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Weekly Security Report

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1st – 7th February, 2020

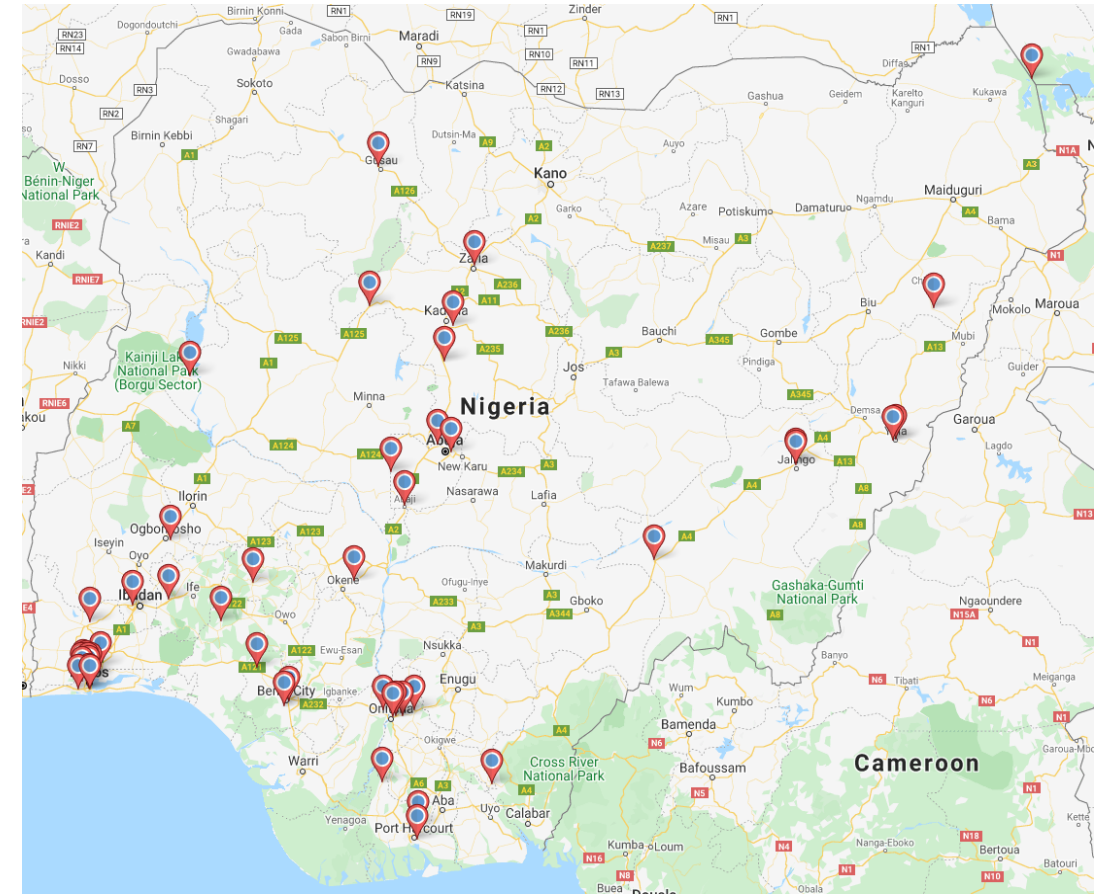
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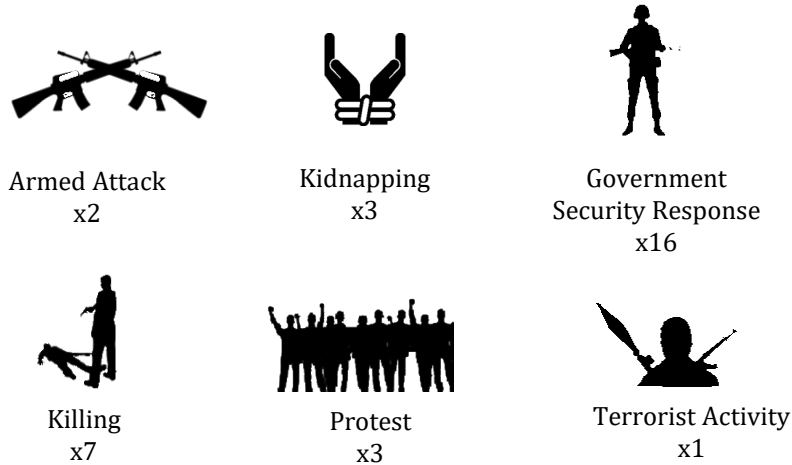
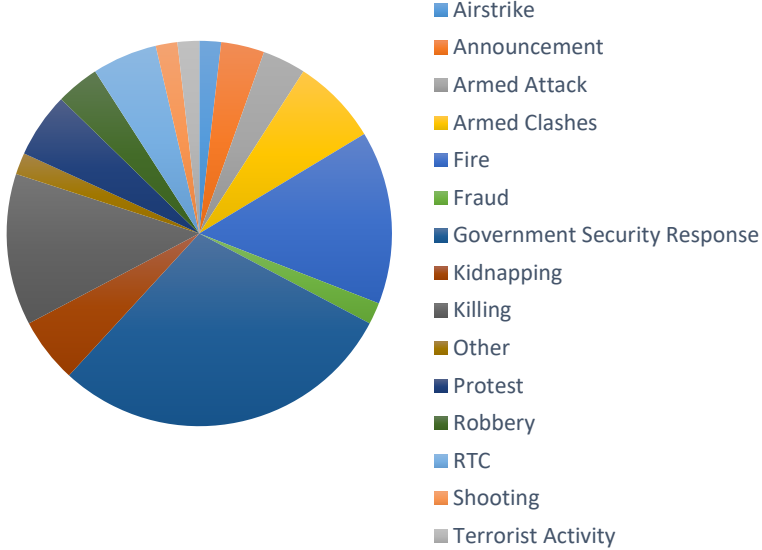
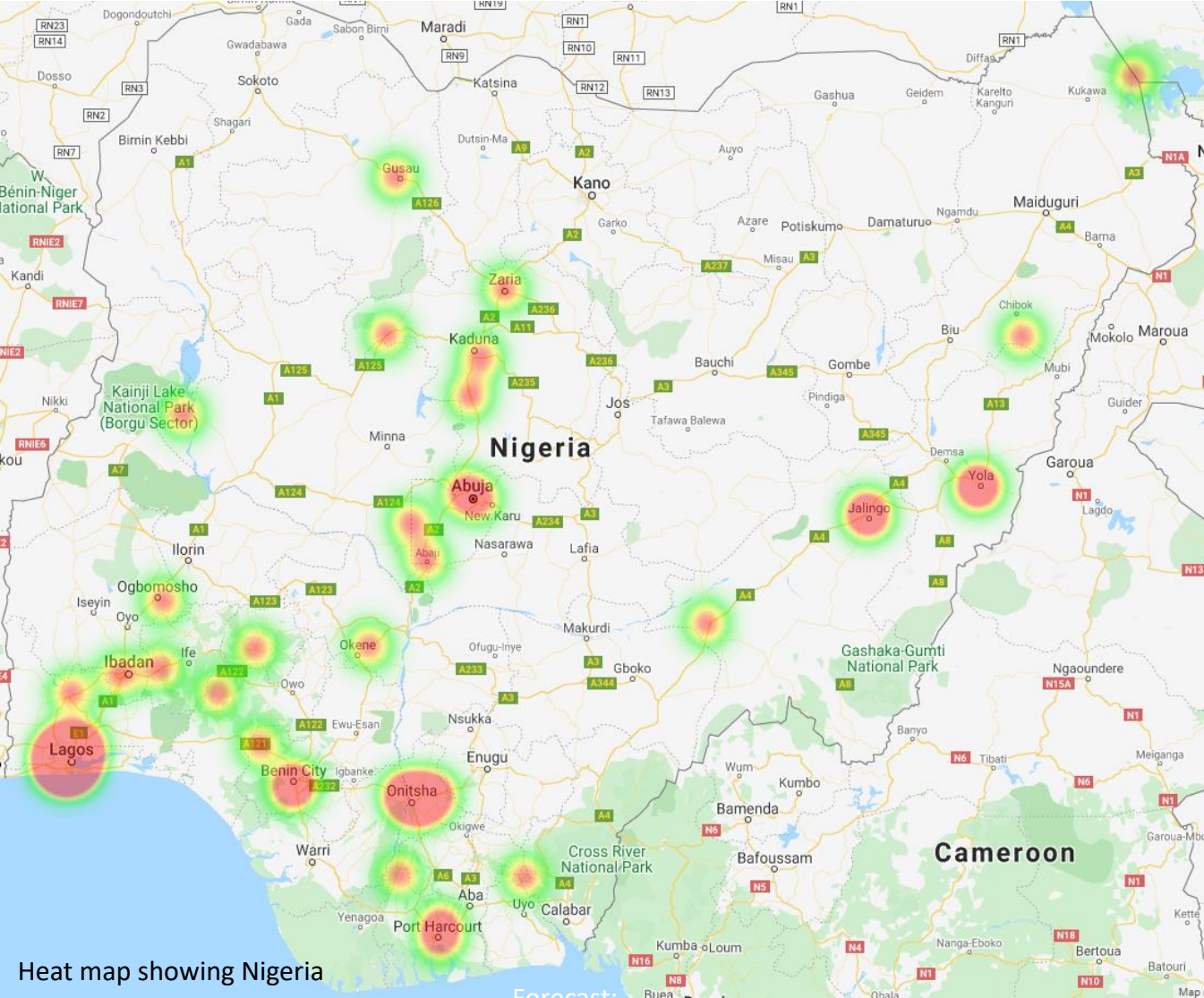
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- In contrast to the past week, the reporting week recorded a significant decline in attacks by insurgents groups in the Northeast region. Although one attack targeted at joint security personnel occurred in Borno state. The attacked recorded zero fatalities.
- During the course of the week, the ban on commercial motorcycles and tricycles on major roads took effect on 3rd February leading series of violent clashes between police officers and commercial motorcycle riders in several areas in Lagos State. The unrest resulted in the death of a secondary student and injury of several others.
- Approximately twenty four individuals were abducted in three kidnap incidents which occurred in Niger, Taraba and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).
- One politically motivated violence between supporters of the All Progressive Congress (APC) and Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) was recorded in Lagos State.
- Four deaths were recorded when an unknown number of assailants attacked two commercial banks in Ondo State. While police officers foiled a robbery attack along Benin-Lagos expressway, Edo state.
- The special forces of Operation Puff Adder with aerial support conducted an offensive at the operational base of suspected Ansaru Jihadist group in Kuduru Forest, Kaduna State. Reports indicated that at 250 members of the group were killed during the operation.
- Eight fire incidents were reported in Anambra, Imo, Osun, Oyo, Lagos and Zamfara states.

Map Showing Incidents from 1st February – 7th February, 2020



Overview



Analysis

Heightened tensions were reported following restriction and ban on the operations of motorcycles and tricycles by the Lagos State government. The restrictions led to a confrontation between commercial motorcycle riders and police operatives at several locations in Lagos State as was recorded on 3rd February, when an unknown number of enraged individuals clashed with security officers along Ijora Badia axis, Ijora, Lagos. Several individuals were injured during the clash while business activities in the area were paralyzed. A similar incident occurred in Iyana Ipaja on 5th February when police operatives clashed with protesting motorcycle and tricycle riders in the area. Several vehicles were destroyed and shops attacked by miscreants who seized the opportunity to loot and vandalise properties. A vehicle belonging to the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) was also set on fire. Although calm was restored to the area, reports indicated that a school girl was shot and killed during the incident while at least 34 suspects were arrested by security operatives.

Following the spate of insecurity across the northern region, government security operatives conducted an

offensive operation on 5th February. Special forces of the Operation Puff Adder attacked an operational camp of the Ansaru group killing at least 250 suspected members in Kuduru forest, Birnin Gwari, Kaduna state. Two police officers were injured after the assailants fired at a police helicopter.

The Al-Qaeda linked Ansaru group also known as the Jamaat al Ansar al Muslimeen fi Bilad al Sudan remains an existential threat in the northern region and have carried out several attacks as well as kidnappings across the region. The most recent attack occurred on 14th January, 2020 when the group claimed to have killed at least six people, kidnapped dozens, and destroyed several vehicles during an ambush on the convoy of the Emir of Potiskum along the Kaduna-Zaira highway in Kaduna State.

To tackle the increasing spate of kidnapping and banditry in the region, the Coalition of Northern Groups on 5th February unveiled the symbols of Operation "Shege ka fasa", a security outfit akin to "Operation Amotekun" which was set up by a coalition of South Western State Governors. Reports indicate that the group procured vehicles and trained personnel in preparation for the

commencement of the operation.

At least 24 individuals were abducted in three incidents recorded within the reporting period. On 1st February, an individual was killed while 20 others including a high profile cleric were abducted after an attack by armed men on several communities in Borgu LGA, Niger State. The assailants boarded several motorcycles and reportedly barricaded roads connecting other parts of the state.

Boko Haram insurgents continued attacks targeting military operatives and civilians in the northeastern region. On 1st February, a group of insurgents engaged security operatives in a gunfire fight while enroute Leho village in Askira-Uba LGA, Borno State. The assailants made away with personal items before setting several houses on fire. Military operations also continued in the region. On 4th February, the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) launched air strikes targeting hideouts of suspected members of Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) in Tongule, Lake Chad area, Borno state. The casualty count remains unknown.

Forecast: Kidnap incidents, insurgency and other crime related incidents are unlikely to end despite increased government security responses across the country.

Incident List

Air Strike

4th February – The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) launched air strikes targeting hideouts of suspected members of Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) in Tongule, Lake Chad area, Borno state. Casualty count remains unknown.

Announcement

6th February – Reports suggested that a possible "Occupy Lagos" protest would hold at Eko Atlantic, Lagos on 8th February, 2020. Caution is advised.

1st February – Members of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) embarked on a nationwide march on 2nd February to protest the high level of insecurity in the country.

Armed Attack

4th February – Two individuals were killed after an unknown number of armed men invaded several houses in Isu community, Abia State.

3rd February – Four individuals were killed while eight others were injured after unknown armed men invaded a community in Etche LGA, Rivers state.

Armed Clashes

5th February – A clash occurred between security operatives and commercial motorcycle riders in Iyana-Ipaja, Lagos State. Caution is advised.

3rd February – Two individuals were reportedly injured during a clash between motorcycle riders and police operatives along Ijora Oloye road, Ijora, Lagos State.

3rd February – An individual was shot and killed during a clash between supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Surulere LGA, Oyo state.

1st February – An individual was killed during an armed

confrontation between two rival cult groups in Abeokuta area of Ogun State. Eight others were injured during the incident. Police officers were deployed to restore calm in the area.

Fire

7th February – A fire broke out at a furniture shop along Addo road, Ajah, Lagos state.

6th February – A fuel laden tanker truck reportedly burst into flames at Abule Osun bus stop, along Ojo Barracks axis, Badagry Expressway, Lagos state.

5th February – A fire outbreak has been reported at the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC) power plant at Ayede, Ring Road, Ibadan, Oyo state. The cause of the fire remains unknown.

4th February – Seven individuals were injured after a cooking gas exploded at a residential building in Onitsha, Anambra State.

4th February – The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) was engulfed in fire which emanated from a nearby burning bush in Ogidi, Idemili North LGA, Anambra State. No casualties were reported.

2nd February – A pipeline reportedly exploded in Etekwuru community, Ohaji/Egbema LGA, Imo State after it was triggered by illegal oil bunkering activities by unknown assailants in the community. Casualty count remains unknown.

2nd February – A fire outbreak was reported at the residence of a House of Representative member in Anguwa-Yarima, Gusau, Zamfara. The fire was caused by an electrical surge.

1st February – A 95-year-old was killed in a fire incident that occurred in Alapata area, Modakeke, Osun State. Fire service officials were deployed to the location to contain the incident.

Fraud

1st February – The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) disclosed the arrest of two persons for operating an illegal Joint Admission and Matriculations Board (JAMB) registration center in Taraba State.

Government Security Response

6th February – The Kano State Police command confirmed the arrest of a middle-aged man for allegedly defrauding members of the public while posing as the Assistant Commissioner of the Department of State Security (DSS).

6th February – An undisclosed number of police officers were arrested by security operatives for allegedly soliciting bribes from motorists along Ijesha road, Lagos State.

6th February – The Delta State police command announced the arrest of seven persons allegedly connected to incident involving three police officers who were attacked and killed by unknown armed men aboard a motorcycle at a checkpoint along Ugbolu-Illah Road in Oshimili North LGA, Delta State.

6th February – The Katsina Police command confirmed the arrest of six individuals including a dismissed military personnel who allegedly posed as Custom operatives and swindled a man of a large amount of money.

Incident List

5th February – The Adamawa State Police command confirmed the arrest of three individuals who allegedly assaulted a teenage girl sexually in Yola, Adamawa state.

5th February – The Police command disclosed that a police helicopter providing aerial support for operatives in Kaduna State was attacked during a joint operation carried out by a team of Police Mobile Force (PMF), Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU), Special Forces, Intelligence Response Team (IRT), Special Tactical Squad (STS) and Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) at the operational camp of suspected Ansaru jihadist group in Kuduru Forest, Birnin Gwari, Kaduna State. At least 250 members of the group were killed.

5th February – The Adamawa State Command of the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) arrested 15 individuals in possession of illicit drugs during search operations at Yola market and other strategic locations across the state. A large quantity of illicit drugs was recovered from the suspects.

5th February – The Lagos Police command confirmed the arrest of 34 individuals over alleged attack on police officers at Iyana Ipaja following the restriction on operations of motorcycles and tricycles by the state government. At least 86 motorcycles were impounded at Aboru, Iyana Ipaja, Lagos State.

4th February – The Nigeria Customs Service disclosed that a large amount of foreign currency was intercepted at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport in Lagos State. Two suspects were arrested in connection with the alleged money laundering.

4th February – The Edo police command paraded five individuals who were arrested while posing as military officers along PZ road, IVO Sapele road, Benin, Edo State. Military uniforms and jack-knives were recovered from the suspects.

4th February – Police operatives foiled a robbery attack after a gun fire exchange with the suspected robbers along Benin-Lagos expressway, Edo State. A suspect was killed while another was arrested during the incident.

2nd February – Security operatives arrested four individuals over alleged involvement in the abduction of some individuals along Pir-Kwali expressway, Abuja.

2nd February – A man was arrested by the police after being found in possession of improvised explosive devices (IED) IVO of a church in Sabo area of Kaduna State.

1st February – Police operatives arrested a couple for physically assaulting and killing a boy in Ogijo, Shagamu LGA, Ogun State. The suspects reportedly buried the victim at an undisclosed location in Ajah, Lagos state.

1st February – Operatives of the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) disclosed the arrest of five stowaways onboard a vessel en route Spain IVO Lagos port, Lagos State.

1st February – Five persons were arrested by the police for falsely claiming to have contracted the coronavirus in Wuse, Abuja.

Kidnapping

3rd February – Two individuals were reportedly kidnapped by unknown armed men who invaded their residence IVO Jolly Nyame stadium, Jalingo, Taraba state.

1st February – An unknown number of armed men abducted a man and his pregnant wife from their residence in Unguwar Kekeshi, Abaji Area Council, FCT.

1st February – An individual was killed while twenty others including a high-profile cleric were abducted after an attack by armed men on several communities in Borgu LGA, Niger State. The assailants reportedly barricaded roads connecting other parts of the state.

Killing

4th February – A middle-aged man reportedly stabbed and killed his parents at their residence in Ejigbo, Lagos state. The assailant who evaded arrest also stabbed his sister who was rushed to a nearby hospital.

4th February – A middle aged man allegedly killed and buried his wife in a shallow grave at their residence in Akassa, Brass LGA, Bayelsa state.

3rd February – Unknown armed men suspected to be cult members reportedly killed four individuals in Aleto and Agbochia communities, Eleme LGA, Rivers State.

2nd February – Unidentified armed men reportedly shot and killed an employee of the Delta State Ministry of Works at an uncompleted building site in Illa, Oshimili North LGA, Delta State. The victim's driver also sustained gunshot injuries during the incident and was rushed to a nearby hospital.

1st February – The decomposing body of an individual was discovered in a locked apartment in Awka, Anambra state.

1st February – The body of an individual was discovered along the Abuja-Kaduna highway. The victim was kidnapped along with her two children from their residence in Chikun LGA, Kaduna. The location of the two children remains unknown.

1st February – Two farmers were reportedly killed by unknown armed men at a farmland in Wukari LGA, Taraba state.

Incident List

Other

5th February – Two individuals were killed while two others were injured after an overhead water tank fell into a classroom in Nkpor-Agu, Idemili North LGA, Anambra state.

Protest

5th February – A civil society group held a demonstration IVO Federal High Court, Calabar, Cross River state to demand the release of a detained journalist.

3rd February – Several individuals under the aegis of Yoruba Revolutionary Movement are currently holding a demonstration against the ban of motorcycles and tricycles along Ikorodu road, Lagos state. Caution is advised.

2nd February – Members of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) Ekiti State chapter held demonstrations at strategic locations across the state to protest the recent killings in the country.

Robbery

6th February – Four individuals including two police operatives were killed during a robbery at a bank in Ile -Oluji, headquarters of Ile Oluji/Oke Igbo LGA, Ondo State.

1st February – An unknown number of armed robbers reportedly made away with an undisclosed amount of money after invading the premises of St Andrew Catholic Church, Aruogba, Oredo LGA, Edo state.

RTC

4th February – Four persons were killed and six others were severely injured in a road accident IVO Dumbin Rauga axis, along Zaria–Kaduna road, Kaduna state.

4th February – An unidentified individual was injured in a road accident which occurred along Kubwa-Gwarinpa expressway, Abuja. The victim was rushed to a nearby hospital.

1st February – A heavy articulated vehicle lost control and hit a woman killing her in Ojota, Lagos State. Two other passers-by were injured.

Shooting

2nd February – Four individuals including the driver were injured after armed men dressed in military uniforms reportedly opened fire on a luxury vehicle along Abuja-Lokoja road, Kogi state.

Terrorist Activity

1st February – A group of insurgents passing by Askira town fired gunshots prompting security personnel and members of a vigilante to respond. The assailants proceeded to Leho village in Askira-Uba LGA, Borno State where they set several houses ablaze, looted food stuff before fleeing the area.

Politics and Miscellaneous

INEC deregisters 74 political parties

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) deregistered approximately 74 political parties out of 92, thus preventing them from participating in subsequent elections across the country. While addressing the press at the INEC Headquarters in Abuja, Yakubu Mommudu, the Chairman of the Commission stated that the parties were deregistered because they did not meet the minimum requirements of the Fourth Alteration to the Constitutional Electoral Act 2010 (as amended). However, the remaining eighteen political parties including the ruling All Progressive Congress (APC) were allowed to remain after satisfying the Constitutional requirements. He also announced the scheduled dates for the Edo and Ondo States gubernatorial elections which will hold on 19th September and 10th October respectively.

Government launches new Visa policy

President Muhammadu Buhari officially Introduced the new Nigeria Visa Policy (NVP) 2020 at the Statehouse in Abuja. According to Muhammadu Buhari, the policy is aimed at supporting the attainment of a globally

competitive economy for Nigeria by building on the efforts of the Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council. The implementation of the policy will provide visiting individuals from African countries the opportunity to obtain their visas on arrival at the Lagos, Abuja, Kano and Port Harcourt International airports. Noteworthy, the United States Government, on 31st January issued a new visa policy that will restrict Nigerian nationals from seeking permanent resident status.

PDP commences party activities

The major opposition party, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) commenced political activities in preparation for its congress which will hold across 26 states in the country. The states include: Abia, Akwa Ibom, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Benue, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Edo, Ekiti, Enugu, Federal Capital Territory, Gombe, Imo, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Nasarawa, Niger, Ondo, Plateau, Rivers, Sokoto, Taraba and Yobe. As of 5th January, membership registration of old/new members and sales of nomination forms, including ad hoc forms were underway.

State Assembly impeach Majority Leader

The Kano State House of Assembly impeached its Majority Leader, Labaran Abdul-Madari of the All Progressives Congress (APC) representing Warawa constituency. Reports indicate that the impeachment motion was allegedly moved due to a disagreement between Labaran Abdul-Madari and his colleagues during a plenary. Kabiru Hassan-Dashi, his Deputy, was elected new Majority Leader while Hamza Massu of the All Progressives Congress (APC) representing Sumaila Constituency was nominated and elected as Deputy Majority Leader.

Image of the Week



Northern Group Unveils Operation "Shege Ka Fasa"



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