

# Regional Security Bulletin

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## Executive Summary

Nigeria's security landscape remains challenging with persistent terrorism, kidnapping, and banditry across all zones, directly impacting SCIDaR operations. Key developments include government arrests of bandit leaders in August disrupting networks, while insurgents maintain territorial control affecting humanitarian access. Critical route disruptions on Damaturu-Maiduguri and major highways pose operational risks to SCIDaR staff and implementation activities.

**50+**

Abducted in Zamfara (August)

**32**

Recent Fatalities

**125%**

Surge in Southeast Attacks

**3,000**

Displaced by Bridge Collapse



## Nigeria Security Risk Map

Interactive map showing risk levels across six geopolitical zones

Visual representation of current threat levels and incident hotspots

## NORTH EAST - HIGH RISK

Terrorism

Mass Kidnapping

Drone Attacks

**Key Incident:** 5-week ISWAP resurgence killed 300+, including 52 farmers in Borno attacks.

**Impact:** Road disruptions on Maiduguri-Damaturu route, operational risks for NGOs.

### Precautions

- Limit non-essential travel to Borno/Yobe
- Use daylight hours with verified escorts
- Avoid rural areas and IDP camps

## NORTH WEST - HIGH RISK

Banditry

Mass Abduction

Highway Attacks

**Key Incident:** 50+ abducted in Zamfara; Ansaru leaders arrested disrupting networks.

**Impact:** Major highway disruptions, reduced trade, ~30,000 bandits in 100 gangs.

### Precautions

- No night travel on highways
- Armed escorts and GPS tracking
- Regular abduction response drills

## NORTH CENTRAL - MEDIUM RISK

Communal Violence

Flooding

FCT Kidnapping

**Key Incident:** 6 killed in Plateau attacks; dam collapse displaced 3,000 in Niger.

**Impact:** Infrastructure damage from floods, FCT highway risks.

### Precautions

- Monitor weather and road alerts
- Secure transport with communication devices
- Emergency kits for displacement risks

## SOUTH SOUTH - MEDIUM RISK

Militancy

Oil Infrastructure

Piracy

**Key Incident:** Rivers state emergency declared; oil worker kidnappings continue.

**Impact:** Energy operations disrupted, coastal travel risks.

### Precautions

- Security escorts for coastal travel
- Enhanced cybersecurity measures
- Coordinate with local authorities

## SOUTH EAST - MEDIUM RISK

Secessionist Violence

Unknown Gunmen

IPOB Attacks

**Key Incident:** 125% surge in Biafran attacks; 11 killed in Abia by gunmen.

**Impact:** Business disruptions in Onitsha, Owerri, Enugu urban centers.

## SOUTH WEST - LOWER RISK

Expanding Banditry

Cybercrime

Rural Violence

**Key Incident:** 33 killed by herdsmen-bandits in Ondo/Oyo; Lagos cybercrime surge.

**Impact:** Digital operations affected, rural violence expansion.

### Precautions

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- Avoid IPOB hotspots during protests
- Use varied routes and secure vehicles
- De-escalation training for encounters

- Implement cyber hygiene protocols
- Avoid rural night travel
- Monitor public events for risks

## **Essential SCIDaR Staff Safety Guidelines**

### **Travel & Mobility**

- Use verified transport, all travels within daylight hours
- Avoid commencing trips after 12 PM for 4+ hour drives
- Share location with trusted SCIDaR contacts
- Vary routes to avoid profiling when traveling to security-compromised locations
- Share itinerary and seek security clearance from SCIDaR security team

### **SCIDaR Facility Security**

- Keep low profile at EOC and State offices - avoid loud behavior
- Report faulty CCTV to facilities unit immediately
- Uphold personal security while in SCIDaR facilities
- Report security incidents via SCIDaR secure channels

### **Health & Cyber Safety**

- Get recommended vaccinations (yellow fever, etc.) for unfamiliar locations
- Use only secured networks - avoid public internet for SCIDaR devices
- Buy food from registered vendors only
- Avoid dairy products, eat only what you know and trust

### **SCIDaR Monitoring Sources**

- @PoliceNG - Official police updates
- @HQNigerianArmy - Military operations
- ONSA and DSS official reports
- SCIDaR Local Community Partners

## **SCIDaR Emergency Contacts & Reporting**

Report all security incidents immediately through SCIDaR official channels

 **SCIDaR Emergency: XXX-XXXX**

 **security@scidar.org**

 **SCIDaR Security WhatsApp**

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