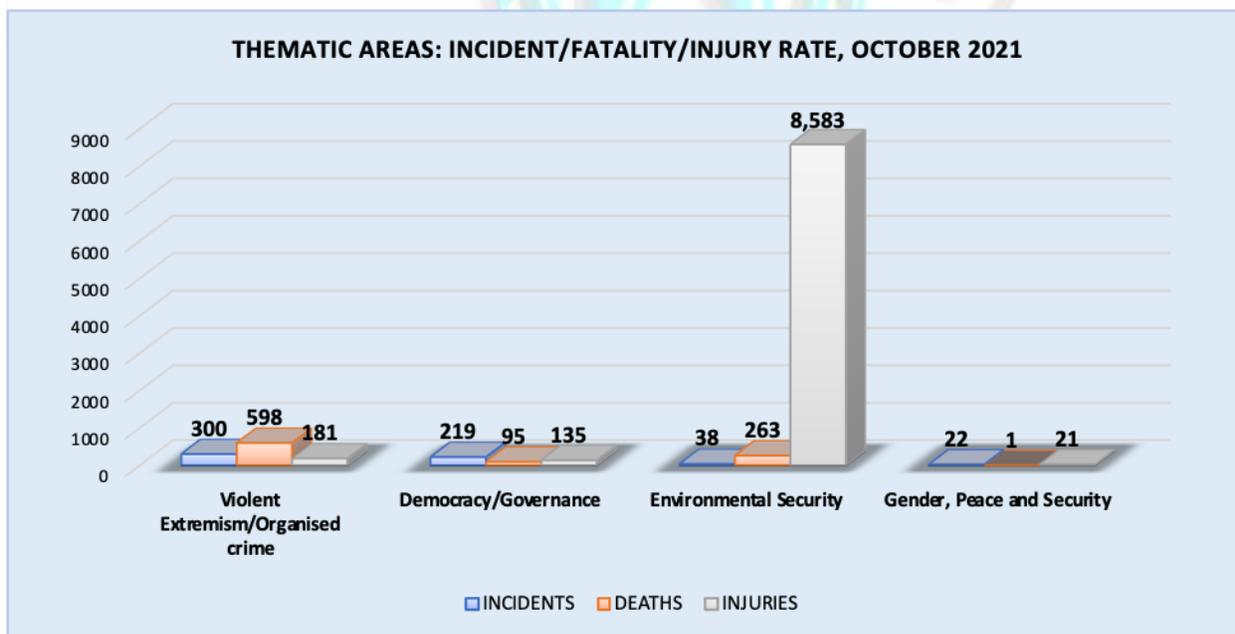




**I. INTRODUCTION**

As of October 2021, 579 incidents were recorded in the *Monthly Conflict Census* from the WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS)<sup>1</sup>. The incidents (579) recorded in the month represent a decrease of 44 incidents compared to the 623 incidents recorded in the NEWS in September 2021<sup>2</sup>. The heightened security presence in volatile communities and the sustained government and humanitarian agencies’ interventions across the thematic areas are partly attributable to the decline in the incidents recorded in the reporting month. A cumulative fatality of 957 and 8,920 injuries/infected cases emanating from criminal attacks, road accidents and incidents of environmental security including epidemics and COVID-19 were recorded in October 2021<sup>3</sup>. Out of the total fatalities recorded in the month, COVID-19 resulted in the death of 176 people with 6,196 infected cases, while Cholera resulted in the death of 27 people with 2,352 suspected cases<sup>4</sup>.

As shown in the thematic graph below, Violent Extremism and Organised Crime recorded a total fatality of 598 people, accounting for the highest fatality of the total number of fatalities (957) recorded in the reporting period, while Environmental Security theme recorded 263 deaths<sup>5</sup>. Also, Democracy and Governance theme recorded 95 deaths and Gender, Peace and Security thematic area recorded one fatality in the reporting period<sup>6</sup>.( *see annex for the monthly census*).



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

<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/)

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

## 2. ORGANISED CRIME AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Terrorist attacks remain prevalent in the remote communities of the North-East region as Boko Haram and the Islamic State West African Province (ISWAP) groups continue to carry out isolated attacks. The reporting month recorded incidents of shoot-outs, arson, cattle rustling and raids in Damboa, Kaga, Ngala, Kala-Balge and Chibok LGAs of Borno State and Gujba LGA of Yobe State. In Borno State, a total number of 8 fatalities (including 7 security operatives and a child), 8 injuries were recorded with 76 farmers abducted<sup>8</sup>. Although there was no recorded fatality In Yobe State, there were series of attacks on communities and military base with arms and ammunition carted away by the insurgents in the State<sup>9</sup>.

Given that farming is the mainstay of the local economies, the disruption in farming activities by terrorist attacks have possible repercussions on agricultural production and food security in the affected areas. The ISWAP group has continued to exploit farming communities especially in Damboa LGA of Borno State, subjecting farmers to payment of taxes (Zakat)<sup>10</sup> to access their farms<sup>11</sup>.

The counter-offensive operation of the Nigerian Military continues to make progress towards restoring peace and security in the region. In the reporting month, several terrorists were neutralised and arrested with hideouts destroyed during air interdiction missions. Additionally, 622 bags of fertiliser used for the production of Improvised Explosive Device (IEDs) and several weapons were recovered in the reporting period<sup>12</sup>. According to the Nigerian Military, over 17,000 repentant Boko Haram/ISWAP members and their families have surrendered and currently in government's custody as of October 31, 2021<sup>13</sup>.

The prevailing level of insecurity in the country especially in the northern Nigeria has instilled fear and raised concerns about public safety. The reporting period recorded incidents of **Organised Crimes** including drug/human trafficking, armed banditry, arms trafficking, kidnapping and cyber crime. Others incidents of armed violence recorded in the month include; militia herders attack/farmer-herder violence, homicide and robbery, amongst others. A total of 590 fatalities (including 37 security operatives, 16 children and 15 females) were recorded in the month<sup>14</sup>. Out of the total fatalities (590), **shoot-outs between security operatives and criminal gangs** resulted in the death of 163 people including suspected armed bandits, kidnappers, armed robbers and members of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB)<sup>15</sup>.

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<sup>8</sup> Source: WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/491307-just-in-boko-haram-attacks-yobe-community-passengers-stranded.html>

<sup>10</sup> Zakat is an Islamic finance term referring to the obligation that an individual has to donate a certain proportion of wealth each year to charitable causes. Zakat is a mandatory process for Muslims and is regarded as a form of worship.

<sup>11</sup> <https://dailytrust.com/sources-iswap-currently-collecting-taxes-in-borno>

<sup>12</sup> Source: WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>13</sup> <https://humanglemedia.com/theatre-commander-seeks-nedc-support-in-managing-17000-repentant-boko-haram/>

<sup>14</sup> Source: WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

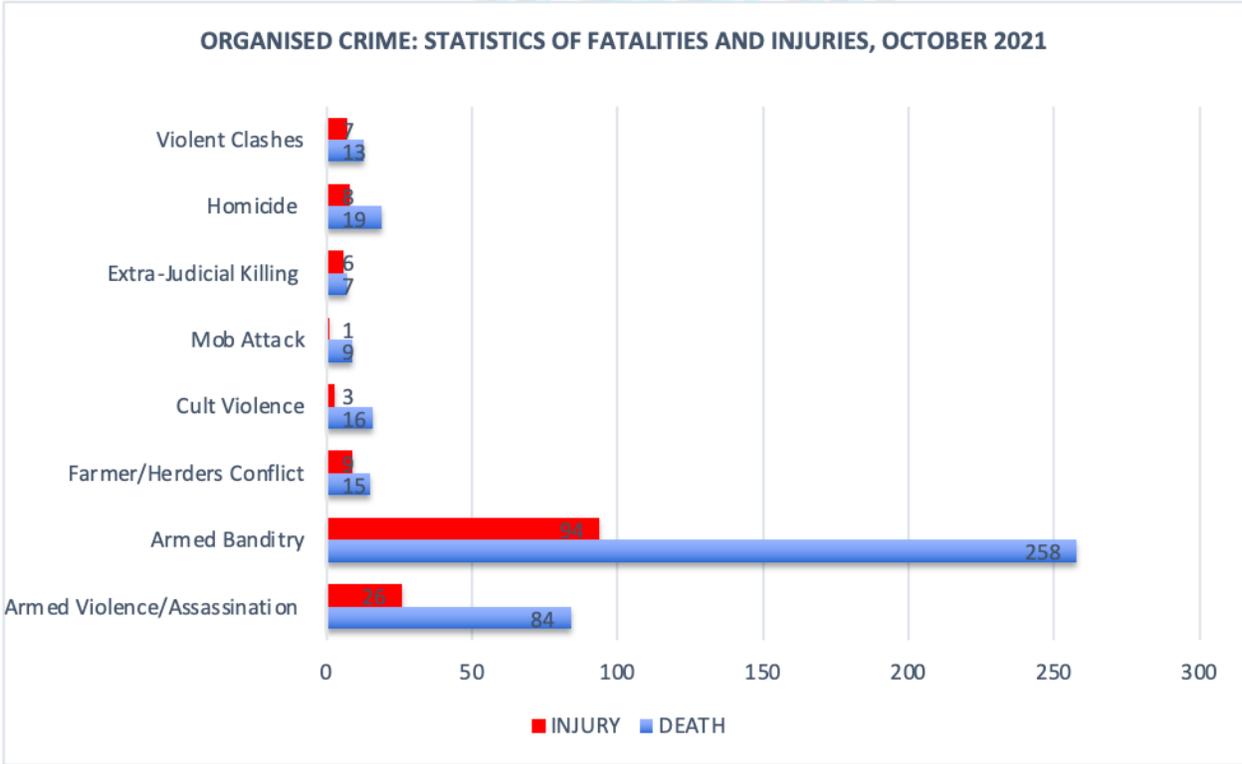
<sup>15</sup> Ibid.

Amid the shutdown of telecommunication networks in some Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Zamfara, Katsina, Sokoto and Kaduna States to mitigate armed banditry, the threat persists unabated. In their reporting period, the Zamfara State House of Assembly suspended 2 lawmakers over allegations of collaborating with bandits in the State<sup>16</sup>. A total number of 258 deaths and 94 injuries were attributed to armed banditry in Niger, Kaduna, Zamfara, Katsina and Sokoto States, thus accounting for the highest fatality in the reporting period.

Fatalities from **armed violence (including assassination, armed robbery, prison break, and other criminal attacks)** resulted in the death of 84 people and 26 injuries, while attacks by militia herders/farmer-herder violence in Plateau, Kaduna, Kwara and Enugu States led to the death of 15 people. Also, communities in Cross River and Jigawa States reported cases of farmland encroachment during cattle grazing activities by herders in the States<sup>17</sup>.

The month also recorded incidents of extra-judicial killing and indiscriminate shooting by security operatives in Imo, Akwa-Ibom, Ebonyi and Delta States resulting in 7 fatalities with 6 others injured in Katsina, Ogun, Adamawa and Benue States. Also, incidents of homicide, cult violence and mob-attacks resulted in the death of 19, 16 and 9 people respectively.

The graph below shows the statistics of fatalities and injuries across various incidents under **‘Organised Crime’** in October 2021.



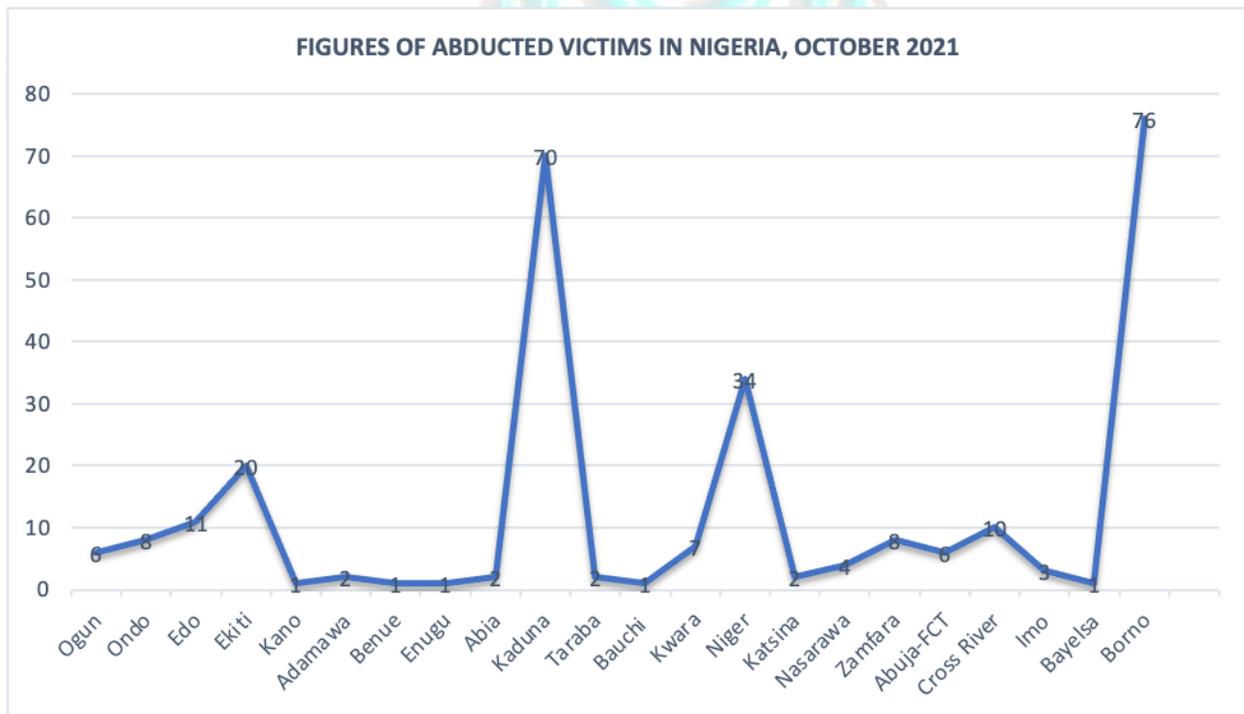
Source: Graph generated from WANEP-NEWS<sup>18</sup>.

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/10/13/zamfara-assembly-suspends-two-lawmakers-over-alleged-ties-with-bandits/>  
<sup>17</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)  
<sup>18</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

Violent clashes over land and boundary disputes continue to heighten communal tension with reported deaths and destruction of properties and livelihoods. Apart from the loss of lives and livelihoods, recurring communal disputes could also impact the local conflict dynamics by encouraging the creation of communal militias and the proliferation of weapons which may likely compound the underlying drivers of communal conflict<sup>19</sup>. The reports of missing Benue indigenes in Ebonyi State aggravated communal tension, while boundary disputes between Ganjuwa LGA of Bauchi and Dukku LGA of Gombe States resulted in the death of several people with properties destroyed.<sup>20</sup> Also, communal clash in Ado LGA of Benue State led to the death of one person in the State<sup>21</sup>.

Several other incidents of violent clashes in Imo State between military operatives and community youths/suspected smugglers in Oguta and Ohaji Egbema LGAs resulted in 8 fatalities (including 5 military operatives)<sup>22</sup>. According to WANEP NEWS, violent confrontations in Osun, Oyo and Ogun States led to 5 deaths and 7 injuries in Osun and Ogun States respectively<sup>23</sup>.

The WANEP-NEWS further recorded 47 incidents of kidnapping across 23 States with 278 victims abducted as indicated on the graphical analysis below in the month<sup>24</sup>. Out of the 278 victims, 16 children and 14 females were abducted<sup>25</sup>.



Source: Graph generated from WANEP-NEWS<sup>26</sup>.

<sup>19</sup> <https://pindfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Niger-Delta-Weekly-Update-October-18-24-2020.pdf>

<sup>20</sup> <https://dailypost.ng/2021/10/20/many-killed-houses-farms-destroyed-as-bauchi-gombe-communities-clash/>

<sup>21</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>22</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>23</sup> Ibid.

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

<sup>25</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

Several other cases of arrest emanating from public demonstration, armed robbery, kidnapping, homicide, sexual and gender based violence (SGBV), human and drug trafficking, armed banditry, terrorism, extra-judicial killing, fraud, cyber-crime, arms trafficking, amongst other crimes were recorded in the reporting month.

### **3. DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE:**

The neighbourhood effect of illegal gold mining in Zamfara State despite the State Government's ban in 2019 resulted in the movement of artisanal miners into Niger State. The influx of illegal miners into communities in Shiroro LGA of Niger State has continued to raise apprehension considering the rising banditry activities in the LGA. Also, reports of the presence of Boko Haram and other terrorist groups in over 500 communities of Shiroro LGA further worsens the already deteriorating security situation ravaged by armed banditry in the State<sup>27</sup>.

Moreover, the WANEP NEWS recorded 41 incidents of public demonstrations and strike actions, out of which one (1) deteriorated into violence in Abuja-FCT following the use of teargas canisters to disperse protesters during the commemoration of the country's Independence anniversary. However, no casualty was recorded in Abuja-FCT.

Also, demonstrations to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the #EndSARS protests across States in Nigeria, to demand for justice for victims of police brutality as well as the alleged deaths at the Lekki Toll Gate in Lagos State were reported in the month. Other peaceful demonstrations include, protest over the recurrent attacks and abduction by suspected sea pirates in Akwa Ibom<sup>28</sup> and Zamfara States; poor electricity supply in Lugbe axis of Abuja-FCT; non-payment of salaries and pension in Enugu, Cross River<sup>29</sup>, Osun<sup>30</sup>, Benue and Edo States; deplorable condition of roads in Ogun and Edo States; and the demand for compensation over acquisition of farms in Ekiti State, amongst others.

Additionally, strike actions by members of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC) in Cross River State over the the implementation of promotions for State and Local Government workers as well as full implementation of minimum wage to civil servants, amongst other demands were reported in the month<sup>31</sup>. Grievances over unpaid 11-months' salary arrears by the management of Rufus Giwa Polytechnic in Ondo State also resulted in an indefinite strike<sup>32</sup>. Recurrent labour strikes and demonstrations continue to disturb social services that sustain population's lives in the affected areas.

Road accidents resulted in the death of 84 people with over 120 injuries recorded across Ebonyi, Rivers, Abuja-FCT, Gombe, Lagos, Kano, Oyo, Ondo, Bauchi, Osun, Kwara, Ogun, Adamawa, Kogi, Akwa-Ibom and Anambra States in WANEP NEWS<sup>33</sup>. Disregard for road traffic signs by road users, overloading and overspeeding, amongst other causes have been attributed to road accidents in the States.

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<sup>26</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>27</sup> <https://punchng.com/boko-haram-rules-500-communities-in-niger-says-shiroro-lga-chairman/>

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/10/05/fishermen-protest-attacks-abduction-by-sea-pirates-in-akwa-ibom/>

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/10/protest-rocks-calabar-as-street-sweepers-demand-6-months-unpaid-salaries/>

<sup>30</sup> <https://dailytrust.com/osun-pensioners-protest-over-pension-arrears>

<sup>31</sup> <https://guardian.ng/news/labour-begins-indefinite-strike-paralyses-government-activities-in-cross-river/>

<sup>32</sup> <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/10/15/ondo-poly-workers-begin-indefinite-strike/>

<sup>33</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

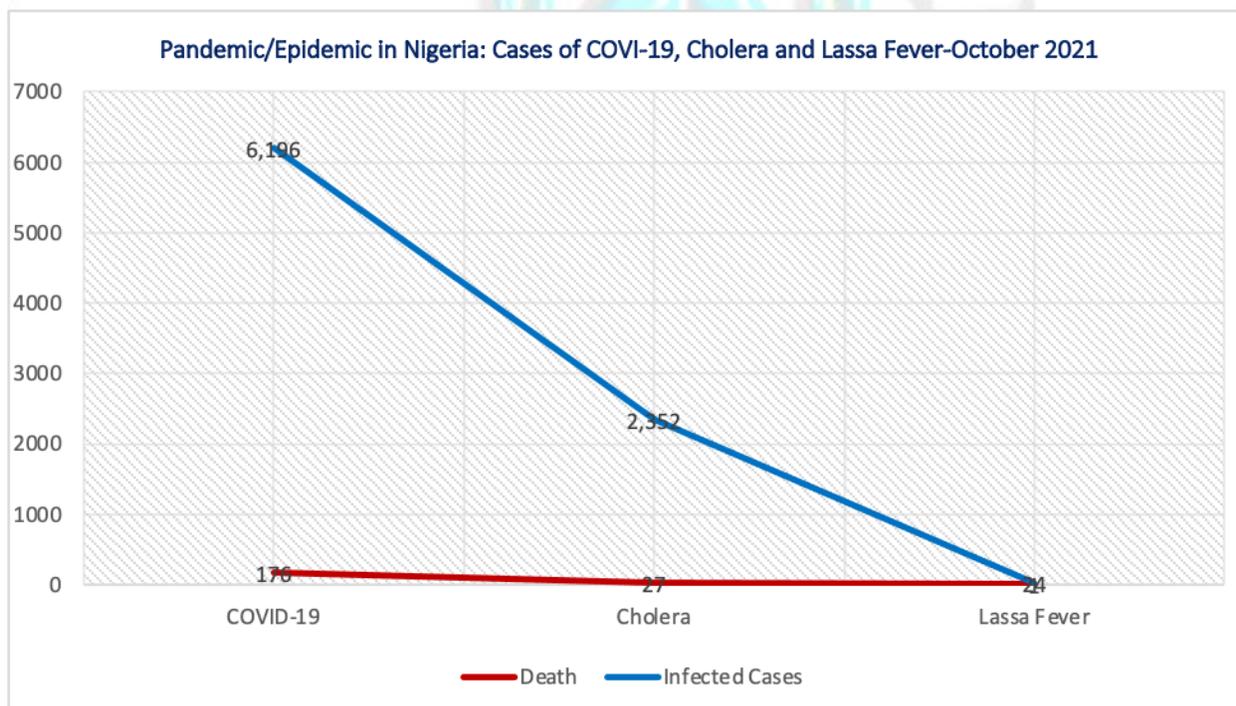
#### 4. ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY:

The reporting month recorded suspected cases of COVID-19, Lassa Fever and Cholera across States. For COVID-19, a total of 176 deaths with 6,196 infected cases were reported across the 36 States of Nigeria including the Abuja-FCT, a major decline from the 251 deaths and 13,334 infected cases in September 2021<sup>34</sup>.

According to the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), 5,693,300 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 in Nigeria as of October 31, 2021. Out of the 5,693,300 million vaccinated Nigerians, about 3,079,239 have been fully vaccinated with the two doses<sup>35</sup>.

In addition to the recorded COVID-19 cases, the country continues to witness a recurring outbreak of epidemics (Lassa Fever and Cholera). A total number of 27 deaths and 2,352 infected cases of Cholera were recorded in the month, while Lassa Fever reported a single death and 24 confirmed cases<sup>36</sup>. To mitigate the number of fatalities and infected cases, the Federal and State Governments in collaboration with health agencies have sustained public health risk campaigns including jingles, community social mobilisation and press briefings, amongst other public health interventions.

The graph below highlights the figures of deaths and infected cases of COVID-19, Cholera and Lassa Fever in October 2021.



Source: Graph generated from WANEP-NEWS<sup>37</sup>.

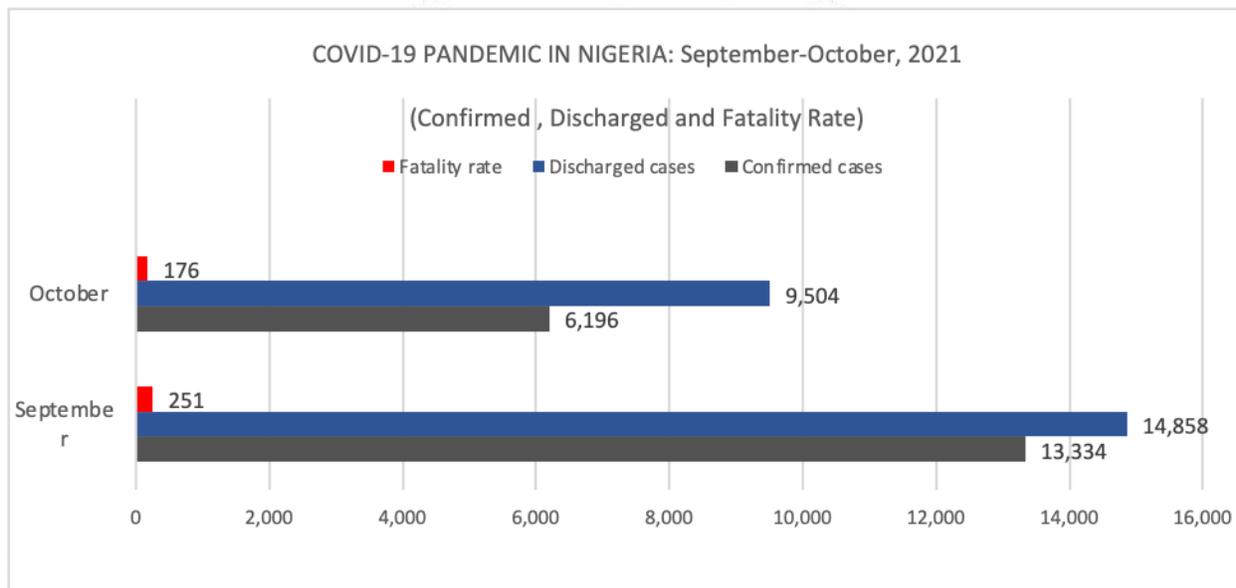
<sup>34</sup> <https://ncdc.gov.ng/>; <https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng/>

<sup>35</sup> [nphcda.gov.ng](https://nphcda.gov.ng)

<sup>36</sup> ibid

<sup>37</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

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



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

The month of October also recorded flood and rainstorm incidents in Oyo, Ogun and Osun States. A total of 5 people were reported dead in Oyo State with several properties destroyed in Ogun and Osun States as recorded in WANEP NEWS<sup>39</sup>.

##### 5. GENDER, PEACE AND SECURITY:

The WANEP NEWS recorded several incidents of Sexual and Gender-Based (SGBV) especially rape against women and children in Lagos, Ekiti, Plateau, Ondo, Benue, Oyo, Bauchi and Rivers State. One of the victims of sexual violence was murdered in Benue State. The victims were between the ages of 7-45 years<sup>40</sup>. Also, three cases of human trafficking were reported in Imo, Abia and Akwa-Ibom States in the month.

In furtherance of the domestication of the Child Rights Act (CRA), the Kebbi State House of Assembly has passed a bill to domesticate the CRA in the reporting month.<sup>41</sup> Nigeria adopted the CRA in 2003 to domesticate the international convention on the rights of a child in the country as well as prioritise the rights and wellbeing of the child. Considering the several child

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

<sup>39</sup> ibid

<sup>40</sup> Source : WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS) : [www.wanep.org/news/](http://www.wanep.org/news/)

<sup>41</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/488651-kebbi-lawmakers-pass-law-on-child-rights.html>

rights abuses in the country including child-marriage, street-hawking, child-begging, child trafficking and sexual violence, amongst others, the domestication and effective implementation of the CRA across States will ensure children have a right to a better life, an opportunity to survive, develop and reach their full potentials<sup>42</sup>.

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

The recurrent trend of criminality across the country especially in the northern region continues to undermine the already fragile security situation. Despite the significant progress made by the Nigerian Government in countering criminality, the need to minimize the intensity and impact of armed violence becomes imperative, as affected communities are still counting their losses. The underlying drivers of conflict including unemployment, poverty and lack of justice has further increased vulnerability of youth to radicalization, terrorism and violent extremism, armed banditry, drug trafficking and other criminal activities in the country.

Also, ethno-religious tension and violence continue to strain social cohesion in communities. As such, the violence results in internal displacement of populations especially women and children. This exposes the risk of sexual and gender-based violence against such vulnerable population in the affected communities. Also, the displacement of communities from their means of livelihood further threatens the economic welfare of the urban dwellers that rely on rural farming communities for food supply. This has potential effect on the agricultural value chain in communities.

Furthermore, the increased kidnapping and criminality in schools had exacerbated factors responsible for the growing number of out-of-school children. In a recent report issued by President Muhammadu Buhari in October 2021, over 12 million Nigerian children, mostly girls, are traumatized and fearful of resuming school as a result of the incessant attacks on the educational institutions<sup>43</sup>. The attacks have also raised concerns about the capacity of State to protect students from violent attacks in criminal networks.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

- The Federal and State Governments in collaboration with security agencies should continue to strengthen regular assessment of the effectiveness of the strategies used in tackling criminality and armed violence across States in a bid to enhance peace and security;

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<sup>42</sup> <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/health/health-features/336790-why-every-nigerian-state-must-domesticate-implement-child-rights-act.html>

<sup>43</sup> <https://dailytrust.com/abductions-over-12m-children-traumatized-afraid-of-going-to-school-buhari>

- The Nigerian Army, Police and other security agencies should enhance collaborations to strengthen community policing to support the mainstream security agencies in the provision of security in vulnerable communities across the country;
- The Federal Government in partnership with ECOWAS, AU and the World Health Organisation (WHO), COVAX and other development partners should continue to strengthen collaboration and evaluate identified gaps to increase access and supply of COVID-19 vaccines to the country;
- The State and Local Governments should intensify collaboration with Traditional and Religious leaders, women and youth groups and other relevant agents to strengthen dialogue and mediation platforms to address ethnic and religious conflicts to douse tensions, violence and promote social cohesion in communities;
- 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:

As the nation continues to grapple with varied security challenges, the need for critical stakeholders in peace and security to review and strengthen security to mitigate the impact on human security in the country is imperative. Also, the partnership between the Federal State Governments, development partners needs to be strengthened to ensure adequate supply of vaccines, increase public education and participation in the vaccination campaign, and mitigate outbreak of other existing epidemics in the country.

### CENSUS OF INCIDENTS FOR OCTOBER, 2021

| THEMATIC AREA   | NO of Attacks. | VICTIMS   |          |
|---|----------------|---|----------|
|   |                | DEATHS  | INJURIES |
| <b>VIOLENT EXTREMISM:</b> Boko Haram/ISWAP attacks<br>Counter-Terrorist Attacks   | 13             | 8   | 8        |
| <b>ORGANISED CRIME:</b> (Armed robbery, assassination/political violence, armed violence, armed bandits, mob attack, arson and cult/gang clash)   | 141            | 367   | 124      |
| Shoot-out between security operatives and criminal gangs in Delta, Ondo, Imo, Anambra, Abia, Ebonyi and Taraba States<br><br>Counter-Offensive operations in suspected armed bandits enclaves/clash between armed bandits' group in Zamfara, Sokoto, Kaduna States. | 17             | 27<br><br>136 suspected armed bandits neutralised | -        |
| Abduction (evident across 23 States)  | 47             | -   | -        |
| Cybercrime/Fraud  | 3              | -   | -        |

|  |     |    |     |
|--|-----|----|-----|
| Extra-Judicial Killing/Shooting/Stray Bullet by police, Nigerian Customs Service and South-Eastern Security Outfit 'Ebubeagu' officers in Imo, Katsina, Akwa Ibom, Ebonyi, Ogun, Adamawa, Benue and Delta States.  | 8   | 7  | 6   |
| Physical/Armed Assault   | 12  | -  | 19  |
| Farmer-Herder Conflict/Militia Herders Attack  | 9   | 15 | 9   |
| <b>Violent clash</b>   |     |    |     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clash between South-West Security Outfit 'Amotekun' and Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC) in Osun State.</li> <li>• Military operatives and suspected crude oil smugglers in Imo State.</li> <li>• Clash between community youths in Oyo State.</li> <li>• Nigerian Customs Service officers and suspected smugglers in Ogun State.</li> <li>• Contestation over the position of the Chief Muslim cleric in Osun State.</li> <li>• Military operatives and officers of the Rivers State TaskForce Against Illegal Motor Parks and Street Trading in Rivers State.</li> <li>• Clash between suspected militants and ex-militants in Delta State.</li> <li>• Clash between military operatives and community youths in Imo State.</li> </ul> | 8   | 13 | 7   |
| Drug Trafficking: Lagos, Benue, Edo, Ondo, Kano, Kaduna, Plateau, Ogun, Osun   | 21  | -  | -   |
| Homicide   | 15  | 19 | 8   |
| Suicide  | 6   | 6  | -   |
| <b>DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE:</b>  |     |    |     |
| Demonstration ( <b>peaceful</b> )  | 32  | -  | -   |
| Demonstration ( <b>violent</b> )   | 1   | -  | -   |
| Intimidation and Threats   | 8   | -  | -   |
| Industrial Strike Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nigeria Labour Congress and the Trade Union Congress in Cross River State.</li> <li>- Association of Masters Bakers and Caterers of Nigeria (AMBC) in Taraba State.</li> <li>- Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Polytechnics (SSANIP) and the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU) in Ondo State.</li> </ul>   | 3   | -  | -   |
| Arrest/Detention   | 140 | -  | -   |
| Road/Boat Accidents  | 33  | 94 | 120 |

|   |    |     |                                  |
|---|----|-----|----------------------------------|
| Building/Bridge Collapse  | 2  | 1   | 15                               |
| <b>ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY:</b><br>Communal conflict (Benue/Ebonyi; Bauchi/Gombe<br>Ebonyi and Edo States) | 3  | 1   | -                                |
| Drowning in Lagos   | 1  | 1   | -                                |
| <b>Pandemic/Epidemics:</b>  |    |     | <b>Confirmed/Suspected cases</b> |
| a. Coronavirus (COVID-19)   | 1  | 176 | COVID: 6,196                     |
| b. Cholera  | 1  | 27  | Cholera: 2,352                   |
| c. Lassa Fever  | 1  | 1   | Lassa Fever: 24                  |
| Electrocution   | 3  | 6   | 2                                |
| Fire Outbreak (including Tanker explosion)  | 19 | 40  | 8                                |
| Flood/Rainstorm   | 5  | 5   | 1                                |
| Gas Explosion/Generator Fume  | 4  | 6   | -                                |

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| <b>GENDER, PEACE AND SECURITY:</b> |            |            |              |
| Sexual Assault/Rape                | 19         | 1          | 21           |
| Human Trafficking                  | 3          | -          | -            |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>579</b> | <b>957</b> | <b>8,920</b> |