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WEEK OF 21 -27, OCTOBER, 2018

22	Scale of Incident	Date of Occurrence	Country	Incidents	Location	Casualty/property damages/ Affected Population	Coping Mechanism/ responses
1	MEDIUM	21-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>COMMUNAL CLASH: Two people were reported dead with 25 people injured in a renewed clash between Aladja and Ogbe-Ijoh Communities in Udu LGA and Warri South-West LGAs of Delta State. Affected victims were from Aladja Community. A plank house located in Ogbe-Ijoh Community was reportedly burnt down in the incident.</p> <p>Preliminary investigations reveal that the conflict further degenerated following the alleged death of 7 people including 3 women from Aladja Community who were hit by stray bullets from Military Personnel deployed to restore peace.</p>	Delta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 people dead • 25 people injured • Plank house burnt down 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community leaders from Aladja and Ogbe-Ijoh have continued to trade blames over counter-invasion by both communities • The State Police Command convened a reconciliation meeting between conflicting communities in a bid to restore peace.



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2	LOW	21-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ARREST: Operatives of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) reportedly intercepted a truck laden with 45,000 litres of suspected illegally refined diesel at Aduwawa area, along Benin/Auchi road, Edo State. The driver of the truck was reportedly arrested in the incident.</p>	Edo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 person arrested • Truck laden with 45,000 litres of suspected illegally refined diesel intercepted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSCDC has commenced investigations to track down the owners of the consignment, as well as the illegal refinery.
3	LOW	22-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ARMED ATTACK BY SUSPECTED BOKO HARAM MEMBERS: Two people were reported dead with 6 others injured in an attack carried out by suspected Boko Haram members in Mifah Village, Borno State.</p> <p>The attackers reportedly looted the village before setting it on fire.</p>	Borno	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 people dead • 6 people injured • Village looted and burnt down 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks by Boko Haram terrorists have continued unabated amid series of counter-insurgency operations ongoing in the North-East Region of Nigeria. Borno State has been the worst hit in the Region.
4	LOW	22-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ARMED ACTION: Operatives of the Nigerian Army reportedly killed three members of a suspected gang known as 'Gana Boys' in Zankara area in Benue State.</p>	Benue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 gang members dead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the gang's deadly attacks in the area, the State Police Command and the Benue State



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							Government had declared the gang leader wanted with N10m bounty placed on him.
5	LOW	22-10-2018	NIGERIA	ABDUCTION: A female Police Officer was reportedly abducted in an attack carried out by unidentified gunmen along Ogwash-Uku/Asaba Road in Delta State.	Delta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female Police Officer abducted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Police Command has begun investigations to rescue the abducted victim.
6	LOW	22-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ARMED ATTACK BY UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN: Unidentified gunmen dressed in Military camouflage reportedly killed 3 people in Narayi Community, Chikun LGA of Kaduna State.</p> <p>Preliminary investigations reveal that the attackers who claimed to be Vigilante members from Barnawa Community arrested the victims, however the victims dead bodies were later found in the area.</p>	Kaduna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 people dead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affected communities staged series of demonstrations against the killings in the State, as some community youths wielding knives, machetes, swords and sticks fuelled by fears that the crisis has the potential to escalate resorted to self defence by laying siege on major roads linking their communities to avert surprise attacks. • As part of measures to



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							scale up security and make communities accountable for the actions, the Kaduna State Government has pledged to enforce provisions of the Riots Damage Law of 1958, the Collective Punishment Law of 1915 and the Peace Preservation Law of 1917. These laws impose cost on communities that permit violence.
7	LOW	23-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ABDUCTION: Three females were reportedly abducted including twin sisters in an attack carried out by unidentified gunmen at a residence in Dauran village, Zurmi LGA of Zamfara State.</p> <p>The vice chairman of the local government, Alhaji Abubakar Dauran, said over 15 people were recently kidnapped in five communities within the area.</p>	Zamfara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 females abducted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rate of abduction in the LGA poses a threat to peace and security, as the Vice-Chairman of the LGA claimed that over 15 people have been kidnapped in five communities in the LGA. • The State Police Command has commenced investigations in a bid to



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							rescue the abducted victims.
8	LOW	24-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>BOAT MISHAP: Eleven people were reported dead with 12 others rescued in a boat mishap at River Buruku in Benue State. The victims were heading for a burial in Buruku LGA when the boat capsized.</p> <p>18 motorcycles were also reportedly recovered in the incident.</p>	Benue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 people dead • 12 people rescued • 18 motorcycles recovered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), the boat was overloaded as it was used to ferry 30 passengers against standard practice. • The Benue State Governor called on the Federal Government to construct a bridge across the Buruku axis of River Katsina-Ala in order to prevent the loss of more lives.
9	LOW	24-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ABDUCTION: Ten people were reportedly abducted in an attack carried out by unidentified gunmen along Abonema waterways, Akuku-Toru LGA of Rivers State.</p> <p>The victims were reportedly returning from a meeting convened to resolve a leadership tussle in Idama community when ambushed.</p>	Rivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 people abducted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community leaders have convened an urgent meeting over the abduction, as investigations have commenced in search of the victims.



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10	LOW	24-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ABDUCTION: Seven people including 5 National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members were reportedly abducted in an attack carried out by unidentified gunmen along Owerri-Port Harcourt Expressway, Rivers State.</p> <p>The attackers reportedly dispossessed their victims of their valuables.</p> <p>The NYSC members were travelling to their orientation camps in Akwa Ibom and Rivers States when ambushed.</p>	Rivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 people abducted • Victims dispossessed of their valuables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Police Command has commenced investigations to rescue other abducted victims, even as the abducted NYSC members have been rescued in the incident.
11	HIGH	25-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>COMMUNAL CLASH: Thirty people were reportedly killed with several others injured in a communal clash between two farming communities of Lafiya in Lamurde LGA and Mamsirmi in Guyuk LGA, Adamawa State.</p> <p>Several houses were reportedly burnt down with 4 people reported missing in the incident.</p>	Adamawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 people • Several people injured • Several houses burnt down with 4 people reported missing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Personnel deployed to prevent further escalation of the conflict, as several displaced residents are taking refuge in the community town hall in Lamurde LGA. • Officials of the State Emergency Management



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							Agency commenced distribution of relief materials to affected persons.
12	LOW	25-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ARREST: Operatives of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) reportedly arrested 29 suspected drug dealers in Borno State.</p> <p>The suspects were apprehended during a joint security patrol in Borno metropolis.</p>	Borno	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 suspected drug dealers arrested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The suspects have been handed over to the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) for further investigation and prosecution.
13	LOW	25-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ARMED ATTACK BY SUSPECTED HERDERS: Three people were reportedly killed in separate attacks carried out by suspected herders at a farm in Tse Goom Yogbo and Angela Communities, Guma LGA of Benue State.</p>	Benue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 people dead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary investigations reveal that the victims only recently returned to their ancestral homes from some of the Internally Displaced Persons camps in the State following a decline in attacks by suspected armed herders.
14	LOW	25-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ARMED BANDITRY: Suspected armed bandits dressed in Military camouflage</p>	Taraba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 cows killed with several 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigations have commenced by Police Personnel to ascertain



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15	LOW	25-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ABDUCTION: Six people were reportedly abducted including 4 Catholic nuns and 2 others in an attack carried out by unidentified gunmen at Agbor town, Ika South LGA of Delta State.</p> <p>Two of the Catholic nuns reportedly sustained gunshot injuries in the incident.</p>	Delta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 people kidnapped • 2 people injured 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security operatives have begun investigations in search of the kidnapped victims.
16	LOW	26-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ARREST/HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Officials of the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) reportedly arrested a suspected male human trafficker with three people rescued in Katsina State.</p> <p>The suspect was reportedly arrested at Charanchi Patrol Base along Kano-Katsina</p>	Katsina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suspected male human trafficker arrested with three people rescued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The arrested suspects and trafficked persons are being interrogated by NIS Officials.



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17	LOW	26-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>FLOOD: Reports from the Transition Committee (TC) Chairman, Ogbaru LGA in Anambra State reported a cumulative fatality of 10 people including a 3-year-old child with 15 houses destroyed in a flood incident caused by heavy rainfall across several communities in the LGA.</p>	Anambra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 people dead • 15 houses destroyed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TC Chairman reported that the flood had receded as displaced residents have gradually begun to return to their homes.
18	LOW	26-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ARMED ATTACK BY UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN: A member of the Ekiti State House of Assembly was reportedly killed in an attack carried out by unidentified gunmen while on his way to Akure in Ondo State.</p> <p>The motive behind the attack is unknown.</p>	Ekiti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 person dead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Police Command has commenced investigations in trail of perpetrators of the crime and to unravel the motive behind the crime.
19	LOW	26-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>FIRE OUTBREAK: 19 vehicles parked at a mechanic workshop was reportedly burnt down in a fire outbreak incident in Awada area of Onitsha, Anambra State.</p> <p>The fire outbreak was as a result of a damaged high-tension pole in the area.</p>	Anambra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 vehicles burnt down 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Patrol team deployed to the affected area cordoned off the area to prevent hoodlums from looting. • Investigations have commenced to ascertain the real cause of the fire



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20	LOW	26-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ARMED ROBBERY: Unidentified gunmen reportedly invaded Efoyo Community in Benue State and carted away with valuables and food items. Several people were reportedly injured in the incident.</p> <p>Students of the Benue State Polytechnic were mostly affected being that they reside in the area.</p>	Benue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuables and food items stolen • Several people injured 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security Operatives deployed to restore calm and provide security in the affected areas, while investigations have commenced in trail of perpetrators of the crime.
21	MEDIUM	26-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>CULT-RELATED VIOLENCE: Three people were reportedly killed in a rival cult clash in Adoka/Ojira Streets, Oturkpo LGA of Bayelsa State.</p> <p>In a related development, 7 people were reportedly killed in a cult-related violence in Ovom area, Yenagoa LGA of Bayelsa State. The cult-related violence was in a quest to assert supremacy.</p>	Bayelsa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 people dead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Operatives have initiated investigations to arrest perpetrators of the crime.
22	LOW	26-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ARMED ATTACK BY SUSPECTED HERDERS: Suspected herders reportedly attacked a hunter at Nirowo Forest, Odigbo LGA of</p>	Ondo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several people injured including a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prevent further attacks and infiltration of armed herders, the Head



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				<p>Ondo State.</p> <p>Preliminary investigations reveal that several farmers also sustained injuries in the incident.</p>		hunter and farmers	of a Vigilante group in the State has called on the State Government and Security Operatives to empower Vigilantes to protect community members.
23	MEDIUM	26-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ATTACK BY SUSPECTED ARMED BANDITS: Eight people including one Police Officer were reportedly killed with 3 others injured in an attack carried out by suspected armed bandits in Gurbin Bore Village, Zurmi LGA of Zamfara State.</p> <p>The attackers reportedly burnt down 11 vehicles including a Police vehicle, three motorcycles and 13 shops in the incident.</p>	Zamfara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 people dead • 3 people injured • 11 vehicles including a Police vehicle, three motorcycles and 13 shops burnt down 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security Operatives deployed to repel further attacks, while restoring peace and security in the affected area.
24	LOW	27-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>BOAT MISHAP: Four people were reported dead in a boat mishap at Ashangwa Community, Lafia LGA of Nassarawa State.</p>	Nassarawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 people dead • Several people missing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary investigations reveal that the boat paddler was too young to handle the



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				Several people were reportedly declared missing in the incident.			<p>boat and blamed the incident on the alleged negligent attitude of some individuals for allowing underage children to paddle canoes in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officials of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) affirmed that adequate measures had already been taken to rescue the missing persons.
25	LOW	27-10-2018	NIGERIA	<p>ARMED ATTACK BY UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN: One Police Personnel was reportedly injured in an attack carried out by unidentified gunmen at the residence of the Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Enugu State.</p> <p>The attackers reportedly carted away with the rifle belonging to the injured Police Personnel in the incident.</p>	Enugu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Personnel injured • Police rifle carted away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injured Police Personnel taken to the hospital for treatment, as investigations have commenced in trail of perpetrators of the crime.



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				The motive behind the attack is unknown.			
26	LOW	27-10-2018	NIGERIA	ARMED ATTACK BY SUSPECTED BOKO HARAM MEMBERS: One Military Personnel was reportedly killed with 4 others injured in an attack carried out by suspected Boko Haram members at a Military location in Gashigar area, Borno State.	Borno	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Military Personnel dead • 4 Military Personnel injured 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The injured Military Personnel have been taken to the hospital for treatment.