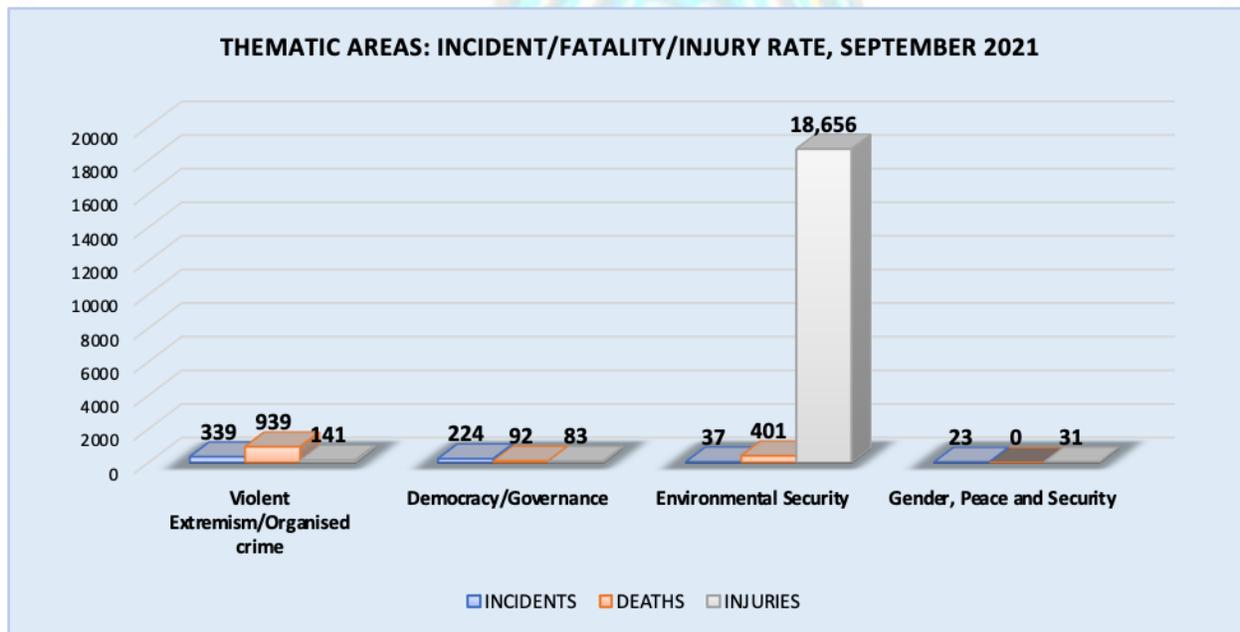


### I. INTRODUCTION

As of September 2021, 623 incidents were recorded in the *Monthly Conflict Census* from WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS)<sup>1</sup>. The incidents (623) recorded in the month represent a decrease of 27 incidents compared to the 650 incidents recorded in the NEWS in August 2021<sup>2</sup>. The sustained government interventions across the thematic areas has been accredited to the reduction of incidents in the reporting period. A cumulative fatality of 1,432 and 18,911 injuries/infected cases emanating from criminal attacks, road accidents and incidents of environmental security including epidemics and COVID-19 were recorded in September 2021<sup>3</sup>. Out of the total fatalities recorded in the month, COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the death of 251 people with 13,334 infected cases, while Cholera resulted in the death of 129 people with 5,317 suspected cases<sup>4</sup>.

As shown in the thematic graph below, Violent Extremism and Organised Crime recorded a total of 939 people, accounting for the highest fatality of the total number of fatalities (1,432) recorded in the monthly census, while Environmental Security theme recorded 401 deaths<sup>5</sup>. Also, Democracy and Governance theme recorded 92 deaths, while Gender, Peace and Security thematic area recorded no fatality in the reporting period<sup>6</sup>. (see annex for the monthly census).



Source: Graph generated from WANEP-NEWS<sup>7</sup>.

The *Monthly Bulletin* presents an analysis of security challenges identified from monitoring trends of incidents through the WANEP NEWS and the mass media. It also offers recommendations for stakeholders interventions.

<sup>1</sup> Source: WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Source: WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Source: WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>7</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

## 2. ORGANISED CRIME AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

The criminal activities of Boko Haram and the Islamic State West African Province (ISWAP) terrorist groups continues to create fear in the remote communities of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe States in the North-East region of Nigeria. However, the sustained counter terrorist operations by the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) recorded major successes in the region. In the reporting period, a cumulative total of 85 Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists were neutralized and 43 others including their collaborators arrested<sup>8</sup>. Also, several weapons and rustled livestock, amongst others, were recovered in the reporting month<sup>9</sup>.

The WANEP NEWS also recorded incidents of raids, theft, arson, Improvised Explosive Device (IED) explosion and airstrikes which resulted in the death 22 people (including 12 military operatives) in Borno and Yobe States. Out of the total fatalities, 10 people (including 4 children and one female) were erroneously killed and 20 others injured during airstrike operations against terrorists by the Nigerian Air Force in Yunusari LGA of Yobe State<sup>10</sup>.

Amid the continuous surrender of Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists and their families in the month, the ISWAP group have embarked on a massive recruitment drive<sup>11</sup>. Also, there were reports of Boko Haram infiltration in communities of Shiroro, Munya and Rafi Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Niger State<sup>12</sup>. According to the Niger State Governor, Abubakar Sani Bello, for instance, the nature of coordinated attacks reveals the presence of Boko Haram in some communities in the State<sup>13</sup>. The alleged infiltration justifies the potential linkage between terrorists and armed bandits to strengthen and expand their operations in other parts of the country. Also, the affected communities in the LGAs of Niger State have raised alarm following directives by the terrorists to withdraw their children from formal schools as well as marry off their daughters at the age of 12 or face consequences<sup>14</sup>.

The month of September 2021 also recorded incidents of **Organised Crimes** that have heightened the climate of fear and insecurity in the country. These security threats include, armed banditry, drug/human trafficking, cyber crime, kidnapping, militia herders attack/farmers-herders clash, amongst others in the month. The reporting month recorded 829 fatalities (including 66 security operatives, 17 children and 16 females) related to organised crimes<sup>15</sup>. Out of the total fatalities (829), **shoot-outs between security operatives and criminal gangs** resulted in the death of 363 members of criminal gangs including suspected armed bandits, kidnappers and armed robbers<sup>16</sup>.

The coordinated strategies in the North-West region to end armed banditry persists, as States ravaged by banditry continue to impose several measures to promote peace and stability. The reporting month of September 2021 witnessed the commencement of the shut-down of

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<sup>8</sup> <https://dailypost.ng/2021/09/30/boko-haram-nigerian-troops-kill-85-terrorists-as-2785-surrender-dhq/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://dailypost.ng/2021/09/30/boko-haram-nigerian-troops-kill-85-terrorists-as-2783-surrender-dhq/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/485299-nigerian-airforce-takes-responsibility-for-bombing-of-yobe-village.html>

<sup>11</sup> <http://saharareporters.com/2021/09/20/terrorist-group-iswap-massively-recruiting-replace-repentant-members%E2%80%9494-nigerian-army>

<sup>12</sup> <https://dailytrust.com/b-haram-asks-niger-residents-to-flout-govt-orders-shun-schools>

<sup>13</sup> <https://dailytrust.com/b-haram-asks-niger-residents-to-flout-govt-orders-shun-schools>

<sup>14</sup> ibid

<sup>15</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>16</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

telecommunication networks in some communities of Zamfara<sup>17</sup>, Katsina<sup>18</sup>, Sokoto<sup>19</sup> and Kaduna States<sup>20</sup>. On the other hand, communities have issued complaints that the telecommunication shutdown hampers early security response in affected areas. While other communities have witnessed an influx of armed bandits dislodged from their enclaves due to the intense security offensive, further reports indicate that the bandits have resorted to using the telecommunication network of neighbouring Niger Republic to coordinate attacks in Nigeria<sup>21</sup>.

The reporting period recorded a cumulative fatality of 339 suspected armed bandits neutralised during military offensive operations in Zamfara, Kano, Kaduna and Niger States.<sup>22</sup> Additionally, 2000 armed bandits' informants and logistics suppliers were arrested in Zamfara State in the month.<sup>23</sup> **Armed banditry attacks** in the month also recorded the highest fatality of victims with 275 people reported dead in Niger, Kaduna, Zamfara, Sokoto, Kebbi and Katsina States across 49 incidents<sup>24</sup>.

Fatalities from **armed violence (including assassination, armed robbery, prison break, and other criminal attacks)** resulted in the death of 80 people across 58 incidents<sup>25</sup>, while attacks and counter attacks between farmers and herders led to 29 deaths in Plateau, Kaduna and Benue States.<sup>26</sup> Furthermore, mob attacks led to the death of 26 people in Katsina, Imo, Delta, Sokoto and Kano States and 12 fatalities from supremacy tussle between suspected cult gangs in Ogun, Lagos, Delta, Anambra and Benue States respectively States.<sup>27</sup>

The graph below shows the statistics of fatalities and injuries across various incidents under 'Organised Crime' in September 2021.

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.channelstv.com/2021/09/04/ncc-shuts-down-all-telecom-sites-in-zamfara/>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/484306-katsina-bans-mobile-network-in-13-lgas-official.html>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/nwest/485832-banditry-sokoto-shuts-down-telecommunications-networks-in-14-lgas.html>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/09/30/insecurity-kaduna-shuts-telecoms-services-in-parts-of-the-state/>

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.today.ng/news/nigeria/sokoto-assemblyman-bandits-nigerien-networks-coordinate-attacks-390496>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/10/01/military-225-terrorists-bandits-killed-in-north-east-north-west/>; [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>23</sup> <https://punchng.com/over-2000-bandits-informants-others-arrested-in-zamfara-commissioner/>

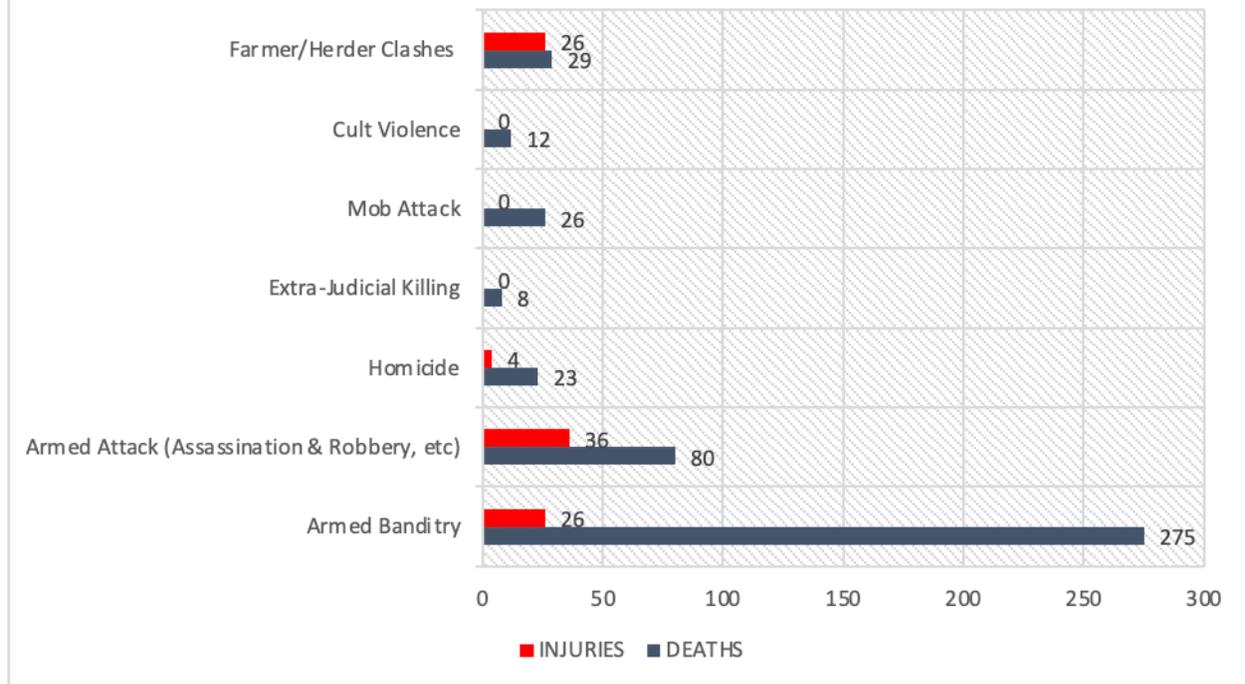
<sup>24</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

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<sup>27</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

### ORGANISED CRIME: STATISTICS OF FATALITIES AND INJURIES, SEPTEMBER 2021



Source: Graph generated from WANEP-NEWS<sup>28</sup>.

Violent communal conflicts continues to strain peaceful coexistence and social cohesion in communities. Moreover, the lack of justice following years of communal disputes/rivalry in some communities may likely accentuate reprisal attacks. The reporting month recorded 7 deaths in Delta, Ebonyi and Edo States with several people injured and properties destroyed. The fatalities were linked to the ban on Community Development Association (CDA) in Edo State (1 death); rampage by community youths in Delta and Ebonyi States (5 deaths); while controversies over community ownership in Delta State resulted in the death of one person<sup>29</sup>.

According to WANEP NEWS, fatalities arising from other violent clashes in Abuja-FCT, Niger, Lagos, Nasarawa and Imo States led to the death of 13 people. More so, confrontation between police operatives and commercial motorcyclists in Lagos State; and between police operatives and members of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN) in Abuja-FCT recorded the highest fatalities of 3 and 8 people (including a police operative) respectively<sup>30</sup>.

The WANEP NEWS also recorded several arrests and seizures of illicit drugs in Delta, Ebonyi, Edo, Kano, Kaduna, Rivers and the International Airports of Lagos and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT-Abuja)<sup>31</sup>. The Chairman of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Mohammed Buba Marwa, had indicated that 90 percent of all criminalities in Nigeria is linked

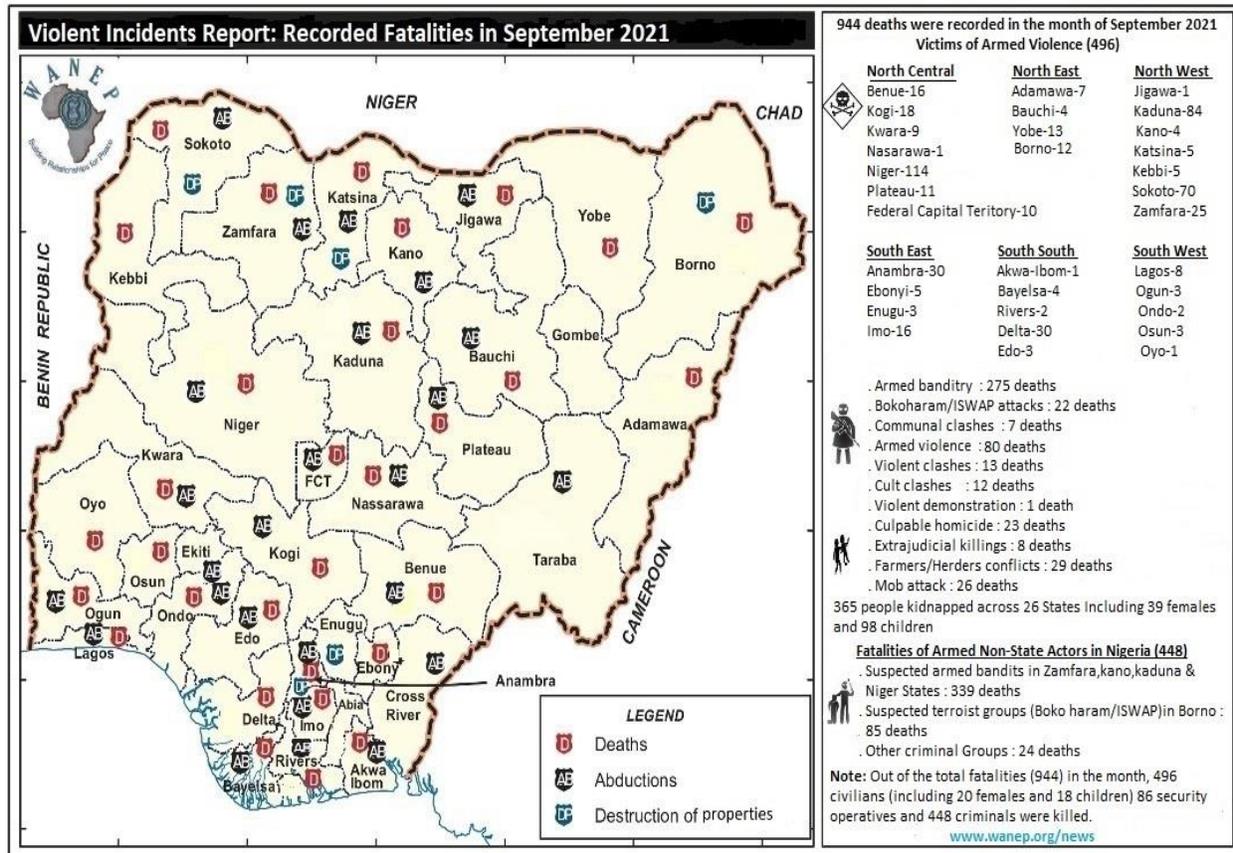
<sup>28</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

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<sup>31</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

to the use of illicit drugs<sup>32</sup>. According to the NDLEA, over 4,000 drug addicts were under rehabilitation in various facilities across the country<sup>33</sup>. To further stem the tide of drug abuse and trafficking, the agency (NDLEA) embarked on advocacy programmes across States with the Federal Ministry of Education working towards the inclusion of subjects on the dangers of drug abuse in the national school curriculum for school children<sup>34</sup>. Several other cases of arrest emanating from cyber-crime, drug trafficking, human trafficking, armed banditry, armed robbery, kidnapping, homicide, extra-judicial killing, amongst other crimes were recorded across States in the month.



Source: Graph generated from WANEP-NEWS<sup>35</sup>.

The WANEP-NEWS recorded 79 incidents of kidnapping across 26 States with 365 victims abducted as indicated on the graphical analysis below in the month<sup>36</sup>. Out of the 365 victims, 98 children and 39 females were abducted<sup>37</sup>.

<sup>32</sup> <https://www.thecable.ng/marwa-drug-abuse-to-blame-for-90-of-crime-in-nigeria>

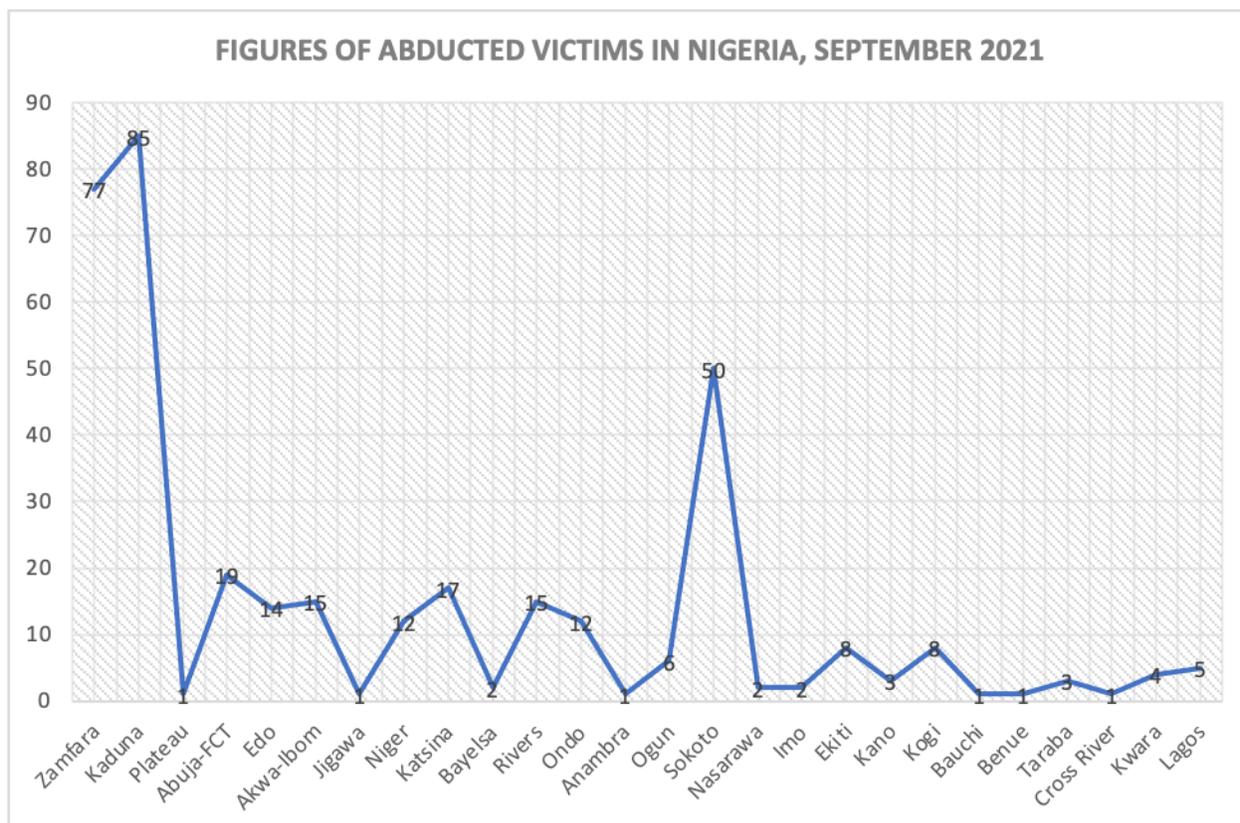
<sup>33</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/482945-1630-jailed-as-ndlea-seizes-n100-billion-worth-of-drugs-marwa.html>

<sup>34</sup> ibid

<sup>35</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>36</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

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Source: Graph generated from WANEP-NEWS<sup>38</sup>.

### 3. DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE:

The frequent threats by the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) in the South-East region to shut down economic and social activities if the Federal Government fails to produce the IPOB detained leader, Nnamdi Kanu, in court on October 21, 2021 to continue his trial has created tension.<sup>39</sup> The threat coincided with the continuous rampage of suspected IPOB members with several recorded cases of criminal attacks and assassination in Enugu and Anambra States. Also, in Imo State, IPOB members enforcing the sit-at-home order prevented students from writing the West African Examination Council (WAEC) English Language Examination<sup>40</sup>. The fear brewing amongst community residents have potential to affect voters turnout during the November 6, 2021 Governorship election in Anambra State considering that the IPOB had previously threatened that no election would hold in the entire South-East region (Imo, Anambra, Enugu, Ebonyi and Abia states) till it achieved its agitation for secession from the Nigerian state.

In the month, the WANEP NEWS recorded 34 incidents of public demonstrations and strike actions, out of which four (4) deteriorated into violence in Ogun, Plateau, Rivers and Lagos State with one death and 14 injuries recorded<sup>41</sup>. In Plateau State, 7 students of the Plateau

<sup>38</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>39</sup> <https://guardian.ng/news/ipob-threatens-one-month-lockdown-of-south-east/>

<sup>40</sup> <https://thenationonline.ng.net/sit-at-home-order-ipob-chases-students-out-of-waec-exams-hall/>

<sup>41</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

State Polytechnic sustained injuries while protesting against the suspension of their school examination<sup>42</sup>, while one person was reported dead during a protest by construction workers in Rivers State<sup>43</sup>. Also, protest by commercial motorcycle riders in Ogun State led to the injury of 2 people in the State.

Additionally, issues of non-payment of salaries and poor welfare led to strike actions by the Joint Health Sector Unions (JOHESU) and the Joint Union of Academic Staff of Plateau State Owned Tertiary Institutions<sup>44</sup>. The Kwara State Chapter of the Association of Masters Bakers and Caterers of Nigeria (AMBC) also issued a strike action due to the shortage of flour resulting from the high cost of production in the State<sup>45</sup>.

Other incidents of peaceful demonstration reported in the month include, protest over the deplorable conditions of the roads in Ogun<sup>46</sup>, Niger<sup>47</sup> and Edo States; non-payment of gratuities and pension in Rivers State<sup>48</sup> and protest against the Police pension scheme by retired police officers in Kaduna and Niger States. Also, members of the Action Alliance (AA) political party conducted a protest over the alleged disregard for court orders by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)<sup>49</sup>. Other demonstrations include; protest in Bauchi and Kano States due to insecurity and poor electricity supply<sup>50</sup>.

The spate of building collapse is another cause for concern. Several factors including the use of substandard materials, the deployment of unsafe techniques in housing construction and lack of professional supervision at various levels of the construction process have been attributed to building collapse in the country<sup>51</sup>. Incidents of building collapse were recorded in Taraba, Jigawa, Ondo, Rivers and Ogun States resulting in the death of 8 people and 10 others injured in the reporting month<sup>52</sup>.

In addition, road accidents resulted in the death of 70 people with over 59 injuries recorded across States in Kogi, Enugu, Osun, Rivers, Lagos, Anambra, Delta, Katsina, Jigawa, Kano, Ondo, Bauchi, Edo and Ogun States. The multiple risk factors have been attributed to overspeeding, fatigue and bad roads, amongst others<sup>53</sup>.

#### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY:**

The reporting month of September 2021 recorded a total of 251 deaths with 13,334 infected COVID-19 cases across the 36 States of Nigeria including the Abuja-FCT<sup>54</sup>. Also, over 129 people were reported dead with 5,317 infected cases of Cholera in the month<sup>55</sup>. The difficulties in accessing some communities due to security concerns and lack of potable drinking water further aggravates the spread of Cholera in mostly rural and urban slums.

<sup>42</sup> <https://dailytrust.com/polytechnic-students-protesting-exams-suspension-shot-in-ios>

<sup>43</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>44</sup> ibid

<sup>45</sup> <https://dailytrust.com/bread-scarcity-hits-kwara-as-bakers-down-tools>

<sup>46</sup> <https://punchng.com/protest-rocks-ota-over-bad-roads-residents-block-abeokuta-lagos-highway/>

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/09/25/tanker-drivers-protest-in-niger-state-takes-new-turn/>

<sup>48</sup> <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/09/08/pensioners-protest-non-payment-of-gratuities-in-rivers/>

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/09/09/aa-protests-at-inec-accuses-officials-of-disregard-to-court-orders/>

<sup>50</sup> <https://dailytrust.com/women-protest-blackout-in-kano>

<sup>51</sup> <https://nairametrics.com/2021/07/25/the-rising-spate-of-building-collapse-in-nigeria/>

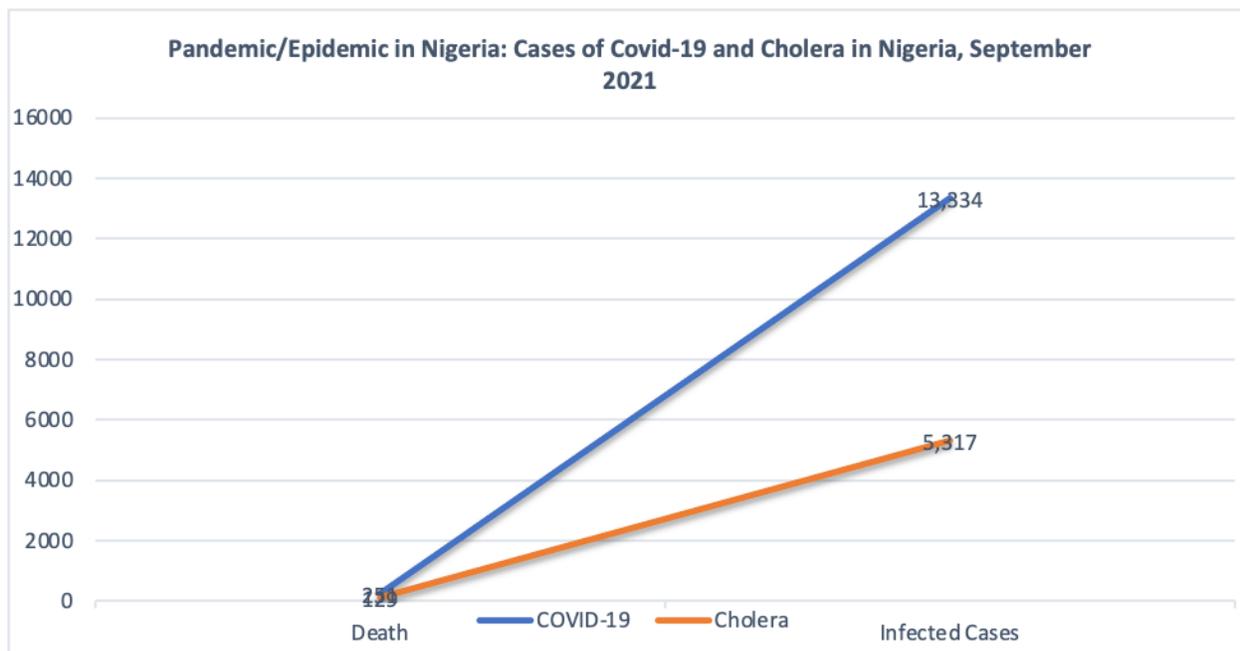
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<sup>53</sup> ibid

<sup>54</sup> <https://ncdc.gov.ng/>; <https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng/>

<sup>55</sup> ibid

The graph below highlights the figures of deaths and infected cases of COVID-19 and Cholera in September 2021.



Source: Graph generated from WANEP-NEWS<sup>56</sup>.

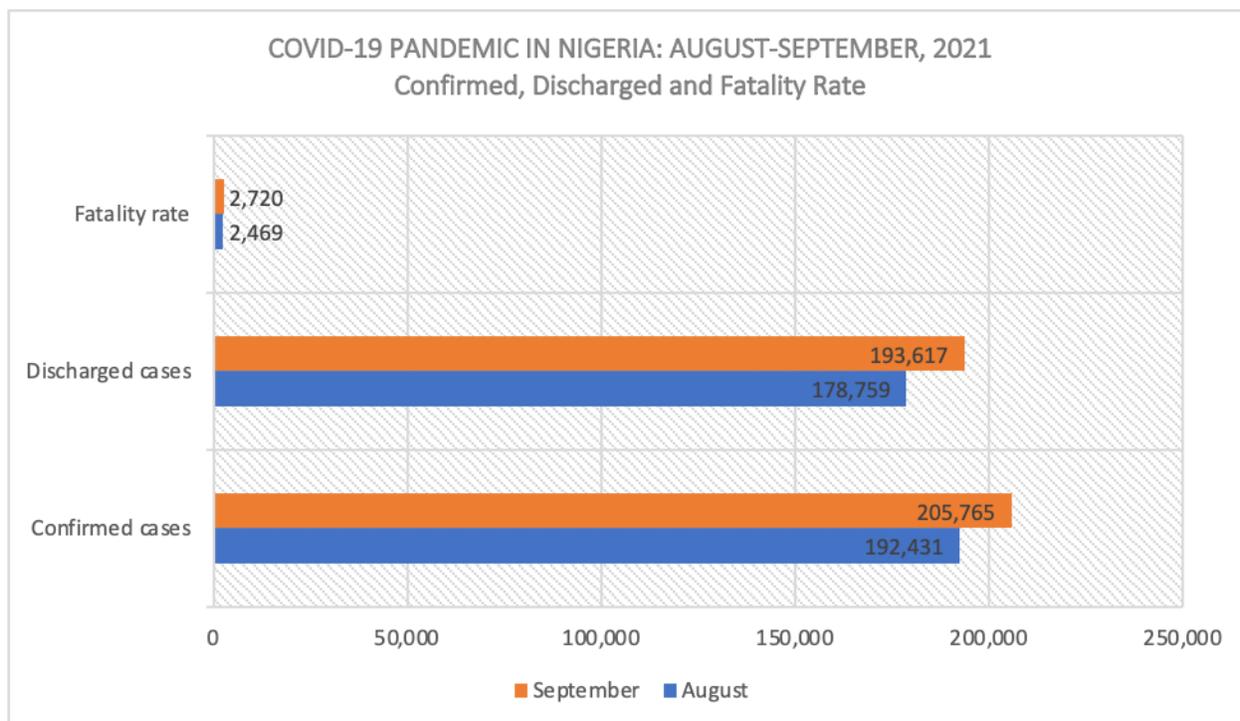
The Federal Government continues to review health protocols in the country as part of measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Also, the Federal Government has partnered with the private sector for the production of COVID-19 vaccine in Nigeria<sup>57</sup>. According to the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), 4,873,080 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 in Nigeria as of September 30 2021. Out of the 4,873,080 million vaccinated Nigerians, about 2,042,235 have been fully vaccinated with the two doses<sup>58</sup>. However, the figure is below the nation's target considering the over 200 million Nigeria population.

The graph below highlights the upward and downward trend of fatalities, confirmed and discharged COVID-19 cases in September 2021 compared to August 2021.

<sup>56</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>57</sup> <https://guardian.ng/news/covid-19-4-680000-nigerians-vaccinated-nphcda/>

<sup>58</sup> [nphcda.gov.ng](http://nphcda.gov.ng)



Source: Graph generated from WANEP-NEWS<sup>59</sup>.

Furthermore, the devastating impact of flood continues to ravage communities resulting in deaths, internal displacements and destruction of properties and livelihoods. As recorded in WANEP NEWS, 5 people were reported dead in Oyo and Abuja-FCT<sup>60</sup>, while Rivers, Lagos, Delta Edo, Oyo, Abuja-FCT, Ebonyi, Ogun, Nasarawa and Akwa Ibom States recorded incidents of property destruction and loss of livelihoods in the flood incident.

## 5. GENDER, PEACE AND SECURITY:

The reporting month recorded significant progress in the campaign towards the elimination of violence against persons and promotion of gender equality as Adamawa and Kebbi States signed into law the Violence Against Person Prohibition (VAPP) Bill<sup>61</sup>.

Notwithstanding the above, WANEP NEWS recorded several cases of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) especially rape against women and children in Niger, Ogun, Ondo, Nasarawa, Ekiti, Benue, Abia and Jigawa States. The victims were between the ages of 2-18 years<sup>62</sup>. Also, several cases of human trafficking were reported in Benue, Jigawa, Imo and Kano States respectively<sup>63</sup>.

<sup>59</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>60</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>61</sup> <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/10/kebbi-assembly-passes-violence-against-persons-prohibition-act/>

<sup>62</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>63</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

## **Implications for Peace and Security in Nigeria**

The Nigerian Government continue to scale up military operations in volatile locations to counter several security challenges in the country. However, the vast forest areas particularly in the North-East and North-West regions continue to serve as safe haven for criminal gangs to coordinate and launch attacks. Also, the proliferation of weapons in the country undermines preventive efforts and heightens criminality. According to the acting Director-General (DG) of the National Taskforce, Baba Mohammed, Nigeria remains the biggest recipient of illegal arms<sup>64</sup>. Earlier, a United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime survey indicated that illicit small and light weapons in Nigeria were 350 million of the 500 million in the West African sub-region<sup>65</sup>.

The protracted violence across States continue to disrupt the livelihoods and farming activities of communities with implication for food security. Majority of the displaced persons have become dependent on others for survival, engaging in menial activities and street begging. The poor condition of displaced persons further exposes women, children and youths to the risk of sexual exploitation and radicalization by criminal gangs. Reports from the Nigerian Army have revealed the recruitment of youths by the Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) in Nigeria.

Aside the humanitarian consequences emanating from armed violence, neighbouring countries of Chad, Niger Republic and Cameroun remains burdened with the influx of Nigerian refugees. Currently, 330,000 Nigerian refugees reside in the neighboring countries due to protracted insurgency and banditry in the North East and North West, communal crises and farmers/herders clashes in the Middle Belt and the Southern region<sup>66</sup>.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

In view of the human security threats and the analysis highlighted in the reviewing month, the following recommendations are proposed for response and mitigation by stakeholders.

- The Federal Government in partnership with ECOWAS, AU and the World Health Organisation (WHO), COVAX and other development partners should strengthen collaboration to increase access and supply of COVID-19 vaccines to the country. Out of the over 200 million Nigerian population, less than 5million have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- The Federal and State Governments in partnership with security agencies, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), traditional and faith-based organisations and women groups should create platforms for rebuilding public confidence and trust through consultations and inclusive participation of youths in peacebuilding and decision-making processes in the country.

<sup>64</sup> <https://dailypost.ng/2021/10/04/proliferation-of-arms-why-nigeria-must-domesticate-ecowas-treaties-urgently-natforce-dg/>

<sup>65</sup> <https://punchng.com/effective-control-of-illegal-weapons/>

<sup>66</sup> <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/09/insecurity-330000-nigerian-refugees-residing-in-neighbouring-countries-fg/>

- State Governments should review the ‘Safe Schools Declaration (SSD)’ policy and strengthen its implementation for the protection of schools and children in the country.

### CONCLUSION:

Despite interventions to mitigate the varied threats to security in communities and States, the recurring violence continues to undermine human security and social cohesion in the country. Thus, it is imperative for the country to continue to review and align its peace and security strategies with current dynamics and trends in existing and emerging threats to enhance resilience in communities. The partnership between the Federal Government and the private sector for the production of COVID-19 vaccine would enhance the nations’ mitigation strategies against communicable diseases.

### CENSUS OF INCIDENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2021

THEMATIC AREA	NO of Attacks.	VICTIMS	
		DEATHS	INJURIES
<b>VIOLENT EXTREMISM:</b> Boko Haram/ISWAP attacks  Counter-Terrorist Attacks	8	22 (including 10 people erroneously killed during airstrike operations by the Nigerian Military)  85 suspected Boko Haram/ISWAP members neutralised	20
<b>ORGANISED CRIME:</b> (Armed robbery, assassination/political violence, armed bandits, mob attack, arson and cult/gang clash)	150	393	62
Shoot-out between security operatives and criminal gangs in Imo, Delta, Ebonyi, Kogi, Cross River, Lagos and Abuja-FCT.  Counter-Offensive operations in suspected armed bandits enclaves/shoot-outs in Zamfara, Kano, Niger and Kaduna States	20	24  339 suspected armed bandits neutralised	4
Abduction (evident across 26 States)	79	-	-
Cybercrime/Fraud	10	-	-
Extra-Judicial Killing/Stray Bullet by military and police operatives in Kaduna, Kano, Ebonyi, Plateau, Lagos, Edo, Bayelsa and Delta States.	8	8	
Physical/Armed Assault	12	-	12
Farmer-Herder Conflict/Militia Herders Attack	10	29	26

<b>Violent clash</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clash between political party supporters during APC Congress in Niger State</li> <li>Police operatives and Commercial Motorcycle Riders in Lagos State</li> <li>Police operatives and members of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN) in Abuja-FCT</li> <li>Officials of the Nasarawa Youth Empowerment Scheme and community youths during the sanitation exercise in Nasarawa State</li> <li>Officials of Owerri Capital Development Authority and National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) in Imo State</li> </ul>	5	13	13
Drug Trafficking	17	-	-
Homicide	17	23	4
Suicide	3	3	-
<b>DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE:</b>			
Demonstration ( <b>peaceful</b> )	27	-	-
Demonstration ( <b>violent</b> )	4	1	14
Intimidation and Threats	6	-	-
Industrial Strike Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial Banks in Niger State</li> <li>Joint Union of Academic Staff of Plateau State Owned Tertiary Institutions in Plateau State</li> <li>Association of Masters Bakers and Caterers of Nigeria (AMBC)</li> </ul>	3	-	-
Arrest/Detention	150	-	-
Road/Boat Accidents	29	71	59
Building Collapse in Taraba, Jigawa, Ondo, Rivers and Ogun States	5	8	10
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY:</b>			
Communal conflict (Delta, Ebonyi and Edo States)	4	7	3
Drowning in Kano and Rivers States	5	5	-
<b>Pandemic/Epidemics:</b>			<b>Confirmed/Suspected cases</b>
a. Coronavirus (COVID-19)	1	251	COVID: 13,334
b. Cholera	1	129	Cholera: 5,317
Mining Pit Collapse	1	3	1
Fire Outbreak (including Tanker explosion)	7	11	-
Flood	15	5	-
Kerosene Explosion/Electrocution	3	2	1

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<b>GENDER, PEACE AND SECURITY:</b>			
Sexual Assault/Rape	16	-	31
Human Trafficking	7	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>18,911</b>

