

# Situation Update

## STATISTICS OF INCIDENTS AND FATALITIES IN NIGERIA

JANUARY 16 - 31, 2026



**FATALITIES**  
208



**INJURIES**  
152



**KIDNAPPED VICTIMS**  
457

### SUMMARY

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 167 armed violence incidents were recorded with 152 injuries and 208 fatalities including 6 women, 11 children and 21 security personnel. The North-West and North-East recorded the highest number of fatalities with 75 and 57, while the North-Central and South-West accounted for 49 and 11 deaths. Also, the South-South and South-East each recorded 8 deaths respectively in the reporting period. The period under review recorded a significant increase in fatalities (208) compared to the period of January 1-15, 2026, with 121 recorded fatalities. Non-state armed actors are not included in the statistics of recorded fatalities.

The WANEP NEWS also recorded 61 incidents of kidnapping across 19 States with 457 people abducted in the reporting period. Out of the 457 kidnapped victims, 72 were women and 13 children. Further analysis reveals that the North-West and South-South both accounted for the highest numbers with 330 and 52. Also, the North-Central, North-East and South-West recorded 39, 27 and 9 kidnapped victims respectively. The South-East had no recorded abduction.

### AFFECTED LOCATIONS

