

# Regional Security Bulletin

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## Executive Summary

Nigeria's security landscape remains challenging with persistent terrorism, kidnapping, and banditry across all zones. Key developments include ONSA's successful arrest of two Ansaru leaders in August, disrupting major kidnapping networks, while ISWAP advanced tactics with drone usage. Farmer-herder violence surged 64% year-on-year, with over 2 million IDPs in the North East requiring continued humanitarian support.

**2M+**

Internally Displaced Persons

**64%**

Increase in Farmer-Herder Violence

**300+**

Deaths in NE Resurgence

**8.3M**

People Needing Assistance



## 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.

### ⚠️ Precautions

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

## 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

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



## Essential Staff Safety Guidelines

### Travel & Mobility

- Use verified transport and daylight travel
- Employ GPS tracking and escorts
- Vary routines to reduce predictability
- Share itineraries with security teams

### Facility Security

- Maintain low profiles in operations
- Install CCTV and access controls
- Conduct regular emergency drills

- Report incidents via secure channels

## Cyber & Health

- Update vaccinations and health checks
- Use secure networks and VPNs
- Complete mandatory response training
- Monitor official channels for updates

## Monitoring Sources

- @PoliceNG - Official police updates
- @HQNigerianArmy - Military operations
- ONSA reports and advisories
- Verified local security apps

## Emergency Contacts & Reporting

Report all security incidents immediately through official channels

 Emergency Hotline: 199

 security@organization.com

 WhatsApp: +234-XXX-XXXX

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