



# NIGERIA SECURITY **INTELLIGENCE** — Report —

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## Nigeria's Enterprise Security Outlook

### Coronavirus

- As at the time of putting this report together, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is affecting 124 countries around the world. Already declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO), there now are 126,518 Coronavirus cases and 4,637 deaths globally since it began.
- The global economy is currently reeling from the effect of the devastation, now expected to grow by 2.4% in 2020 — down from the 2.9% projected earlier. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has downgraded its 2020 growth forecasts for almost all economies. The consequence of this is that major institutions and banks will have to cut their forecasts for the year.
- Already, many sporting and other events have either been cancelled or postponed. Indeed, the 2020 Tokyo Olympics is under serious threat. The Italian Serie A, the French Ligue 1 and the NBA have all suspended their sporting seasons until further notice. But, apart from depriving supporters the access to stadia, these have far-reaching financial implications for investors and other stakeholders.
- Several conferences are being cancelled across the globe where flight tickets have been bought and hotels booked. Airlines, hotels and the host cities are feeling the impact in lost revenue. The implication is that the hospitality industry must adopt strategies to cope with the current challenge.
- In Nigeria, stocks of Chinese products on shelves are disappearing. Prices are going up as demand stays the same without commensurate supply. The local stock market confirmed it has lost 300 billion naira (\$980 million) since the crisis began. This implies that the values of investors' funds have depleted severely and it would require much more to restore confidence.

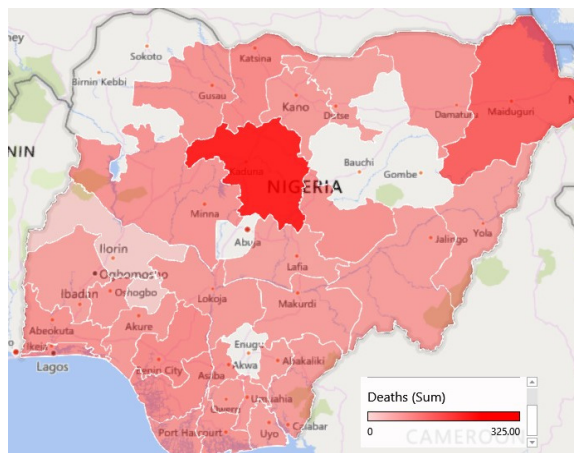
### Oil Price

- An intensifying oil price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia has created "very painful" market conditions for the world's largest crude producers with many braced for sliding revenues over the coming months. International benchmark Brent crude traded at \$34.23, down over 4.4%. Oil prices have almost halved since the start of the year.
- Pain in the market centred on oil and natural gas companies, as Brent crude sank 22 per cent to around \$35 per barrel, which is the lowest price since January 2016, when an oil price rout ended the era of \$100-oil. This is already looking like a disaster for Nigeria whose 2020 budget was benchmarked against \$57 per oil barrel. This means that all the projections for the year will have to be readjusted for the new reality, while enterprises must also prepare.

### Nigerian Society

- The start to 2020 has been particularly horrifying in many parts of the country with a 34% increase in death toll in February alone. Banditry and terrorism are the twin evil that has bedevilled the country in recent times.
- On the other hand, the Lagos State government's decision to enforce restriction of motorcycles (Okada) and tricycles (Keke) on some roads have started to yield dividends. Data from the State Police Command show that Okada-rider accidents have reduced by 95% since the pronouncement.

# RISK MAPPING

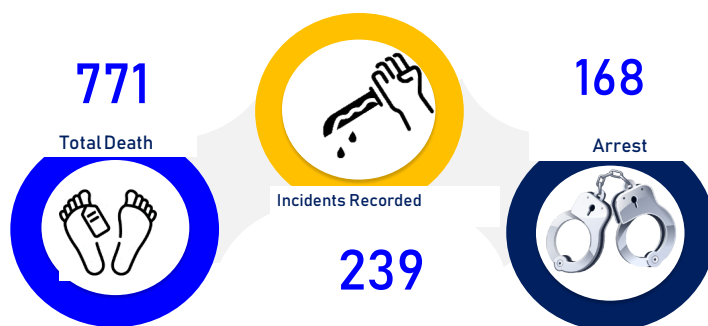


## RISK INDUCED DEATHS

- ▶ Risk induced deaths are deaths caused by identified risk factors. This classification is based on Halogen's data from the spread of our operations across Nigeria.
- ▶ The density of the colour is proportional to the numbers of risk induced deaths and casualties in February.
- ▶ Kaduna and Maiduguri recorded the highest number of deaths in the month with 375 and 183 respectively, which means they require more attention.
- ▶ Ekiti, Sokoto, Enugu, Bauchi and Kwara enjoyed the least crime in the period. Perhaps, other states can learn what works for them.

**NOTE:** While Maiduguri is experiencing resurgence in protracted insurgency war, Kaduna witnessed a spike in violence between February and March 2020 due to the activities of bandits. Enterprises and individuals must take cognisance of this, especially when making business and/or pleasure plans for the locations.

# THREAT ANALYSIS



- A total 239 of security incidents were recorded resulting in 771 deaths of both perpetrators and victims, which indicate that there is a high casualty rate for insecurity in the country.
- 168 arrests were made by security agencies in relation to these crimes, which is just about 70% compared to the incidents, meaning 30% criminal activities go uncounted for.
- Therefore 1 security incident in Nigeria will result in an average of 5 deaths. And in many cases the perpetrators are usually not apprehended.
- There is a 2% month-on-month rise in crime rate and resulting deaths. This means security is worse in Nigeria now than before and must be urgently tackled.

Source: Halogen Fusion Center

# INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS

- A total 239 security incidents were recorded within the month under review with 771 deaths of both perpetrators/victims and 168 arrests by security agencies. This is a dangerous dimension in crime/casualty ratio that authorities need to pay serious attention to.
- Banditry and Terrorism have been consistently the leading threats since January and both account for 72% (558) of the total deaths recorded. This has been attributed to high joblessness in Kaduna which has led many to resort to banditry, as well as a lapse in concentration in Borno, the epicentre of the Boko Haram crisis.
- Death toll increased from 576 in January to 771 in February, a 34% increase. Hence, the federal government and states concerned must make declarative moves to assure citizens that they are reversing the trend. Individuals also need to watch their personal safety.
- Kaduna witnessed the highest death record within this month following 18 different attacks that resulted to a death of about 250 bandits and 75 victims. The current government of the state have been accused of running an elitist government, meaning the bandits are the 'outcasts' that must be properly reintegrated into society.
- The Boko Haram insurgent launched 15 attacks in the North East within the month claiming an estimated 124 lives. NAF neutralized 59 insurgencies. This shows that the war is still not won, and security forces in Nigeria cannot afford to lax.
- 127 people were kidnapped within the country in February, which is 35% above reported cases in January 2020. This means that, rather than abate, kidnapping cases are increasing. As a recurrent crime in Nigeria, citizens are enjoined to take care of their personal security and be wary of their environment and the places to go.
- Bike and tricycle induced accidents reduced by over 90% in Lagos state following the restriction in some places, which shows that it is the right decision by the government.
- 161 and 168 arrests made in January and February respectively, indicating a similar arrest pattern – which is far less than the number of security incidents for the period.

## THREAT WATCH

### KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM

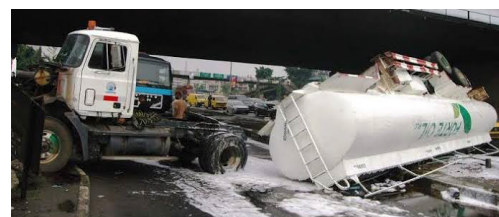
Caught between the Boko Haram insurgency and deadly farmer-herder conflicts, kidnapping remains a leading threat in Nigeria. The recent wave of attack involves attacking motorists and road users on highways and kidnapping passengers on board. With 120 people kidnapped in February alone on highways travellers are advised to avoid notorious roads and only travel by road when it's absolutely necessary.



### TANKER ACCIDENTS

In 2019, a total of 1,086 road crashes involving tankers and trailers were recorded in Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC).

722 trailers and 361 tankers were involved in the accidents during the period, in which 362 people were killed and 1,282 injured. In 2020, the figures are rising very quickly with 116 recorded incidents already. Motorists are advised to drive cautiously around trailers, avoid overtaking at sharp bends and blind spots.



## 1,000,000,000 Android devices vulnerable to hacking – and other trends

### Android Threat

More than a billion Android devices are at risk of being hacked because they are no longer protected by security updates, according to the watchdog, 'Which?'

The vulnerability could leave users around the world exposed to the danger of data theft, ransom demands and other malware attacks. Anyone using an Android phone released in 2012 or earlier should be especially concerned.

Google's own data suggests that 42.1% of Android users worldwide are on version 6.0 of its operating system or below. According to the Android security bulletin, there was no security patches issued for the Android system in 2019 for versions below 7.0.#

Extrapolating this data, 'Which?' concluded that two in five Android users worldwide were no longer receiving security updates. The five phones it tested are: Motorola X, Samsung Galaxy A5, Sony Xperia Z2, LG/Google Nexus 5, and Samsung Galaxy S6.

Currently, estimates from different sources put the number of smartphone users in Nigeria at roughly 25 and 40 million. Of that number, Android has 83.16%, according to GlobalStat. In other words, Nigerians are the most vulnerable population in the event of a serious breach in the Android technology. Therefore, people need to be more careful with how they handle and use their devices.

### Cyber-attack trends

In other developments, industry experts say a small business's cyber security budget should be at least 3% of a company's total spending. A research by Fundera on the preparedness of small businesses for a cyber-security attack shows the following:

- 43% of cyber-attacks target small businesses.
- 60% of small businesses that are victims of a cyber-attack go out of business within six months.
- Cybercrime costs small and medium businesses more than \$2.2 million a year.
- There was a 424% increase in new small business cyber breaches last year.
- 14% of small businesses rate their ability to mitigate cyber risks and attacks as highly effective.
- 47% of small businesses agree they have no understanding of how to protect themselves against cyber-attacks.
- 3 out of 4 small businesses say they don't have the personnel to address IT security.
- Only 22% of small businesses encrypt their databases.
- Human error and system failure account for 52% of data security breaches.
- 63% of confirmed data breaches leverage a weak, default, or stolen password.
- 1 in 323 emails sent to small businesses are malicious.
- The median small business received 94% of its detected malware by email.
- 54% of small businesses think they're too small for a cyber-attack.
- 25% of small businesses didn't realize cyber-attacks would cost them money.
- 83% of small businesses haven't put cash aside for dealing with a cyber-attack.
- 54% of small businesses don't have a plan in place for reacting to cyber-attacks.
- 65% of small businesses have failed to act following a cyber-security incident.
- 50% of small and mid-sized businesses reported suffering at least one cyber-attack in the last year.
- 40% of small businesses experienced eight or more hours of downtime due to a cyber-breach.

Therefore, organisations should retain information technology security professionals with expertise in security well beyond just systems administration. Attempting to remediate a security breach without securing highly experienced professionals may be inefficient, and potentially inadequate. A third-party audit of your systems should be strongly considered.

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# KEY SECURITY INCIDENTS

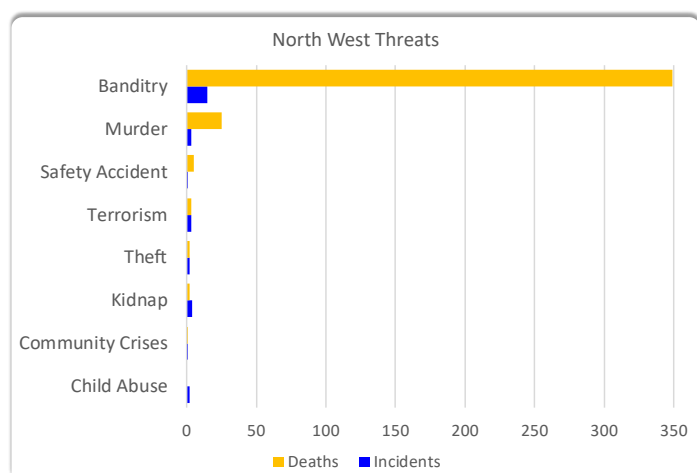
## North West

Displaced bandits in some states in the North West seem to have found a safe haven in Kaduna as they now have different operational camps in the state.

On January 6 No fewer than 35 persons were killed, 10 communities were attacked and about 115 abducted during a serial attack by the bandit. On 16th of February, 11 members of the same family were locked up and burnt in their house in Bakali Village. Several of these attacks became ubiquitous with Kaduna in February.

In a counter raid operation conducted by the Police Special Forces and the police air wing stormed the largest operational camps of the Ansaru terrorist group which also housed other bandits and kidnapers located in Kuduru Forest, Birnin Gwari, Kaduna State, killing 250 members of the group.

Halogen Intelligence sources believes Kaduna and other North Western states could be towing the path their South West counterparts in establishing a regional security outfit as the region has started studying the framework of Amotekun, the south west's security outfit, as part of their strategic response.



## North East

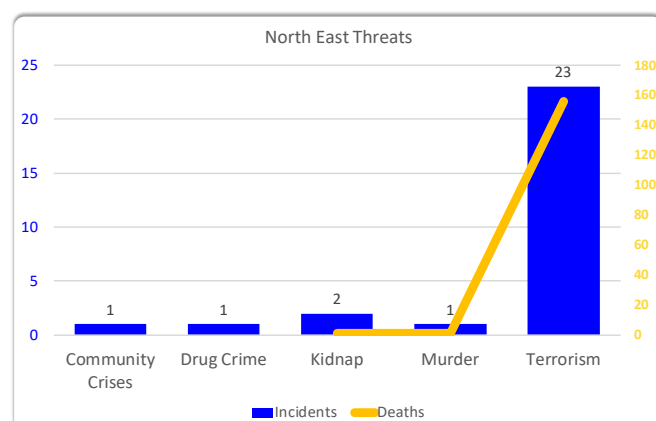
The insecurity situation around Borno appears to be on the rise, amidst reports of discord within the Boko haram leadership attacks by the group increased by as much as 50% from last month.

On February 9, The Boko Haram faction Islamic State in West African (ISWA) shot about thirty people sleeping in their cars and trucks outside the town of Auno, some ten miles from Maiduguri. They also kidnapped others.

Boko Haram increased attacks on the road from Maiduguri to Kano, the only remaining safe highway of the six major roads that connect Maiduguri with the rest of the state and country..

On February 12, ISWA killed five security personnel in three separate attacks near Maiduguri. That city, the capital of Borno state, has essentially been cut off from the rest of the country by ISWA and Boko Haram. The one remaining highway, to Damaturu, is subject to frequent attacks. The airport, however, remains open.

Halogen believes that the feud amongst the leadership of the sect will cause them to split into further factions as experienced in the current ISWA/Boko Haram. This move could change the dynamics of their operations with deadlier attacks carried out by smaller groups yearning to stamp their authority.



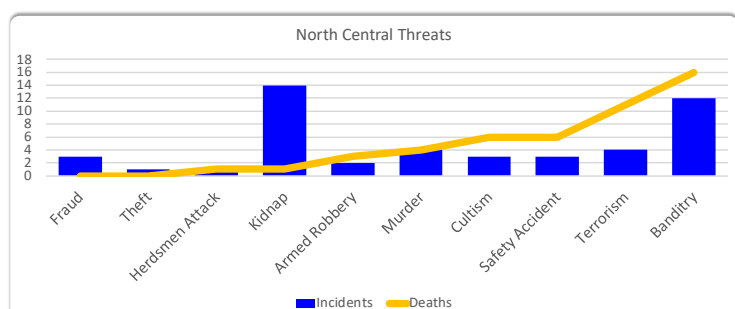
## North Central

The North Central region with the exception of Niger State enjoyed relative peace in the month of February. The states in the region are about the safest in the country.

In Niger state however, bandits are on the rampage. In recent weeks, there has been resurgence of herds-men's attacks on farmers, coupled with kidnapping activities and armed robbery on the highways in Niger state.

Investigation reveals that since January 1, 2020 until now, there were recorded cases of 479 lives have been lost to bandits who raided communities especially in Shiroro local government area of the state, according to figures by Halogen intelligence Unit. Attack in that part of the state is high because of its close affinity with Birnin Gwari area of Kaduna state, a long stretch of bush that is home to thousands of terrorists and bandits.

The Abuja-Lokoja road; Okene-Lokoja road; Kabba-Lokoja road and Ajaokuta-Anyigba road are high risk roads to travel as they harbour kidnappers. Following heightening cases of insecurity across the state, the Niger State government has again announced a restriction on the movement of motor-cycles in Minna, the state capital, and adjoining cities.



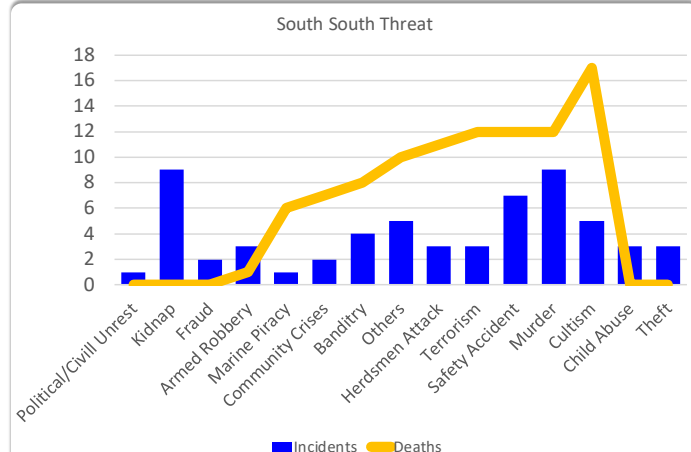
## South-South

In Bayelsa state, a sense of insecurity and concerns over fresh attacks on oil facilities now pervades over the state. Threats by a faction of the Reformed Niger Delta Avenger (RNDA), led by Johnmark Ebi, threatened to resume destruction of oil facilities. The killing of five military personnel in Ekeremor Local Government Area is pointer to current unrest in the state.

This development was part of the consequences of the Supreme Court's nullification of the electoral victory of former Bayelsa State governor-elect, David Lyon, of the All Progressives Congress and the swearing into office of Governor Douye Diri of the Peoples Democratic Party.

Security experts have expressed concerns that major ex-commanders of the Movement for the Emancipation of Niger Delta (MEND), who backed Lyon during the election, might resort to fresh attacks on oil installations to cripple the state's revenue, thus rendering Diri's administration inefficient.

If the bombing of a major trunkline belonging to the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) in the state is an indication of this direction, then the security situation of Bayelsa state will need to be monitored closely in the coming months.

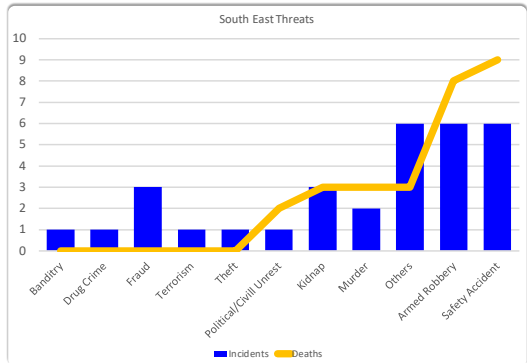


# South East

The South East region has maintained a low crime rate consistent with previous months. According to Halogen’s data sources, Anambra state has the highest crime incidents and resultant deaths in the month of February.

The state recorded 16 incidents resulting in 15 deaths, a figure 40% higher than January. However, in-depth analysis reveal that incidents recorded are isolated cases without any pattern with limited effect on the security architecture of the state.

South East	Incidents	Deaths	Arrests
Abia	3	6	3
Anambra	16	15	6
Ebonyi	2	2	1
Enugu	2		
Imo	8	5	13
South East Total	31	28	23



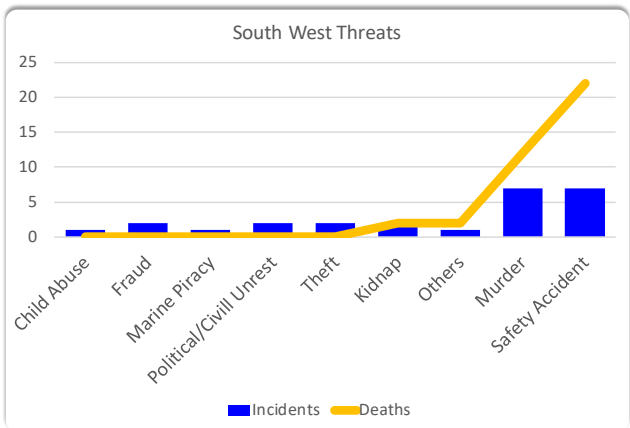
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The uproar that followed the Lagos state ban on Okada Riders and the violent protest that ensued from extra judicial killings of a football player in Shagamu, Ogun state formed the major insecurity incidents in February. Both incidents which claimed 11 lives further opened up discussion about police using live rounds as opposed to using anti-riot equipment during protests.

Days after the Lagos State Government banned the operation of commercial motorcycles and tricycles in 15 selected parts of the state; there was a civil protest which drew police attention. To contain the riot, the Police allegedly used live bullets leading to the death of three persons including a schoolgirl and another female whose stomach was ruptured by police bullets

Six persons, including three policemen, were feared dead as protesters flooded the streets of Shagamu, Ogun State, to register their grouse over the death of Kazeem Tiamiyu, a footballer, by officials of the Zonal Intervention Squad (ZIS) of the state. Tiamiyu, a player with Remo Star Football Club, was killed, after policemen attached to ZIS arrested him on allegations of being a fraudster.

This development led to the inspector general of police Mohammed Adamu ordering the disbandment of satellite offices of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) across Nigeria. A decision security experts argue does not tackle the root cause of the problem.





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