

# Nigeria Security Intelligence Report

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**Theme:** Restructure The Security System?

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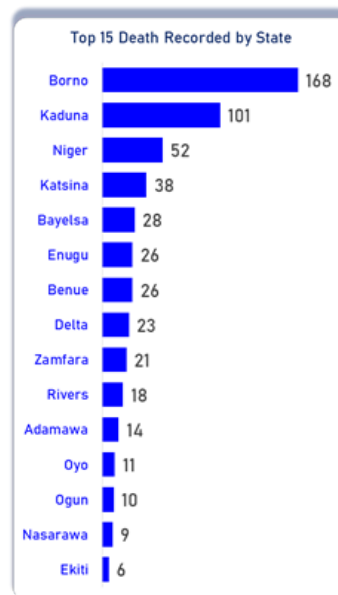
# National Security Profile

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Threats	Incidents	Deaths	Arrests
Terrorism	29	226	6
Banditry	33	172	9
Herdsmen Attack	10	47	
Murder	36	44	23
Others	31	35	49
Cultism	14	35	56
Community Crises	6	12	
Political/Civill Unrest	20	9	
Kidnap	27	7	83
Armed Robbery	5	3	
Fraud	5	1	4
Theft	1		
Child Abuse	9		1
Safety Accident	1		
Drug Crime	1		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>231</b>

- Terrorism and banditry remain the leading criminal activities accounting for 39% of total deaths.
- Fewer herdsmen attacks were reported in August compared to July.
- In the wake of the upcoming election in Edo and Ondo states, reported political related incidents have increased by 14%.
- Cultism emerged as a major threat as 2.5 people die per incident.
- An average of four (4) arrests was made per every kidnap case.
- Murder recorded lesser arrests in comparison to number of reported incidents.

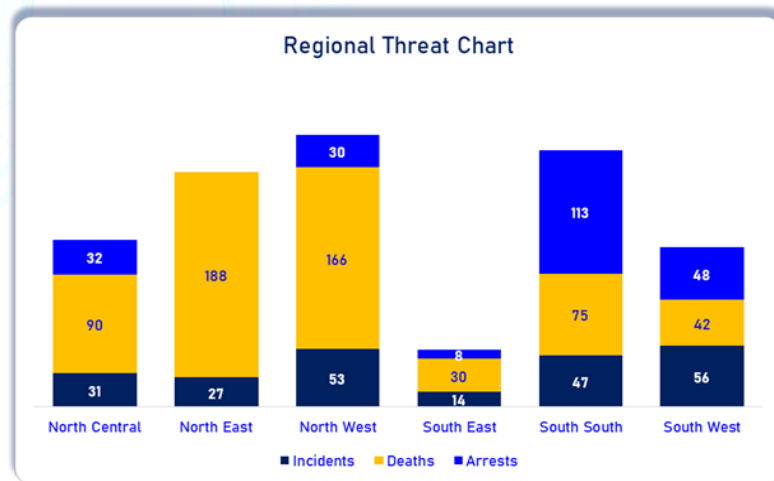


- Borno maintained the highest death record for the 5th time in 2020.
- Southern Kaduna crises have claimed at least 101 lives this month.
- Zamfara recorded the least death recorded for the first time in 2020. An 88% drop from the 169 death recorded in June 2020.



- Death recorded reduced by 16% against those reported in August (701)
- Approximately 3 deaths were recorded per crime in August.

# Regional Outlook



- The South East region recorded the least crime in August
- North West and North East remain the leading region regarding crime related activities
- The South-South region has an arrest to crime ratio of 1:1 i.e., one arrest is made per crime.
- North East has the least arrest to crime ratio.



**Dangerous: Do not travel**

**Caution: Be careful if travelling**

**Safe: You can travel**

## North West

- The police in Katsina State killed eight bandits in Batsari LGA. The hoodlums, an estimated 40, attacked Zamfarawa village, killed two persons and rustled an unknown number of cows.
- The Nigerian military neutralized several armed bandits in an air raid in Kuduru Forest area of Kaduna State occupied by members of the Ansaru terrorist sect. The strikes were carried out on August 13 by the Air Component of Operation Thunder Strike, a joint military operation with the mission to rid the country's North-West of bandits presently terrorizing the region.
- The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) deployed Special Forces operatives to Southern Kaduna. Aerial surveillance missions conducted over the forest area observed several bandits linked with Ansaru sect, some wielding weapons.
- Despite the existing curfew in Southern Kaduna, gunmen invaded four communities in Zangon Kataf council area, killing 22 persons and setting ablaze a number of buildings. The victims were mainly women and children, while scores scampered for safety. The affected settlements are Apyiashyim, Atak'mawai, Kibori and Kurmin Masara, all in Atyp chiefdom.
- About 10 armed bandits were neutralized by soldiers in Dogon Ruwa, Ungwar Bera and Zamfarawan villages under Dutsinma LGA of Katsina State. Initial resistance was subdued by the superior firepower of the troops, which resulted in heavy casualties on the side of the bandits.
- The Katsina State Police Command arrested the suspected leader of a human trafficking syndicate at a checkpoint. The group specializes in conveying their victims on motorcycles through the Nigerian border to the Niger Republic for onward transfer to Libya and Europe.





## North East

- A husband and wife were killed in a suicide attack which rocked Kafan Ruwa village in Konduga LGA of Borno State. About ten residents sustained injuries and houses were destroyed.
- Over a dozen farmers and herders were feared killed by Boko Haram terrorists at Puciwa and Koleram communities in Magumeri council area of Borno State. The assailants injured 16 other villagers and rustled cattle, sheep and goats. Sixteen villagers were injured plus 13 deaths were recorded.
- In Baga, several soldiers were killed in an ambush by suspected Boko Haram insurgents in a town under Kukawa LGA of Borno State. The exact number of casualties is unknown. This attack came a few weeks after the insurgents attacked the convoy of Governor Babagana Zulum in the town.
- The Air Task Force of Operation Lafiya Dole destroyed a Boko Haram terrorists' logistics storage facility. It also neutralized several of their fighters at Yamud, along the Gulumba Gana-Kumshe axis of Borno. The operation also knocked out another ISWAP terrorists' camp at Tongule in the Lake Chad area of Northern Borno and eliminated scores of their fighters.
- Suspected ISIS (West Africa) elements abducted scores of persons in Kukawa, Borno State. The incident happened as troops killed eight ISWAP insurgents during an encounter in the area. Three out of five soldiers who sustained varying degrees of injuries later died.



## North Central

- At least 14 persons were abducted by suspected gunmen who invaded Dausu, Umaisha Development Area of Nasarawa State with five locals killed. The assailants also burnt 12 houses in the community. The Gunmen killed the village head of Odu community, Udege development area in Nasarawa LGA of Nasarawa State, Amos Ewa Obere.
- Benue's most-wanted criminal, Terwase Akwaza, popularly known as Gana, escaped capture by troops who raided his hideout. Gana has been on the watch list of the Benue State Government in connection with the killings in the Zaki Biam area of the state. He escaped arrest by the special military forces in May 2020 during a raid of his hideout in Katsina-Ala LGA.
- Operatives of the Police Command in Nasarawa State arrested 27 suspected kidnappers at different locations across the state. The state has experienced a spike in banditry and kidnapping activities in 2020.
- In what has been described as a reprisal attack, an estimated 15 people were killed by gunmen who rode on motorcycles and started shooting sporadically in Ukuru village, Mariga LGA of Niger state.

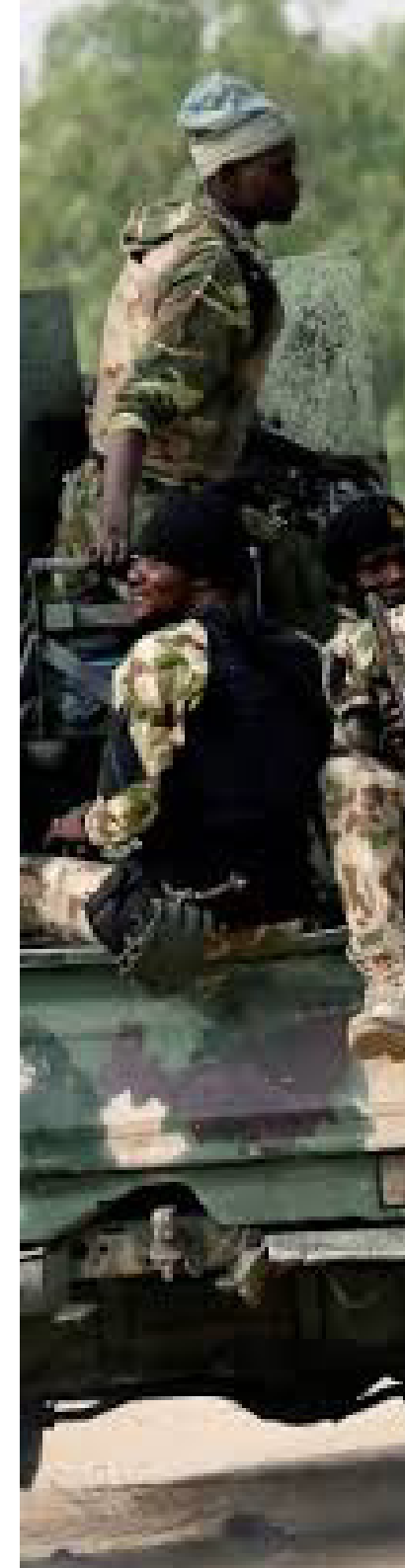


## South-South

- Suspected cultists (estimated at over 50), armed with axes, shotguns and machetes destroyed properties worth millions of naira after killing five persons in Akpabuyo LGA of Cross River State. Both “Skylo” and “Scorpion” groups, operating in the area reportedly exchanged gunfire at the forestry checkpoint.
- The Cross River Police Command arrested 11 persons during an initiation into a cult at Bishop Moynag Avenue, State Housing in Calabar. The suspects numbering nine men and two women were arrested through human intelligence deployed by the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Abdulkadir Jimoh.
- In Bayelsa State, military troops raided the Pirates/Militants’ camp and Kidnappers’ hideouts, eliminating six of the militants. The group has been terrorizing the neighbourhood of Tukugbene-Ayama Ijaw LGA kidnapping and demanding ransom from their families.
- In Port Harcourt, residents in Bunu in Tai LGA, Rivers state, were attacked by unspecified numbers of persons who carted away their bodies to unknown destination.
- In the build up to Edo state election, there was pandemonium when hoodlums attacked Governor Godwin Obaseki’s convoy, at Etsako West LGA. The attackers were said to have shot sporadically and hurled stones at the convoy of the governor, who was on a ward-to-ward campaign tour at Apana, ward of former National Chairman of the APC, Comrade Adams Oshiomhole.

## South East

- Several persons were feared dead following a violent clash between security agents and members of the Indigenous People of Biafra, IPOB. Policemen, who invaded Emene where IPOB members were meeting, were resisted and overpowered. Armed security comprising police, army and DSS later intervened.
- Hoodlums assaulted pensioners at the Imo State Government House in Owerri, to protest their five months unpaid pension and gratuities. Trouble started when thugs clutching canes formed a barricade, stopping the pensioners from approaching the Government House’s main gate. The senior citizens defied the situation which led to the flogging by the thugs.
- The abductors of four mourners, who attended a funeral service in Enugu, have demanded N5m as ransom for each of the victims. They were kidnapped on the Nike-Ugwogo-Nsukka Road, while they were returning from the burial of a friend in Nsukka.
- A suspected armed robber has been confirmed dead after a gun battle between the operatives of Imo State NSCDC and an armed robber syndicate at the Ojukwu Centre new Owerri. His death was confirmed at the Federal Medical Centre Owerri, as a result of the bullet wounds sustained in one of his legs while others escaped.





## South West

- Ondo State is facing a wave of violence in the weeks preceding the election. A violent clash ensued at the Yaba Area of Ondo town, between supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and those of the African Democratic Congress (ADC). Many people were seriously injured and over 15 vehicles were vandalized.
- The escape of a suspected serial ritual killer from police custody has heightened residents' fear in the Akinyele LGA, Ibadan, Oyo State. Five persons were killed by suspected ritual killers in June 2020 alone in gruesome manners. The ritualist is identified as Yinusa Adedokun, and his hit man, 19-year-old Sunday Shodipe, who was re-arrested in the home of his grandmother in Ojoo area of Ibadan after a week of an intensive manhunt.



# Insight

## Challenges of the Nigerian Security Architecture

*"The federal security architecture as organised and operated by the present government cannot give any individual or group hope, let alone assurance of security within Nigeria".*

**- Ex-President Olusegun Obasanjo (June 26, 2020)**



- Many eminent Nigerians have been calling for the overhaul of the country's security system and the removal of the security chiefs. They argue that the country needs a complete overhauling of the entire security apparatus in order to effectively combat insecurity.
- According to the National Assembly, the security architecture should be restructured as the present system does not appear to give Nigeria the type of outcome required.



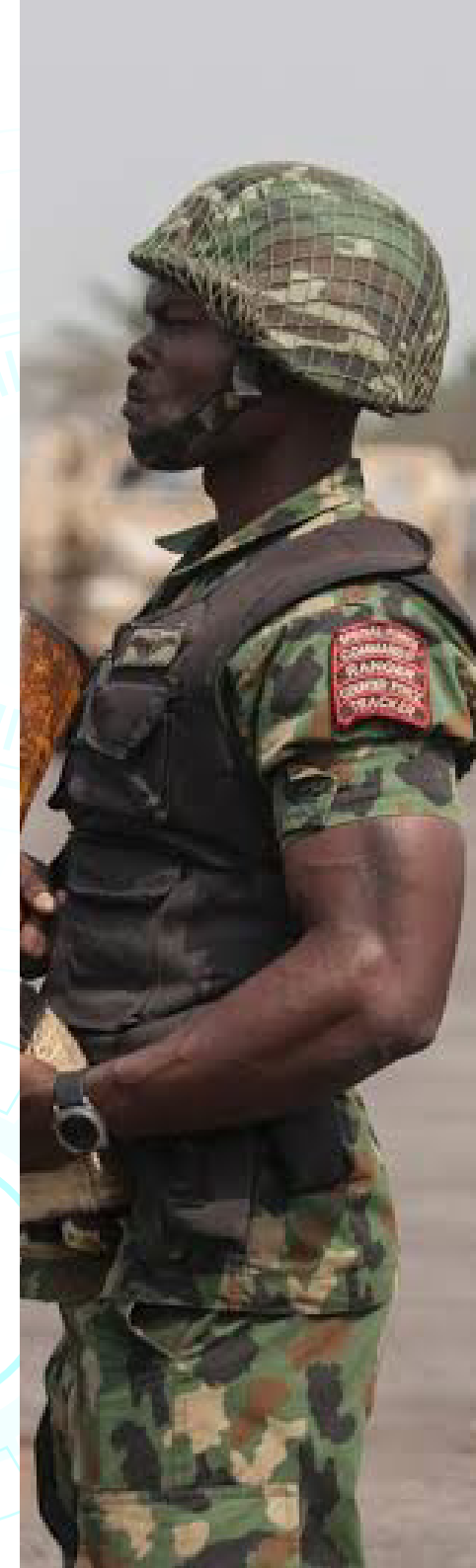
*"We believe that we owe Nigerians the responsibility to intervene, to work with the executive arm of government, actually to work together with other tiers of government, to ensure that we change the way we approach security issues in this country. Apparently, the system is not working effectively and efficiently and we have to do something."*

**- Senate President, Ahmad Lawan (January 27, 2020)**

With the lingering cases of insecurity across the country, the calls for an overhaul of the security apparatuses have never been greater.

## Some of the key factors informing the need for an overhaul are:

- 1. Limited political will and capacity:** Secretive cultures of security decision-making hinder inclusive consultations and strategic processes. In Nigeria, decisions requiring national security are often reactive, focusing on near-term security, rather than anticipating political problems and human vulnerabilities that give rise to insecurity. Consequently, coordinating structures become weak or marginalised.
- 2. Security decision-making processes are inherently political:** Control of the national security decision-making process is often centralised and rest solely in the hands of the ruling party as opposed to a broad-base governance approach. Nepotism, patronage and corruption tend to exclude segments of the population.
- 3. Low budgetary allocation to security:** Defence spending is one of the key areas of interest in the budgetary allocation of any nation. This is even more so for a country at 'war', if the subsisting conflicts in the Northeast and other security challenges may be described as such. Although there is an increase in allocation to the sector in the 2020 budget, it still falls short of the United Nations' recommended best practice of 3% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It is even more worrisome that over 90% of the defence allocation is for recurrent expenditure.
- 4. Citizens have little influence:** Recurrent crises hinder the channels and organised interest groups through which citizens might influence policy processes. Citizens' security demands are based on narrow, often communal, interests, which may increase state autonomy in security decision-making.
- 5. Limited engagement of the private sector:** As the links between security and development have been increasingly recognized, Security Sector Reform (SSR) must become a central part of Nigeria's development policy. Programmes are almost exclusively focused on the public security sector, neglecting the extent to which people in developing countries have come to rely on private security providers for their day-to-day security needs.
- 6. Multiple sources of authority are involved:** Given the multi-layered reality of security and justice provision, there are likely to be multiple sources of security and justice authority, and demands for provision are likely to be locally orientated.





# Cyber Security

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## Latest cyber threats

- Millions of Twitter users will be asked to update their Android app after the company found a security flaw. Twitter said the vulnerability could let other malicious apps access private information such as direct messages. It said most users were already protected by an Android security update, but 4% were still vulnerable.
- Adobe has updated its Flash software to fix a security hole, which was made public only after data was stolen from an online surveillance company. Italian firm Hacking Team sells spying software to intelligence agencies around the world. Private data stolen from the company was posted online, indicating it knew about a serious flaw in Flash, but had not told Adobe. One security blog said the bug had been "immediately weaponised" by attackers. Hence, users in Nigeria may need to reinstall their Flash software.
- The New Zealand stock exchange was knocked offline two days in a row due to a cyber-attack. NZX said it had first been hit by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack from abroad. The exchange said the attack had "impacted NZX network connectivity" and it had decided to halt trading in cash markets just before 16:00 local time. Nigerian traders and other practitioners in the various stock markets must be careful with how they use their devices.
- A security flaw with Zoom meant hackers could enter password-protected calls "in a matter of minutes", a researcher has revealed. The issue stemmed from a lack of limits on the number of times a password could be attempted on private meetings. Video chats were protected by default by a 6 digit password, meaning there were 1 million possibilities. Attackers could therefore brute force all the different combinations relatively quickly and easily.
- Russian spies are targeting organisations trying to develop a coronavirus vaccine in the UK, US and Canada, security services have warned. The UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) said the hackers "almost certainly" operated as "part of Russian intelligence services". Nigerians need to be careful with offers regarding COVID-19 palliatives and cures.
- Hackers have targeted Roblox profiles to support Donald Trump in the forthcoming US presidential election. Users of the online multiplayer game complained their profiles were hacked with the message: "Ask your parents to vote for Trump this year!" and "MAGA2020", an abbreviation of Make America Great Again. Roblox has more than 100 million users worldwide. It is marketed at children aged between nine and 14. This has major implications in terms of election interference and Nigeria must be on the lookout for future political engagements.



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