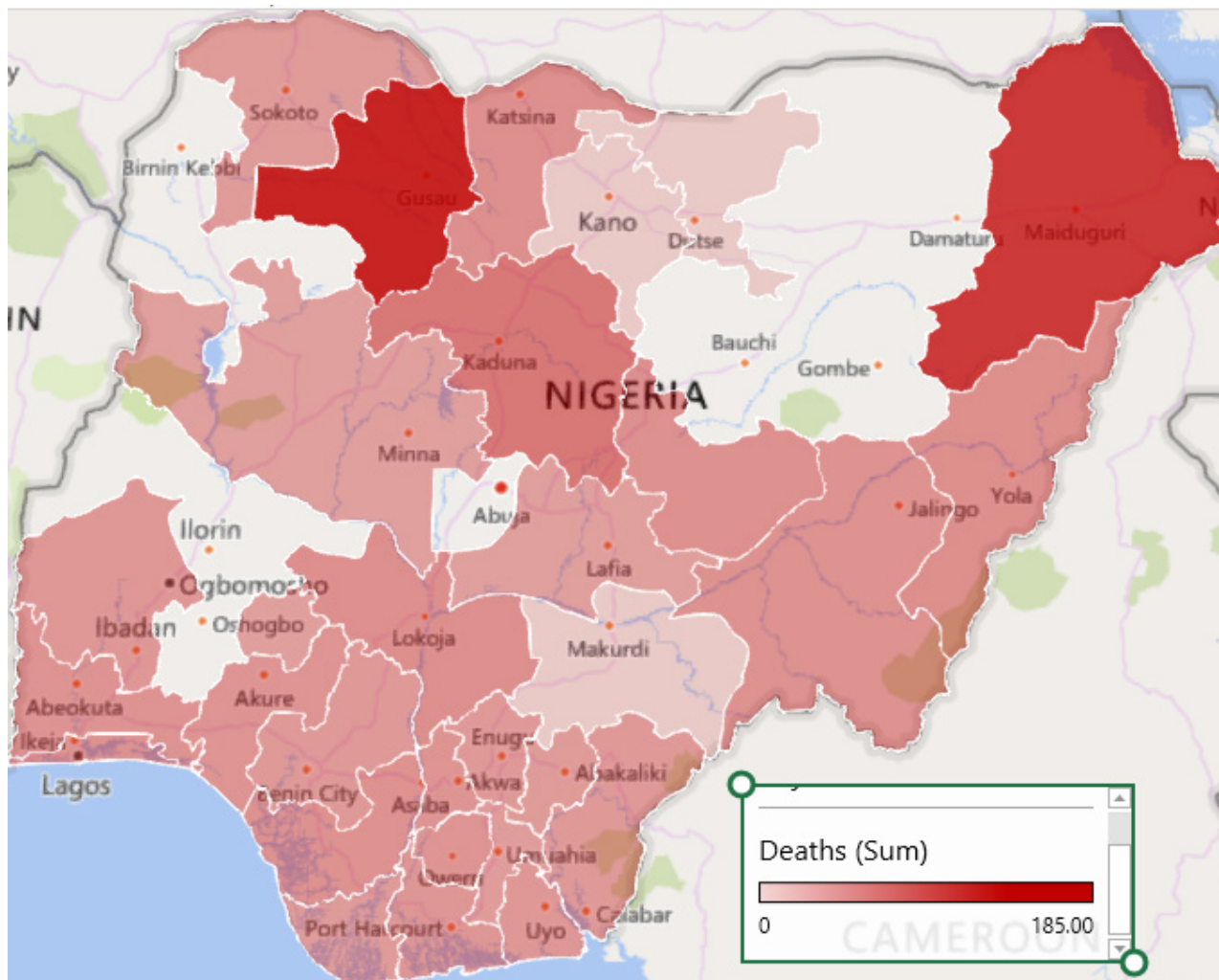
## Nigerians Approach 2020 with Cautious Optimism

At Academy Halogen's "State of the Nation" policy session on 31st January 2020, thought leaders across the nation's civic, economic, security, and sociopolitical sectors converge along with professionals in the enterprise security risk management (ESRM) to make projections for 2020.

Here are some of the highlights:

- International events will have substantial effect on the nation's security and economy in 2020. Brexit would have impact on emerging markets around the world including Nigeria with potential attendant drop in foreign direct investment by an estimated 12-15% if not more.
- Tensions will continue to mount in the Middle East, especially with the recent killing of Iranian Major-General Qassem Soleimani by US security forces.
- Nigeria is not ready for another health emergency with the emergence of Coronavirus. Already a global issue (there are 43,104 cases and 1,018 deaths at the time of this report, according to [www.worldometers.info](http://www.worldometers.info)) alongside undocumented and increasing Chinese population in Nigeria, the risk exposure is HIGH.
- The Nigerian government will suffer a major reputational risk based on the pattern of policy pronouncements. The level of citizens' trust for government is currently less than 40%.
- The trend in Boko Haram attacks in January is projected to continue with an estimated 15-20% increase in casualty in comparison to 2019.
- Increase insurgency will increase the nation's risk exposure to food security.
- Endemic corruption remains at the root cause of Nigeria's perpetual insecurity challenge.
- At more than 40%, unemployment rate is at the highest-ever in the country.
- The agitation for state/local policing has assumed a higher dimension with the recent launch of Amotekun. 2020 trend will be most regions now replicating this model.
- Nigeria will remain the poverty capital of the world in 2020 with 91.8 million Nigerians currently deemed to be extremely poor.
- SMEs will be more negatively impacted by the increase in VAT from 5% to 7.5%. The estimated business shrinkage for small and medium enterprises will range from 4-6%.

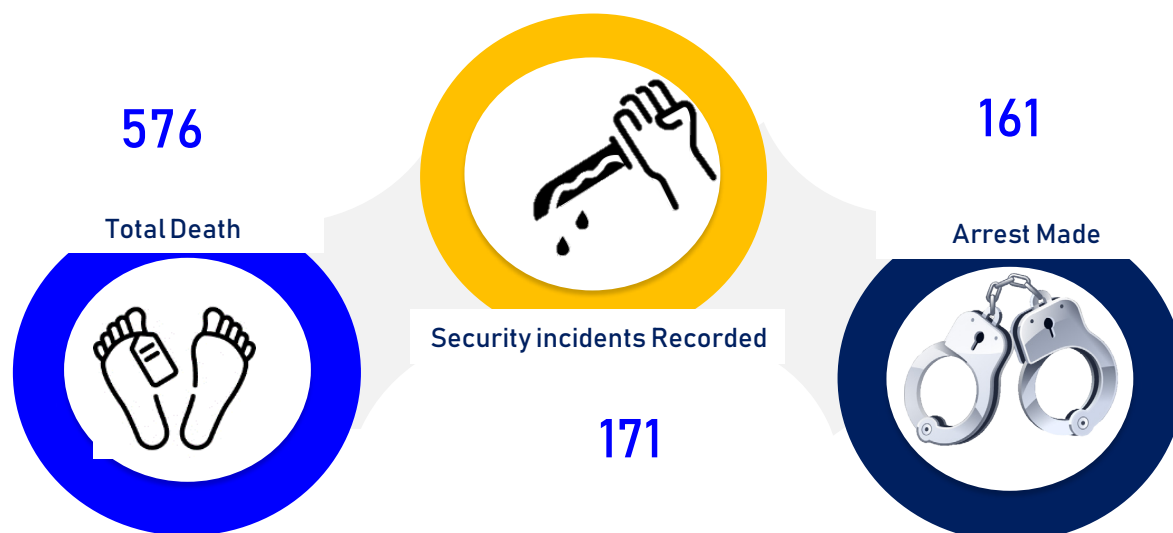
# RISK MAPPING



## RISK INDUCED DEATHS

- ▶ **Definition:** This is death casualty by state – a retained trend, in comparison to same period in 2019. This classification is based on Halogen’s intelligence data sources from our operations across Nigeria.
- ▶ The density of the colour is proportional to the numbers of risk induced deaths and casualties in January 2020.
- ▶ Zamfara, Borno and Kaduna recorded the highest number of deaths in the month of January 2020 at 185, 149 and 48 respectively. This is reflective of the level of insurgency at these states, in comparison to others.

# THREAT'S ANALYSIS



Top 15 Death Recorded by State

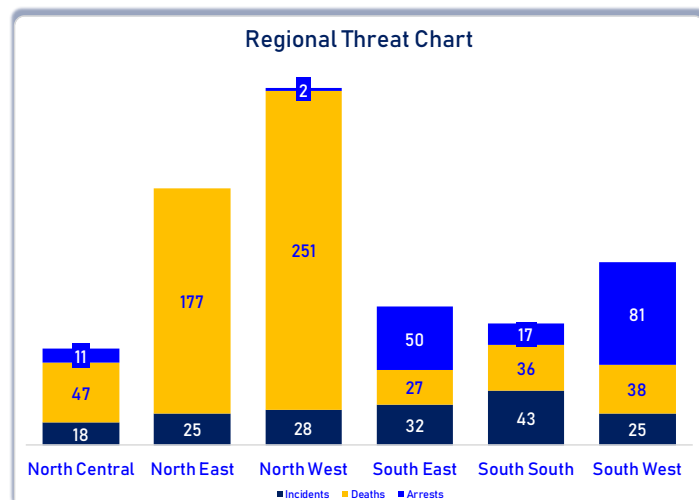


- A total 171 security incidents were recorded resulting in 576 deaths. This figure is a historical high compared to previous years, thus flagging 2020 as a potential high risk year.
- 161 arrests were made by security agencies in relation to these crimes. This is slightly lower than previous trend, indicating lower crime rate during the festive and holiday seasons.
- This statistics shows that 1 security incident will result in an average of 4 deaths, and In some cases the perpetrators will not be apprehended.

Source: Halogen Fusion Center

# INCIDENTS BY THREATS

THREATS	INCIDENTS	DEATHS	ARRESTS
Banditry	30	271	
Terrorism	15	148	
Community Crises	9	41	3
Murder	33	40	17
Safety Accident	18	39	3
Others	13	13	5
Theft	9	9	13
Kidnap	19	8	6
Armed Robbery	4	4	4
Herdsmen Attack	1	2	
Cultism	3	1	8
Child Abuse	8		7
Fraud	5		27
Religious Crises	1		
Marine Piracy	1		66
Political/Civill Unrest	2	0	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>161</b>



## THREAT'S INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS

- A total **171** of security incidents were recorded resulting in **576** deaths of both perpetrators and victims. **161** arrests were made by security agencies in relation to these crimes.
- Banditry** and **Terrorism** are the leading threats in the month of January. Both threats account for **72%** of the total deaths recorded.
- A resurgence of bandits in Zamfara claimed over **80** lives. In counter clearance operations, 100 bandits were killed by the Army joint forces and in the process recovered 500 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition 23 Motorbikes, 15 AK 47 rifles, four General Purpose Machine Guns (GPMG), one PKM Machine Gun, one Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) bomb, one Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) tube, 11 fully loaded magazines, 600 rustled cows and 300 rustled sheep
- The **Boko Haram** insurgent launched **10** attacks in the **North East** claiming no less than **150** lives and displacing over **1,300** people from their homes. These operations were concentrated in Borno.
- 94** people were kidnapped pan Nigeria in January. Figures are **50%** below reported cases in December 2019.
- Reported murder cases in January fell by **62%**.
- Lagos recorded the highest **fire incidents** in January 2020 with at least **39** recorded incidents.
- Most arrests were made in the South West at **81** arrests with the Lagos accounting for 77 of these arrests.

# CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS

## Did You Know

- 40% of consumers across the world have been targets of ID theft at least once
- 8 million records per day were stolen in the first half of 2018 worldwide, leading to 3.3Billion compromised data records
- 1.3 million Children have their identities stolen every year
- Having a social media account increases the chance of ID theft by 46%
- Famous data breaches in 2018: Facebook, Google+, Quora, MyFittnesPal
- The global average cost per data breach incident rose to \$3.86 Million in 2018
- More than 2 in 5 consumers worldwide have experienced a fraudulent event at least once
- 83% of all records stolen in H1 2018 involved identity theft
- 31.7% of data breach victims experienced loss of personal data in 2016
- 28% of organizations say customer information or customer passwords are the information of greatest value to cyber criminals
- Credit card fraud accounts for 30% of identity theft cases
- Online shopping identity theft attempts during the 2017 holiday season increased 22% over the corresponding period in 2016
- The global cyber identity theft protection services market is expected to be worth \$18.7B by 2025
- 87% of people have left their personal information exposed at some point
- 52% of small businesses do not invest in cyber theft security
- There were 16.7 Million ID theft victims In the US in 2017 leading to the loss of over \$17 billion
- In the past year, 446,515,334 personal records were exposed in the US, not including the 1.68 billion non-sensitive exposed records

In 2020, Cyber security and privacy remain the highest concern with the spurt in the number of hacking attacks and cybercrimes. Given the increase in online activities in Nigeria (ranks at the top of the list of African countries based on the share of traffic via mobile), the vulnerabilities of users are continuously being exploited by cyber criminals at a commensurate pace. Identity theft has emerged as one of the most serious and prevalent forms of cybercrime in Nigeria in 2020.

A 2018 research by Javelin Strategy detailing the number of Identity theft victims and amount stolen in billion dollars in the US since 2012 revealed that the number of identity fraud victims increased by 8% (rising to 16.7 million U.S. consumers) in the last year, a record high since Javelin Strategy & Research began tracking identity fraud in 2003. Halogen estimates a similar trend in the Nigerian cyber space.

# KEY SECURITY INCIDENTS

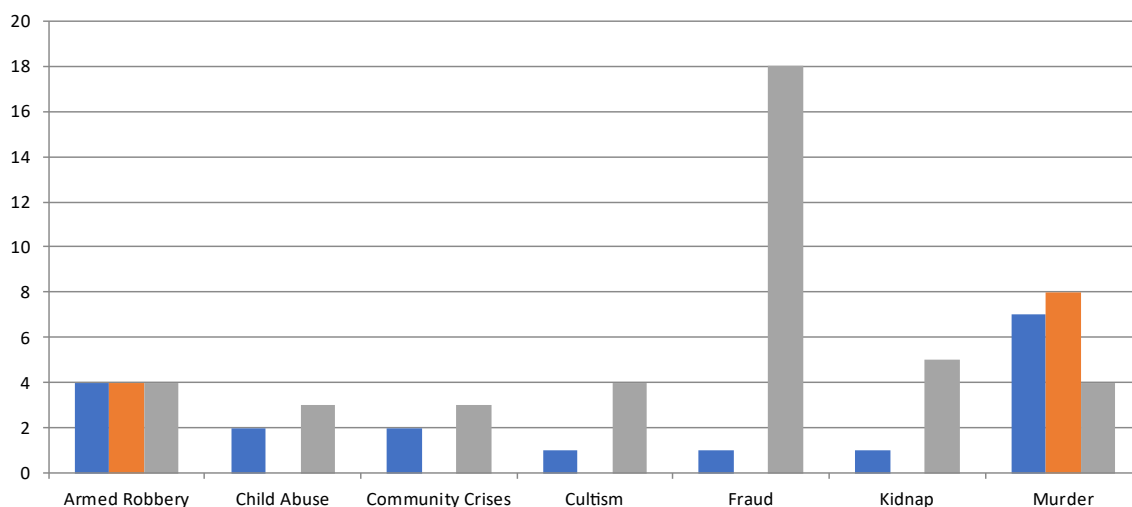
## North West

Kidnapping and banditry shaped the face of the region in the past year. Governments of the affected states only fell short of declaring their inability to protect the people. There were no concrete actions against banditry, save for the 'gentleman' agreements some governors announced they were reaching with bandits. This is a development many watchers believe would be counterproductive in the end.

Zamfara, Katsina and Kaduna witnessed series of bandit attacks within the first 3 weeks of 2020. Over 40 people were kidnapped when bandits invaded Kurfi community in Katsina. In Magama Jibiya village in Jibia Local Government Area (LGA) of Katsina State, four (4) custom officers were reportedly abducted on 7th of January.

In Kaduna, at least 30 people were killed while 100 were feared kidnapped after gunmen opened fire on commuters along Kaduna-Zaria Highway on 7th of January. The Emir of Potiskum Umar Bubaram was amongst those who sustained severe injuries. Just barely 24 hours after the Emir was attacked, armed bandits attacked the Good Shep-herd Catholic Major Seminary in Kakau in Kaduna and abducted four seminarians.

THREATS	INCIDENTS	DEATHS	ARRESTS
Banditry	18	217	
Child Abuse	2		2
Community Crises	1	30	
Kidnap	4	2	
Murder	2	2	
Theft	1		
<b>North West Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>2</b>





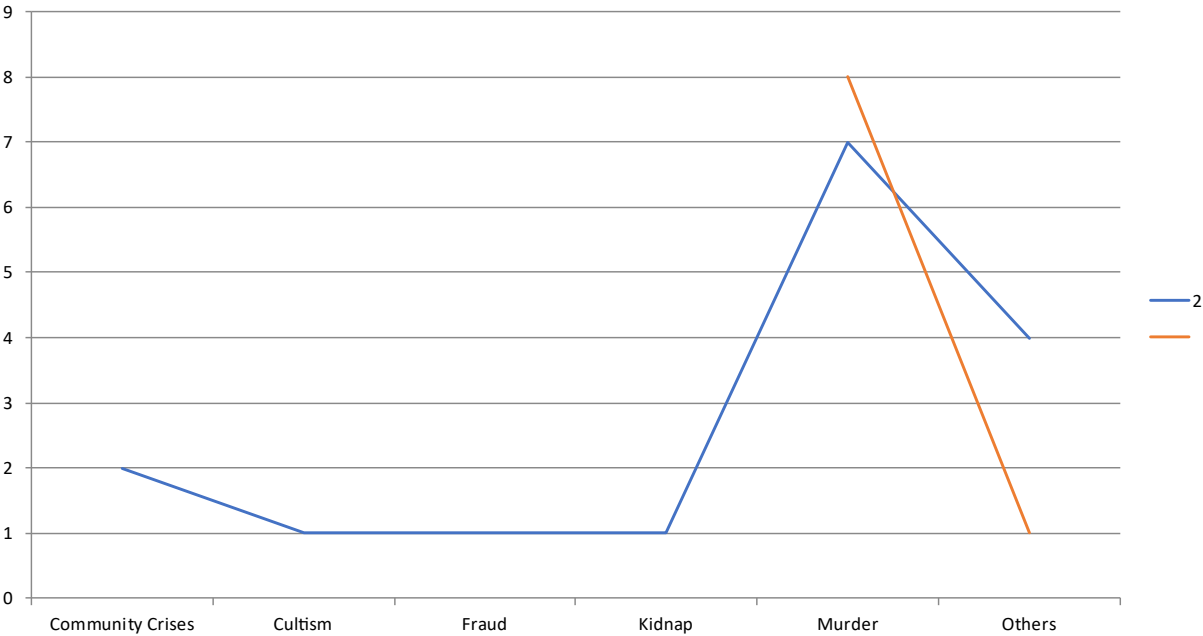
# North East

There seems to be a resurgence of Boko Haram insurgents in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa states. No fewer than 10 attacks were reported between 1st and 20th of January, the deadliest being a bomb blast in Gamboru Ngala in Borno state on 7th of January.

According to intelligence obtained, an estimated 38 people died with more than 30 others injured following a bomb explosion targeted at people returning home from the market at the foot of the bridge linking Nigeria and Cameroon republic. Barely 3 days into the new year hundreds of villagers in communities around Michika town in Adamawa State fled to the mountain as suspected Boko Haram gunmen attacked their communities.

In a counter terrorism operation embarked upon by the Joint Task Force in Matiri, Sheworam, Charikwenti, Burmari and Goni Bukarti astride Maiduguri – Damaturu Road; 6 Boko Haram suspects were arrested while 461 Boko Haram captives comprising 100 men, 154 women and 207 children were rescued.

THREATS	DEATHS	ARRESTS
Banditry	5	13
Community Crises	1	10
Kidnap	2	4
Murder	2	2
Terrorism	15	148
North East Total	25	177



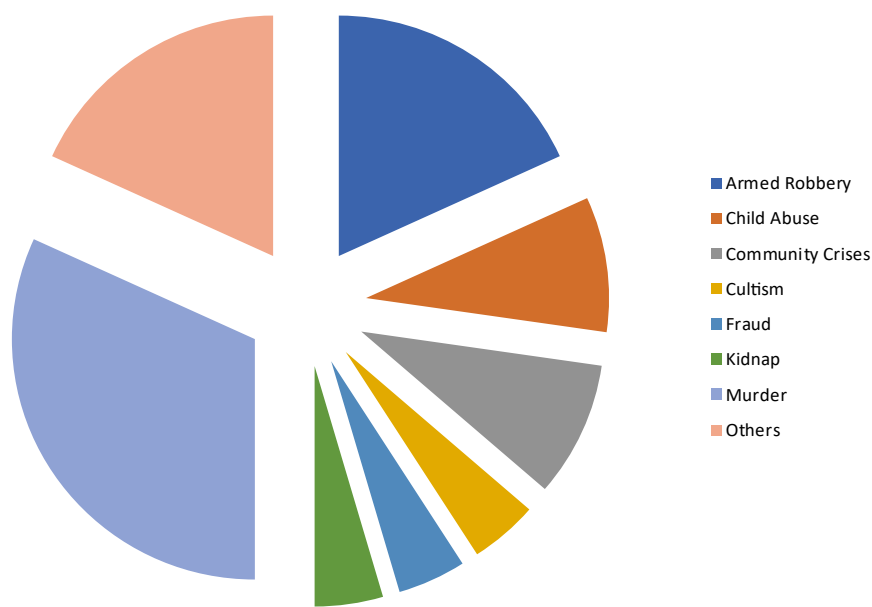
# North Central

Over 50 armed bandits invaded Beni Community and abducted the Chief Imam of Beni Central Mosque and 20 others in Munya Local Government Area of Niger State. A week later, the village head in Rumathe community was killed, including his son and 21 Others. And on January 18th, six villagers were abducted as bandits invaded Masiku, Zangoro, Maguga and Magane nearby communities.

In Kogi State, gunmen killed no fewer than 15 people in Tawari community in the Kogi Local Government. Houses – including the village palace –were razed down.

The Abuja-Kaduna Road appeared to experience some calm following a sharp reduction in abduction and other criminality on the road. However, a new threat has emerged as bandits are now attacking the train. On the 2nd of January, suspected bandits attacked an Abuja-bound train near Katari Village in Kagarko Local Government Area of Kaduna State shattering one of the train coaches with gunshots

THREATS	INCIDENTS	DEATHS	ARRESTS
Banditry	5	36	
Child Abuse	2		2
Community Crises	1	1	
Fraud	2		7
Kidnap	4	0	
Murder	2	2	
Safety Accident	1	8	
Theft	1		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11</b>



## South-South

The recent announcement by the federal government of plans to withdraw troops from some troubled spots around the country has created panics among some Nigerians living in areas with security challenges. The South-South region has enjoyed military presence following the ousting of a number of militant groups.

There has been a decline in reported violent cases in 2019. However, January seems to be witnessing a renewed vigour in activities of gunmen and cultist groups. On January 8, unidentified gunmen killed three members of a local vigilante group, Odegu Security and Advisory Planning Committee (OSPAC), at Rumuodogo in Rivers State. Also in January, seven elderly persons were abducted on their way to the farm at Idu community in the same state.

THREATS	INCIDENTS	DEATHS	ARRESTS
Banditry	2	5	
Child Abuse	1		
Community Crises	4	0	
Cultism	2	1	4
Herdsmen Attack	1	2	
Kidnap	6	0	
Murder	13	14	4
Others	8	10	2
Safety Accident	3	2	
Theft	3	2	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>17</b>



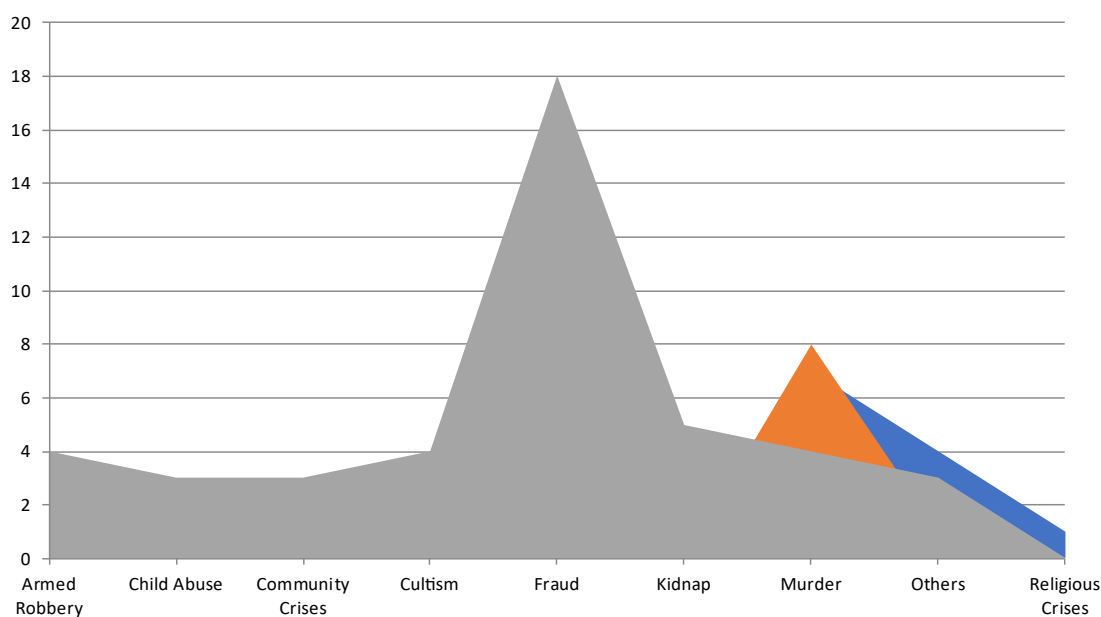
## South West

Incessant fire outbreaks were major threats in the region in January. Lagos recorded 39 fire incidents in the first week of 2020. . Between the 24th and 27th of January, the state witnessed other 34 fire incidences. The dry weather condition associated with the Harmattan season apparently contributed to the rapid spread of inflammables. Over 40 deaths, 79 victims with varying degree of injuries have been associated with these incidents.

In Ondo and Osun, activities of bandits have persisted in January. Bandits attacked a 70-year-old Anglican priest in Ikun, Akoko Southwest Local Government Area of Ondo State. On 13th of January, Gunmen kidnapped two persons at Alamon village old Ibadan/Iwo road, Osun State.

A popular Lagos-basedtrado-medical expert, Mr Fatai Yusuf, otherwise known as Oko Oloyun, was assassinat-ed by unknown gunmen. Oko Oloyun was shot in his vehicle along Eruwa-Igboora Road in the Ibarapa Central area of Oyo. The events have further strengthened the argument for the regional Security Network set up by South-west governors to combat armed banditry and other security challenges.

THREATS	INCIDENTS	DEATHS	ARRESTS
Child Abuse	1		
Fraud	2		2
Kidnap	2	2	1
Marine Piracy	1		66
Murder	7	12	9
Others	1	2	
Political/Civill Unrest	2	0	2
Safety Accident	7	22	
Theft	2		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>81</b>



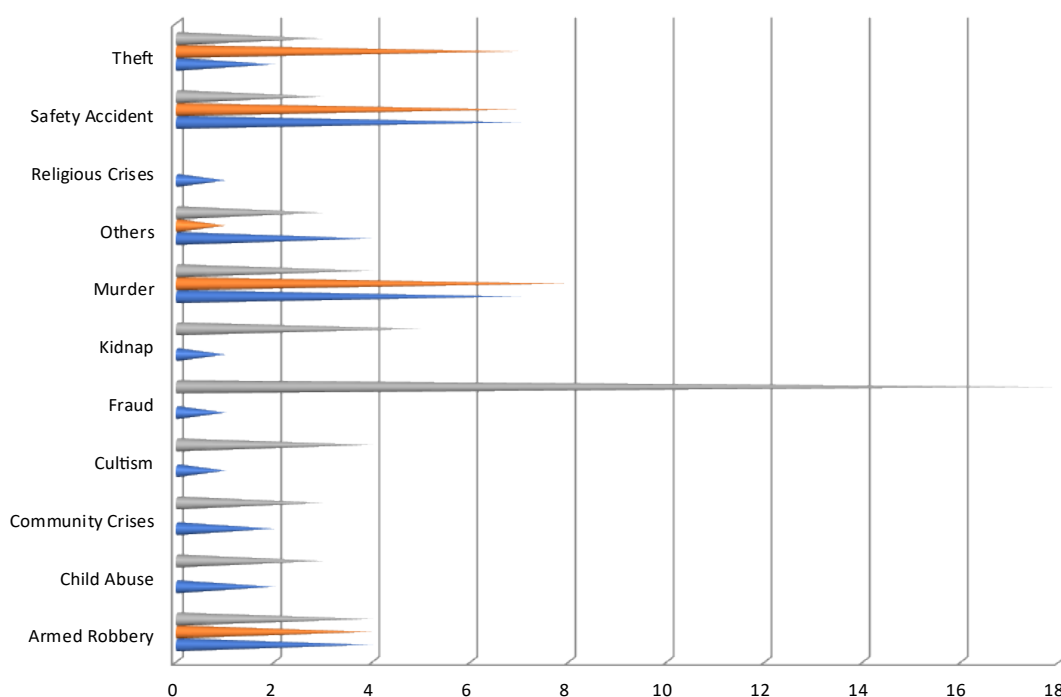
## South East

For eight (8) consecutive months in 2019, the south east region has maintained the record of having the least crimes reports in Nigeria. The region had the least percentage (1%) of reported cases of kidnapping between Jan-Sept 2019 compared that to (43%) in the North West.

The region maintained a low threat induced crime in January 2020. Amidst conversation for the operationalization of a regional security outfit in the southwest, the South East has also advanced plans to form its joint regional security outfit to further complement the fight against insecurity across the region.

Intelligence gathered informed that criminals may seek haven in the South-East if the heat becomes too much on them when the 'Amotekun' becomes operational in South-West."

THREATS	INCIDENTS	DEATHS	ARRESTS
Armed Robbery	4	4	4
Child Abuse	2		3
Community Crises	2		3
Cultism	1		4
Fraud	1		18
Kidnap	1		5
Murder	7	8	4
Others	4	1	3
Religious Crises	1		
Safety Accident	7	7	3
Theft	2	7	3
<b>South West Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>50</b>



# THREAT'S WATCH

## OKADA/KEKE RESTRICTIONS

Enforcement commenced on the ban on commercial motorcycles and tricycles in some LGAs and highways in Lagos. From February 01, the ban are effective in Apapa, Lagos Mainland, Surulere, Eti Osa, Lagos Island, Ikeja LGAs and Apapa, Apapa-Iganmu, Yaba, Lagos Mainland, Surulere, Itire-Ikate, Coker-Aguda, Ikeja, Onigbongbo, Ojodu, Eti-Osa, Ikoyi-Obal-ende, Lagos Island, Lagos Island LCDAs. Ride-hailing platforms such as the Gokada, MAX.ng, ORide are also affected by the new directive.

This development has led to a mass outrage amongst the riders on these ride hailing platforms and protests were witnessed within the state. The unintended outcome of this legislation are: potential crime increase, increased risk exposure of pedestrians, traffic jams and increased youth unemployment.



## TRAFFIC ROBBERIES

There is an alarming rise in traffic robbery in many parts of Nigeria, with majority of the challenges prevalent in the commercial nerve centre, Lagos, which has posed a major source of worry for all road users and the government. With the number of unengaged people this can only escalate, from petty thievery like snatching of handbags or phones at bus stops to full-fledged robbery. It is important to be conscious enough not to attract these miscreants by displaying valuables like smartphones, cash or jewellery in transit.

In areas of heavy traffic, stories have been told of day and night robbers unleashing terror and mayhem on helpless road commuters and motor-ists. Victims and eyewitnesses have shared pathetic tales of how the daredevil traffic robbers have defied the presence of security personnel and gone ahead to attack innocent road users, carting away valuables and sometimes, killing those who struggle with them.



## FIRE INCIDENCES

It may only be the second month, but the number of fire cases across Nigeria in 2020 is already substantial. Lagos State alone recorded about 39 fire incidents in the first week of the year. There is a need for all residents to be more careful as the dry harmatan period enhances the spread of fire easily.



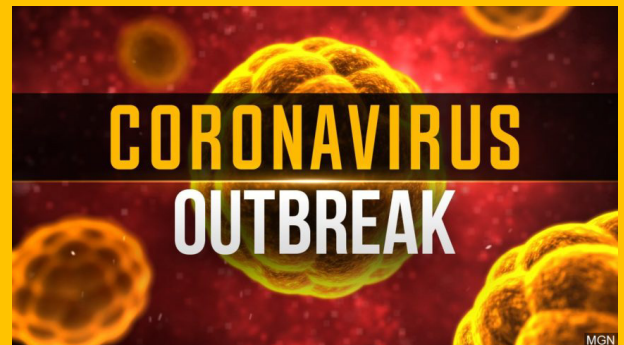
## KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM

Kidnapping continues to be the most virulent form of banditry in Nigeria. Evidence shows that kidnapping for ransom and extortion is unrelenting. More worrisome is the fact that the security agencies seem to lack the capacity and/or have no clear-cut strategy to rein in the threat. Kidnap-ping hotbeds include the Abuja – Kaduna road which connects the federal capital to the North-west states. Birnin Gwari area in Kaduna State has now become synonymous with violent deaths. Taraba, Zam-fara, Sokoto and Gombe roads are also impassable at the moment.



## CORONA VIRUS

It emerged in Wuhan city, China – a respiratory illness, which can spread from person to person. The World Health Organisation has identified around 43,104 cases of infection in 27 countries since initial outbreaks, resulting in 1,018 deaths. The government advised all persons arriving from China or any country that has a major disease outbreak to self-isolate by staying indoors in their homes for at least two weeks, upon arrival the Lagos State Government has put measures in place to quarantine all returning Chinese nationals via its borders. It is advised that we wash our hands and ensure the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers, and also minimize contact with people.



## US TRAVEL BAN

The US Government has imposed a ban on Nigeria and 5 other countries. It is one of Donald Trump the US President's Signature Policies. It would suspend the issuance of Immigrants visas that can lead to permanent residency for nationals of Nigeria. The net impact of the newly issued restrictions is far-reaching, from splitting families to hobbling employment opportunities. This restriction came at a time when Nigeria's Technological ecosystem has grown into being the continent's most dominant, but unfortunately the negative connotation of this will imply skepticism to foreign Investors.





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