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## NIGERIA

### WEEK OF 17-23 SEPTEMBER, 2023

### **Organised Crime and Violent Extremism**

*(key concept clarification; causes; indicators and signs that push to radicalization; profiling and assessment or perpetrators of violent extremism; current violent extremism events; impact of violent extremism on population; the cross-cutting and patterns of violent extremism; actions and policies to counter violent extremism. Also crimes related to syndicates and criminal groups that lead to insecurity and instability )*

#### **Incident N\*01:**

**Title of Incident:** ARMED ATTACK/ARSON

**Scale of incident:** Low

**Date of Occurrence:** 17/9/2023

**Description of Incident:** One (1) person was allegedly killed and the Palace of Olokanla at Okanla Community in Kwara State set ablaze in an attack carried out by suspected armed gang in Irepodun LGA of Kwara State.

The motive behind the attack is unknown.

**Location:** Okanla Community in Irepodun LGA of Kwara State

**Casualty [Male & female]:** One male killed.

**Property damaged/Affected population:** Palace set ablaze/community residents.

**Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to the affected area to forestall further attacks and apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### **Incident N\*02:**

**Title of Incident:** ARERST

**Scale of incident:** Low

**Date of Occurrence:** 17/9/2023

**Description of Incident:** The operatives of the State Police Command reportedly arrested a suspected cult member in connection with recent cult killings in Sagamu LGA of Ogun State.

**Location:** Sagamu LGA of Ogun State.

**Casualty [Male & female]:** Seven people abducted.

**Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/community residents.

**Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to rescue the abducted victims and apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### **Incident N\*03:**

**Title of Incident:** ABDUCTION

**Scale of incident:** Low

**Date of Occurrence:** 17/9/2023

**Description of Incident:** Seven (7) people including a Catholic Priest were reportedly abducted in an attack carried out by suspected armed gang along Eke-Affa-Egede Road in Udi LGA of Enugu State. Kidnapping for ransom has been attributed as the motive behind the crime.

**Location:** Eke-Affa-Egede Road in Udi LGA of Enugu State.

**Casualty [Male & female]:** Seven people abducted.

**Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/community residents.

**Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to rescue the abducted victims and apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### **Incident N\*04:**

**Title of Incident:** ARMED ATTACK BY SUSPECTED ARMED ROBBERS

**Scale of incident:** Low

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**Description of Incident:** A 49-year old male resident was reportedly attacked and macheted by suspected armed



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robbers during a robbery incident at Adisa Bridge Ibadan/Oyo New Expressway, Akinyele LGA of Oyo State.

🚓 **Location:** Adisa Bridge Ibadan/Oyo New Expressway, Akinyele LGA of Oyo State.

🚓 **Casualty [Male & female]:** One male injured.

🚓 **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/community resident.

🚓 **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to apprehend the perpetrators of the crime. The injured victim has been taken to the hospital for medical treatment.

#### 🚓 **Incident N\*05:**

🚓 **Title of Incident:** ARMED ACTION

🚓 **Scale of incident:** Low

🚓 **Date of Occurrence:** 18/9/2023

🚓 **Description of Incident:** The operatives of the State Police Command reportedly killed three (3) suspected members of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) while several others escaped with bullet injuries during a security raid at their hideouts in Ezioha Mgbowo Area, Awgu LGA of Enugu State.

🚓 **Location:** Ezioha Mgbowo Area in Awgu LGA of Enugu State.

🚓 **Casualty [Male & female]:** Three suspected IPOB members killed, several others injured.

🚓 **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/suspected IPOB members.

🚓 **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** There is an ongoing security clearance operation to strengthen peace and security in the affected area.

#### 🚓 **Incident N\*06:**

🚓 **Title of Incident:** ARMED ATTACK BY SUSPECTED ARMED ROBBERS

🚓 **Scale of incident:** Low

🚓 **Date of Occurrence:** 18/9/2023

🚓 **Description of Incident:** A staff member of the PUNCH Newspaper was reportedly dispossessed of his valuables in a robbery incident by suspected armed robbers at the pedestrian bridge in Mile 12 Area, Kosofe LGA of Lagos State.

🚓 **Location:** Mile 12 Area in Kosofe LGA of Lagos State.

🚓 **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.

🚓 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Valuables stolen/staff of Punch Newspaper.

🚓 **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### 🚓 **Incident N\*07:**

🚓 **Title of Incident:** ARMED ACTION

🚓 **Scale of incident:** Low

🚓 **Date of Occurrence:** 19/9/2023

🚓 **Description of Incident:** The operatives of the Nigerian Army reportedly burnt down several properties including shops, markets and hotels in Oriendu Axis, Umualumaku Umueze of Ehime Mbano LGA in Imo State over the killing of eight (8) security operatives by suspected hoodlums.

🚓 **Location:** Oriendu Axis in Umualumaku Umueze in Ehime Mbano LGA in Imo State.

🚓 **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.

🚓 **Property damaged/Affected population:** Several properties damaged/suspected hoodlums.

🚓 **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** There is an ongoing security clearance operation in the area to forestall further attacks in the area.

#### 🚓 **Incident N\*08:**

🚓 **Title of Incident:** ARMED ATTACK BY SUSPECTED HOODLUMS

🚓 **Scale of incident:** Medium

🚓 **Date of Occurrence:** 19//9/2023

🚓 **Description of Incident:** Eight (8) security operatives comprising of soldiers, police operatives and Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps were allegedly killed in an attack carried out by suspected hoodlums at Umualumaku Community in Ehime Mbano LGA of Imo State. The victims were reportedly ambushed and burnt inside their



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operational vehicles.

- ✚ **Location:** Umualumaku Community in Ehime Mbano LGA of Imo State.
- ✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** Eight security operatives killed.
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Operational vehicles set ablaze/security operatives.
- ✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** There is an ongoing security clearance operation to apprehend the perpetrators of the crime

#### ✚ Incident N\*09:

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** ARMED ACTION
- ✚ **Scale of incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 20/9/2023
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** The operatives of the State Police Command reportedly uncovered a gun manufacturing factory with nine (9) suspects arrested in Osomba Community, Akampka LGA of Cross River State. Remote controlled IEDs, detonators, automatic weapons, dozens of locally-made double barrels guns, pistols and other explosive devices were recovered in the incident.
- ✚ **Location:** Osomba Community in Akampka LGA of Cross River State.
- ✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Several arms and ammunition recovered/suspects.
- ✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The arrested suspects are in the custody of the State Police Command for further interrogation.

#### ✚ Incident N\*10:

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** ARMED ACTION
- ✚ **Scale of incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 20/9/2023
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** The operatives of the State Police Command reportedly killed a suspected kidnapper and rescued four (4) abducted victims during security clearance operation in Onitsha Metropolis of Anambra State. Three (3) vehicles and one AK-47 rifle were recovered.
- ✚ **Location:** Onitsha Metropolis of Anambra State.
- ✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** One suspected kidnapper killed.
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Three vehicles and one AK-47 rifle recovered/suspected kidnapper.
- ✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to apprehend other fleeing suspects.

#### ✚ Incident N\*11:

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** ARMED ATTACK BY ARMED HERDERS
- ✚ **Scale of incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 20/9/2023
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Three (3) Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Agagbe Camps were allegedly killed in an attack carried out by suspected armed herders at their farms in Gwer West LGA of Benue State.
- ✚ **Location:** Gwer West LGA of Benue State.
- ✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** Three males killed.
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/IDPs.
- ✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to forestall further attacks and apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### ✚ Incident N\*12:

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** MURDER
- ✚ **Scale of incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 20/9/2023
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** A community resident was reportedly killed in an attack carried out by suspected armed gang at Nsirimo Community in Umuahia South LGA of Abia State. Further investigation has revealed that the victim was found dead with multiple machete wounds. The motive behind the killing is unknown.





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✚ **Location:** Nsirimo Community in Umuahia South LGA of Abia State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** One male killed.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/community resident.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The operatives of the State Police Command has arrested some suspects in connection with the crime. According to the State Police Command, the suspects will be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department SCID for further interrogation.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*13:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **ARMED ACTION/VIOLENT EXTREMIST ATTACK**

✚ **Scale of incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 20/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The operatives of the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) reportedly killed eight (8) suspected Boko Haram terrorists during an airstrike s operation in their at terrorist hideouts in Baranga Village in Marte LGA of Borno State.

✚ **Location:** Baranga Village in Marte LGA of Borno State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** Eight suspected terrorists killed.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Gun trucks destroyed/ suspected Boko Haram terrorists.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** There is an ongoing security clearance operation to counter terrorist attacks in the State.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*14:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **ARREST OF SUSPECTED GUNRUNNERS**

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 21/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The operatives of the Nigerian Army reportedly arrested two (2) suspected gunrunners supplying arms and ammunition to armed bandits during security clearance operation at Adua 1 Community in Kafachan, Jama'a LGA of Kaduna State. Several arms and ammunition, two mobile phones, one fragmental jacket, two Police uniforms, one pair of military camouflage trousers recovered.

✚ **Location:** Adua 1 Community in Kafachan, Jama'a LGA of Kaduna State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Several arms, ammunition, mobile phones, fragmental jacket, Police uniforms, and pair of military camouflage trousers recovered.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The arrested suspects are in custody of the Nigerian Army for further interrogation.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*15:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **ARREST**

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:**21/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The Anambra State Joint Enforcement Team of Operation Clean and Healthy in Anambra State reportedly arrested fourteen (14) suspects using fake military uniforms to carry out criminal activities in Onitsha Axis and its environs in Anambra State.

✚ **Location:** Onitsha Axis of Anambra State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/criminal suspects.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The arrested suspects are in the custody of the State Police Command for further interrogation.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*16:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **ARSON**

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✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 21/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Suspected hoodlums reportedly destroyed and set ablaze several properties including the house and vehicle of a chieftain of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) at Ugwolawo in Ofu LGA of Kogi State.

✚ **Location:** Ugwolawo in Ofu LGA of Kogi State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Several properties set ablaze/Party chieftain.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*17:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** ARMED ATTACK BY SUSPECTED ARMED GANG

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 21/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Three (3) members of Edo State Security Network (ESSN) were allegedly killed in an attack carried out by suspected armed gang at Okhun Community in Ovia North-East LGA of Edo State. The incident was not unconnected with leadership tussle in the community, while others attributed it to a cult reprisal.

✚ **Location:** Okhun Community in Ovia North-East LGA of Edo State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** Three members of Edo State Security Network killed.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/local vigilantes.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*18:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** ARREST

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 22/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The operatives of the State Police Command reportedly arrested twenty (20) suspected kidnapers during a security clearance operation in Jalingo LGA of Taraba State.

✚ **Location:** Jalingo LGA of Taraba State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/suspected kidnapers.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*19:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** ABDUCTION

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 22/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Nine (9) construction workers were reportedly abducted in an attack carried out by suspected armed bandits at the premises of the Federal University Gusau in Gusau LGA of Zamfara State. Kidnapping for ransom has been attributed as the motive behind the crime.

✚ **Location:** Gusau LGA of Zamfara State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** Nine males abducted.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/staff members.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to rescue the abducted victims and apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*20:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** ARMED ACTION

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 22/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The operatives of the Nigerian Army reportedly uncovered a gun manufacturing factory



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site at Kafanchan in Jema'a LGA of Kaduna state. 22 weapons including seven pistols, two locally fabricated AK 47 rifles, two military grade AK 47 rifles, one submachine gun, rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition and 9 revolvers, amongst others were recovered in the incident. A suspected gunrunner was reportedly arrested in the incident.

✚ **Location:** Kafanchan in Jema'a LGA of Kaduna state.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Several arms and ammunition recovered/suspected gunrunner.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*21:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** ARREST

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 22/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The operatives of the Department of State Security Services (DSS) reportedly arrested 19 people suspected to be cultists including a member of the State House of Assembly representing Sagamu in Ogun State over their alleged involvement in recent cult clashes between two rival cult gangs in Sagamu LGA of Ogun State.

✚ **Location:** Sagamu LGA of Ogun State

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/suspected cult members.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** The arrested suspects are in the custody of the State Police Command further interrogation.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*22:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** **VIOLENT EXTREMIST ATTACK/ARMED ATTACK/ABDUCTION BY SUSPECTED BOKO HARAM TERRORISTS**

✚ **Scale of incident:** Medium

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 23/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Suspected Boko Haram terrorists reportedly ambushed security vehicles escorting motorists along Gwoza-Limankara-Uvaha Road in Borno State. Five (5) people including a military officer were allegedly killed with five vehicles including a security patrol vehicle belonging to the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) were burnt down in the incident.

✚ Further investigation has revealed that an undisclosed number of female passengers abducted by the terrorist were later released.

✚ **Location:** Gwoza-Limankara-Uvaha Road in Borno State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** Five males including a military officer killed.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Five vehicles burnt down/community residents and security operatives.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** There is an ongoing security clearance operation in the State to counter terrorist attacks.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*23:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** ARMED ATTACK BY SUSPECTED ARMED GANG

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 23/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A community leader, the Ardo of Panyam was allegedly killed in an attack carried out by suspected armed gang in Mangu LGA of Plateau State. The motive behind the killing is unknown.

✚ **Location:** Mangu LGA of Plateau State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** One male killed.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/community leader.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The General Officer Commanding (GOC) Third Armoured Division in Jos, has ordered an investigation into the killing to apprehend the perpetrators.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*24:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** ARREST





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✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 23/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** The operatives of the State Police Command reportedly arrested two (2) siblings alleged complicity in the murder of a journalist with the Voice of Nigeria (VON) in Gusau LGA of Zamfara State.

✚ **Location:** Gusau LGA of Zamfara State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/suspects.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The arrested suspects are in the custody of the State Police Command for further interrogation.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*25:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** ABDDUCTION

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 23/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A retired Army officer in Imo State was reportedly abducted in an attack carried out by suspected armed hoodlums at Orji Area in Owerri North LGA of Imo State. Kidnapping for ransom has been attributed as the motive behind the crime.

✚ **Location:** Orji Area in Owerri North LGA of Imo State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** One male abducted.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/retired Army officer.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to rescue the abducted victims and apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*26:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** HOMICIDE

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 23/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A 67-year-old husband was reportedly killed by her wife following a disagreement at the Government Reserved Area Community in Ondo State. The victim was reportedly hit by a pestle while asleep.

✚ **Location:** Government Reserved Area Community in Ondo State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** One male killed.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/community resident.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have commenced investigation to apprehend the suspect.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*27:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** ARMED ATTACK/ABDUCTION

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 23/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Four (4) people were allegedly killed and nine (9) others including women and children abducted in an attack carried out by suspected armed bandits at Magami Town in Gusau LGA of Zamfara State. Kidnapping for ransom has attributed as the motive behind the crime.

✚ **Location:** Magami Town in Gusau LGA of Zamfara State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** Four males killed, nine people including women and children abducted.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/community residents.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to rescue the abducted victims and apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

### **Women, peace and security**

*Key concept clarification violence against women and girls; women participation in conflict; impact of conflict on women; women's role in peace and security; policies for and against women; assessment of current events on women peace and security.*



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#### ✚ Incident N\*28:

✚ **Title of Incident: ARMED ATTACK**

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 19/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A female resident was reportedly killed in an attack carried out by suspected armed gang at her residence in Oke Akute Area of Iba in Ifelodun LGA of Osun State. The cause of the attack unknown.

✚ **Location:** Oke Akute Area in Iba Axis of Osun State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** One female killed.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/community residents.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### ✚ Incident N\*29:

✚ **Title of Incident: ARMED ATTACK BY SUSPECTED ARMED ROBBERS**

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 19/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A nursing mother was reportedly killed in an attack carried out by suspected armed robbers at Oke-Akute Area of Iba Town in Ifelodun LGA of Kwara State. Further investigation has revealed that the victim died from-gunshot injuries.

✚ **Location:** Oke-Akute Area of Iba Town in Ifelodun LGA of Kwara State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** One female killed.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/community resident.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives of the State Police Command has commenced investigation for to apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### ✚ Incident N\*30:

✚ **Title of Incident: ABDUCTION**

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 22/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Thirty (30) students of the Federal University Gusau, Zamfara State were reportedly abducted in an attack carried out by suspected armed bandits at three (3) female off campus hostels at -Sabon-Gida Community in Bungudu LGA of Zamfara State. Kidnapping for ransom has been attributed as the motive behind the crime.

✚ **Location:** Sabon-Gida Community in Bungudu LGA of Zamfara State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** Thirty female students abducted.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/students.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The security operatives have been deployed to rescue the abducted victims and apprehend the perpetrators of the crime.

#### ✚ Incident N\*31:

✚ **Title of Incident: ABDUCTION**

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 17/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Several commuters and motorists were reportedly abducted in an attack carried out by suspected armed gang along Otukpo-Ugbokolo Road in Okpokwu LGA of Benue State. Kidnapping for ransom has been attributed as the motive behind the crime.

✚ Six (6) people were reportedly abducted in an attack carried out by suspected armed gang on their way to the farm in Utonkon District of Ado LGA of Benue State. The abducted victims include two (2) women and four (4) girls. Kidnapping for ransom has been attributed as the motive behind the crime.

✚ **Location:** Otukpo-Ugbokolo Road in Okpokwu LGA of Benue State. Utonkon District of Ado LGA of Benue





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- ✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported, 6 people (including 2 women and 4 girls) abducted.
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/commuters.

#### ✚ Incident N\*32:

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** MURDER
- ✚ **Scale of incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 22/9/2023
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** A female resident was reportedly murdered a suspected Christian cleric at Agbarha-Otor Community in Ughelli North LGA of Delta State. This motive behind the crime is unknown.
- ✚ **Location:** Agbarha-Otor Community in Ughelli North LGA of Delta State.
- ✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** One female killed.
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/community resident.
- ✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The swift response of police operatives led to the arrest of the suspect who is in the custody of the State Police Command for further interrogation.

## Democracy and Governance

*(Key concept clarification—rule of law; actions of branches of government; elections and its implications to transition processes; stakeholders' analysis; events of threats to political transitions; protocols and threats and treaties for democratic stability; constitutional amendments; stakeholders' response)*

#### ✚ Incident N\*33:

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION
- ✚ **Scale of incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 19/9/2023
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Hundreds of community residents reportedly conducted peaceful demonstrations across States in Nigeria demanding for justice over the controversial death of a young Nigerian music artiste.
- ✚ **Location:** Nigeria.
- ✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/Nigerian Music star.
- ✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The State Police Command has commenced investigation to apprehend suspects in connection with the death of the artiste.

#### ✚ Incident N\*34:

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION
- ✚ **Scale of incident:** Low
- ✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 20/9/2023
- ✚ **Description of Incident:** Hundreds of community residents reportedly conducted a peaceful protest over alleged land grabbing, imposition of traditional ruler, hoodlum's invasion and other issues fuelling disunity and insecurity in Isuaniocha Community in Awka North LGA of Anambra State<sup>1</sup>.
- ✚ **Location:** Isuaniocha Community in Awka North LGA of Anambra State.
- ✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.
- ✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/community residents.
- ✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The Chief of Staff to the Anambra State Government, Mr Ernest Ezeajuyi, while addressing the protesters, assured them that the state government would pay utmost attention to the unresolved crises in their community with a view to ensuring that lasting peace is restored<sup>2</sup>.

#### ✚ Incident N\*35:

- ✚ **Title of Incident:** ELECTROCUTION
- ✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

<sup>1</sup> <https://tribuneonlineng.com/anambra-community-rejects-traditional-ruler-over-persistent-land-dispute/>

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✚ **Description of Incident:** Two (2) children were reported dead in an electrocution incident while attempting to turn on the television at their residence in Mushin LGA of Lagos State.

✚ **Location:** Mushin LGA of Lagos State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** Two children dead.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** No property damaged/minors.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** There State Police Commenced has commenced investigation into the incident to unravel the motive behind the incident.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*36:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** BOAT MISHAP

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 23/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Four (4) people were reported dead in a boat mishap incident at Suru Town in Suru LGA of Kebbi State<sup>3</sup>. The cause of the boat mishap is unknown.

✚ **Location:** Suru Town in Suru LGA of Kebbi State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** Four males dead.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Boat damaged /community residents.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The State Governor and the commissioner for Humanitarian Affairs and Empowerment have condoled with the affected community.

### **Environmental security**

*(Key concept clarification-Epidemics and pandemics (causatives factors, impact and threat to human security at localized levels and at regional levels); food security (agro-pastoralist conflicts); natural and man-made disasters, humanitarian crisis, climate change (industrialisation, pollution, destruction of ecosystem). Biodiversity)*

#### ✚ **Incident N\*37:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** FIRE OUTBREAK

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 23/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** A section of a plastic company was reportedly burnt down and several properties destroyed in a fire outbreak incident at Ilupeju Area of Lagos State. The cause of the fire is unknown.

✚ **Location:** Ilupeju Area of Lagos State

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Several properties destroyed/staff members.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The officials of the State Fire Service security operatives have been deployed to douse fire.

#### ✚ **Incident N\*38:**

✚ **Title of Incident:** FLOODING

✚ **Scale of incident:** Low

✚ **Date of Occurrence:** 21/9/2023

✚ **Description of Incident:** Several properties including houses were reportedly submerged in a flood incident occasioned by overflow from River Kilange and River Faro at Anguwan Tana Community in Yola North LGA of Adamawa State.

✚ **Location:** Anguwan Tana Community in Yola North LGA of Adamawa State.

✚ **Casualty [Male & female]:** No casualty reported.

✚ **Property damaged/Affected population:** Several properties submerged/ Community residents.

✚ **Coping Mechanism/Responses:** The officials of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) have commenced on-the-site assessment of the affected area to ascertain the level of damages.

<sup>3</sup> <https://punchng.com/kebbi-gov-mourns-boat-accident-victims-donates-n2m-to-victims-families/>



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