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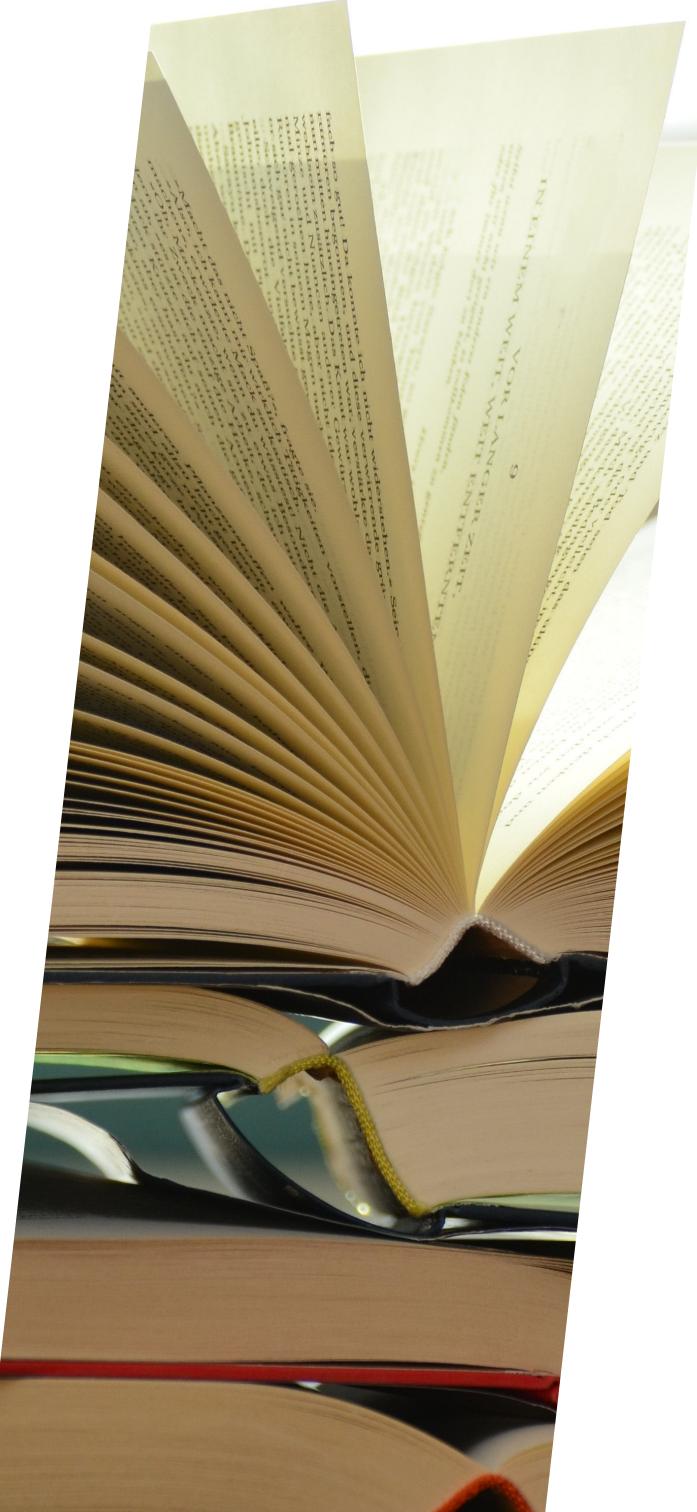


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ENTERPRISE SECURITY RISK MANAGEMENT INSIGHT

Health security ...COVID-19 is here to stay

- THE COVID-19 outbreak has revealed the need for 'health security'.
- Health security is the ability of a nation to secure sufficient, affordable and consistent healthcare supplies for its requirements. For the individual, it means having the assurance of personal safety during health emergencies.
- According to the International Health Regulations (IHR), public health measures to prevent, detect, and respond to events are essential to control public health risks, including infectious disease outbreaks.
- The WHO has said that the COVID-19 "may never go away" and warned against any attempt to predict how long it would keep circulating.
- With these in mind, the imperative for health security is strengthened.

COVID-19 in Nigeria vs Others

- The WHO dashboard as at June 8 shows there are 135,412 confirmed #COVID19 cases on the African continent – with more than 63,000 recoveries and 4,200 deaths.
- For many the lockdown is a wasted opportunity in Nigeria, as the country achieved just over 70,000 tests throughout the period. Thus Nigeria is lagging behind in COVID-19 surveillance, contact tracing and testing when compared with its peers such as Ghana and South Africa that have conducted over 200,000 and almost a million testing respectively as at the time of this report (see Table).
- By implication, medical experts are of the opinion that countries like Nigeria that are behind in COVID-19 testing do not know the extent of the coronavirus spread among their citizens, which explains the recent explosion of outbreak and COVID-19-related deaths in the northern part of the country, for example, Kano.

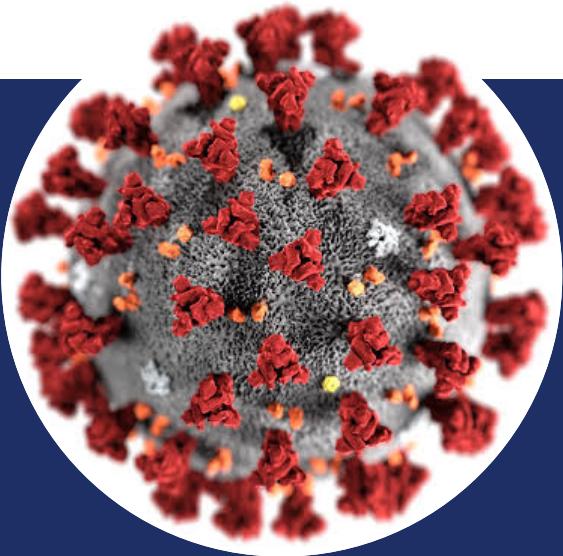
as at june 8th 2020

Country	Popula-tion	No. of cases (as at June 8, 2020)	% to Popula-tion	No. of deaths	% to Popula-tion	Tests conducted	% to Popula-tion
Nigeria	205M	12,486	0.006	354	0.0001	76,802	0.037
Ghana	31M	9,638	0.031	44	0.0001	233,734	0.707
South Africa	59M	48,285	0.81	998	0.001	920 064	1.56

- However, as the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Nigeria continues to rise amid no vaccine, experts believed that the most vital strategy to tackling this virus remains to test and isolate confirmed cases as early as possible to avoid explosion of COVID-19, which would overwhelm the nation's fragile healthcare system.
- The need to conduct more testing cannot be overemphasised due to increased cases of community transmission in Nigeria. The message from the WHO director-general resonates: "test, test, and test."

Reopening: Nigerians fear for health and safety

- The Federal Government recently announced ease in the restrictions it put in place to curtail the spread of the coronavirus. Although the nationwide curfew remains, the timing is now from 10pm to 4am, which allows for more movements within the states as interstate journeys remains prohibited except for goods and essential travel.
- The financial sector is now fully opened, while there is restricted opening of places of worship, (regular church and mosque services only), based on state government protocols. In the new directive, hotels may reopen and the aviation industry is requested to develop protocols for domestic flights to possibly resume from June 21. In other words, regular life (i.e. pre-COVID19) may have resumed.
- However, for many Nigerians, this is a frightening reality. In our latest study, Academy Halogen asked about the health security concerns of people since the COVID-19 pandemic began.



89% of Nigerians are more concerned about their health than usual.

- This general apprehension does not bode well for a country that is predicted to enter another recession following the devastation of the pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION

- Through demonstrable actions, government must reassure the citizens about their health security.



With all the measures in place to keep us safe, 73% feel unsafe.

- Even with the regular updates by the NCDC and others, there is a sense of ineffectiveness in combating the pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION

- Government needs to do more to assure the citizens that it is up to the task in handling Covid19 and other public health challenges.



If testing is made compulsory by the government or their employers 65% will test for COVID-19.

- o Others will only take the test if it is nearer home or work.

RECOMMENDATION

- o There is need to decentralize the testing system in order to properly ascertain the number of cases in Nigeria.
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72% are not confident at all that their health will be safe in the hands of hospitals and/or isolation centres in case they test positive for COVID-19.

- o This reinforces the overwhelming lack of trust in government by the citizens, which is an important ingredient for national development.

RECOMMENDATION

- o Not much would be achieved until government can convince the people to support its programmes.
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73% of respondents believe that COVID-19 cases will increase, with the gradual ease of the lockdown.

- o People appear resigned to the possibility of a future where coronavirus is like every other disease that they have to live with.

RECOMMENDATION

- o Critical stakeholders (government, policy makers, organised private sector, etc.) must design the new future.



CYBER SECURITY



Surge in online transactions as a result of COVID-19 will increase cybercrime

– Wale Olaoye (CEO, the Halogen Group)

Latest threats in the cyberspace

- COVID-19 has forced families to spend their free time mostly at home. Staying at home usually also means spending much time using different Internet connected devices. For clear reasons, children's growing online activity can cause lots of worries to their parents.
- In a Kaspersky survey, 25% of Nigerian parents claim that they have come across something in their child's social media account that seemed suspicious. Elaborating on what it exactly was, they mention groups or public pages they join (56%), posts that they publish or share (50%), people they interact with (31%), video on their page (31%) and private messages (19%).
- What is more, 34% state that their child has seen or listened to something that seemed suspicious to them, be that videos (68%), music (43%) or photos (25%). Obviously, this data shows the need to explore the interests of children, to make sure everything is okay or if it is necessary to take action.
- However, not all the parents realise it – only 19% of them befriend their children via social networks in order to be connected with their kids – sometimes real communication is not enough and the parents have to look carefully at their children's webpages.

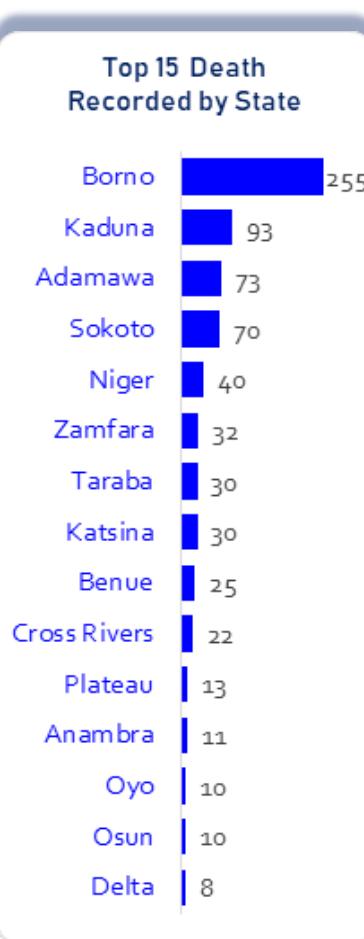
Some solutions

- Zoom has acquired Keybase, an encryption and security service meant to serve as a secure home for your online identities. The acquisition is meant to quickly add a team of security-focused developers to Zoom, which has been widely criticized in recent weeks for lapses in security inside its increasingly popular video conferencing software.
- In order to eliminate groundless suspicions about your child's digital life and to secure their presence on social media, Kaspersky strongly recommends following this advice:
 - 1) Learn more on the topic of children's cybersecurity: explore modern trends, apps, the way of behaviour that has to be adopted in order to safeguard against dangers (for instance, the basic security rules while on the Internet);
 - 2) Communicate with your child and define the boundaries which are not meant to be crossed: discuss with them safe locations both real and webpages;
 - 3) Install a reliable security solution to monitor your child's activity successfully.

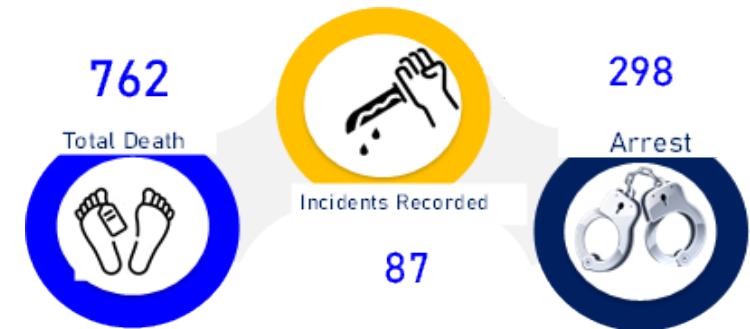
NATIONAL SECURITY PROFILE

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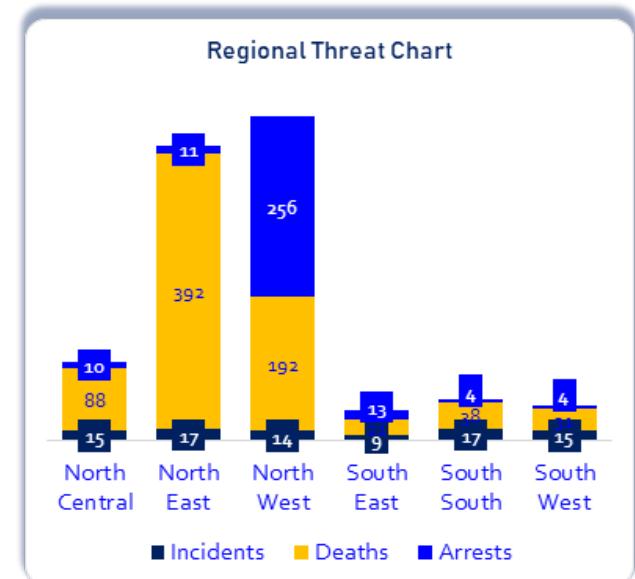
Here are the latest data and analytics from <http://halogenintel.com.ng/>, your 'go to' source for information and security intelligence.



- Insurgency remains rife in the Northeast.
- Banditry continues to be a major threat in the Northwest.
- There is a spike in the activities of herds men in the North Central.
- Cultists and other criminal elements dominate the Southern Region.



- An estimated nine persons die in every security incident.
- Only about three arrests are made per crime.



- Incident-per-death ratio is extremely high in the NE, while the NW experienced results in apprehending culprits. Other regions appear to have lower threats and incidents' rates in May 2020.

REGIONAL OUTLOOK

NORTH-WEST

- Over 65 people were killed by cattle rustlers across some villages in Kaduna State.
- Government security forces under the troops of Operations Thunder Strike and Whirl Punch in conjunction with the Air Component of Operation Gama Aiki, have maintained presence within these areas and have intercepted the criminals killing about 17 of these bandits in Chikun LGA.
- In Niger State, raiders attacked some communities in Shiroro LGA, killing five people.
- The above indicates that banditry may lead to food insecurity in the region as most of the farms have been overrun.

NORTH-EAST

- Due to the intensified efforts from the International Joint Task Force, the states of Borno, Yobe and Adamawa enjoyed relative peace as insurgency have lost some of their firepower and personnel. No major attacks were recorded within the 3 states.
- In Taraba State, eight persons were killed and houses destroyed in Bali LGA, following the escalation of the communal clash between Jukun and Tiv in the neighbouring Donga LGA. It appears the modus operandi of the warring tribes is to hire militia groups against each other.
- In Lamurde LGA of Adamawa state, inter-communal clashes claimed an estimated 73 lives with about 75 people injured. Homes, businesses and livestock were destroyed.

NORTH CENTRAL

- Killings in Benue and Plateau states have continued and it is becoming more severe. Herdsmen attacked the vulnerable people in the two states either very early in the morning or late afternoon. In Plateau state, nine villages in Barikin Ladi LGA were attacked with over 20 people dead.
- There was an attack on Tse-Haaga village, Mbabai in Guma LGA by unknown gunmen suspected to be herdsmen, killing one and injuring five others.
- Defence Headquarters confirmed of the killing of a suspected armed militia leader, Terugwa Igbagwa, alias Orjondu, in Benue.
- Gunmen visited the senior staff quarters of the University of Jos and shot dead a lecturer of the Faculty of Education, Dr Nendi Drengkat and kidnapped his 6-years old daughter with a request of N10 million as ransom.
- Armed assailants, reportedly of Fulani origin, attacked the family of Rev. Canon Bayo James Famounoure, headmaster of Messiah College and leader of Calvary Mission (CAPRO) and Agape Missions and shot him on his forehead and leg.
- Plateau also witnessed its first COVID 19 related violence after attempts by officials of COVID-19 Task Force to arrest a driver who violated lockdown order and closure of border at Naraguta area of Jos North LGA. The youths within the vicinity attacked the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and his men.



SOUTH-SOUTH

- Security challenges within this region have recently assumed worrisome dimension with killings, maiming, kidnappings, and armed robberies.
- A main insecurity issue within this region is cultism which has claimed as estimated 37 lives since Jan 2020.
- In Rivers state, a suspected cult member identified as Henry was shot dead in Port Harcourt by four men belonging to a rival cult group.
- Two policemen were confirmed dead during an ambush by a gang of daredevil armed robbers who ambushed them while escorting two “VIPs” at Orokpe in Okpe LGA of Delta State. The VIPs, a couple, also sustained various degrees of injuries leading to the death of the wife who passed on in the early hours of Sunday at an undisclosed hospital.
- In Edo state, suspected hoodlums attacked policemen attached to Auchi Division killing an officer enforcing the coronavirus curfew imposed by the Federal Government.
- The insecurity level has made Delta State Government to establish a joint security taskforce known as ‘Operation Delta Hawk’.

SOUTH-EAST

- Many people were feared dead, over 50 abducted, 300 farmers sustained various degrees of injuries and property worth millions destroyed following a recent clash between the people of Umumbo and Omor neighbours in Ayamelum LGA of Anambra State. The two communities had over the years been involved in a protracted land dispute that had claimed several lives in the past. A large number of houses, shops and rice mills belonging to Umumbo community were also destroyed.
- In Abia state, at the Nigeria Correction Service, Aba some old inmates tried to escape from the prison but failed.

SOUTH-WEST

- The lockdown, coupled with dusk to dawn curfew in Lagos has resulted in lost means of livelihood. Increasingly, touts popularly called “agbero” are now found on more streets and bus garages harassing or “begging” motorists and pedestrians for money.
- In Ogun state, interior communities are experiencing a fresh wave of cultism activities. Pandemonium broke out in Ogere, Iperu, Ilisan and other communities in Ikenne LGA when a suspected cultist and drug addict identified as Feyisola Dosumu went on the rampage and killed six persons in the communities.
- In Osun state, fifteen days after 27 illegal miners were arrested, another 10 Chinese and a Ghanaian have been arrested after raids on four mining sites in the state by operatives of Amotekun Corps. The latest arrest was made at mining sites located in some communities in Atakumosa West LGA following a tip off by locals.

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