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WEEKLY SUMMARY ALERT

The following section illustrates the date alerts were reported from 23rd - 27th January, 2023. The majority of alerts reported were Shooting (Gunmen), with Imo, Kaduna and Osun having the most recorded incidents.

ALERTS DATE: 23rd January, 2023

KIDNAPPING

- The Taraba State Command Police Public Relations Officer has confirmed the kidnapping of a traditional ruler in the state. According to reports, heavily armed men suspected of being kidnapers stormed the monarch's palace around 1 a.m. on Friday and abducted him, along with his two wives and six children. According to a palace guard who confirmed the incident, the gunmen took over the monarch's palace after successfully scaring the residents of the community with sporadic gunshots.
- On Friday morning, gunmen kidnapped the traditional ruler of Izere in Plateau State's Jos East Local Government Area. Around 3 a.m. on Friday, the first-class monarch was abducted from his Palace in Jos East's Shere district. According to the chairman of Jos East Local Government Area, who confirmed the incident in Jos, the gunmen invaded the community and began shooting sporadically in the air before gaining access to the monarch's residence. According to a witness, a police officer on duty at the residence was shot, while a civilian security guard was killed.
- The sole administrator of Imo State's Ideato North Local Government Area has been kidnapped by unknown gunmen. Two other people who were with him at the time of the attack were also abducted late Thursday night. According to reports, the sole administrator was shot prior to his kidnapping by the assailants, who also burned down his country home in Imoko community of Arondizuogu LGA of the State.
- According to the Nasarawa State Police, gunmen on motorcycles abducted six students from the Local Government Education Authority (LGEA) Primary School Alwaza in the Doma Local Government Area on Friday. The spokesperson for the Police Command confirmed the development in Lafia. He stated that preliminary investigations revealed that the students, aged seven to eight, were abducted on their way to school at around 7 a.m. He also stated that a joint security team of police, military, and vigilantes had been dispatched to the area to conduct a search and rescue operation.
- Six people were kidnapped during a one-week siege by gunmen at Ikem community in Enugu State's Isi-Uzo local government area. The situation has exacerbated security concerns in Isi-uzo Local Government Area, which is still reeling from the wanton killings committed by suspected herdsmen militia in Eha-Amufu, a neighboring community. Masked gunmen besieged Ikem-Isioroto along the Obollo Afor-Nkalagu road for three days and drove the villagers into the bush.
- The identities of the six students abducted by terrorists from LEA Primary School in Alwaza village, Doma Local Government Area (LGA) of Nasarawa State have been revealed. The abductees have been identified as Melody Ombugu, Vision Ombugu, Ishaya Oliver, Jerusalem Sidi, Favour Emmanuel, and Peace Amos, according to security sources. The gunmen stormed the community around 7 a.m. on Friday and abducted students on their way to school.

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KIDNAPPING RESCUE

- Kidnappers have freed the remaining two members of the Baptist Church in Iwo, Osun State. Five church members were kidnapped, but three were released on Wednesday after a N6 million ransom was paid. It was previously reported that two of the two victims were kidnapped while returning from their farms in the Ileogbo area of the state, and that the three others were kidnapped when they went to deliver ransom to the kidnappers in a location in Kogi State. In a joint statement signed on Friday, the President of the Osun Baptist Conference and the Chairman of the Osun Baptist Conference announced the release of the two remaining church members. They claimed that after paying N10 million, the church members were released.
- On Saturday, police in Nasarawa State, north-central Nigeria, announced the rescue of two of the six primary school students kidnapped in Alwaza, a community in Doma Local Government Area. On Saturday afternoon, the command's spokesperson stated that security personnel are on the trail of the suspected kidnappers in order to rescue the remaining victims. It was reported that the students were kidnapped on their way to school around 7 a.m. on Friday. According to the spokesperson, a joint team of police officers, soldiers, and vigilante groups successfully rescued two of the victims unharmed on Saturday.
- A traditional ruler in Plateau State who was kidnapped by gunmen in the early hours of Friday has been released. Some residents of the state's Shere community in the Jos East Local Government Area, where the monarch was abducted, claim he was rescued on Friday, a few hours after his kidnapping. Gunmen kidnapped the monarch around 1.30 a.m. on Friday after attacking his palace in the Shere neighborhood. The gunmen killed one person and injured one of the cops who engaged them in a gun duel during the attack. Two suspects were arrested in connection with the incident, according to a state police spokesperson who confirmed the monarch's release.
- The abducted presiding Catechist of St. Monica's Catholic Church, Ikulu-Pari, Kauru Local Government Area, Kaduna State, has been released. According to a statement from the Catholic Diocese of Kafanchan, the catechist who was kidnapped from the Parish Rectory was released on Saturday morning. The statement did not specify whether a ransom was paid, but a church source said an unspecified sum was paid.

SHOOTING (GUNMEN)

- On Thursday night, unknown gunmen allegedly broke into the home of another Catholic priest in Kaduna State. According to reports, the assailants stormed the area on Thursday with the intent of kidnapping the priest but were met with his absence. According to reports, the target was kidnapped in similar circumstances in February 2022 and released after a ransom was paid. When the gunmen arrived, the Priest was said to have left the village. However, when the priest was not present, the assailants allegedly abducted the Catechist of St. Monica Catholic Church.
- On Thursday night, about eight people were shot dead by people suspected to be Fulani herdsmen in Abagena village, opposite the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp in Makurdi. A man, his wife, and four children, including their dog, were among those killed by herdsmen on a rampage. According to reports, the herdsmen decapitated the heads of the majority of their victims and carted them away following the attack, which occurred between 9 and 10 p.m. on Thursday. Many other victims were reported to have been seriously injured in the attack.

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SHOOTING (GUNMEN)

- On Saturday, gunmen attacked the Oguta Divisional Police Headquarters in Imo State's Oguta Local Government Area, killing one police officer. The gunmen who attacked in the early hours of the morning also set fire to the police station. Imo State police spokesperson revealed this in Owerri, the state capital. During the attack, he said, police officers engaged the gunmen in a shootout. He claimed that the hoodlums fled the scene after being overpowered by the operatives.
- On Friday, gunmen killed two people in Mkpuma Akataka Community, Izzi Local Government Area, Ebonyi. An Ebubeagu commander was also killed. On Saturday, a local said that hoodlums had invaded the neighborhood and were shooting sporadically. It was reported that hoodlums murdered the Commander of Ebubeagu (the Southeast security network) in his home in Ogboji Ward, Ezza North Local Government Area of Ebonyi. The killing was confirmed by an Ebonyi police spokesman.
- On Thursday morning, gunmen assassinated a councillor in Niger State's Shiroro Local Government Area. The incident was confirmed by the Niger State Commissioner for Internal Security and Humanitarian Affairs. He stated that the deceased and one other person were riding on a motorcycle when they were stopped by terrorists, who immediately shot and killed the councillor. The deceased was ordered off the motorcycle, and the terrorists opened fire on him. The other rider on the motorcycle was unharmed.
- Suspected militants in Taraba State's Wukari local government council attacked many internally displaced returnees of Tiv origin on Friday. The attack on Friday in Tor-lorlumun Community, Rafinkada Ward of the aforementioned local government council, has rekindled tensions. Aside from the attacks, it was discovered that the returnees' belongings were also destroyed beyond recognition.
- Four people were killed by gunmen in the Gambar Sabon Layi community of Bauchi State's Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area. According to reports, the hoodlums also kidnapped one person before fleeing the neighborhood. According to a resident, the gunmen stormed the area on Saturday and fired into the air to scare people away before carrying out their heinous act. However, a state police spokesperson said in a statement on Sunday that four people were killed and one was injured to varying degrees.

ARMED ROBBERY

- The Bayelsa State Police Command announced the arrest of an armed robbery suspect. The suspect was apprehended by a crack team of anti-kidnapping operatives, according to a statement issued by the command's Public Relations Officer on Thursday. He stated that the suspect was apprehended after a complaint from a female victim he had robbed. He claimed that the suspect robbed her of her phone at gunpoint in Agudama, Yenagoa. During a search, officers discovered one dummy pistol, a pistol holster, a handcuff, and Navy, Army, and Air Force face caps.

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ARMS & AMMUNITION

- The Bauchi State Police Command has discovered an underground arsenal of suspected kidnapers in Liman Katagum, Bauchi Local Government Area's Tudun Wada area. The state Police Public Relations Officer who disclosed this in a statement on Sunday in Bauchi said, Operatives attached to the command acted on credible intelligence and uncovered an armoury of suspected kidnapers. Three AK47 rifles, one LAR rifle, 49 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, nine AK47 magazines, one army camouflage jacket, and one pair of police camouflage trousers were among the items recovered, according to him.

INSECURITY

- As attacks by non-state actors become more common in the weeks leading up to the general elections, civil rights advocacy group Human Rights Writers Association of Nigeria (HURIWA) yesterday called for the liberalization of AK-47 licenses for adults with no criminal records. In a statement, HURIWA's National Coordinator stated that it is critical for states and the federal government to stem the tide of kidnapping, including the new dimension in which marauders raze buildings after slaughtering innocent citizens. The group reiterated its call for the establishment of a National Guard to supplement existing security forces.

TERRORISM

- In the North East Zone, 1,773 members of the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) were killed while fighting terrorists from Boko Haram and the Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP). The Chairman of the CJTF revealed this during an interview on Saturday in Maiduguri. He stated that the deaths occurred between 2012 and 2022, and that despite the high casualty figure, the CJTF remained steadfast in its determination to assist the military in ridding the state of terrorists.
- The Katsina emirate council has confirmed the dismissal of a top district head, Makaman Katsina, the Bakori district head, for allegedly aiding and abetting terrorism in his domain. The dismissal was announced in a letter dated January 19, 2023, and signed by Kauran Katsina, district head of Rimi and a senior council member of the emirate. According to the letter, the district head was fired after a state government committee found him guilty of charges leveled against him by his constituents.

DIPHThERIA

- According to the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC), the death toll from Diphtheria disease in the country has risen to 34, with Kano State reporting 100 cases. According to the NCDC, the deaths occurred between December 2022 and early January 2023 in Lagos, Kano, Yobe, and Osun, with Kano State alone accounting for 25 deaths. The agency blamed the increase in infection and resurgence on the country's low vaccination coverage.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK

- As a result of a cholera outbreak, sixty people have died in Obubura, a community in Cross River State. According to the report, there has been an increase in mortality across 14 wards with over 200 infected people. The community's only source of water for cooking, bathing, washing, drinking, and defecation is a river. Ohorodo I of Okum Kingdom, the community's traditional ruler, who was alarmed by the epidemic, urged the government to intervene by providing them with safe drinking water to prevent another outbreak.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION

- The Lagos State Government has announced that traffic will be diverted on the 23rd and 24th of January in preparation for President Muhammadu Buhari's visit to the state. The announcement was made in a statement signed by the state transportation commissioner on Friday. He assured that alternative routes had been planned and that the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) would be deployed to manage traffic flow during the two-day visit. He stated that adjoining streets leading to the designated routes for Mr. President's movement would be temporarily closed.

ALERTS DATE: 24th January, 2023

BANDITRY

- Terrorists killed three people and kidnapped three in Niger State's Kuta district. The incident occurred on Sunday, when hoodlums attacked seven communities. Residents reportedly abandoned their homes and sought refuge at the Gwada Secondary School. According to a resident, the attack on some of the communities lasted several hours. They attacked villages such as Chiri, Kadna, Kam, Vemu, and others along the Zumba-Gwada Road for more than five hours without assistance from the police or any other law enforcement agent, he added.
- Dozens of women and children from Egwa, Chiro, and other communities in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State fled their homes on Sunday afternoon when bandits attacked and raided the villages. According to reports, the bandits who attacked around 1pm on Sunday carted away over 600 cattle from a Fulani settlement in Egwa Village, near Gwada town. The Shiroro LGA chairman, who was driving from Kuta to Minna, was said to have narrowly escaped when he collided with bandits crossing the road from Chiri to Egwa along Gwada road.

COUNTER TERRORISM ACTION

- Several Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) terrorists were defeated on Monday in Damboa, Borno, by troops from Operation Hadin Kai's 25 Task Force Brigade. According to military sources, the terrorists were humiliated after launching a failed ambush in a convoy of attack in Komala village along the road from Damboa to Maiduguri. Terrorists in large numbers, riding on several Hilux trucks, MRAPs, and motorcycles, were said to have attacked troops on fighting patrol. The troops, on the other hand, stood firm and quickly responded with overwhelming gunfire. According to a counter-insurgency expert and security analyst in Lake Chad who confirmed the foiled attack, the Air Task Force deployed fighter aircraft, which assisted in the neutralization of many of the terrorists.

KIDNAPPING

- A new case of kidnapping has been confirmed by police in Iwo, Osun State. According to the agency, three men were abducted on Friday evening in their farm in the town's Ologun area. The victims are Fulani in ethnicity. The police said they were collaborating with local hunters to find the victims and their kidnappers. According to one of the hunters, the kidnappers contacted the victim's family and demanded a N5 million ransom. He claimed that the kidnappers had likely missed their intended victim, a Nigerian businessman with ties to the UK who owns a farm nearby.

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KIDNAPPING RESCUE

- Three suspected kidnappers were killed by Kwara State Police Command operatives during a shoot-out in Bode-Sadu, Moro Local Government, Kwara State. According to the state Commissioner of Police, his men mobilized vigilantes and local hunters who stormed the forest while the kidnappers were planning to strike. Our men confronted the kidnappers, and during an exchange of gunfire, three of them were neutralized, while two others were apprehended with three locally made guns, he said.
- One of the three people kidnapped by gunmen in Fulani settlements near Iwo town in Osun State has been freed. According to reports, the rescued victim regained his freedom on Monday after the abductors encountered some hunters in the Papa area of Iwo. The three victims were abducted last Friday by eight gunmen at Idi Araba and Laagi Fulani on the Iwo/Aawe/Oyo Road. During the encounter at Papa, the abductors were said to have engaged the hunters in a gun battle, during which the victim was abandoned.

SHOOTING (GUNMEN)

- Gunmen have beheaded the sole administrator of Imo State's Ideato North Local Government Area. The victim was abducted along with two others on Friday when gunmen attacked him and set fire to his home. The victim was from Imoko, a town in the state's council district. The victim was beheaded by the gunmen after his family allegedly paid N6 million in ransom. According to sources, the gunmen were targeting supporters of the South-east elections in 2023.
- Imo State police in South-east Nigeria have spoken out about the recent beheading of the state's sole administrator of Ideato North Local Government Area. The state police spokesperson revealed this in a statement on Monday. According to a police spokesperson, the attack was carried out by suspected members of the outlawed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and its militant wing, the Eastern Security Network.

INSECURITY

- On Sunday, security operatives arrested one of the suspects in the Kaduna-Abuja train attack in Zuba, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory. The suspect was reportedly apprehended by vigilantes in Zuba after he got out of a vehicle near Dan-Kogi Motor Park. According to a vigilante, members of the Miyetti Allah Vigilantes spotted the suspect and immediately alerted security operatives, who arrested him.
- In 2022, 39 Catholic priests were killed by gunmen, while 30 others were abducted. According to a report released on Monday by SB Morgen Intelligence, 145 attacks on Catholic priests were recorded in the previous year. According to the report, the North-Central was the hardest hit, with 12 deaths, while the North-West had nine. Similarly, the south-east and south-south each had five deaths, while the north-east and north-west each had four. According to the report, 28 attacks were carried out by kidnappers, three by herdsmen, two by the Indigenous People of Biafra, IPOB, two by Boko Haram, and one each by bandits and mob violence.

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STRIKE ACTION

- The Nigerian Aviation Handling Company Plc (NAHCO) workers have called off their strike, which began in the early hours of Monday. This is in response to a communique signed by company management, union representatives, and regulatory agencies, in which it was resolved that the workers call off the strike and resume work immediately. The parties agreed that staff welfare negotiations would resume on January 25 and be completed within a week.

DIPHTHERIA

- The Osun State Government confirmed the first case of diphtheria disease in the state on Monday. The incident was reported in the state's Ilesa East Local Government Area. A middle-aged man whose identity has not been revealed was discovered to have contracted the disease and is currently being isolated at an unnamed hospital. The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) had previously stated that it was monitoring the diphtheria situation in Yobe and Osun States, where it had been detected.

COVID-19

- The Federal Government announced on Monday that international visitors to Nigeria will now be required to show proof of Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination. It stated that the new directive was prompted by an increase in COVID-19 cases in China, Japan, the United States (U.S.), and other countries. On December 12, 2022, the Presidential Steering Committee (PSC) on COVID-19 relaxed safety measures. The Federal Ministry of Health's Director of Port Health Services stated this in Abuja while providing updates on COVID-19 and other health concerns in the country.

ALERTS DATE: 25th January, 2023

BANDITRY

- During operations on the Birnin Gwari-Kaduna road and in Igabi LGA, troops from Operation Forest Sanity killed three bandits and rescued 16 people. According to reports, the troops responded to a distress call along the Birnin Gwari-Kaduna road's Udawa-Manini axis to engage the bandits. The Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, said, after foiling the attack, troops took some victims who sustained injuries to hospitals for treatment.

SHOOTING (GUNMEN)

- According to the Southeast leader of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MCBAN), one person has been declared missing and fifteen cows have been killed following an attack on a cattle ranch settlement in Awba-Ofemili, Awka North Council Area of Anambra State, by suspected gunmen. He said the gunmen stormed the cattle ranch hub on Sunday night, shooting sporadically into the air to scare residents away before carrying out their heinous act.

ATTACK

- An unspecified number of special hunters from the Joint Security Task Force were killed in an airstrike in Galadima Kogo, Shiroro local government area, Niger State. The source of the helicopter that carried out the airstrike is still unknown, according to reports. The number of fatalities, including the special hunters, is unknown as investigations into the extent of the damage are ongoing.

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BRIBERY

- The Kano State Police Command arrested a 62-year-old man in Kaduna State's Sabon Gari Local Government Area for offering a bribe of N1 million to a police officer in exchange for the release of a suspect arrested for kidnapping. The state's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) made the announcement on Tuesday. He claimed the man approached the officer in charge of the state anti-kidnapping squad and offered him a bribe in exchange for the kidnappers release, a 27 year old, of Danjibga Village, Tsafe LGA, Zamfara State.

FUEL SCARCITY

- The Federal Government is meeting with midstream and downstream oil sector operators as part of efforts to develop strategic stock for Premium Motor Spirit, also known as petrol, in key locations across the country. It stated that the national strategic stocks would aid in addressing Nigeria's recurrent fuel scarcity, and it also announced the formation of a 14-member committee to find a long-term solution to disruptions in the supply and distribution of petroleum products.

FLOODING

- On Tuesday, the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) warned Nigerians, particularly those in cities and riverine areas, to brace themselves for more flooding. NiMet's Director-General stated this in Abuja on the dawn of the public release of the 2023 Seasonal Climate Prediction (SCP).

DIPHThERIA

- As of 22 January, Nigeria had recorded 123 Diphtheria infections and 38 deaths across four states of the federation. According to the most recent data from the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Kano State had the most confirmed infections and deaths, with 100 confirmed infections and 32 deaths, followed by Yobe, which had 17 infections and three deaths. The NCDC Director General made the announcement on Monday at the Federal Ministry of Health's ministerial briefing in Abuja. He added that Lagos State had five cases with three deaths, while Osun had one infection with no fatalities.

ALERTS DATE: 26th January, 2023

BANDITRY

- Police in Zamfara State, Northwest Nigeria, have arrested eight people on suspicion of banditry, criminal conspiracy, robbery, and fraud. The police said they found 15 locally made guns, 146 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, a Honda car, N100 million, and dried marijuana leaves. Before their arrest, the suspects were members of a criminal syndicate that provided information to bandits and dried leaves suspected to be Indian hemp and other dangerous drugs.
- The Katsina State Police Command apprehended a 21-year-old man who was planning to join a terrorist gang and submit the names of targets he intended to kidnap. Police apprehended the suspect after receiving a tip and working with vigilantes from Unguwar Nakaba village in Katsina State's Sabuwa Local Council. According to a State Police spokesperson, the suspect was on his way to the forest where he planned to meet with the gang and become a member.



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BANDITRY

- Bandits fired a volley of rocket-propelled grenades at Birnin Magaji town, the headquarters of Zamfara state's Birnin Magaji local government area, according to reports. Birnin Magaji local government shares a boundary with Katsina state's troubled Batsari local government. The local government has been a hotspot for bandit activity, which has primarily been carried out by the boys of Dankarami and one Ardo Nashawari. According to a vigilante leader, the armed criminals had previously attacked some farmers tending to their lands just a kilometer east of town. It was reported that the farmers escaped unharmed, and that a well-known vigilante group mobilized and pursued the bandits. It was reported that the armed criminals were reinforced by firing grenades. The grenades fired missed the target. One of them blew up, leaving a large crater near a stream.

KIDNAPPING

- Residents of the Ikem-Isioroto community in Enugu State's Isi-Uzo local government area have abandoned their families and town after gunmen suspected of being kidnapers attacked the community and abducted a resident on Tuesday. According to reports, the Tuesday attack brought the total number of abductions in the community to seven in the last week. It had been reported that gunmen suspected of kidnapping had been laying siege in Ikem-Isioroto along the Obollo Afor-Ikem-Nkalagu federal highway and had recently kidnapped no fewer than six people.
- The District Head of Chawai in Kauru Local Government, Kaduna State, has been kidnapped by gunmen. The President of the Chawai Development Association confirmed the kidnapping of the District Head on Wednesday (CDA). According to the CDA's Public Relations Officer, the traditional ruler was kidnapped Tuesday night by unknown gunmen who invaded his house in Zambina. It was reported that around 9:30 p.m., the kidnapers stormed the traditional ruler's house and abducted him.
- A woman and her daughter, members of the Baptist Church in Osogbo, Osun State's capital, have reportedly been kidnapped. Five members of the church were reportedly kidnapped last week in Iwo, also in Osun State. The most recent victims were kidnapped on Tuesday around 6 p.m. on Otaefun/Kobongboe road after leaving their shop to go home. The kidnapers contacted the victims' families and demanded N5 million in exchange for their release, according to the church's spokesperson who confirmed the incident. He claimed that the kidnapers also demanded that the ransom be put into the victim's bank account.

SHOOTING (GUNMEN)

- Gunmen assassinated the All Progressives Congress ward chairman in Umuchoke ward in Okwe, Onuimo Local Government, Imo State, on Tuesday night. After killing him, the assailants abducted five other leaders of the community's ruling party. On Wednesday, local sources claimed that the attackers shot continuously throughout the night to force the villagers to flee. According to reports, the gunmen also invaded a nearby community called Okwelle and kidnapped a female member of the APC in addition to killing and abducting the APC chieftains.

ATTACK

- A bomb went off on Tuesday night at the border between Nasarawa and Benue states in the Doma Local Government Area of Nasarawa state, killing no less than 27 Fulani pastoralists. On Wednesday, the state's police public relations officer disclosed the incident in Lafia. He stated that the tragic incident occurred on Tuesday in the Rukubi community of Doma LGA. He did, however, say that the state police command was working with sister security agencies and the state government to figure out what led to the bombing and apprehend those responsible.

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CULTISM

- The Delta Police Command has arrested a suspected financier of a cult group in Sapele Town. Its spokesman in Warri said on Wednesday that the suspect was apprehended by a joint team of the Police, the Department of State Service (DSS), and Operation Delta Hawk. According to him, the suspect was apprehended by the team on Monday in an undisclosed hotel after the team received an intelligence report.

LASSA FEVER

- The Anambra State Government has confirmed one death and fifteen suspected cases of Lassa fever in the state. The state's emergency response team was already responding to the recorded cases, according to the Commissioner of Health, who revealed this on Thursday, while relevant surveillance measures were in place to curtail disease spread. He also stated that the government had formed contact tracing teams to follow up on the cases.
- On Wednesday, the Edo State Commissioner for Health stated that Etsako West, Esan West, and Esan North East were the most affected local government areas in the state by Lassa fever. The state government also urged residents to work together to contain the pandemic in all communities across the state. The Commissioner stated that the government has continued to increase surveillance and response activities in order to stop the spread of the disease and ensure the health and well-being of the state's residents.

FUEL SCARCITY

- The House of Representatives has asked the appropriate security agencies to identify the oil marketers behind the recent nationwide fuel shortage. The lower chamber also directed that relevant House committees investigate the scarcity, and that downstream regulators appear before the House leadership on Thursday. The resolutions came after the adoption of a motion of urgent public importance moved by a house member during plenary on Wednesday.

ALERTS DATE: 27th January, 2023

BANDITRY

- Five local miners were killed by bandits in Kaduna State's Hayin Udawa community, Chikun Local Government Area. On Wednesday afternoon, the bandits stormed the mining site where the victims were working. According to a source who confirmed the incident, five local miners were killed on Wednesday while working in the bush, while others were injured by gunshots. He stated that the location of the attack was not far from where bandits ambushed Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) personnel, killing seven and six miners a few weeks ago.

COUNTER TERRORISM ACTION

- The Director Defence Media Operations (DMO) has revealed that troops neutralized scores of terrorists and destroyed their structures and logistics by conducting air interdiction operations at terrorists' hideouts, enclaves, and camps, particularly in Dogon Chuku on the outskirts of Northern Tumbums, Arina Kasa in the Southern Tumbums of the Lake Chad Basin, Chidike in the Mandara Mountains, and Gezuwa in Borno State.
- The Director Defence Media Operations (DMO) has revealed that within the period of two weeks, troops of Operation SAFE HAVEN killed 12 terrorists, captured 40, and rescued 74 in various operations conducted in Plateau, Niger, Kogi, and Benue States.

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COUNTER TERRORISM ACTION

- Based on credible intelligence, troops raided criminal hideouts in Njuu and Waku villages in Benue State's Logo and Guma Local Government Areas on January 22, 2023, and made contact with terrorists. Three terrorists were killed after a fierce fight. Eight dane guns, two AK47 rifles, one pistol, three rounds of 9mm ammunition, 112 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, 20 rounds of 5.56mm ammunition, one galil rifle, one magazine, three ATM cards, and N69,000.00 were recovered. Troops also arrested five terrorists and rescued eight civilians.

KIDNAPPING RESCUE

- A housewife and her child who were kidnapped in Osogbo on Tuesday have been released. Their kidnappers, according to reports, abandoned them in Ibadan, Oyo State, and fled. Gunmen kidnapped the woman and her child around 6 p.m. as they were walking home from her shop in Ota Efun, Osogbo, Osun State. The hoodlums allegedly contacted the woman's husband and demanded N5 million in ransom. However, according to a family source, the victims were rescued on Thursday by men from the Department of State Services. According to the source, no ransom was paid.

SHOOTING (GUNMEN)

- On Thursday, gunmen killed a female police sergeant assigned to the Imo State Police Command's Highway Patrol. A civilian was also killed during the attack by a stray bullet. According to reports, the deceased was killed when assailants in a bus ambushed her and others on patrol at Ihitte junction on the Owerri-Aba Road in the state's Ngor Opkala council.

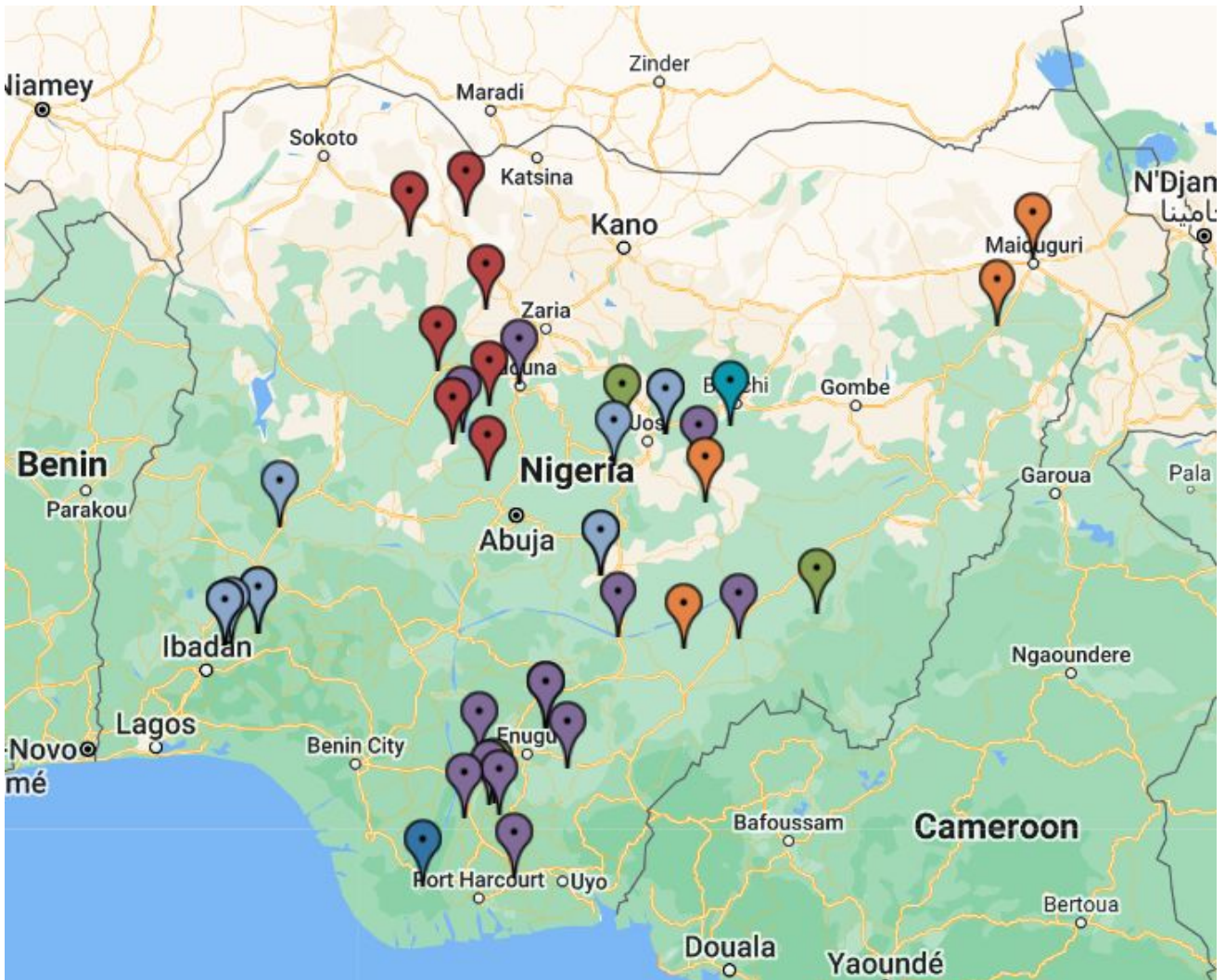
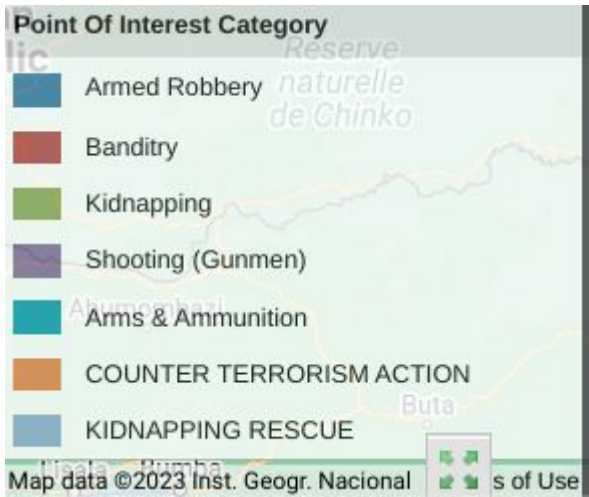
TERRORISM

- According to Nigeria's military High Command, troops on the frontlines have neutralized 64 in the North East and North West, rescuing 122 civilian captives in the last two weeks. The disclosure was made on Friday by the Director Defence Media Operations (DMO), who noted that the military, in collaboration with other security agencies, has continued to achieve unprecedented success in all of its operations across the country. Within two weeks, troops from Operation HADIN KAI (OPHK) obliterated 42 terrorists, arrested over 14 terrorists and their logistics suppliers, and rescued six civilian captives. According to him, over 267 terrorists surrendered as troops recovered a cache of arms and ammunition during the review period.
- In the North West zone, the Director Defence Media Operations (DMO) stated that during Operation HADARIN DAJI's onslaughts against terrorists over the course of two weeks, troops neutralized 22 terrorists, arrested four, and rescued 26 civilians. Troops recovered 18 AK47 rifles, one submachine gun, 126 7.62mm special rounds, six magazines, 13 motorcycles, two Boafeng radios, ten mobile phones, and two laptop computers.

INSECURITY

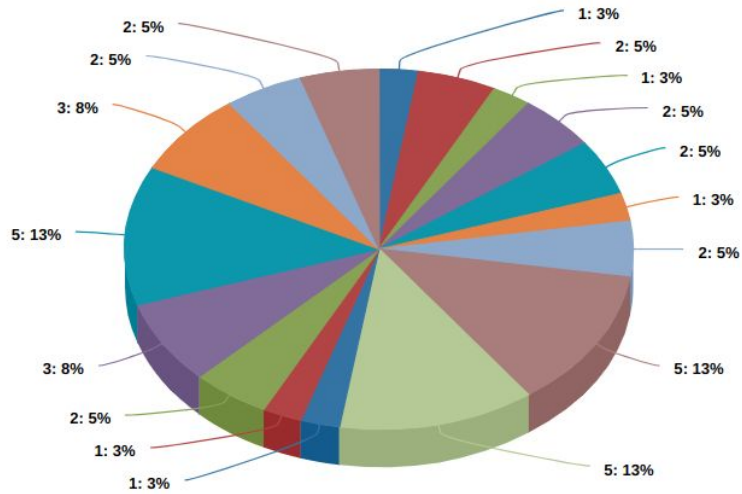
- The police on Thursday began deploying bomb sweepers, radiation detectors, frequency jammers, and other modern security technologies in troubled areas to prevent criminals from disrupting the general election with explosives and other devices. The distribution was launched in Lagos by the Commissioner of Police (CP) and is being coordinated by the Explosives Ordnance Disposal Chemical Biological and Nuclear (EOD-CBRN) Command. Based on threat assessments, the equipment will be deployed primarily in the Northeast and Southeast regions of the country, according to the CP.

WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORTING MAP



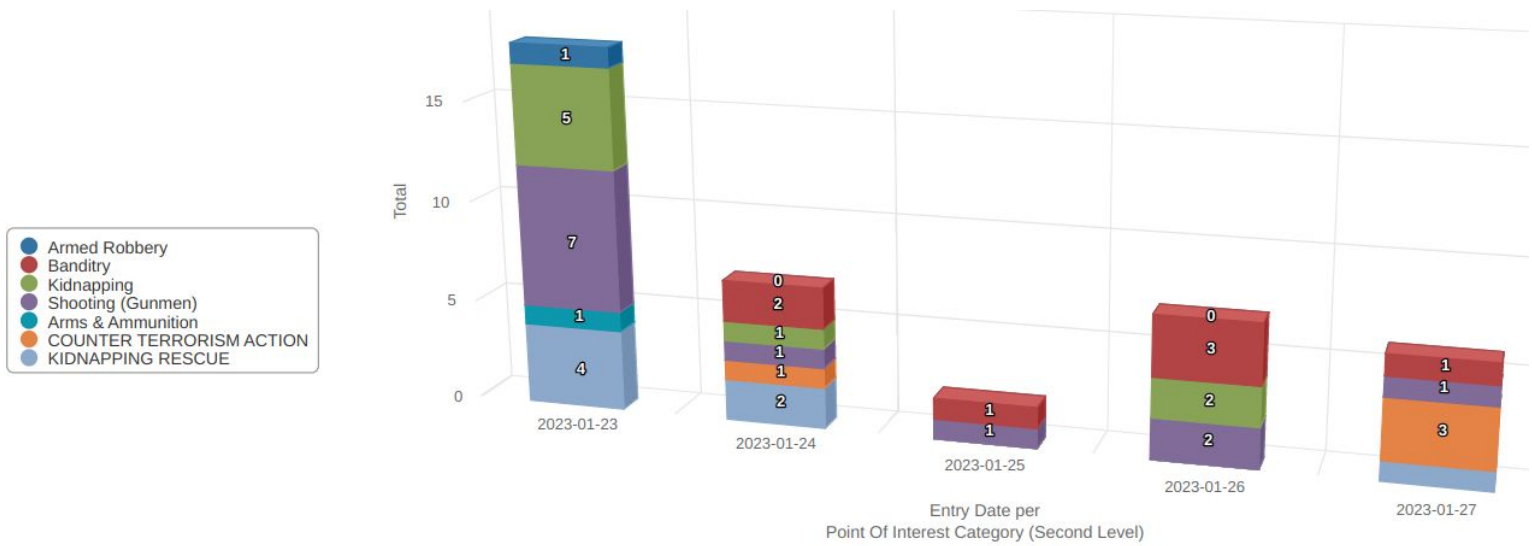
WEEKLY SECURITY INCIDENT INFOGRAPHIC

- NIGERIA (NI) - ANAMBRA
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ANAMBRA	1	1
BAUCHI	2	2
BAYELSA	1	1
BENUE	2	2
BORNO	2	2
EBONYI	1	1
ENUGU	2	2
IMO	5	5
KADUNA	5	5
KATSINA	1	1
KWARA	1	1
NASARAWA	2	2
NIGER	3	3
OSUN	5	5
PLATEAU	3	3
TARABA	2	2
ZAMFARA	2	2
	40	40

WEEKLY SECURITY INCIDENT INFOGRAPHIC



	Armed Robbery	Banditry	Kidnapping	Shooting (Gunmen)	Arms & Ammunition	COUNTER TERRORISM ACTION	KIDNAPPING RESCUE	
2023-01-23	1	0	5	7	1	0	4	18
2023-01-24	0	2	1	1	0	1	2	7
2023-01-25	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
2023-01-26	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	7
2023-01-27	0	1	0	1	0	3	1	6
	1	7	8	12	1	4	7	40