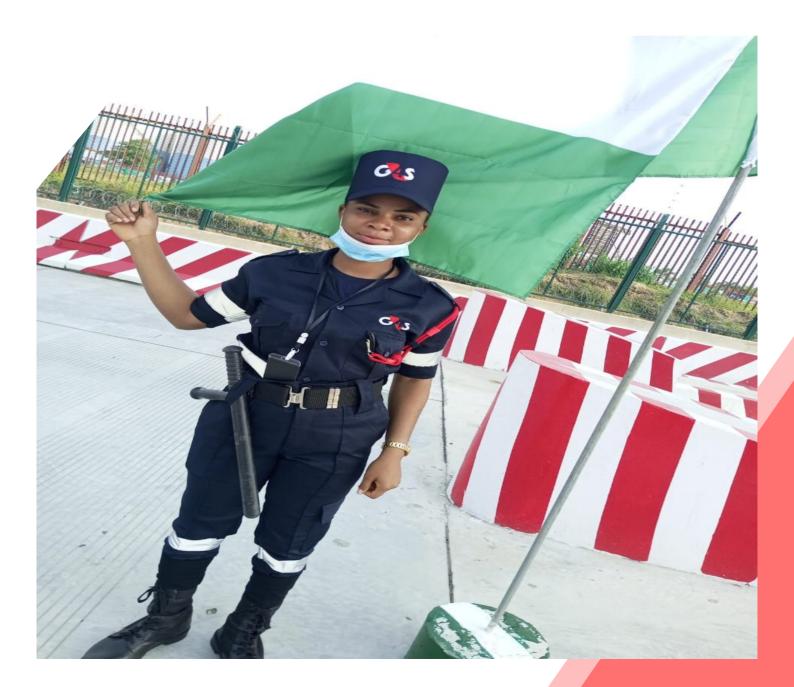






# Nigeria Weekly Summary of Security Update 16th - 20th January, 2023.





The following section illustrates the date alerts were reported from 16th - 20th January, 2023. The majority of alerts reported were kidnapping rescues, with Edo having the most recorded incidents.

#### ALERTS DATE: 16th January, 2023 ATTACK

 Troops from Operation Hadin Kai's 25th brigade successfully repelled an attack by the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) in Azir, Borno state. Azir is a village on the outskirts of Damboa town, in the state's Damboa LGA. According to a situation report issued on Saturday, ISWAP fighters were said to have attacked a military camp on Friday evening with three mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles and four gun trucks. Several insurgents were killed during the battle, which was supported by an air component, and three soldiers were severely injured.

### BANDITRY

- In the early hours of Sunday, bandits attacked St. Peters and Paul Catholic Church on Daza Road in Kafin-Koro, Paikoro Local Government Area, Niger State, and burnt the priest to ashes. According to a source, the priest assistant was also shot and taken to an undisclosed hospital for treatment. According to the source, the priest was recently transferred to Madalla Parish in the state but was in his former home parish of Kafin-Koro when the incident occurred. The Niger Police Public Relations Officer confirmed the incident in a statement, saying it happened around 3 a.m. on Sunday.
- Daring terrorists abducted 5 worshippers on Sunday morning after attacking a local church known as New Life for All Church in Katsina State's Kankara Local Government Area. The incident occurred around 7 a.m. in Jan-Tsauni, Gidan Haruna community, when worshippers had just gathered to begin the day's service. The Senior Special Assistant (SSA) to the state governor made this known on Sunday afternoon. He said the terrorists abducted 5 worshippers and left the church pastor with injuries while they were conducting service.
- On Sunday evening, armed men reportedly attacked two Sokoto communities. According to a source, the two communities are Bubari and Durbawa, which are located in the Dange-Shuni and Sokoto South Local Government Areas, respectively. According to the source, the gunmen rode into Durbawa and Bubari on motorcycles and began shooting sporadically. The source however could not confirm any casualty but disclosed that the suspects made away with some animals in the village.

### COUNTER TERRORISM ACTION

Men from the Kaduna State Police Command have killed one bandit, arrested two others, and recovered weapons in the Amana Maimadachi village of the state's Igabi Local Government Area. According to the Command's Public Relations Officer, weapons recovered by the crack team of police from the Rigachikun Division include a locally fabricated General Purpose Machine Gun and a serviceable AK47 rifle loaded with four (4) rounds of live ammunition. In a related development, Jaligethe Command's Public Relations Officer stated that the police dislodged and arrested two bandits in a separate operation around Saminaka in the state's Lere LGA.



### **KIDNAPPING**

- A 51-year-old woman was reportedly kidnapped in Osogbo, Osun State's capital. According to a
  family member, the woman's husband works for the NNPC at the Warri Depot. The woman was
  kidnapped on Friday around 10:30 p.m. at her home on Landero Street, near Technical College
  in Osogbo, according to the source. Fear has gripped the area's residents, who have called on
  the police and other security agencies to protect them.
- Amotekun, the Ekiti State Security Network, has launched a manhunt for the kidnappers of the Priest of St. George Catholic Church, Omu-Ekiti Parish. The priest was kidnapped on Saturday evening between Itaji and Ijelu Ekiti on his way back from a pastoral assignment in Ado-Ekiti, the state capital of Ekiti. According to reports, the gunmen stopped the priest's car, dragged him out, and whisked him away to the forest.

#### **KIDNAPPING RESCUE**

- Bauchi State police have killed two kidnap suspects, arrested four others, and rescued six victims. This is according to a statement signed by the police spokesperson in Bauchi on Saturday. He claimed that the police had achieved unprecedented success in their various daring operations across the state aimed at dislodging remnants of kidnappers' and bandits' enclaves.
- Two more victims of the Edo train attack were rescued by state security forces on Thursday, according to a government official. On Friday, the Edo State Commissioner for Communication and Orientation announced this. Aside from the two train victims, security personnel also rescued the President of the Customary Court in the Igueben Area.
- The Edo State Police Command has rescued twelve more passengers who were abducted at the Igueben train station in Ughboa forest. The joint forces worked tirelessly to ensure the victims were reunited with their families unharmed, according to the state police commissioner. The state police commissioner said, I am pleased to inform you that on Saturday at about 10p.m., the joint security forces in Edo State in a concerted effort to rescue the abducted victims of the Igueben Train Station attack, stormed Ughboa forest in a joint operation, through a technical intelligence provided to the command and control intelligence rapid response squad and rescued 12 victims unhurt.
- The Plateau Police Command says it has rescued the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Pankshin, who was kidnapped by gunmen. This was revealed by the command's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in a statement issued on Sunday in Jos. According to reports, the gunmen kidnapped the DPO on January 11 and whisked him away to an unknown location. According to the command's Police Public Relations Officer, following the police officer's kidnapping at 8:30 p.m. on January 11, the command swung into action and eventually freed him from his captors in collaboration with other security agencies and hunters in the area.



### **KIDNAPPING RESCUE**

• The Nasarawa State Police Command announced on Friday that it had rescued 30 kidnapped victims during an operation in Toto LGA. This was contained in a statement signed by the command's spokesman on Saturday. He stated that the command received information on Thursday, January 12, that suspected kidnappers were holding people hostage in Toto. In response to the unsavory development, the command's operatives collaborated with the Miyetti Allah Vigilante Group of Toto LGA on a joint operation. The kidnappers were trailed to their hideout in Sardauna Forest. The criminals dispersed in disarray deep into the forest when they saw the operatives. As a result, 30 kidnapped victims, 20 males and 10 females, were rescued unharmed.

### **SHOOTING (GUNMEN)**

- Gunmen have attacked the home of the Coalition of United Political Parties (CUPP) spokesperson in Akokwa, Ideato North Local Government Area, Imo State. According to a local source, the gunmen who arrived in large numbers were met with a fierce gun duel by the spokesperson's police orderlies, preventing them from approaching him. However, his uncle, who lived nearby, was said to have been killed during the melee, and two others who have yet to be identified were butchered to death. According to reports, the gunmen set fire to several houses near his home, as well as vehicles.
- On Saturday, five people were killed in Imo State, including a police officer, as gunmen went on the rampage in the state. INEC officials were said to have been injured during the issuance of PVCs during the attacks in various parts of the state.

### TERRORISM

 The Nigerian Army has ordered the remaining Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists in their hideouts waging war against the country in the North-east to surrender and lay down their arms, like the over 83,000 of their members and families who surrendered to troops in Borno, or face the Armed Forces' firepower and blame themselves. The order was given on Sunday by the Theatre Commander Operation Hadin Kai at the Maimalari Cantonment ground in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, during the Nigerian Army Social Activities 2022.

### CULTISM

• Police in Anambra State, South-east Nigeria, said they killed a suspected leader of a lethal cult group in Nkpor, a community in the state's Idemili North Local Government Area. Two members of the cult group were also arrested, according to the state police spokesperson, who revealed this in a statement on Friday. The incident occurred on Tuesday, when police operatives busted their hideout in the area, according to the police spokesperson, a deputy superintendent of police.

### CURFEW

• Governor of Niger State has imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew on Lambata, Gurara Local Government Area of the state following a violent clash that led to killing of the village head. The Secretary stated this in Minna, the state capital, on Sunday. During a violent clash on Saturday, the village head of Lambata was allegedly murdered by some hoodlums. The State Governor has ordered that a curfew be imposed on the town from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., beginning Sunday and lasting until further notice.



### VIOLENT CLASH

• One person was killed in a bloody clash between farmers and Fulani herders in Rogu Village, Patigi Local Government Area, Kwara state. Following the farmer's death, the Fulani camp in the village was reportedly invaded by the community's disgruntled farmers. The invasion followed a conflict in the village between farmers and Fulani herders. According to reports, the enraged farmers allegedly set fire to the Fulani herders' properties, including motorcycles, during the ensuing chaos.

### ENDEMIC

• The Edo State Government reported four new cases of Lassa fever, bringing the number of confirmed cases in the state to 28. The four new cases were confirmed in the Esan West, Etsako West, and Esan North East LGAs, according to the Commissioner for Health. He stated that 25 people are currently being admitted, and that with the four new cases, the state now has a total of 28 confirmed cases. Fortunately, no one has died due to the disease.

### COVID-19

- The World Health Organization, WHO, has stated that nose masks continue to be a key tool against COVID-19 and continues to recommend the use of masks by the public in specific situations as part of a continuous process of reviewing COVID-19 response, treatment, and management. Given the current global spread of COVID-19, the WHO recommends wearing masks regardless of the local epidemiological situation in a new update. The WHO also updated its recommendations for wearing masks in public places, including treatments, patient care, and clinical management.
- The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has reported 29 new COVID-19 infections in five federation states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). In an update issued on Sunday, the NCDC stated that the latest report represents cumulative data for cases recorded in one week, from January 7 to January 13. According to the report, while the death toll remains at 3,155, the newly confirmed cases bring the country's infection toll to 259,858.

#### ALERTS DATE: 17th January, 2023 BANDITRY

- Bandits are said to have killed three people and kidnapped six others, including a pregnant woman, at Jajar Kanwa village in Katsina State's Jibia LGA. Three additional people were said to have escaped with gunshot wounds. According to residents, two of the victims died on the spot, but a woman died later in a hospital in Katsina, where she was taken for medical attention following the attack. Similarly, the bandits stole an unspecified number of goats and sheep after imposing a N20,000 levy on each resident. According to the residents of the community, the levy must be paid within one week or they will face another attack.
- Bandits kidnapped six women and two men in Unguwar Alkasim village, near the Foundation area on the Kaduna-Zaria road in Kaduna State's Igabi LGA. The bandits attacked the community in the early hours of Monday, shooting to scare the villagers away. Fear had descended on the village, according to a resident. Last week, bandits kidnapped four housewives and killed two others in Unguwar Awo village, near Unguwar Alkasim village. In the attack, two other villagers were shot.



### BANDITRY

- The Niger State Commissioner of Police has visited Lambata, Gurara LGA, in connection with the killing of the village head in his residence on Saturday afternoon. While expressing condolences to the deceased's family, the CP assured them that the perpetrators of the act would be apprehended and held accountable for their actions. He admonished the family against any form of revenge and to allow the criminal justice system to take its course in ensuring that justice prevailed.
- The Commissioner of Police in Niger State paid a visit to Kafin-Koro in Paikoro LGA, where a Catholic priest was burnt to death in his home by bandits on Sunday. When the attackers were unable to gain access, they set fire to the house, killing the religious leader. A colleague of the Rev. Father was also shot in the shoulder while trying to escape from the scene.
- On Monday, the Katsina State Police Command released information about five women abducted by terrorists in Gidan Haruna, Maitsauni village, Kankara LGA. Those abducted were Rabi Isyaku, 15; Rabi Sa'idu, 36; Rabi Babba, 49; Saratu Hadi and Nusaiba Shuaibu, 27; and a 13-year-old girl respectively. The command, on the other hand, assured that police operatives were following the bandits in order to rescue the kidnapped victims.

### **COUNTER TERRORISM ACTION**

- According to reports, the military assassinated two wanted Boko Haram commanders, Abu Ubaida and Mallam Yusuf Abba. They were defeated along with about 40 of their foot soldiers at an abandoned warehouse in Kurebe, a popular community in Niger State's Shiroro Local Government Area. According to a military report released on Monday, Abu Ubaida and Abba were killed when airstrikes conducted by a Nigerian Air Force, NAF, aircraft attached to Operation Whirl Punch raided their enclave recently. Because of the aforementioned airstrike, preliminary investigations using various sources revealed that there was an underground in the warehouse where the terrorists ran to hide whenever a NAF aircraft flew over the area.
- The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) Zamfara State Command announced the arrest of a POS operator for allegedly making financial transactions on behalf of bandits. The state commandant said in a statement on Monday that the suspect was apprehended while carrying out the transaction in Birnin Tsaba community, Zurmi LGA of the state. He stated that the operatives recovered two POS machines, and that the suspect admitted that the machines were purchased for him by a bandit leader. He explained that the suspect admitted to using the POS machine only to conduct business on behalf of his client bandits.

### **KIDNAPPING**

 The Nigerian military has deployed troops at Anambra State's entry and exit points, particularly in and around Onitsha. The soldiers are searching vehicles and combing locations after unknown gunmen abducted an operative of the Nigerian Navy. A Lieutenant from the Navy was kidnapped on Sunday around 6:30 p.m., along with an unknown number of civilians. Currently serving at Nigerian Navy Ship (NNS) OLOGBO, he was on transit from Port Harcourt, Rivers State capital. A military official confirmed that the Navy and others were ambushed in Onitsha's Upper Iweka area.



### **KIDNAPPING**

• Terrorists kidnapped the Vice Chairman of Katsina State's Musawa Local Government Area on Monday. Residents said the Vice Chairman was kidnapped along with one other person by terrorists who stormed his village, Kira, in the council's Jimkamshi ward, around 1 a.m. on Monday. The Katsina State Police Command spokesman confirmed the incident. He revealed that the police had rescued one person and that efforts were being made to rescue the vice chairman of the council.

#### SHOOTING (GUNMEN)

- Gunmen attacked the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, office in Enugu South Local Government Area, Enugu State, on Sunday night, killing one police officer and injuring another. INEC National Commissioner who disclosed this in a statement, on Monday, said, The Resident Electoral Commissioner, REC, for Enugu State has reported that gunmen attacked our office in Enugu South LGA. The incident happened at 9:12 p.m. on January 15, 2023. The security gatehouse was razed. Fortunately, the attackers were unable to gain access to the main building due to the quick response of police and army personnel from the 82 Division.
- The police in Enugu State, South-east Nigeria, have launched a manhunt for gunmen who attacked the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) office in Enugu and killed a police officer stationed there. The state police spokesperson, who revealed this in a statement on Monday, said the state Commissioner of Police gave the directive to the operatives.

# ALERTS DATE: 18th January, 2023

### COUNTER TERRORISM ACTION

- On Monday, military fighter jets killed bandits in Rarah village, Rabah LGA, Sokoto State. According
  to the member of the Sokoto State House of Assembly representing the area, the military
  bombardment occurred in three different locations, killing many of the bandits. He claimed that the
  bandits were on their way back from their illegal operations when they were neutralized. He claimed
  that they attacked 17 villages, killed three people, and rustled several animals. He described the
  military operation as the most successful in recent times.
- During fighting patrols along the Kaboresha-Rijana Forest-Kuzo-Kujeni-Gwanto-Kachia axis, Operation Forest Sanity troops killed two bandits and cleared several hideouts in Kaduna State's Chikun Local Government Area. On Tuesday, the Kaduna State Commissioner for the Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs issued a statement. The troops neutralized two bandits and recovered three motorcycles. According to him, the troops also raided bandit camps in the Kutura-Rijana area. The bandits fled into the forest when they saw the troops, who destroyed the camps and recovered three motorcycles, military uniforms, and bandoliers, according to the State Commissioner.

### KIDNAPPING

• Kidnappers kidnapped three members of the Iwo Baptist Church who were sent to deliver ransom for the release of two members of the church who were also kidnapped. The two members were allegedly kidnapped five days ago while returning from their farms in Osun State's Ile Ogbo area. The kidnappers contacted the family members a few hours after their kidnapping and demanded a N10 million ransom for their release. According to a church source, the victims' families negotiated the ransom down to N6 million. The source said the ransom was to be delivered at a location in Kogi State. The three people sent to deliver the money, however, were abducted at the location. The incident was confirmed by the police spokesperson in Osun State.



### KIDNAPPING

- Katsina State Governor has directed security agencies in the state to rescue worshippers who were abducted by terrorists last Sunday in Kankara Local Government Area of the state. When meeting with heads of security agencies at Government House, the Governor issued the directive and urged them to do everything humanly possible to ensure that the victims were rescued and reunited with their families. According to reports, a group of terrorists stormed the New Life for All Church in Kankara's Mai-Tsauni community and abducted 25 worshippers, leaving the pastor with varying degrees of injuries during service.
- The House of Representatives has strongly condemned the kidnapping and disappearance of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Treasurer in Akwa Ibom State, and other cases of kidnapping across the country, leaving citizens at the mercy of the kidnappers. The lawmakers, while directing the Inspector General of Police and other security agencies to step up efforts to secure his and many others' release from the clutches of kidnappers, urged the federal government to put a stop to the country's rampant kidnappings.

### **KIDNAPPING RESCUE**

- A naval officer who was abducted over the weekend in Onitsha, Anambra State, has been freed. According to a source from the state Naval Outpost who confirmed the incident, the officer, a Lieutenant, was rescued by the military without any ransom. The victim, who is currently serving aboard the Nigerian Navy Ship (NNS) Ologbo, was reportedly kidnapped on Sunday around 6:30 p.m. in the city's Upper Iweka area, along with an unspecified number of civilians. When the incident occurred, the Lieutenant was on his way from Port Harcourt, the capital of Rivers State, to attend his long course program.
- The Catholic Priest who was kidnapped by unidentified gunmen on Saturday has been released. His captors released the Catholic Priest late Tuesday evening. The Parish Priest of St George Catholic Church, Omu Ekiti, in Ekiti State's Oye Local Government Area, was abducted while returning to his base in Omu Ekiti after a pastoral assignment in the state capital, Ado Ekiti on Saturday.

### SHOOTING (GUNMEN)

 On Tuesday, a police inspector was shot dead in Aba, Abia State, South-east Nigeria, by gunmen suspected of belonging to the outlawed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB). According to reports, two of the gunmen were killed during a shootout with the police. The police spokesperson in Abia State who confirmed the killing said the incident occurred around 12:30 p.m.

### INSECURITY

• To end Nigeria's insecurity, the Federal Government has signed an agreement with the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and the West African Police Information Programme (WAPIS). On Tuesday, the Minister of Police Affairs addressed the global security organization. The Executive Director of Police Services of INTERPOL paid a visit to the Ministry Headquarters in Abuja. WAPIS and INTERPOL are willing to assist Nigeria in making the country safe, according to the Minister of Police Affairs.



#### INSECURITY

- The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) Murtala Muhammed Area Command (MMAC) has intercepted military and police equipment at the cargo section of the domestic wing of Murtala Muhammed Airport (MMA), Lagos. Hard drugs, including 162 cartons of Tramadol hydrochloride 225 and 250mg, were also seized. The items were intercepted at the Skyway Aviation Handling Company, according to the MMAC's Customs Area Controller (SAHCO).
- President Muhammadu Buhari said on Tuesday that those funding the Boko Haram insurgency intended to split Nigeria. The President questioned why the terrorist group and the Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) were bent on destabilizing the country, reiterating his conviction that those behind such projects never meant well. He stated that Boko Haram is false. You say western education is ungodly. It's fraudulent. Whoever is financing them just wants to split the country. All the grounds they seized before we came have been recovered, and the rebuilding process is going on well.
- The Katsina State government is collaborating with security operatives in the state to strengthen security strategies to ensure the safety of all worship centers. This was revealed on Tuesday by the Governor's special adviser on security matters, who stated that the decision was made due to renewed attacks carried out by a group of terrorists armed with sophisticated guns on motorcycles who abducted worshippers on Sunday. The state government is emphasizing the deployment of an additional 1,900 fully trained vigilante corps in high-risk areas.

### ARMED ROBBERY

The Delta State Police Command has killed a 26-year-old man who was wanted by the police for his involvement in a foiled robbery operation in Orogun community, Ughelli North Council of the state. The deceased was seen with other members of his gang, who gathered within the Unukpo - Orogun palm tree plantation, according to a police spokesperson who confirmed the incident in Asaba on Tuesday. According to him, the DPO of Orogun division mobilized and led police operatives to the area in an effort to prevent another attack in response to a tip. He explained that as they approached the scene, the hoodlums opened fire on the police, and the police responded equally, resulting in the death of the wanted suspect, while other hoodlums fled due to the superior police fire power during the ensuing gun duel.

### **CIVIL DISORDER**

- One person was shot and killed on Tuesday during an alleged altercation with a mob in the state, according to the police in Lagos, Southwest Nigeria. According to the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, the incident occurred when police officers from Okokomaiko Division went to Alaba Rago Market in the state to arrest a suspect. According to the police spokesperson, while attempting to arrest the suspect, the officers were attacked by a large number of traders in the market, and in order to flee the angry mob, one of the officers shot and killed one person.
- In response to the gruesome murder of a Catholic Priest of St. Peters and Paul Catholic Church by armed bandits along Daza road in the area, enraged youths in Kaffin-Koro, Paikoro local government area, allegedly burned down the police station. The police's slow response to the people's cries for help reportedly enraged the youths when gunmen attacked his residence on Sunday morning around 3 a.m. During the protest, cars and houses, including a police outpost, were set on fire, and some people were injured to varying degrees.



### ALERTS DATE: 19th January, 2023

### ATTACK

• Boko Haram fighters have attacked farmlands in Makilwe village, Jere Local Government Area, Borno State, killing one farmer. According to sources, insurgents armed with sophisticated weapons infiltrated the farms on Tuesday evening. The terrorists also kidnapped about eight farmers. One of the sources claims that the sect has contacted the families of those who have been kidnapped and has demanded millions of Naira in ransom.

### KIDNAPPING

- Last Saturday, four tipper drivers were abducted from a farm in llorin, the state capital, where they
  went to excavate sand for supply to their customers. According to sources, the four abductees were
  members of the Oyun Garage branch of the Association of Quarry and Sand Dealers in llorin.
  According to reports, the kidnappers have contacted their families and demanded a ransom of N5
  million from each of them. On Wednesday, the state's police public relations officer confirmed the
  kidnapping.
- The Emir of Yauri has urged the federal and state governments, and security agencies, to free the remaining female students of the Federal Government College, Yauri, Kebbi State, who have been kidnapped by bandits since June 17, 2021. The emir made the appeal while receiving the All Progressives Congress (APC) governorship candidate and his campaign train at his palace in Yauri. According to reports, approximately 11 girls remain in captivity 19 months after the abduction of 80 students from the school.

### KIDNAPPING RESCUE

- We are pleased to announce that the last two victims have been rescued and seven suspects, including two village chiefs, are in custody, said Edo State Commissioner for Communication and Orientation following the first weekly State Executive Council meeting of the year.
- Kidnappers released three members of a Baptist Church in Iwo, Osun State, who had been kidnapped on Tuesday. The kidnappers kidnapped two church members six days ago while they were returning from their farms in Osun State's Ile Ogbo area. The kidnappers later demanded N10 million in ransom, but victims' families negotiated it down to N6 million. At a location in Kogi State, three church members were chosen to deliver the ransom when the kidnappers also took them after receiving the ransom. According to a family source, the two church members who were previously kidnapped, and one of those who paid the ransom to the kidnappers, were released on Wednesday morning. According to the source, the kidnappers demanded another ransom, but the victims' families refused to negotiate with them.

### INSECURITY

To increase security during the ongoing distribution and collection of Permanent Voter Cards (PVCs) in the state, the governor of Imo has donated 27 brand-new Toyota Hilux vehicles to security agencies. On Wednesday in Owerri, the Governor gave the vehicles to agents of the state's "Operation Search and Flush." The action is a deliberate effort to strengthen security agencies' efforts to occupy political space and ensure the state's next election goes off without a hitch.



### INSECURITY

- The Edo State Government has charged members of the State Security Vigilante Network with ensuring the protection of life and property, avoiding violence, and carrying out their duties in accordance with the law. The Deputy Governor of Edo State, gave the charge at the graduation of 'Batch A' trainees of the network, comprising 574 operatives drawn from the six local councils of Edo North, who completed a two-week intensive training session at the Police Training School, Ogida, Benin City.
- The Resource Centre for Human Rights and Civic Education (CHRICED), a human rights organization, has condemned the rising wave of violence and insecurity in the country, saying such developments portend a polity crisis. The group specifically condemned the assassination of a Catholic Church priest in Niger State, stating that the country cannot continue to shed unnecessary blood.
- President Muhammadu Buhari revealed on Tuesday that his administration has spent more than \$1 billion on weapons from the United States and other countries in the fight against insurgency since assuming office in 2015. The President reminisced about how terrorists controlled two-thirds of Borno State, half of Yobe State, and some local government areas in Adamawa State. He accused some Nigerians of exploiting their personal religious beliefs to advance their political and economic interests.

### **CULTISM ATTACK**

• Following what appeared to be a brief respite, a renewed cult clash in Benin City, said to have begun last Sunday, has claimed the lives of four people near Erediauwa, a road connecting Sapele Road and Sakponba Road. According to a local, the killing began on Sunday and has resulted in the deaths of four people.

### **ELECTION VIOLENCE**

 The UN and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) warned Nigeria on Tuesday against violence in this year's general elections. While the UN warned that if things went wrong in Nigeria, it would have serious consequences for the peace and stability of the entire region, ECOWAS stated that if violence breaks out in Nigeria, no other country in the sub-region would be able to accommodate Nigerian refugees. They issued the warning during a mediation training and interactive engagement with the Inter-Party Advisory Council (IPAC) and other stakeholders from the North-Central and North-East on non-violent 2023 elections in Jos, Plateau State capital.

### ALERTS DATE: 20th January, 2023

### **COUNTER TERRORISM ACTION**

• Imo State Police Command officers have killed three suspected terrorists who were allegedly planning an attack on a police facility. In a statement issued on Thursday, the Command's Public Relations Officer stated that the Command received a distressed call when the hoodlums moved to Agwa Police Station in Oguta Local Council. He claimed that security agents swooped down on them and overpowered them. However, he stated that some hoodlums escaped with bullet wounds, while the police officer who was injured in the process is being treated.



#### **KIDNAPPING**

- Six people were killed while attempting to foil the kidnapping of two people in Zonkwa, Kaduna State's headquarters of Zangon Kataf Local Government Area. According to a statement, the suspected kidnappers who attacked the community invaded the residence of the abducted victim and one other person. When locals attempted to foil the kidnap, the kidnappers shot sporadically, killing one of the abducted victims and five other locals while fleeing with the second victim.
- Terrorists kidnapped four Zamfara State College of Health Technology, Tsafe, students and their sisters on their way back from a colleague's wedding on Sunday. The students were returning to Kaura Namoda from Birnin Magaji in Zamfara State's northern region when terrorists attacked the vehicles they were traveling in and abducted at least 18 people, including the four students, three ladies, and another man, and their three siblings. Security and government officials, according to rep

#### **KIDNAPPING RESCUE**

- The four tipper lorry drivers kidnapped by gunmen in Kwara State have been released. On Thursday, the state police command's spokesman confirmed their release. It was gathered that their trucks developed battery problems while excavating sand on the outskirts of llorin, and the drivers had gone to town to get a replacement when they were ambushed and kidnapped.
- The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has confirmed the release of all abducted passengers at the Chief Tom Ikimi Railway Station Ekehen in Igueben, Edo State. According to a statement issued by the NRC's Deputy Director of Public Relations, all affected individuals have been released to their families. According to the statement, none of the victims were harmed or injured during their confinement and release.

### BANDITRY

• The Niger State House of Assembly has requested that the state government's executive arm apprehend the murderer of a Catholic priest. The priest was killed on Sunday morning by suspected terrorists who attacked his parish in Paikoro Local Government's Kaffin-Koro area. On Thursday, the Honourable Member for Munya Constituency moved a motion under matters of urgent public importance calling for the arrest of the killers.

#### TERRORISM

• Over 95% of die-hard Boko Haram commanders have been killed in military operations or infighting among warring factions. On Thursday, the Special Adviser to the Borno State Government on Security Affairs made the revelation in Maiduguri. According to reports, over 90,000 Boko Haram fighters and their families surrendered to the Borno State government in the last 17 months after the government initiated peace talks with the fighters.

#### INSECURITY

• According to the Lagos State Police Command, 405 robbery suspects were arrested and 51 others were killed during an exchange of gunfire between 2021 and 2022. The command's spokesman confirmed the figures on the command's accomplishments. He stated that 245 suspects were arrested and 25 were killed in 17 robbery incidents in 2021, and 160 were arrested and 26 were killed in 20 incidents in 2022. He stated that 350 robberies were foiled during the review period, with 169 in 2021 and 181 in 2022.



### VIOLENT CRIME

• At least two serving members of the Nigerian Armed Forces have been arrested in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) of Abuja for alleged armed robbery and kidnapping. The recent involvement of personnel in violent crimes has become a source of concern for Nigerian military authorities in recent times. According to reports, the military hierarchy was considering taking drastic measures to deter officers and men whose "unprofessional" behavior was tarnishing the image of the Nigerian Armed Forces.

### VIOLENT CLASH

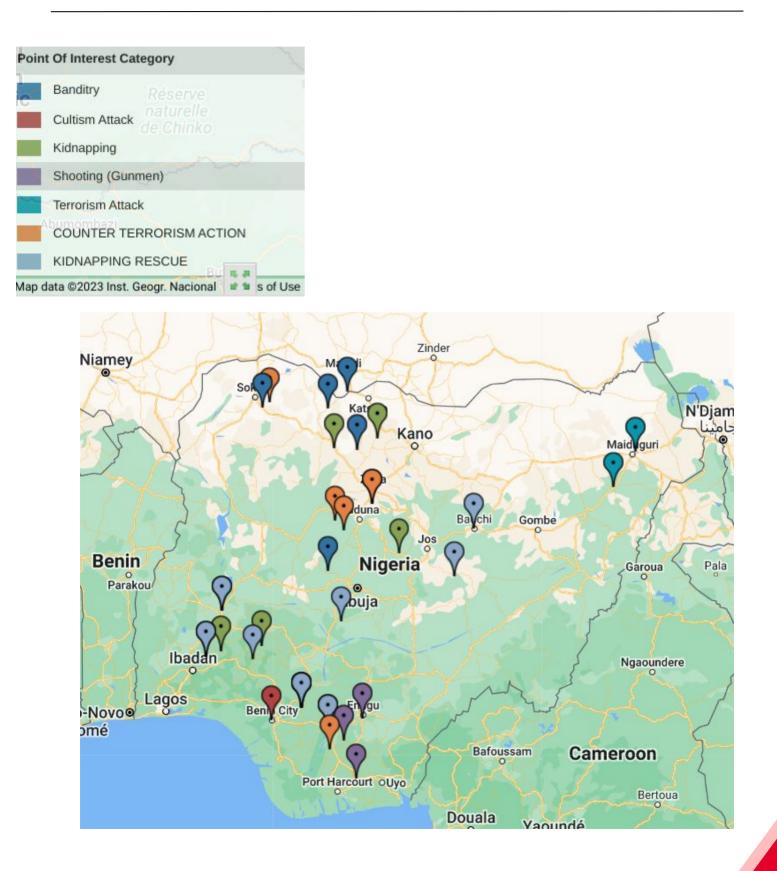
The governor of Kano State has formed a high-powered committee to organize a conference to examine the contentious issues surrounding the herders/farmers clashes and make recommendations to bring about peace. The conference committee is led by Prof. Attahiru Jega, a former Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), and includes 26 other top members, including Prof. Jibrila Dahiru Amin, Pro-Chancellor of Yusuf Maitama Sule University, and Prof. Muhammad Yahaya Kuta, former SSG of Niger State and Professor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Ibadan. The Governor inaugurated the committee on Thursday in Abuja, saying their mandate was to plan and organize a suitable national conference on farmers/herders conflicts in Nigeria and to submit a report with observations for appropriate action.

#### DIPHTHERIA

• At least 25 people have been reported dead, while others have been hospitalized, following an outbreak of diphtheria infection in some Kano state communities, causing widespread panic among residents. According to reports, the outbreak began a week ago in the communities of Tudun Rubudi and Bare-Bari in the state's Ungogo Local Government Area, and 25 people have died as a result.



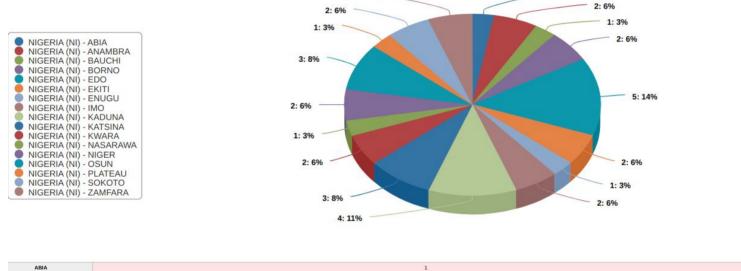
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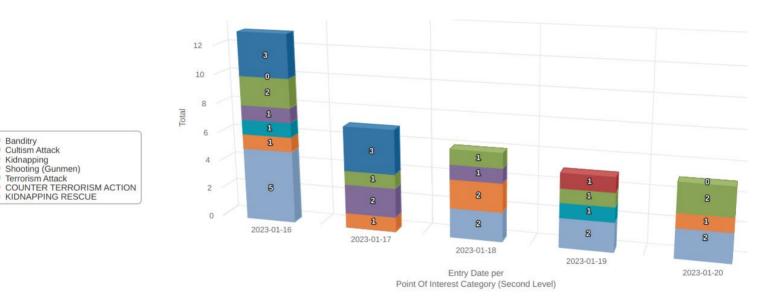
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## WEEKLY SECURITY INCIDENT INFOGRAPHIC



	Banditry	Cultism Attack	Kidnapping	Shooting (Gunmen)	Terrorism Attack	COUNTER TERRORISM ACTION	KIDNAPPING RESCUE	
2023-01-16	3	0	2	1	1	1	5	13
2023-01-17	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	7
2023-01-18	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	6
2023-01-19	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	5
2023-01-20	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	5
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