

Situation Update

STATISTICS OF INCIDENTS AND FATALITIES IN NIGERIA

MARCH 16 - 31, 2026



FATALITIES
179



INJURIES
314



KIDNAPPED VICTIMS
296

SUMMARY

The situation report, which provides a bi-weekly update on armed violence incidents. The situation report, which provides a bi-weekly update on armed violence incidents and casualties in Nigeria, documented multiple security threats including terrorist-related attacks, banditry, kidnapping, cult clashes, and communal clashes including community-herder clashes as well as Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), particularly rape in the reporting period.

Within the reporting period, a total of 174 armed violence incidents were recorded with 314 injuries and 179 fatalities including 8 women, 2 children and 16 security personnel. The North-West and North-Central recorded the highest number of fatalities with 74 and 47, while the North-East and South-West accounted for 35 and 12 deaths. Also, the South-South and South-East recorded 7 and 4 deaths respectively in the reporting period. The period under review recorded a significant increase in fatalities (179) compared to the period of March 1-15, 2026, with 119 recorded fatalities. Non-state armed actors are not included in the statistics of recorded fatalities.

The WANEP NEWS also recorded 39 incidents of kidnapping across 17 States with 296 people abducted in the reporting period. Out of the 296 kidnapped victims, 72 were women, 76 children and 1 security personnel. Further analysis reveals that the North-East and North-Central both accounted for the highest numbers with 168 and 53. Also, the North-West, South-West and South-South recorded 50, 17 and 8 kidnapped victims respectively. The South-East recorded no reported abduction.

AFFECTED LOCATIONS

