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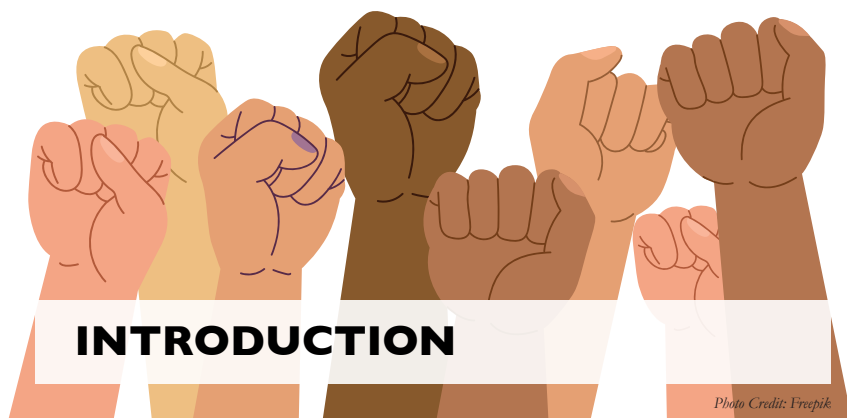


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Nigeria like several countries around the world, has enacted national laws and has ratified several international treaties on human rights protection. However, human rights violations persist. Ensuring respect, protection and fulfillment of rights is a continuous process that both public authorities and citizens need to improve upon over time. Accountability for the human rights framework is both corrective and preventive. It addresses grievances and sanctions violations, as well as contributes to improving policymaking and service delivery.¹

This report documents the trend of human rights protection in Nigeria between April and June 2022. It is the second in the series of Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC)'s Nigeria Quarterly Human Rights Report for the year 2022. It identifies incidents of human rights violations suffered by Nigerian citizens and residents in different parts of the country. In addition to documenting violations recorded in the period, this report also highlights instances of continuing abuse in the case of incidents already reported in the previous quarter.

1 Center for Economic and Social Rights. 2022. Human Rights FAQs. Available at: <<https://www.cesr.org/what-are-economic-social-and-cultural-rights/>> [Accessed August 22, 2022].

In the period under review, increased insecurity was observed across the country. Insecurity has adversely affected the daily lives of individuals and the operation of businesses. Violent attacks and kidnapping targeted at places of religious worship and clerics exacerbated infringement on religious rights. The period also saw a surge in citizens taking laws into their hands, attacking and killing individuals ostensibly for perceived offences including blasphemy, meaning that jungle justice is on the rise.

The response of security agents to the crisis of insecurity in the country has been less than impressive. Indeed, it appears that the response has been uncoordinated and unhelpful. In its 2021 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices released in April 2022, the United States Department of State accused Nigerian security agencies including the Police, military and Department of State Services of corruption, human rights violation and impunity. It also faulted the disciplinary procedure for erring security officials, which it described as opaque and shielding such officials.²

The current state of human rights protection in Nigeria requires urgent attention. To this end, PLAC is collaborating with the Human Rights Committees in the National Assembly, civil society organisations, human rights activists and citizens to monitor the trend of human rights abuse. The co-operation of all stakeholders including citizens in calling out and reporting cases of rights violations, will provide the necessary support for the Legislature to check the excesses of the Executive and its agencies in the area of human rights violation.

2 United States Department of State. 2022. Nigeria - United States Department of State. [online] Available at: <<https://www.state.gov/reports/2021-country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/nigeria>> [Accessed 4 July 2022].



CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

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Freedom of Expression and of the Press

There is continuing police violation of the rights of journalists in contravention of section 39 of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution, which guarantees the right to freedom of expression and the press. In April 2022, Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC) issued a call-to-action, asking citizens to write to the Human Rights Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, enjoining them to hold the Nigeria Police and security agencies to account and insist that they deal with journalists in a manner that allows them to carry out their Constitutional responsibilities.

On Friday, 1st April 2022, a reporter with Channels TV, Olu Phillips was harrassed and manhandled by Police Officers stationed at the Lekki Toll Gate. Phillips was covering the re-opening of the Toll Gate which was shut down since the October 2020 #EndSARS protests,³

³ Ozulumba, C., 2022. What led to #endsars protests? THISDAYLIVE What Led to EndSARS Protests Available at: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2021/10/20/what-led-to-endsars-protests/> [Accessed August 22, 2022].

when armed police officers attacked and bundled him into a waiting van. Phillips was released following the intervention of some pedestrians and commuters who witnessed the incident and challenged the officers.

In March 2021, the Lekki Concession Company (LCC) generated controversy when they announced plans to resume tolling. The move was seriously resisted by many Nigerians who are still aggrieved by the shooting of unarmed protesters by military personnel at the toll gate in the heat of the #EndSARS protest in 2020.

A Nigerian journalist and founder of a news website, Eagles Foresight, Olamilekan Bashiru is reported to have been detained since 13th May 2022. Officials of the Department for State Services (DSS) reportedly arrested Bashiru after his news platform republished a report about the alleged criminal records of Ogun State Governor, Dapo Abiodun (which had been originally published by other news outlets). Bashiru was detained at the DSS headquarters in Abeokuta, the Ogun State following his arrest. It is important to note that he had been to the DSS office for questioning earlier on 29th April 2022 and denied access to legal representation. Bashiru was compelled to publicly apologise for republishing the article and to describe it as false information, which he did on the website. He was later transferred to the State Police headquarters, where he was still being held for over 100 days at the time of this report. Festus Ogun, lawyer to the journalist was eventually allowed to visit him while in Police custody, although he was not told the charge against his client or when he would be released.

Political Participation

Elections are a key element of democracy, as the process allows citizens to select their leaders, and also contest elections into public office. While the 1999 Nigerian Constitution stipulates eighteen years, as the age of eligibility to be registered to vote at an election, it does not specifically provide for the right to vote and be voted for. However,

the Constitution stipulates eligibility criteria for candidates contesting for the respective elective public office it establishes. Therefore, it follows that any individual who aspires to such positions must meet the qualifications stipulated by law. In addition to this, such a person must do so on the platform of a political party, as Nigeria's political system does not currently provide for independent candidacy. However, internal party structures and mechanisms have often posed hurdles to political participation.

Ahead of political parties' primaries to nominate their candidates for the upcoming 2023 general elections, the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) pegged the combined cost of its nomination and expression of interest forms for presidential aspirants at N100 million and N50 million for governorship aspirants. In the major opposition People's Democratic Party (PDP), the forms for presidential aspirants cost N40 million while the forms for governorship aspirants cost N21 million. These fees were not only exorbitant but constituted a form of discrimination to the participation of qualified Nigerians who were interested in contesting in the party's primaries but could not afford to purchase the forms, considering the economic realities in the country.

Violence has hindered political participation as evidenced by some incidents which occurred in the course of the Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) exercise conducted by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). There are fears that voting in the upcoming 2023 general elections may also be affected by violence.

On 14th April 2022, gunmen attacked Nkwo Ihitte (Polling Unit 004) in Amakohia Ward (Registration Area 02) in Ihitte Uboma Local Government Area of Imo State and disrupted the conduct of the CVR exercise. A staff of INEC, Nwokorie Anthony was shot dead by gunmen while two other staff involved in the registration exercise at the polling unit could not be accounted for after the attack. Following the incident, INEC suspended the exercise in the area. Prior to the

incident, the Commission had suspended the CVR in Orsu and Njaba Local Government areas of the State on account of insecurity, limiting it to its local government offices in Oru East, Oru West, Orlu and Ohaji – Egbema Local Government Areas of the State.

On 10th June 2022, traders of the Alaba International Market, Ojo, Lagos State who closed their shops in order to register for their Permanent Voter's Card (PVC) were attacked by hoodlums. According to news reports, officials of the market had instructed that all shops be shut to give traders ample time to register at the office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in the Igbede area of Ojo, to obtain their PVCs. There was a massive turnout of traders at the registration point. However, while the registration exercise was ongoing, thugs armed with machetes, sticks and clubs were said to have stormed the venue to disrupt the process and also made moves to cart away INEC registration machines but they were overpowered by the traders.

Police Misconduct

Police brutality is often viewed as the inhumane treatment meted out to citizens by the Police in the course of carrying out their duties, and instances of such occurrences are rife. However, in some cases, individuals procure Police personnel to pursue private, civil claims and to settle other personal issues, in the process of which they violate the rights of the persons they are procured to deal with.

On 8th June 8, 2022, at a nightclub in Victoria Island, Lagos, Police escorts attached to a popular Nigerian musician shot and injured two persons - Irebami Lawrence and another simply identified as Tolu, while the musician was reported to have fled the scene. Five Police escorts were said to have gone to the club with the singer on that day. The musician spotted a woman at the club, whom he made advances at. Her husband who was present, was said to have rebuffed the musician, leading to an argument between the man's friends and musician's team,

which resulted in the shooting. Days after the incident, Public Relations Officer of the Police Force Headquarters, CSP Muyiwa Adejobi announced that the escorts were identified, arrested and detained over their misconduct. The leadership of the Nigeria Police Force also ordered the Lagos State Police Commissioner, CP Abiodun Alabi, to conduct investigation into the alleged shooting and submit his findings for appropriate action.⁴ At the time of this report, it is not clear what action the Police has taken to bring its erring personnel to account.

There are several complaints relating to the misconduct of Police personnel in civil engagement, which the leadership of the Police is expected to investigate and discipline officers who are found culpable. The Disciplinary Committee of the Nigeria Police was reported to have carried out review of disciplinary cases instituted against 130 Senior Police officers between Tuesday, 28th June and Friday, 1st July 2022 at the Force Headquarters, Abuja. According to a statement on the matter by the spokesman of the Police Force Headquarters, CSP Olumuyiwa Adejobi, the officers comprise: two Commissioners of Police, three Assistant Commissioners of Police, 11 Chief Superintendents of Police, 19 Superintendents of Police, 18 Deputy Superintendents of Police and 77 Assistant Superintendents of Police. It is expected that upon conclusion of proceedings, recommendations on each case will be communicated to the Police Service Commission.⁵

In a separate development, the Inspector General of Police, IGP Usman Alkali Baba stated that the Police was set to launch the ‘e-Warrant Card’, a digital solution to upgrade the Police’s identification system by providing seamless identification of officers all over the country and eliminate the possibility of replication of fake identity cards by criminal elements impersonating police officers.⁶

4 2022. Available at: <<https://www.channelstv.com/2022/06/13/club-shooting-igp-orders-arrest-probe-of-policeman-attached-to-burna-boy/>> [Accessed August 22, 2022].

5 <<https://www.channelstv.com/2022/06/29/police-disciplinary-committee-reviews-cases-against-130-senior-officers/>> [Accessed July 4, 2022].

6 <<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/fdc-to-review-disciplinary-cases-against-130-senior-police-officers/>> [Accessed July 4, 2022].

Religious Freedom

Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides for the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. Likewise, section 38 of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution guarantees this right, including the freedom of an individual to manifest and propagate their religion or belief in worship, teaching, practice and observance. Some incidents of rights violations recorded in the second quarter of 2022 have a religious undertone that points towards religious intolerance.

In a statement dated 29th June 2022, some United States Senators canvassed for Nigeria to be redesignated as a Country of Particular Concern (CPC). In December 2020, the United States had listed Nigeria as a CPC for violating religious freedom. In November 2021, Nigeria was removed from the list. However, the Senators questioned why Nigeria was removed from the list in spite of the absence of demonstrable improvement in the country's religious freedom conditions. The Senators called on the US State Department to reverse its decision and redesignate Nigeria as a CPC.⁷ This call was made following several attacks on Christians in Nigeria, some of which are identified below.

On 12th May 2022, a second-year female student of the Shehu Shagari College of Education, Deborah Samuel was stoned to death in Sokoto State by irate youths. According to the Police, Deborah was accused of making a social media post that blasphemed the holy Prophet Mohammed (SAW). Videos that circulated on social media showed men stoning and flogging a motionless body, and also captured a raging fire with a man facing the camera and showing a matchbox, claiming that he killed and burnt her. In a statement, the Police Command in Sokoto State said that it had arrested two persons in connection with the killing.

7 Gabriel, E. and Nworio, B., 2022. U.S Senators want Nigeria Reinstated on 'Religious Freedom Concern' List – THISDAYLIVE. Available at: <<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/07/02/u-s-senators-want-nigeria-reinstated-on-religious-freedom-concern-list/>> [Accessed July 15 2022].

On 4th June 2022, a mob killed a member of a vigilante group in Lugbe area of Abuja, for purportedly making a blasphemous statement. Members of the vigilante group guarding a popular Timber Shed market at the Federal Housing Estate (FHA) Lugbe in Abuja, had attempted to arrest some persons wandering around the market in the early hours of Saturday, 4th June 2022. The individuals were said to have begged the vigilantes to set them free in the name of God but one of the vigilantes refused and made comments that were described as being blasphemous. He was then beaten, stoned and set ablaze, a development that caused commotion in the estate. Policemen were later deployed to the scene of the incident to restore order.

Prelate of the Methodist Church of Nigeria, His Eminence, Dr. Samuel Chukwuemeka Kanu Uche, Methodist Bishop of Owerri, Rt. Reverend Dennis Mark and the Prelate's Chaplain, Very Reverend Abidemi Jeremiah Shittu were abducted on 29th May 2022 in Umunnechi Local Government Area of Abia State. They were released by their abductors two days later, after a ransom of N100 million was paid.

St. Francis Catholic Church, Owo town in Owo Local Government Area of Ondo State was attacked by gunmen on Sunday, 5th June 2022. The gunmen were said to have arrived at the Church premises at about noon when the Sunday mass was being concluded, launched an improvised explosive device in the premises before they started shooting sporadically, killing at least 40 worshippers and injuring several others.

On 19th June 2022, bandits attacked Maranatha Baptist Church and St. Moses Catholic Church in Rubu village, Kajuru in Kaduna State and killed three worshippers. The victims were identified as Peter Madaki (Ward Head of Ungwan Fada community), Elisha Ezekiel, (Resident of Ungwan Fada community) and Ali Zamani (Youth Leader of Rubu village). Two persons were injured and an unspecified number of locals were also kidnapped. Other worshippers were said to have escaped

through a nearby bush. The State Commissioner, Internal Security, and Homes Affairs, Samuel Aruwan explained that the attackers looted shops and carted away some valuables from the affected communities.

On 20th June 2022, terrorists operating in the eastern part of Sokoto State attacked the motorcade of intending muslim pilgrims from Isa Local Government Area. The intending pilgrims were on their way to the Hajj camp in Sokoto for airlift to Saudi Arabia when the bandits ambushed them. Attempts by the terrorists to abduct some of the intending pilgrims failed as a result of intervention by security agents. Some Police escorts were said to have lost their lives in the process. The State Commissioner for Information, Mr. Isah Bajini Galadanci, stated that the intending pilgrims eventually arrived the Hajj camp in Sokoto safely.

On 25th June 2022, gunmen attacked a Prison Farm in Kujama, along Kaduna-Kachia road in Kaduna State and killed a Catholic priest, Reverend Father Vitus Borogo. He was the Chaplain of the Catholic Community of the Kaduna State Polytechnic and Chairman of the Nigerian Catholic Diocesan Priests Association (NCDPA), Kaduna Chapter.

On 26th June 2022, Reverend Father Christopher Odia was abducted by gunmen while coming out for Sunday Mass at his rectory, St. Michael Catholic Church, Ikabigbo in Edo State, and killed few hours after his abduction. He was the administrator of St. Michael Catholic Church, Ikabigbo, Etsako West Local Government Area of Edo State and also the Principal of St. Philip Catholic Secondary School, Jattu in the State.

Over 700 Catholic priests participated in a peaceful protest March in Kaduna State on 30th June 2022, the same day their colleague, Reverend Father Vitus Borogo was interred. The priests carried placards with inscriptions expressing their grievances and called on the Nigerian

government to tackle the rising violent attacks that had claimed the lives of several clerics.⁸



Photo Credit: Africa Independent Television

Fundamental Rights Violation by Individuals

There are rising incidents of human rights violation in the country and of individuals taking the law into their hands, further fostering the climate of jungle justice. While the government has the responsibility to respect and protect the human rights of citizens, it would appear that the general climate of lack of accountability has increased the levels of jungle justice in the country.

In the period under review, several reported incidents involved the violation of individuals' rights to life and dignity of human person by other individuals. Citizens have often gathered to inflict harm and even kill persons accused of committing certain offences, as opposed to reporting and handing them over to relevant authorities. In some cases, this practice is a reflection of the fact that citizens have little or no confidence in State institutions to adequately deal with these issues, particularly the Police and the Judiciary. Notwithstanding, these

⁸ Vaticannews.va. 2022. Nigeria: Priest killed by bandits buried as clergy protest rising insecurity - Vatican News. Available at: <<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2022-07/nigeria-priest-borogo-protest-bandits-kaduna-insecurity.html>> [Accessed August 24, 2022].

suspects are entitled to fair hearing guaranteed in section 36 of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution, regardless of how apparent their guilt may seem. Jungle justice has often led to the death of persons who were eventually discovered to be innocent. It has also been displayed in cases of religious intolerance, as discussed under ‘Religious Freedom’ above.

Two unidentified men were set ablaze and burnt to death by a mob in the Ijesha axis of Lagos State over alleged theft of mobile phones. The victims were said to have been found with 18 mobile phones, suspected to be stolen in the morning of 11th May 2022. They were mobbed due to the outrage of residents of the area over the frequent cases of theft in the vicinity within the few weeks preceding this incident. Spokesperson of the Lagos State Police Command, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, , stated that the Police had launched a manhunt to arrest those involved in the act of jungle justice.

Commercial motorcyclists lynched a sound engineer identified as David Imoh in the Lekki axis of Lagos State. The incident happened on 12th May 2022, following a misunderstanding between David, a father of two and a motorcyclist. The misunderstanding over a balance of N100 for the service rendered by one of the motorcyclists to David’s two colleagues, was said to have degenerated, resulting in some motorcyclists present at the scene joining their colleague to beat up David and two of his colleagues. The commercial motorcyclists were said to have set David ablaze after beating him unconscious. Benjamin Hundeyin, Lagos Police spokesperson, said four suspects were arrested in connection with the murder of the sound engineer, adding that the deceased’s friends were taken to hospital for treatment.

A teenager accused of stealing a motorcycle was burnt to death by a mob in Auchi, Etsako West LGA, Edo State, on Friday, 13th May 2022. A video of the mob action, circulated via online platforms, showed two male teenagers stripped naked and beaten over allegation of theft. One of the teenagers was later burnt to death. According to

Kontongs Bello, Edo State Police spokesperson, in a statement dated 14th May, some vigilantes aided the mob who set the suspect ablaze. The Commissioner of Police in the State was also reported to have ordered an investigation into the incident.

At least five persons were reported to have been killed and several buildings razed in a clash between traders and commercial motorcyclists at Dei Dei, a community in Abuja. The clash which led to the breakdown of law and order in the area was as a result of an accident. The accident involved a motorcyclist and led to the death of his passenger, a trader. The other traders were said to have attacked the motorcyclist whom they blamed for recklessness which led to the death of the passenger. His colleagues reportedly moved to rescue him from the attackers and the situation degenerated. However, security operatives intervened afterwards.

On 29th May 2022, several motorcyclists attacked a residential estate (Same Global Estate) in the Lokogoma area of Abuja to avenge the death of two of their colleagues said to have been run over by a motorist, who ran into the estate for safety. The motorcyclists attacked the estate in their bid to apprehend the motorist. The entrance to the estate was set on fire, and the inferno affected the gatehouse of the estate.

An angry mob set over 30 motorcycles ablaze at Jakande Estate, Isheri Road, Lagos State on 9th June 2022, after a commercial motorcyclist crushed a man to death. The motorcyclist was plying on the wrong lane when he knocked down the victim who was standing by the roadside at a bus stop. The victim was reported to have died due to the impact of the collision. Youths in the area angered by the incident pounced on the motorcyclist and were on the verge of lynching him when some policemen intervened and rescued him. The angry youths were said to have also seized motorcycles from other riders in the vicinity of the accident. While the policemen took the injured motorcyclist to a nearby

hospital for treatment, the mob set the seized motorcycles ablaze.

According to SBM Intelligence, 279 incidents of mob violence were reported between January 2019 and May 2022, in which 391 persons were killed, with Southern Nigeria accounting for 197 of these incidents and 223 deaths.⁹

⁹ TheSun, 2022. [Available at: <<https://www.sunnewsonline.com/southern-nigeria-records-highest-mob-lynching-in-4-years/>> [Accessed August 25, 2022].



Often referred to as ‘second generation’ rights, economic, social and cultural rights are just as important as fundamental rights. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the 1999 Nigerian Constitution provide for these rights. Good education, healthcare, gainful employment, adequate housing, feeding and access to clean water and sanitation are all essential to achieving a meaningful quality of life. The fulfilment of socio-economic rights enhances individuals’ standard of living and puts them in a better position to participate in society by exercising their fundamental rights to freedom of speech, movement, personal liberty, etc.

The violation of socio-economic and cultural rights directly affects the enjoyment of civil liberties and vice versa. For example, what will the right to life be without adequate shelter and access to clean water or how can a person fully exercise their right to decent employment without the right to peaceful assembly and association? It is safe to say that all human rights intertwine.

Business Environment and High Cost of Living

Scarcity and high cost of petroleum products persisted into the second quarter of 2022, translating to increased prices of goods and services, and in some cases, collapse of businesses that could not afford the high cost of production.

On 15th May 2022, the Airline Operators of Nigeria (AON) announced scheduled disruptions to flight operations, owing to the increased scarcity of aviation fuel (Jet-A1).¹⁰ The union had earlier announced the suspension of flight operations from 9th May 2022 over high cost of aviation fuel, which went from N190 to N700 within only a few months.¹¹ The challenges with aviation fuel had caused airline operators to fix the base fare for a one-way trip to destinations within Nigeria at N50,000 in February 2022.

In June 2022, the Lagos State government increased the fares of its Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on all routes by a flat rate of N100. The State's transport authority explained that economic realities necessitated the increase in bus fares.¹² Majority of the citizens and residents of the State who utilise the BRT services are average to low-income earners and the increase in the cost of essential services such as transportation will adversely impact on their earnings.

10 TheCable, 2022. Airline operators announce flight disruption over scarcity of aviation fuel. [online] TheCable. Available at: <<https://www.thecable.ng/just-in-airline-operators-announce-flight-disruption-over-scarcity-of-aviation-fuel>> [Accessed August 24, 2022].

11 2022. Available at: <<https://www.channelstv.com/2022/05/06/airlines-threaten-to-shutdown-services-on-monday-over-price-of-jet-fuel/>> [Accessed August 24, 2022].

12 Ogala, G., 2022. Sanwo-Olu approves increase in BRT fares. [online] Premium Times Nigeria. Available at: <<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/540106-sanwo-olu-approves-increase-in-brt-fares.html>> [Accessed August 24, 2022].

Employment Rights

In March 2022, some personnel of the Nigeria Police were planning to embark on strike, to protest non-implementation of a new salary structure approved for the Police by the Federal Government in December 2021 and poor conditions of service. The leadership of the Police denied this initially and then went on to warn against any such action. However, in April 2022, the Inspector-General of Police, Usman Baba, ordered the dismissal of nine Police officers for spearheading the planned strike. Those affected were two Inspectors, five Sergeants and two Constables. A police signal issued by the Commissioner of Police Provost, Force Headquarters, Abuja, stated that the men were dismissed from service following their orderly room trial for planning and coordinating a strike within the ranks and file of the police. The offenders were said to have been identified and subsequently arrested after their phone calls were tracked.

On 9th May 2022, the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) announced the extension of its three-month strike by an additional three months. The decision, according to the Lagos zonal coordinator of ASUU, Adelaja Odukoya, followed an extensive meeting of the leadership of the union. This is as students and other concerned parties, including members of civil society organisations have continued to stage protests to demand an immediate resolution of the crisis between the relevant workers' unions and the Nigerian government. ASUU had commenced a warning strike in February 2022 to protest the non-implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding it signed with the Federal Government in 2020, non-payment of staff allowances, the government's rejection of the union's preferred salary payment system, among other issues. The strike was extended by two months in March 2020 and then by an additional three months in May 2022. This adversely affected the employment rights of lecturers and the education rights of university students who have been out of school for the duration of the strike.

On 14th June, Chairman of the Nigeria Medical Association (NMA), Abia State, Dr. Chimezie Okwuonu announced the withdrawal of medical services by doctors across the State. The association stated that the state of fear caused by the kidnap and detention of their colleague made it difficult for them to attend to their duties, given that they are required to work round the clock, as their safety could not be guaranteed. On 5th June 2022, Professor Uwadinachi Iweha, Provost of Gregory University College of Medicine, Umuahia campus and former Chief Medical Director of Abia State University Teaching Hospital (ABSUTH) was kidnapped by unknown gunmen at his residence at Umuajameze Ezeleke Umuokpara Umuahia South Local Government Area of Abia State. Consequently, medical doctors in the State suspended their services in all public and private hospitals across the State, to register their grievances over the abduction of their colleague and concern for their own safety. The Abia State Government in its rescue efforts, offered a reward of N5 million to anyone or group who would provide useful information that could lead to the rescue of Professor Iweha and the arrest of the kidnapers.

On 6th June 2022, workers of the National Assembly, under the aegis of the Parliamentary Staff Association of Nigeria (PASAN) commenced an indefinite strike to demand full implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding signed in April 2021 and revised conditions of service (2018) jointly signed by the National Assembly Service Commission, the National Assembly management and PASAN, as well as for the non-payment of a backlog of staff salaries and allowances. The association issued the strike notice in a statement by its Secretary-General, Hammed Awobifa, in which it also stated that the strike commenced after three notices to the National Assembly management within a period of three weeks. However, the strike was suspended after one week following a meeting of the association and the National Assembly management, at the instance of the Senate President, Senator Ahmad Lawan, who committed to reaching out to relevant authorities to facilitate speedy resolution of the issues.

The Anambra State branch of the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) has complained about the rising cases of kidnapping, especially of its members in the State. The association issued a statement on 29th June 2022 in Awka, calling on the Anambra State Governor, Charles Soludo and security agencies in the State to take more proactive measures to check the spate of kidnapping in the State. The association stated that at least three of its members had been abducted in the State since the beginning of 2022, with the most recent case at the time occurring on 25th June, where a doctor who works in a private hospital was abducted at Nimo, Njikoka Local Government Area on his way from work, alongside his friend, a pharmacy student. The association warned that doctors may not guarantee the provision of healthcare services to the people if the government did not take urgent measures to ensure their security.

The Nigeria Civil Society Situation Room, a platform of over eighty civil society organisations in a statement¹³ dated 12th May 2022, decried the state of the nation, noting that unresolved issues in the areas of security, education, economy and transportation may constitute threats to the general elections in 2023.

13 Situationroomng.org. 2022. Situation Room Expresses Concern over the State of the Nation and Election Outlook Ahead of the 2023 General Elections – Thursday, 12th May 2022 – Nigeria Civil Society Situation Room. [online] Available at: <<https://situationroomng.org/situation-room-expresses-concern-over-the-state-of-the-nation-and-election-outlook-ahead-of-the-2023-general-elections-thursday-12th-may-2022/#more-4345>> [Accessed August 25, 2022].



The second quarter of 2022 saw increased levels of insecurity. According to the Nigeria Security Tracker of the Council on Foreign Relations, 3,147 persons were killed as a result of insecurity between April and June 2022, with a total of 5,222 lives lost in the first half of 2022.¹⁴

Insurgency

After several meetings with leaders of Nigeria’s security agencies, the House of Representatives on 13th April 2022 lamented rising insecurity in several parts of the country, especially Kaduna, Benue, Taraba and Plateau States. The lawmakers took turns to criticise President Muhammadu Buhari’s management of the security situation, with some restating their earlier call for a declaration of a state of emergency on security.

14 Okocha, C., and Elumoye, D., 2022. Nigeria Recorded 5,222 Violent Killings in Six Months, Says US Agency – THISDAYLIVE. . Available at: <<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/07/24/nigeria-recorded-5222-violent-killings-in-six-months-says-us-agency/>> [Accessed August 22, 2022].

While some called for the sack or resignation of the National Security Adviser, Major General Babagana Monguno (retd.) and the Minister of Defence, Maj. Gen. Bashir Magashi (rtd.), others called for the shutdown of the National Assembly, partly blaming the Parliament for not doing enough in its oversight of the Executive arm.

In June 2022, 11 out of over 60 abducted Abuja-Kaduna train passengers were released, with many others still in captivity at the end of the period in review. The train (AK9) headed to Kaduna from Abuja was attacked by terrorists on 28th March 2022, with at least 8 passengers killed, several injured and many others abducted. On 21st April 2022, almost a month after the incident, President Muhammadu Buhari ordered security agencies to rescue persons kidnapped in the train attack and other persons still in captivity across the country. The release of the first batch of passengers came after the terrorists released videos of the abductees and made statements to the effect that the government was aware of what they (the terrorists) wanted.

On Friday, 1st April 2022, at least one person was killed by terrorists at Yantumaki market in Danmusa Local Government Area of Katsina State. The terrorists who invaded the market on were said to have killed three traders, inflicted injury on seven traders and abducted an unspecified number of people during the attack. Sources in the affected community explained that the terrorists arrived at the market at about 3:00 pm and started shooting sporadically.

At least 13 persons were killed by armed bandits in separate attacks in Kadaddaba, Rafin Gero, and Babban Baye communities in Anka Local Government Area of Zamfara State on 31st March 2022.

At least 11 people were abducted and one injured by bandits who attacked Angwar Maji community at Jere town in Kagarko Local Government Area of Kaduna State on 3rd April 2022. The community is located close to the Abuja-Kaduna highway. The attack came just a day

after the Inspector General of Police, IGP Usman Alkali, announced the deployment of additional troops to the Abuja-Kaduna highway and surrounding communities. The bandits invaded the community in large numbers at about 11:00pm, and moved from house to house to kidnap the residents. Four of the victims were said to have escaped from the kidnappers and later returned to the town the following day.

Some gunmen killed at least 142 persons in attacks on some communities in Kanam and Wase Local Government Areas of Plateau State. The attacks, which took place on 12th April 2022, were carried out in Kukawa, Gyambawu, Dungur, Kyaram, Yelwa, Dadda, Wanka, Shuwaka, Gwammadaji, and Dadin Kowa communities of the State.

Six persons were killed and an unspecified number of persons injured in a bomb explosion at a bar in Mashaya market, Iware Community located in Ardo-Kola Local Government Area of Taraba State on 19th April 2022. Jihadists affiliated to the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement released in Arabic. A translation of the statement is said to mean that the group had detonated the bomb, killing and wounding nearly 30 Christians and damaging the bar, and that the attack was revenge for the death of two of the group's leaders.

In a press briefing in Jos, Plateau State on 21st April 2022, the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the 3rd Division Nigerian Army, Major General Ibrahim Ali, disclosed that about 517 small arms and light weapons, comprising 40 automatic weapons and 477 locally fabricated firearms were recovered from bandits and other criminal elements by the military in Plateau and Kaduna States. He subsequently handed over the small arms and light weapons to the National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons at the headquarters of the military's 'Operation Safe Heaven' in Jos. Receiving the weapons, the Zonal Coordinator (North Central) of the Centre, Major Gen. Hamza Bature (retired), appreciated the troops.

Hon. Okechukwu Okoye, a lawmaker representing Aguata Constituency II at the Anambra State House of Assembly was kidnapped on 15th May 2022 and beheaded afterwards. Okoye, who hailed from Isuofia, the community of Anambra State Governor, Chukwuma Charles Soludo, was kidnapped in Aguata. The severed head of the lawmaker was later discovered mounted at Chisco Park in Amichi community in Idemili South Local Government Area of the State about a week later.

An explosion occurred on Aba road in Sabon Gari, Fagge Local Government Area of Kano State on 17th May 2022, killing 9 persons. An investigation by the Nigeria Police's Explosive Ordnance Disposal-Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defence (EOD-CBRN) and 'Operation Puff Adder' revealed that the explosion was from an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and not a gas cylinder as earlier claimed. One of the deceased victims was discovered to have dealt in illicit storage of toxic chemicals and other hazardous materials. Two suspects were arrested in connection with the dealing and purchase of illicit chemical substances and combustible materials suspected to be used for making IEDs.

In a related development, on 19th May 2022, the Kano State Police Command intercepted a vehicle conveying IEDs and ammunition from Jigawa State into Kano State at Bubbugaje Quarters, Kumbotso Local Government Area of the State, following intelligence reports.

On 22nd May 2022, a mother and her four children were killed by gunmen at Isulo, Orumba Local Government Area of Anambra State.

On 28th May 2022, some bandits invaded Jere town in Kagarko Local Government Area of Kaduna State, killed one person and many others including four members of the family of Abdulrahman Ibrahim Jere, a former Commissioner of Poverty Alleviation in the State. The deceased victim was a newly wed man, whose pregnant wife was also abducted. The bandits said to have attacked the community were more

than 50, riding on motorcycles and moving from house-to-house to carry out their attack.

On 5th June 2022, gunmen invaded Furfuri town of Bungudu Local Government Area of Zamfara State and abducted 23 persons including two wives and three children of the former Accountant General of the State, Abubakar Bello Furfuri. Furfuri town is 7km away from Gusau, the State capital.

The Kaduna State government confirmed that gunmen raided Dogon Noma, Ungwan Sarki and Ungwan Maikori villages in Kajuru Local Government Area of the State, killing 32 people on 5th June 2022. The State's Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, stated that the gunmen attacked the communities on motorcycles, killed several villagers and razed their houses. He however, debunked the rumour that the gunmen attacked the villages using a helicopter, explaining that the helicopter seen during the attack belonged to the Nigerian Air Force, who arrived to engage the bandits.

On 8th June 2022, a photographer attached to the Ebonyi State Government House, Uchenna Nwube was abducted along the Okigwe-Uturu-Aba road on his way to Abakiliki, the Ebonyi State capital from Aba, Abia State. He later regained freedom from his abductors on 11th June 2022, after an undisclosed amount of money was paid as ransom.

On 14th June 2022, the editor-in-chief of All Facts Newspaper and former correspondent of the Sun Newspapers, Mr. Chuks Onuoha was kidnapped by armed men who gained entry into his home at Umungasi Ohuhu in Umuahia North Local Government Area of Abia State and took him away in his car. According to his wife, he was abducted by three armed men who entered their house at about 10.45pm on the said day and also made away with some of their valuables. He was released on 18th June 2022 and it was not disclosed if any ransom was paid.

Gunmen launched an attack on Alkaleri Local Government Area of Bauchi State, where the State Governor hails from and killed four people on 16th June 2022. Three others were injured. According to local sources and vigilantes in the area, an alarm was raised when the gunmen attacked Tudun Wadan Jada village formerly known as Jimari Jauro-Bano, to abduct residents. Youths from the village and surrounding villages mobilised themselves and resisted them and they were unable to leave with the abducted persons. The gunmen then reacted by opening fire on a large number of youths and killed four of them while three sustained varying degrees of injuries.

Zamfara State Government on 25th June 2022, advised citizens and residents of the State to obtain guns and defend themselves in the midst of heightened insecurity in the State. This was disclosed in a statement by the Commissioner for Information, Alhaji Ibrahim Dosara, who added that the Government had directed the State Commissioner of Police to issue licences to eligible individuals who wished to obtain guns to defend themselves. He however also noted the State government's commitment to ensure adequate security and protection of lives and property of citizens, to deal with criminal activities and levies being enforced on communities by bandits. The government also banned the use of motorcycles in the State and directed security agents to shoot any violator of the ban at sight. It had previously banned the sale of petrol to motorcycle operators in the State. The government also ordered for the immediate closure of markets in three districts in the State. In reaction to the directive to the Police to issue firearm licences, Nigeria's Chief of Defence staff, General Lucky Irabor in an interview in Abuja, expressed the opinion that the State Governor has no power to instruct the Commissioner of Police to issue firearm licences to individuals.¹⁵

15 2022. Zamfara governor cannot instruct CP to issue gun licences – general Irabor. Channels Television. Available at: <https://www.channelstv.com/2022/06/27/zamfara-governor-cannot-instruct-cp-to-issue-gun-licences-general-irabor/> [Accessed August 22, 2022].

Attacks on Security Personnel

On 4th April 2022, at least 10 soldiers were killed, some others injured and a patrol vehicle destroyed by terrorists who attacked a military base in Birnin-Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State. The soldiers, who were few in number, were taken unaware by the terrorists who stormed the military base in large numbers on motorcycles with sophisticated weapons and immediately opened fire on the soldiers.

On 30th April 2022, gunmen killed and beheaded two soldiers in Imo State. The victims, A. M. Linus, said to be a Sergeant of the Nigerian Army, and his fiancée said to be a lance corporal in the Army, were reportedly beheaded after being shot dead by the gunmen.¹⁶ A phone conversation between the suspected gunmen and a friend to the slain female soldier also surfaced online. In the conversation, one of the assailants admitted to killing the couple and stated that they were aggrieved that the military has been consistently killing innocent residents in efforts to attack gunmen. Nigerian Army spokesperson, Onyema Nwachukwu, stated that the soldiers were travelling for their traditional marriage formalities in Imo State when they were attacked.

Nigerian soldiers reportedly killed 6 people, displaced several others and razed houses on 26th June 2022, in a reprisal attack in Nko community in Yakurr LGA of Cross River State, after one of their commanders was killed in the community. The slain soldier was part of the troops on a peacekeeping mission in the central part of the State, where Nko community and Onyadama community in Obubra LGA have been engaged in a violent dispute over farmland for about a decade. The State government in response to the attack on the military, sacked traditional rulers in the two communities, and took over the disputed land pending the identification of the persons who attacked the security personnel.

16 Ugwu, C., 2022. Gunmen kill, behead two soldiers in Imo. Premium Times Nigeria. Available at: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/527298-gunmen-kill-behead-two-soldiers-in-imo.html> [Accessed August 22, 2022].

A civilian Joint Task Force (JTF) Commander was killed by bandits who invaded Sabon Gero community in the Millennium City Kaduna on 28th June 2022. The bandits abducted 16 residents including a medical doctor and his family members. The bandits were said to have arrived the community on motorcycles and started shooting, which caused residents to run for safety. The JTF commander and his colleagues opened fire at the bandits. However, two people lost their lives, 16 were abducted, while 6 were rescued during the attack. Among those abducted was a medical doctor, 6 members of his family and 9 other residents of the community.

On 29th June 2022, terrorists on motorcycles and armed with rifles attacked Ajata village, a mining community in Erena district of Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State. About 22 persons, including soldiers, were killed in the attack. Four Chinese nationals believed to be part of those in charge of managing the site were abducted in addition to a number of other people believed to be workers at the mining site.

On 30th June 2022, two Police officers were suspected to have been killed when gunmen attacked a Police checkpoint along Agbani road in Enugu South Local Government Area of Enugu State. The gunmen were said to have opened fire on the police officers at the checkpoint, killing two on the spot.¹⁷

¹⁷ Ugwu, C., 2022. Two police officers feared killed as gunmen attack checkpoint in enugu. Premium Times Nigeria. Available at: <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/540014-breaking-two-police-officers-feared-killed-as-gunmen-attack-checkpoint-in-enugu.html> [Accessed August 22, 2022].

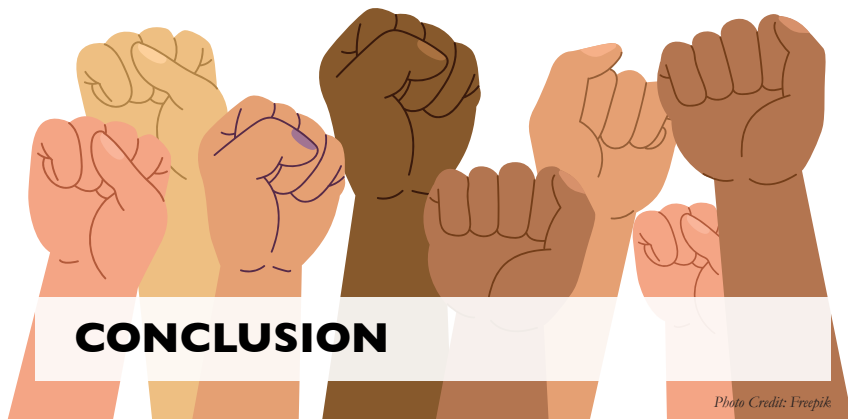


GENDER RIGHTS

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The Federal High Court in Abuja, on 6th April 2022, ordered the Federal Government to enforce the National Gender Policy by allotting 35 per cent of appointments in the public sector to women. The action was instituted by Funmi Falana on behalf of several women groups - the Incorporated Trustees of Nigerian Women Trust Fund, Women Empowerment Legal Aid, and Centre for Democracy and Development West Africa, Women Advocates Research and Documentation Centre, Vision Spring Initiative, Women in Politics Forum, among others. They sought the implementation of the 35 per cent Affirmative Action in appointments of women into public office. Delivering judgement, Hon. Justice Donatus Okorowo, agreed with the plaintiffs that Nigerian women had been subjected to various forms of discrimination concerning appointments into key positions of government. The judgment also stated that the Federal Government by its conduct, insinuates that there are no competent and reliable women that should be appointed to stop the apparent male dominance evidenced by the appointment of a men into majority of key government positions. However, the Federal Government has appealed the decision and by this action, has not shown that it is prepared to abide by the decision of the court.

Seven persons were arraigned on 12th April 2022 over the inhumane treatment meted out to a widow accused of killing her husband in Aguleri community in Anambra State. The victim was stripped naked and paraded round the community by her in-laws for allegedly causing the death of her husband through adultery. Anambra State Commissioner of Police, CP Echeng Echeng, stated that the seven persons were also remanded in prison, adding that the Anambra State Police Command continued its search for other suspects involved in the act. He assured that the perpetrators will be brought to book, stressing the need to protect the dignity of womanhood.



The trend of human rights abuse observed in the second quarter of 2022 indicates a high rate of insecurity, violations of the right to life and dignity of human person perpetrated by civilians manifesting mostly in form of jungle justice and other attacks conveying religious intolerance. While the general state of insecurity is an indication of the government's failure to secure lives and property, the other violations by citizens seem to have been exacerbated in recent times due to a combination of several factors - frustration occasioned by growing economic hardship, illiteracy and flaring ethno-religious tensions.

The two critical sectors of education and health require urgent intervention. The challenges of poor welfare and non-payment of emoluments confronting health workers appear to have been compounded by the frequent abduction of health workers, making them unable to go about their responsibilities freely. For education, the prolonged strike action by ASUU means that there are more idle youths in addition to unemployed graduates. This situation raises concern about its potential to lead to an increase in crime rate amid the rising cost of living.

On a positive note, the judgment of a Federal High Court in Abuja directing the Federal Government to enforce the National Gender Policy to reflect 35% representation for women in appointive public offices is a win for Nigerian women, no matter how little, particularly against the backdrop of five gender-related Constitution Amendment bills that failed to pass in the National Assembly in the first quarter of 2022. However, the enforcement of this policy is still dependent on political will to improve women's political representation.

Human rights protection in Nigeria is deteriorating and requires the collective effort of the government and citizens to show respect for human rights, report and call out identified violations, work towards achieving redress for victims and ensuring that perpetrators are disciplined accordingly.

Following the observation of the trend of human rights violations in Nigeria in the second quarter of 2022, PLAC makes the following recommendations:



- i. The Federal Government should make every effort necessary to bring incessant strikes in educational institutions in Nigeria to a halt. The Federal Government's failure to reach an agreement with ASUU has taken a severe toll on the rights of citizens to education as guaranteed in the Constitution. It follows therefore that an agreement with ASUU is imperative to return Nigeria's educational institutions back to normal activity.
- ii. The enormity of kidnapping and abduction of citizens in the country, including critical sector workers in the area of health, religious leaders, etc calls for urgent government action. With a few reports about the complicity of Nigeria's security forces in some of the acts of banditry, kidnapping and criminality, it is imperative for government to scrutinise the activities of its security personnel, and as well subject its recruitment of new security personnel to greater scrutiny. Government programmes that involve recruitment of 'repentant bandits' and their integration into the security forces and society in general has continued to raise great concern among citizens.

- iii. The Nigeria Police needs to intensify efforts to hold its personnel to account for violation of the rights of citizens. While recent efforts are commendable, a lot more needs to be done to hold security personnel to account for acts of human rights violation and impunity.

- iv. There is an important need for the enforcement of laws and holding of persons to account, who violate the rights of citizens. Reports of citizens inflicting jungle justice on perceived offenders should be taken seriously by the authorities and perpetrators brought to account.



APRIL 2022

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Friday, 1st April 2022	Channels Television Reporter, Olu Phillips	A reporter with Channels TV, Olu Phillips was harrassed and manhandled by Police Officers stationed at the Lekki Toll Gate on Friday morning. Phillips was covering the re-opening of the Toll Gate which has been shutdown since the October 2020 #EndSARS protests when armed police officers attacked and bundled him into a waiting van. According to Phillips, It took the intervention of some pedestrians and commuters who witnessed the incident and challenged the officers before he was released. In March 2021, the Lekki Concession Company, LCC generated	Nigeria Police	https://politicsnigeria.com/endsars-police-harass-manhandle-channels-tv-reporter-at-lekki-toll-gate-video/

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		<p>controversy when they announced plans to resume tolling. The move was seriously resisted by many Nigerians who are still aggrieved by the shooting of unarmed protesters by military personnel at the toll gate in the heat of the #EndSARS protest in 2020.</p>		
<p>Friday, 1st April 2022</p>	<p>Nigerian citizens</p>	<p>At least one person has been killed by terrorists at Yantumaki market in Danmusa Local Government Area of Katsina State. The terrorists who invaded the market on Friday afternoon were said to have wounded seven traders and abducted an unspecified number of people during the attack. Sources in the affected community explained that the terrorists arrived at the market at about 3:00 p.m and started shooting sporadically. The sources further confirmed that the terrorists have killed three traders, injured seven and abducted several others into the nearby forest. The Police Public Relations Officer of the command, SP Gambo Isah, confirmed the incident to Channels Television but he insisted that one person was killed. “Today some terrorists riding on four motorcycles, attacked the GSM section of Yantumaki Market and started shooting sporadically,” SP Isah said. “They shot six people and stole many handsets. One died and five were taken to Danmusa General hospital. Some of them were later transferred to</p>	<p>Terrorists</p>	<p>https://www.channelstv.com/2022/04/01/one-killed-six-injured-many-abducted-as-terrorists-attack-katsina-market/</p>

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		<p>Danmusa General hospital. Some of them were later transferred to Dutsinma and Katsina General Hospitals. The situation is under control now”. Several traders were said to have scampered for safety while the terrorists seized the opportunity to also cart away food items and other materials.</p>		
<p>Saturday, 2nd April 2022</p>	<p>Residents of communities in Anka LGA of Zamfara State</p>	<p>"At least 13 persons have been killed by armed bandits in attacks on different communities in Anka Local Government Area of Zamfara State. The affected communities are Kadaddaba, Rafin Gero, and Babban Baye, all in Anka Local Government Area of Zamfara State. The police spokesperson in the State, Muhammadu Shehu, confirmed the attacks to Channels Television on Saturday. He stressed that 13 persons were killed during the separate attacks on Thursday (31st March 2022) evening. Locals, however, insist that 15 persons were killed during the attack. An indigene of Anka community, Yusuf Anka, told Channels Television that no less than fifteen persons were killed in three villages of Anka Local Government. "15 people were killed on Thursday evening by bandits in three villages, Kaddadaba, Babban Baye, and Rafin Gero. One of the villages is less than five kilometres away from Anka Local Government Headquarters," he said.</p>	<p>Armed bandits</p>	<p>https://www.channelstv.com/2022/04/02/at-least-13-persons-killed-in-fresh-bandit-attack-on-zamfara-villages/.</p>

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Monday, 4th April 2022	Residents of Angwar Maji community, Jere town in Kagarko Local Government Area of Kaduna State.	No fewer than eleven people have been reportedly abducted and one injured by bandits who attacked Angwar Maji community at Jere town in Kagarko Local Government Area of Kaduna State. The community is located close to the Abuja-Kaduna highway and Kaduna-Bwari Road. The attack is yet to be confirmed by the police authorities in Kaduna State, but a resident of the community told Channels Television that the bandits attacked the community in the late hours of Sunday night, just a day after the Inspector General of Police, Usman Alkali, announced the deployment of additional troops to the Abuja-Kaduna highway and surrounding communities. The source said the bandits, who were in large numbers, invaded the community at about 11pm and immediately opened fire before moving from house to house to kidnap the residents. According to the locals, some women whose husbands were about to be taken away attempted to resist the attackers, and in the process, one of the women was injured. Four of the victims were said to have escaped from the kidnappers and later returned to the town Monday.	Armed bandits	https://www.channelstv.com/2022/04/04/11-fearred-abducted-as-bandits-attack-kaduna-village/ https://punchng.com/terrorists-kidnap-22-in-kaduna-community-after-igps-visit/
Tuesday, 5th April 2022	At least 10 Nigerian soldiers	At least 10 soldiers have been killed and some others injured by bandits proscribed as terrorists who attacked a military base in Birnin-Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State. The incident happened at about 6:30pm on Monday, security sources told Channels Television. Birnin-Gwari is one of the hotspots of banditry in Kaduna, where many	Armed bandits/terrorists	

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		<p>people were killed, thousands were kidnapped, and socioeconomic activities were disrupted in the past five years. A security source in the area told Channels Television on Tuesday that the soldiers were attacked at an Army Forward Operational Base located around the Polwire area close to Mikati Farm along the Kaduna- Birnin Gwari Road. He explained that the soldiers, who were few in number, were taken unaware by the terrorists who stormed the base in large numbers on motorcycles with sophisticated weapons and immediately opened fire on the soldiers. According to the source, the bandits monitored the movement of the soldiers and when some of them went out to the headquarters of the Forward Operational Base located inside Birnin-Gwari town, they immediately launched an attack on the few soldiers at the FOB extension. The superior firepower of the bandits led to the death of about 10 soldiers, while a patrol vehicle was also destroyed during the attack.</p>		<p>https://www.channclstv.com/2022/04/05/10-soldiers-feared-killed-as-terrorists-attack-military-base-in-kaduna/</p> <p>https://www.cable.ng/11-soldiers-killed-as-gunmen-attack-military-base-in-kaduna.</p> <p>https://guardian.ng/news/11-soldiers-killed-as-gunmen-attack-military-base-in-kaduna/</p>
<p>Tuesday, 5th April 2022</p>	<p>Nigeria Police Personnel</p>	<p>The Inspector-General of Police, Usman Baba, has ordered the dismissal of nine police officers for allegedly spearheading a planned strike by members of the Nigeria Police Force over poor conditions of service. Those affected are two Inspectors, five Sergeants and two Constables. A police signal issued</p>	<p>Nigeria Police Leadership</p>	<p>https://punchng.com/igp-orders-dismissal-of-nine-policemen-for-planning-strike/</p>

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		<p>by the Commissioner of Police Provost, Force Headquarters, Abuja, said the men were dismissed from service following their orderly room trial for planning and coordinating a strike within the ranks and file of the police. The offenders were said to have been identified and subsequently arrested after their phone calls were tracked. The wireless message, which was addressed to various State police Commands, read, “Be informed that following the conclusion of the orderly room proceedings of the undermentioned Inspectors, rank and file for the offences of discreditable conduct, improper conduct, breach of confidence, to wit: planning, organising, coordinating industrial strike within the ranks of the Nigeria Police Force; the Inspector-General has approved the dismissal from service of the following: AP/No. 245800 – Insp Nanoll Lamak; AP/ NP 287568 – Insp Amos Nagurah; F/No. 271367 – Sgt Onoja Onuche; F/No. 442680 – Sgt Franklin Agughalau; F/No. 495378 – Sgt Emmanuel Isah F/No. 508168 – Sgt Adesina Ismail; F/No. 508282 – Sgt Osoteku Ademola; F/No. 525839 – Police Constable Ehighamhen Favour Ebele and F/No. 528222 – Police Constable Ubong Inem.</p>		<p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/04/9-police-men-dismissed-for-mobilising-colleagues-in-failed-strike-over-poor-salary/</p> <p>https://pmnewsnigeriacom/2022/04/07/aggrieved-policemen-fix-new-date-for-nationwide-strike/</p>
Wednesday, 6th April 2022	Nigerian Women	The Federal High Court in Abuja, on Wednesday, ordered the Federal Government to enforce the National Gender Policy by allotting 35 per cent of appointments in the public sector to women. The action was brought by Funmi Falana on behalf	Federal Government of Nigeria	

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		<p>of the Incorporated Trustees of Nigerian Women Trust Fund, Women Empowerment Legal Aid, and Centre for Democracy and Development West Africa, Women Advocates Research and Documentation Centre, Vision Spring Initiative, and Women in Politics Forum, among others. They sought the implementation of the 35 per cent Affirmative Action in appointments of women into public office. Delivering his judgement on the suit on Wednesday, the judge, Donatus Okorowo, agreed with the plaintiff that Nigerian women had been subjected to various forms of discrimination concerning appointments into key positions of government. The judge dismissed the preliminary objection of the federal government’s lawyer, Terhemba Agbe, who had argued that the plaintiff’s case did not disclose any cause of action. Referencing Section 42 of the Nigerian constitution as it relates to the suit, the judge upheld the plaintiff’s contention to the effect “that of all the 44 ministries, there are only about six female gender, and that the situation is worse in other MDAs and agencies.” Mr Okorowo noted that the defendant, by its conduct, insinuates that there are no competent and reliable women that should be appointed to “stop the apparent male dominance as witnessed in the appointments” of men into key government positions. “I agree with their (plaintiff) contention that cannot be possible out of 70 million</p>		<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/522195-affirmative-action-court-orders-nigerian-govt-to-reserve-35-of-public-offices-for-women.html</p> <p>https://dailytrust.com/court-orders-fg-to-implement-35-gender-affirmative-action</p> <p>https://www.theable.ng/court-orders-fg-to-implement-policy-reserving-35-of-public-offices-for-women</p>

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		women in Nigeria,” Mr Okorowo stated. The judge held that the Attorney-General of the Federation (Abubakar Malami) who was the sole defendant in the case, “failed to disprove the material allegations contained in the affidavit, and led no credible evidence to debunk material evidence of the plaintiff.”		https://www.chan.nelstv.com/2022/04/06/court-orders-fg-to-comply-with-35-affirmative-action-for-women/
Tuesday, 12th April 2022	Residents of Communities in Kanam and Wase LGAs of Plateau State	"Gunmen have reportedly killed at least 142 persons in fresh attacks on some communities in Kanam and Wase Local Government Areas of Plateau State, North-central Nigeria. The attacks, which happened on Sunday, were carried out in Kukawa, Gyambawu, Dungur, Kyaram, Yelwa, Dadda, Wanka, Shuwaka, Gwammadaji, and Dadin Kowa communities of the State. The two local governments share boundaries but are not in the same senatorial districts. Ishaku Takwa, the media officer of Operation Safe Haven (OPSH), a military task force maintaining peace in Plateau State and environs, confirmed the attacks to journalists on Sunday in Jos."	Gunmen	https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/north-central/523494-over-100-killed-in-fresh-attacks-on-plateau-communities.html https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/04/94-killed-by-terrorists-attacks-in-plateau-kaduna-osun-within-24-hrs/
Wednesday, 13th April 2022	A widow in Anambra State	Seven persons have been arraigned over the inhuman treatment of a widow accused of killing her husband in Aguleri community, Anambra State. The victim was stripped naked and paraded round the community by her in-laws, as curses were rained on her for allegedly causing the death of her husband through adultery.	Community members	https://punchng.com/seven-remanded-for-stripping-anambra-widow-naked-over-adultery-cp/

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		<p>The State Commissioner of Police, Echeng Echeng, Tuesday, said the seven persons were also remanded in prison, adding that the Anambra State Police Command had continued the search for other suspects involved in the act. Echeng stated these during a courtesy visit by the Ultimate Business Women and Farmers Association of Nigeria at the police headquarters in Awka. He said those involved in the torture of the widow would face the full wrath of the law, stressing the need to protect the dignity of womanhood.</p>		
<p>Thursday, 14th April, 2022</p>	<p>Insecurity: Sack NSA, Defence minister, Reps charge Buhari Security agents aiding bandits, allege Reps, demand NSA, minister's sacking</p>	<p>One week after a marathon meeting with leaders of Nigeria's security team, the House of Representatives, yesterday, lamented rising insecurity in several parts of the country, especially Kaduna, Benue, Taraba and Plateau states. The lawmakers took turns to criticise the action and inaction of President Muhammadu Buhari, restating their earlier call for a declaration of emergency on security. While some called for the sacking or resignation of the National Security Adviser, Maj. Gen. Babagana Monguno (retd.) and the Minister of Defence, Maj. Gen. Bashir Magashi (rtd.), others called for the shutdown of the National Assembly, partly blaming the parliament for not doing enough in its oversight of the executive arm. This is coming a day after the Northern Elders Forum demanded the immediate resignation of President Buhari over killings across the country.</p>	<p>Nigerian citizens</p>	<p>https://guardian.ng/news/insecurity-sack-nsa-defence-minister-reps-charge-buhari/ https://punchng.com/security-agents-aiding-bandits-allege-reps-demand-nsa-ministers-sacking/</p>

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		<p>Placing a handle on the dire straits regarding the state of the nation, at least, 2,968 people have been killed, while 1,484 were abducted in the country from January to March 2022, according to data released by the Nigeria Security Tracker (NST). NST, a project of the Council on Foreign Relations, gathered data through weekly surveys of Nigerian and international media.</p>		
<p>Thursday, 14th April 2022</p>	<p>INEC Official, Citizens</p>	<p>"The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on Thursday suspended the Continuous Voter Registration Exercise (CVR) exercise in Ihitte Uboma Local Government Area of Imo State. The decision was taken after an INEC staff was shot dead by gunmen, a statement signed by INEC National Commissioner, Festus Okoye, said. According to Mr Okoye, the staff, Mr. Nworie Anthony, was shot dead at Nkwo Ihitte (PU 004) in Amakohia Ward (RA 02) of Ihitte Uboma Local Government Area. Two other staff involved in the registration exercise at the polling unit are also missing. INEC said it was making efforts to locate their whereabouts. "Prior to this incident, the Commission had suspended the CVR in Orsu and Njaba Local Government areas of the State on account of insecurity while the exercise is taking place only at the INEC LGA office in Oru East, Oru West, Orlu and Ohaji – Egbema Local Government Areas of the State," Mr Okoye said.</p>	<p>Unknown gunmen</p>	<p>https://www.chann elstv. com/2022/04/14/inec-suspends-voter-registration-in-imo-lg-after-attack-on-officials/</p>

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Thursday 21st April, 2022	Buhari orders security agencies to 'immediately' rescue kidnap victims	President Muhammadu Buhari has ordered security agencies to rescue persons kidnapped during the Kaduna train attack and others still in captivity. On March 28, a Kaduna-bound train was attacked by gunmen, with eight passengers killed and many kidnapped. Since the Kaduna train attack, the spate of violent attacks has continued unabated, especially in the northern part of the country. TheCable, in a data analysis, reported that 1,743 Nigerians were killed in the first quarter of 2022 as a result of insecurity. On Thursday, Buhari met with the service chiefs, ministers and heads of security agencies over the security challenges. Speaking after the meeting, Babagana Munguno, national security adviser, said the president has ordered that the security of the land borders be tightened in a bid to address the rising insecurity. "Mr. President has directed all the operational and intelligence elements to rescue these innocent people immediately and unhurt," he said.	Nigerian citizens	https://www.thecable.ng/buhari-orders-security-agencies-to-immediately-rescue-nigerians-in-captivity
Thursday 21st April, 2022	Residents of Iware Community, Taraba State	Six persons have been confirmed dead with an unspecified number injured following a bomb explosion that rocked a drinking bar in Mashaya market, Iware Community located in Ardo-Kola Local Government Area of Taraba State. The blast occurred on Tuesday, 19th April 2022. The Anti-bomb squad of the Nigeria Police Force were also on ground combing the area for a possible bomb detonation. Meanwhile jihadists affiliated to the Islamic State have claimed responsibility for the attack.	Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP)	https://www.channclstv.com/2022/04/21/death-toll-in-taraba-bomb-blast-rises-to-six-as-iswap-takes-responsibility/

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		<p>In a statement released in Arabic on Wednesday, the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) said it had detonated the bomb, “killing and wounding nearly 30 Christians and damaging the bar.” The statement, translated by SITE Intelligence which monitors jihadist activities worldwide, said the attack was “revenge” for the death of two of the group’s leaders, without giving further details. The blast occurred in a crowded open-air moonshine bar in the town of Iware.</p>		<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/525065-taraba-governor-condemns-bomb-attack.html</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/04/taraba-blast-ishaku-condemns-attack-calls-for-vigilance/</p>
<p>Friday, 22nd April, 2022</p>	<p>Nigerian Citizens</p>	<p>About 517 small arms and light weapons have been recovered from bandits and criminal elements by the military within its area of operation in Plateau and Kaduna States. The General Officer Commanding 3rd Division Nigeria Army, Major General Ibrahim Ali, disclosed “this on Thursday, 21st April 2022 during a press briefing in Jos. He subsequently handed over the small arms and light weapons to the National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons at the headquarters of Operation Safe Heaven in Jos. Ali, said, “The operational successes recorded by troops of Operation Safe Haven recently have led to the recovery of 517 small arms and light weapons from criminal elements.</p>	<p>Bandits</p>	<p>https://punchng.com/military-recovers-517-arms-from-plateau-kaduna-bandits/</p>

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		<p>These comprise 40 automatic weapons and 477 locally fabricated firearms. Receiving the weapons, the Zonal Coordinator, North Central, National Centre for the Control of Small Arms, Major Gen. Hamza Bature (retd.), appreciated the troops.</p>		<p>https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/04/22/military-recovers-517-weapons-from-bandits-in-plateau/</p>

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2nd and 3rd May 2022	Two Nigerian soldiers	<p>"Gunmen, on Saturday, 30th April 2022, killed two soldiers, at an unknown location in Imo State. The victims, A. M. Linus, said to be a Sergeant of the Nigerian Army, and his unidentified wife, said to be a lance corporal in the Army, were reportedly beheaded after being shot dead by the gunmen. Their corpses were said to have been dismembered by the gunmen. A gory image of their heads has gone viral on various social media platforms. A phone conversation with the suspected gunmen, believed to have been initiated by a friend to the slain female soldier, has also surfaced online. In the phone conversation, a suspected gunman admitted that he killed the couple. The gunman said they were aggrieved that the military has been consistently killing innocent residents in efforts to attack them (gunmen). Confirming the attack, Army spokesperson, Onyema Nwachukwu told PREMIUM TIMES, Monday, that military authorities have received information about the killing of two of their personnel. Mr Nwachukwu said the military personnel were travelling for their "traditional marriage formalities" in Imo State when they were attacked by the gunmen.</p>	Gunmen	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/527298-gunmen-kill-behead-two-soldiers-in-imo.html</p> <p>https://dailytrust.com/ipob-beheads-nigerian-army-couple-in-imo</p>

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Monday, 9th May 2022	Staff and Students of Nigerian tertiary institutions	<p>The Academic Staff of Union of Universities (ASUU) has announced the extension of its three-month prolonged strike by an additional three months. This announcement was made on Monday morning by the union's president, Emmanuel Osodeke, at the ASUU headquarters at the University of Abuja, Nigeria's capital territory. The decision, according to the Lagos zonal coordinator of ASUU, Adelaja Odukoya, followed an extensive meeting of the leadership of the union on Sunday and early Monday morning. This is as students and other concerned parties, including members of civil society organisations have continued to stage protests to demand an immediate resolution of the crisis between the workers' unions and the Nigerian government.</p>	Federal Government of Nigeria	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/528565-just-in-asuu-extends-strike-by-three-months-as-student-s-protest-nationwide.html</p> <p>https://dailytrust.com/students-threaten-showdown-as-asuu-extends-strike-by-3-months</p> <p>https://leadership.ng/breaking-asuu-extends-strike-by-3-months/</p> <p>https://dailytrust.com/asuu-strike-2009-agreements-unrealistic-senate-president</p>
Wednesday, 11th May 2022	Two unidentified men	Two unidentified men have been burnt to death by a mob at Ijesha axis of Lagos over alleged theft of mobile phones. The victims were said to have been found with 18 mobile phones, which were suspected to be stolen items,	A mob	

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		<p>in the early hours of Wednesday, 11th May 2022. According to NAN, during a visit to the scene at Ogunlana Street, Ijesha, along Cele bus-stop bridge at about 1.20pm on Wednesday, the charred bodies of the suspects were still in the area. “The two guys, before their death, were interrogated and confessed that they were from Ajegunle area,” a source told NAN. “They were mobbed following accumulated anger from frequent thefts around the shops in the area in the last few weeks.” Speaking on the incident, Benjamin Hundeyin, Lagos police spokesperson, said the police have launched a manhunt to arrest those involved in the act of jungle justice. “Jungle justice is a crime in our law. People should not take laws into their own hands. When you see a crime, report to the police,” Hundeyin said.</p>		<p>https://www.thecable.ng/mobsets-ablaze-two-men-found-with-18-mobile-phones-in-lagos/amp</p>
<p>Thursday, 12th May 2022</p>	<p>Deborah Samuel, a student of Shehu Shagari College of Education, Sokoto</p>	<p>A female student of the Shehu Shagari College of Education has been stoned and killed in Sokoto by irate youths. According to the police, Deborah Samuel, a level-two student, was accused of making a social media post that blasphemed the holy Prophet Mohammed (SAW). The police said the students forcefully removed the victim from the security room where she was hidden by the school authorities, killed her and burnt the building. Videos on social media show men stoning and flogging a motionless body draped in red attire. Some footage also captured a raging fire as a man faced the camera, claiming that he killed</p>	<p>A mob</p>	<p>https://www.chananelstv.com/2022/05/12/female-student-killed-burnt-in-sokoto-over-alleged-blasphemy/</p> <p>https://guardian.ng/news/mob-burns-student-to-death-for-blasphemy-in-sokoto/</p>

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		and burnt her, and brandishing a matchbox. In a statement signed by spokesperson, Sanusi Abubakar, the police said it has arrested two persons in connection with the killing.		
Saturday, 14th May 2022	A Nigerian teenager	"A teenager accused of stealing a motorcycle has been burnt to death by a mob in Auchi, Etsako west LGA, Edo State. The incident happened on Friday, 13th May 2022. The video of the mob action, shared on social media platforms, shows that two male teenagers were stripped naked and beaten over alleged theft. One of the teenagers was later burnt to death. Kontongs Bello, Edo police spokesperson, in a statement on Saturday, said some vigilantes aided the mob who set ablaze the suspect in Auchi. Bello stated that, "The Edo State Commissioner of Police, CP Abutu Yaro, fdc has ordered a thorough investigation into the barbaric and dehumanizing act of jungle justice meted on an alleged suspect by some purported irate youths masquerading as vigilantes in Auchi. The Commissioner of Police while reacting to the ugly incident, frowned at the action of the vigilantes, who instead of taking the suspect to the Police for proper investigation and prosecution, aided the irate mob to burn the suspect allegedly arrested for stealing to death without any recourse to the law. CP Abutu Yaro, fdc who described the act as barbaric and inimical to the law governing our dear country, warned Edo State indigenes that the Command under	A mob	https://www.thecable.ng/mob-kills-suspected-thief-in-edo-third-case-of-jungle-justice-in-one-week?nonamp=1

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		his watch will not allow disgruntled elements in the society to take laws into their hands by killing suspects arrested for alleged crimes in such a dehumanizing and unlawful manner.”		
Sunday, 15th May 2022	A sound Enginner, David Imoh and his colleagues in Lagos State	"Commercial motorcyclists have reportedly lynched a sound engineer identified as David Imoh in the Lekki axis of Lagos State. The incident happened on 12th May 2022, following a misunderstanding between David, who is said to be a father of two, and a motorcyclist. A misunderstanding over N100 balance was said to have degenerated, resulting in some motorcyclists present at the scene joining their colleague to beat up David and two of his friends. The commercial motorcyclists were said to have set the deceased ablaze after beating him unconscious. Benjamin Hundeyin, Lagos Police spokesperson stated that four suspects have been arrested in connection with the murder of the sound engineer. Hundeyin added that the deceased's friends had been taken to a hospital for treatment.	A mob of commercial motorcyclists	https://www.thecable.ng/four-arrested-as-motorcyclists-lynch-sound-engineer-over-n100-in-lagos https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/05/16/four-arrested-for-lynching-music-director-in-lagos/ https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/05/how-okada-riders-killed-burnt-sound-engineer-david-imoh-beat-2-others-over-n100-band/

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18th and 20th May 2022	Nigerian citizens	<p>At least five persons have been reportedly killed and houses set on fire in a clash between traders and okada riders at Dei Dei, a community in Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). A resident told Daily Trust that an accident involving a bike man led to the break down of law and order in the community. “Five persons that I know have been killed in this incident. We have been calling for security intervention to no avail. We are really worried that this crisis is tilting towards ethnic dimension.”, said the resident. The traders were said to have attacked the rider, whom they blamed for recklessness which led to the death of the passenger. The okada riders colleagues reportedly moved to rescue him from the attackers and the situation degenerated afterwards. Daily Trust gathered security operatives have moved to the scene to prevent further violence.</p>	A mob of citizens	<p>https://dailytrust.com/breaking-5-killed-houses-burnt-as-traders-okada-riders-clash-in-abuja</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/05/okada-riders-traders-clash-i-saw-4-corpse-fct-minister-laments/</p>
Friday, 20th May 2022	Nigerian Journalist, Olamilekan Hammed Adewalw Bashiru	<p>“Nigerian authorities should immediately and unconditionally release journalist Olamilekan Hammed Adewale Bashiru, who has been arbitrarily detained since May 13, and allow him to work without intimidation, the Committee to Protect Journalists stated on Friday, 20th May 2022. On May 13, Nigerian Department of State Security (DSS) officers arrested Bashiru, founder of the privately owned news website EaglesForeSight, after the outlet republished a report about the “alleged criminal records” of Ogun</p>	Department of State Security (DSS)	<p>https://cpj.org/2022/05/nigerian-journalist-detained-after-republishing-article-about-ogun-state-governor/</p>

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		<p>state governor Dapo Abiodun, according to Festus Ogun, Bashiru’s lawyer who spoke to CPJ by phone, and a report by the privately owned Punch news website. The article said that Abiodun was arrested for credit card fraud and forgery in the United States in 1986. Bashiru was detained at DSS headquarters in the state capital Abeokuta after going there for questioning on April 29, Ogun said. After his arrest, the DSS transferred the journalist to the state police headquarters, where he is still held without charge. The report, which was similarly republished by various news websites, originated from the privately owned Peoples Gazette and included a reply by Abiodun’s lawyers to a petition written to Abdullah Adamu, the national chairman of the ruling All Progressives Congress political party, seeking to disqualify Abiodun from seeking a second term as governor of the southwestern state because of the fraud allegations. When Bashiru appeared for questioning on April 29, he was denied access to lawyers, Ogun said, adding that authorities allegedly forced Bashiru to delete the republished article from the EaglesForeSight website. The article is still missing from the website, according to CPJ’s review of the publication. Authorities also allegedly compelled Bashiru to publicly apologize for republishing the article and describing the reporting source as “false information,” which he did on the website on April 29, Ogun told CPJ. Ogun was finally allowed to visit the journalist at the police</p>		<p>https://ifex.org/republishing-post-lands-nigerian-journalist-in-jail/</p> <p>https://cpj.org/2022/05/nigerian-journalist-detained-after-republishing-article-about-ogun-state-governor/</p>

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		station on May 16, but was not told the charge his client faced or when he would be released, Ogun told CPJ.		
Saturday, 21st May 2022	Hon. Okechukwu Okoye, Anambra State House of Assembly Member	Hon. Okechukwu Okoye, lawmaker representing Aguata Constituency 2 at the Anambra State House of Assembly, has been beheaded. Okoye, who hailed from Isuofia, the community of Anambra State Governor, Chukwuma Charles Soludo, was kidnapped in Aguata on Sunday, 15th May 2022.	Gunmen	https://dailytrust.com/breaking-abducted-anambra-lawmaker-beheaded
		The severed head of the deceased lawmaker was later discovered mounted at Chisco Park in Amichi community in Idemili South Local Government Area of the State. While presenting the State's revised budget to the Anambra State House of Assembly on Friday, 20th May 2022, Governor Chukwuma Charles Soludo had commented on the sad development, saying security operatives were working to rescue the victim.		https://guardian.ng/news/police-in-anambra-confirm-okoyes-death/ https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/05/soludos-lawmaker-house-of-assembly-says-death-heartbreaking/ https://tribuneonline.com/kidnapped-anambra-lawmaker-allegedly-beheaded-head-staked-at-motor-park/

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Sunday, 22nd May 2022	9 Kano residents	<p>Kano state Police Command has confirmed that the explosion that rocked Kano on Tuesday, 17th May 2022, was from an Improvised Explosive Device, IED, and not gas cylinder as earlier claimed, even as two suspects have been arrested in connection with the incident. This development followed an outcome of investigation by the Explosive Ordnance Disposal-Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense, EOD-CBRN, and Operation Puff Ader. Also, names of the victims who died in the explosion and whose bodies were recovered and names released by the Police were Ejike Vincent (welder), Michael Adejo (chemical seller), Musa Kalla (tea seller), Christiana Abosede and Mary. Others were Austin Dada, Madam Owoleke, Omo Ben and Bose Oladapo.</p>	Unknown	<p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/05/kano-explosion-police-confirm-its-ied-arrest-2-impound-vehicle-with-bombs/ https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/531565-kano-explosion-police-arrest-suspects-identify-victims.html</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/05/just-in-another-explosion-averted-in-kano-as-police-intercept-vehicle-fully-loaded-with-ied/</p>

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Monday, 23rd May 2022	7 residents of Anambra State	"It was another black Sunday (22nd May 2022) in Anambra State, following the killing of seven persons in various locations in the State. Out of the number, four were siblings. Their mother was also among the dead. The attack took place at Isulo in Orumba North council. One person was killed at Abatete in Idemili North council while another was killed in the Nanka Orumba North Local Government Area of the State.	Gunmen	https://thenati.onlineng.net/gunmen-kill-mother-four-children-two-others-in-anambra/ https://sahara-reporters.com/2022/05/23/hoodlums-kill-mother-four-children-two-others-burn-another-police-station-anambra
Saturday, 28th May 2022	Residents of Jere town in Kaduna State	"Some bandits in the early hours of Saturday, 28th May 2022, invaded Jere town in Kagarko Local Government Area of Kaduna State, killing one and abducting scores including four members of the same family. It was gathered that the bandits killed a newly wed man and took away his pregnant wife. The bandits also went away with four members of the family of Abdulrahman Ibrahim Jere, a former Commissioner of Poverty Alleviation in the State. According to a source, the bandits that stormed the community were more than 50, on bikes, moving from house-to-house to carry out "their nefarious activities."	Bandits	https://punchng.com/bandits-kill-groom-abduct-scores-in-kaduna/

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Sunday, 29th May 2022	Residents of Same Global Estate, Loko-goma, Abuja	"Over 100 motorcyclists have attacked Same Global Estate in the Lokogoma area of Abuja to avenge the death of two colleagues. The incident happened after a motorist reportedly hit two Okada riders on Sunday, 29th May 2022 and ran into the estate for safety. The motorist was chased by a crowd of motorcyclists after he ran over two motorcyclists. The motorcyclists attacked the estate in their bid to apprehend an unknown motorist. The entrance to the estate was set on fire, and the inferno affected the gatehouse of the estate. Meanwhile, Josephine Adeh, spokesperson of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) police command, told TheCable that no house was razed during the incident. She however confirmed that police operatives have been deployed to the area and the situation is "under control".	Commercial Motorcyclists	https://www.thecable.ng/abuja-estate-gatehouse-burnt-as-riot-breaks-out-over-accident-involving-okada-riders https://punchng.com/breaking-abuja-okada-riders-set-houses-on-fire-over-colleagues-death/
29th and 31st May 2022	Prelate of Methodist Church of Nigeria and Two other persons	"A Prelate of the Methodist Church of Nigeria, Dr Samuel Uche, has been kidnapped by yet-to-be-identified men in Abia State. The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Geoffrey Ogbonna, confirmed this to Channels Television on Sunday in Umuahia, the state capital. According to him, the clergyman was abducted alongside two others – the Bishop of Methodist Church, Owerri Diocese, and the prelate's chaplain. Ogbonna explained that the clergymen were abducted at about 2pm on their way from a church event in Okigwe (Imo State) to Isuochi in Umu Nneochi Local Government Area of Abia State."	Kidnappers	https://www.chanelstv.com/2022/05/29/methodist-church-prelate-abducted-in-abia/ https://guardian.ng/news/methodist-prelate-ot-hers-released-after-churchs-n100m-appeal-to-pay-ransom/

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Saturday, 4th June 2022	A member of a vigilante group	A mob has killed a member of a vigilante group in Lugbe area of Abuja, for reportedly making a blasphemous statement. It was gathered that members of the vigilance group guarding the popular Timber Shed market at the Federal Housing Estate (FHA) Lugbe in Abuja, had wanted to arrest some residents wandering around the market in the early hours of Saturday, 4th June 2022. The residents were said to have begged the Vigilantes to free them in the name of God but one of the vigilantes kicked and made comments said to be blasphemous. Witnesses told LEADERSHIP the vigilante was beaten and stoned before he was set ablaze, a development that caused commotion in Estate. Policemen were later deployed to the scene of the incident in order to calm down frayed nerves.	A mob	https://leadership.ng/just-in-mob-kills-vigilante-over-alleged-blasphemy-in-abuja/ https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/mob-burns-vigilante-to-death-over-alleged-blasphemy-in-abuja/ https://punchng.com/just-in-mob-kills-vigilante-for-blasphemy-in-abuja/
Sunday, 5th June 2022	Parishioners of St. Francis Church, Owo, Ondo State	There was pandemonium at Saint Francis Catholic Church, Owa-luwa Street, Owo, the headquarters of the Owo Local Government Area of Ondo State as gunmen attacked the church on Sunday. It was learnt the gunmen, who attacked the Catholic church, arrived at the premises, which is less than 200 metres from the palace of the Olowo of Owo, at 12pm when the Sunday mass was being rounded off. The PUNCH gathered that worshippers, mostly	Gunmen	https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/535468-22-killed-58-injured-in-owo-church-attack-akeredolu.html

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		gathered that worshippers, mostly children and women, were killed in the attack, by gunmen, who were said to have thrown an improvised explosive device before they started shooting sporadically. Workers of the Federal Medical Centre and Saint Louis Hospital, both in Owo, where the dead and the injured were taken to, told one of our correspondents that a total of 35 people were brought in dead. But the State Police Command told The PUNCH at 8:30pm that it was still compiling the casualty figure. Also, the Church and the State government did not specify the casualty figure.		https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-61707872
6th, 11th and 14th June 2022	National Assembly Workers	<p>Workers of the National Assembly, under the aegis of the Parliamentary Staff Association of Nigeria (PASAN) have commenced an indefinite strike over the non-payment of a backlog of salaries and allowances by the management. PASAN issued the strike notice on Sunday via a statement issued by its Secretary-General, Hammed Awobifa. In the statement titled, PASAN declares indefinite strike to demand full implementation of the revised conditions of service (2018), the association stated that the industrial action started after three notices to the management led by the Clerk to the National Assembly, Amos Ojo, within three weeks.</p> <p>The statement read in part, “The Parliamentary Staff Association of Nigeria, National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) and National Assembly (chapters), at its joint congress meeting of June 2, 2022,</p>	National Assembly management	<p>https://punchng.com/national-assembly-workers-begin-strike-over-unpaid-salaries/</p> <p>https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/06/11/strike-senate-president-lawan-begs-protesting-nass-workers/</p>

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		resolved to embark on an indefinite strike over the failure of the National Assembly management to implement the subsisting Memorandum of Understanding jointly signed by the NASC and NASS management and PASAN on April 13, 2021.		https://dailytrust.com/strike-lawan-urges-nass-workers-to-call-off-action-embrace-dialogue https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/537029-national-assembly-workers-suspend-strike-over-salary-arrears.html
6th and 7th June 2022	Residents of Furfuri Town In Zamfara State	Gunmen suspected to be armed bandits have invaded Furfuri town of Bungudu Local Government Area of Zamfara State and abducted 23 persons including two wives and three children of the former Accountant General in the State. It was gathered that the armed bandits stormed and attacked Furfuri town which is 7 km away from Gusau, the State capital, late Sunday (5th June 2022) night and kidnapped many people. A source from Furfuri town, Mallam Sani, explained that the gunmen abducted two wives of the former Accountant General of the State, Abubakar Bello Furfuri, his three children and 18 other persons.	Gunmen	vanguardngr.com/2022/06/bandits-abduct-over-20-persons-in-zamfara/ https://punchng.com/zamfara-bandits-miss-ex-perm-sec-target-abduct-four-daughters/

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Thursday, 9th June 2022	Residents of villages in Kajuru, Kaduna State	<p>The Kaduna State government has confirmed that gunmen on Sunday raided villages in Kajuru in the south of the State, killing 32 people. In a statement on Thursday, the State's Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said the gunmen attacked the communities on motorcycles, killed several villagers and burnt their houses. Mr Aruwan, however, debunked the rumour that the gunmen attacked the villages with a helicopter. He said the helicopter seen during the attack belonged to the Nigerian Air Force, who arrived to engage the bandits. The statement can be found below: KDSG Security Update: Thursday 9th June 2022. Bandits raid villages, kill 32 in Kajuru LGA. – KDSG debunks reports of aerial attack by terrorists. NAF helicopter arrived to engage bandits. The Kaduna State Government received initial reports from security agencies, that bandits attacked the villages of Dogon Noma, Ungwan Sarki and Ungwan Maikori in Kajuru local government area on Sunday.</p>	Gunmen	https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/nwest/535926-kaduna-government-confirms-kajuru-attack.html

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Friday, 10th June 2022	Traders from Alaba International Market	On 10th June 2022, traders of the Alaba International Market, Ojo, Lagos State who had shut down their shops to register for their Permanent Voter's Card (PVC) were attacked by hoodlums. According to reports, officials of the market had instructed that all shops be shut to give traders ample time to register at the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) office in the Igbede area of Ojo, to get their PVCs. There was a massive turnout of traders at the registration point. However, while the registration exercise was ongoing, thugs armed with machetes, sticks and clubs were said to have stormed the venue to disrupt the process and also made moves to cart away INEC registration machines but they were overpowered by the traders.	Thugs	https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/videos-uproar-as-hoodlums-attack-igbo-traders-who-shut-down-shops-to-register-for-pvc-in-lagos/
Saturday, 10th June 2022	Commercial Motorcyclists	There was tension on Thursday, 9th June 2022 when an angry mob burnt over 30 motorcycles on Jakande Estate, Isheri Road, Lagos State, after an okada rider crushed a man to death. PUNCH Metro gathered that the yet-to-be-identified okada rider was plying one way when he rammed into the victim, who was standing by the roadside at First Junction Bus-Stop. The victim was said to have died due to the impact of the collision. Our correspondents learnt that youths angered by the incident protested against the victim's death. During the protest, the mob pounced on the okada rider and was on the verge of lynching him when some policemen rescued him.	A mob of Nigerian citizens	https://punchng.com/lagos-mob-burns-30-okadas-beats-motorcyclist-for-killing-pedestrian/

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		<p>The protesters were said to have also seized motorcycles from other riders who plied the scene of the accident during the demonstration. While some riders attempted retrieving their motorcycles, others, out of fear of being attacked by the mob, abandoned theirs and fled. The police were said to have rushed the injured okada rider to a nearby hospital for treatment when the mob set the abandoned motorcycles ablaze.</p>		
<p>Saturday, 11th June 2022</p>	<p>Ebonyi State Government House Photographer, Uchenna Nwube</p>	<p>The kidnapped cameraman attached to the Ebonyi State Government House Uchenna Nwube has regained freedom from his abductors. A source, who confirmed the development to Channels Television on Saturday, said Nwube was freed after the abductors were given an unspecified sum of money. The source, however, explained that the amount was a shortfall from the N50m earlier demanded by the kidnapers. The Ebonyi State Police Command is yet to confirm his release as of the time of publishing this report. Mr Nwube is said to be in a police station in Enugu. The photographer was abducted along the Okigwe-Aba-Enugu road on Wednesday, 8th June 2022.</p>	<p>Kidnappers</p>	<p>https://www.chanネルstv.com/2022/06/11/kidnapped-ebonyi-govt-house-cameraman-regains-freedom/</p> <p>https://dailytrust.com/3-days-after-ebonyi-govt-house-photographer-regains-freedom</p> <p>https://punchng.com/abducted-ebonyi-photographer-regains-freedom-after-payment-of-n300000-ransom/</p>

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12th and 13th June 2022	Two Nigerian Citizens	<p>The Nigeria Police Force has ordered Lagos State Police Commissioner, Abiodun Alabi, to conduct investigation into the alleged shooting of two persons by five Police escorts attached to the popular musician, Damini Ogulu, popularly known as Burna Boy. The shooting occurred on June 8, 2022, at Club Cubana in Victoria Island, Lagos. It was learnt that the musician and five police escorts visited the club at about 4 am on the day. While the clubbing was in top gear, the musician spotted another woman whom he made advances at. Unfortunately, her husband who was present, was said to have rebuffed the musician, asking him to keep off. This was said to have led to argument between the man's friends and Burna Boy's team, which resulted in the alleged shooting of two persons - Irebami Lawrence and another simply identified as Tolu, while the musician fled the scene on realising what transpired. Force Headquarters spokesperson, Muiwa Adejobi, in his tweet, yesterday, said the escorts have been identified, arrested and detained over their misconduct. However, the spokesperson added that the Force Headquarters has ordered the CP to forward the result of the investigation for appropriate action.</p>	Police officers	<p>https://guardian.ng/life/burna-boys-police-escorts-detained-for-shooting-civilians/</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/police-probe-shooting-by-burna-boys-escorts-at-lagos-club/</p> <p>https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/06/13/burna-boys-police-escorts-shoot-two-artists-absconds-to-spain/</p>

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14th, 15th and 23rd June 2022	Professor Uwadinachi Iweha	<p>Medical doctors in Abia State have suspended further rendering of medical services in all public and private hospitals across the state to register their grievances over the abduction of their colleague, Professor Uwadinachi Iweha. Iweha, who is the Provost of Gregory University College of Medicine, Umuahia campus and former Chief Medical Director of Abia State University Teaching Hospital (ABSUTH) was kidnapped on Sunday, June 5, 2022, by unknown hoodlums as he was driving out of his residence at Umuajameze Ezeleke Umuokpara Umuahia South Local Government. The Chairman of the Nigeria Medical Association (NMA), Abia State, Dr. Chimezie Okwuonu, on 14th June, announced the withdrawal of medical services in a statement he jointly signed with the State Secretary of NMA, Dr. Robinson Ugwuanyi, after the prayer/rally the NMA held simultaneously in Umuahia and Aba. The Abia NMA leadership stated that “with the current state of fear caused by the kidnap and detention of our colleague, safety cannot be guaranteed and it will be difficult to attend to duties as normal as no one knows who will be the next victim.”</p>	Kidnappers	<p>https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/06/15/medical-doctors-withdraw-services-over-abduction-of-colleague-in-abia/</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/breaking-abia-doctors-down-tools-over-kidnap-of-colleague/</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/abia-offers-n5m-reward-over-kidnapped-medical-doctor/</p>

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Wednesday, 15th June 2022	Journalist, Chuks Onuoha	<p>An Abia journalist, Mr. Chuks Onuoha has been kidnapped by armed men who gained entry into his home at Umungasi Ohuhu in Umuahia North local government and took him away in his jeep. Mr. Onuoha, who is the editor-in-chief of All Facts Newspaper, an Umuahia based publication, was until last year, the state correspondent of the Sun Newspapers. Wife of the kidnapped journalist, Mrs. Udodirim Onuoha said that her husband was whisked away by three armed men who entered their house at about 10.45pm on Tuesday while he was resting after returning from work. She told a delegation of journalists led by the chairman of Abia State Council of Nigeria Union of Journalists(NUJ), Comrade Victor Ndukwe, that she was also in the sitting room with her husband when the hoodlums slipped in through the back door. According to her, the first gun man that entered the house immediately pointed a gun at her husband and demanded for his phones and ATM card while the other gunmen emerged from different directions.</p>	Armed Men/ Kidnappers	<p>https://www.daylive.com/index.php/2022/06/15/armed-men-kidnap-abia-journalist-demand-n10m-ransom/</p> <p>https://www.icirnigeria.org/gunmen-kidnap-journalist-in-abia-demand-n10-million-ransom/</p> <p>https://punchng.com/just-in-kidnapped-abia-journalist-regain-freedom/</p> <p>https://punchng.com/gunmen-abduct-journalist-in-abia/</p>

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Friday, 17th June 2022	Residents of Alkaleri Local Government Area of Bauchi State	<p>"Gunmen suspected to be bandits on Thursday launched an attack on the Alkaleri Local Government Area of Bauchi state and killed four people. Three others were injured. The PUNCH reports that Bauchi State Governor, Senator Bala Mohammed hails from Alkaleri LGA. Our correspondent gathered from local sources including vigilantes that when the suspected bandits attacked Tudun Wadan Jada formerly known as Jimari Jauro-Bano, to abduct residents, an alarm was raised. The youths from the village and surrounding villages were said to immediately mobilise themselves and resisted them and they were unable to go with the abducted people. But the suspected bandits, seeing that their mission had failed, then opened fire on the large number of the youths that resisted them and killed four of them while three sustained varying degrees of injuries. A resident of the area who preferred anonymity, told journalists, "The attackers arrived in the community around 11:45pm on Thursday. "They came on motorcycles and when people raised the alarm they started shooting sporadically and fled to the bush. Unfortunately, four people were killed in the process." He said those injured were rushed to an undisclosed hospital in Gombe state which borders Bauchi. Another source said that men of the Nigeria Police Force and Nigerian Army have visited the communities attacked, where they calmed them down and assured them of the protection of their lives and</p>	Gunmen/ Bandits	<p>https://punchng.com/gunmen-attack-bauchi-govs-lga-kill-four/</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/bandits-kill-3-in-bauchi-community-injure-4-others/</p>

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		<p>properties. Chairman of the LGA, Yusuf Garba, also confirmed the incident to journalists in Bauchi on Friday, saying that the bandits stormed New Tudun Wadan Jada, with the intention of abducting the hamlet head but when people raised alarm, they abandoned their mission and fled.</p>		
19th June 2022	<p>Parhioners of Marantha Baptist Church and St. Moses Catholic Church in Kajuru, Kaduna State</p>	<p>“Bandits stormed the Marantha Baptist Church and St. Moses Catholic Church in Rubu Village, Kajuru on Sunday, killing three locals in Kaduna State. The victims were identified as Peter Madaki (Ward head of Ungwan Fada), Elisha Ezekiel, (Resident of Ungwan Fada) and Ali Zamani (Youth leader of Rubu). Daily Trust gathered that two persons were left injured in the attacks —one Aniro Mai, a yet unidentified woman and an unspecified number of locals were also kidnapped. “The bandits came on motorcycles and attacked our people shortly after closing from church service. The two communities attacked were inside Rubu village. The ward head of Anguwar Fada is among those killed,” a resident who simply identified himself as Maigari said. He stated that other worshippers escaped through the nearby bush. While confirming the incident, the State Commissioner, Internal Security, and Homes Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said the attackers started from Ungwan Fada and moved into Ungwan Turawa, before Ungwan Makama and then Rubu village.</p>	Bandits	<p>https://dailytrust.com/bandits-attack-kaduna-church-kill-three-abduct-others</p> <p>https://www.channelstv.com/2022/06/19/three-worshippers-killed-several-missing-as-gunmen-attack-two-churches-in-kaduna/</p> <p>https://punchng.com/terrorists-attack-kaduna-churches-kill-three-abduct-many/</p>

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		<p>He explained that the bandits looted shops and carted away some valuables from the villages. Aruwan said security patrols were being conducted in the general area as investigations proceed.</p>		<p>https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/06/20/terrorists-attack-two-churches-in-kaduna-community-kill-three-abduct-44-2/</p>
<p>21st June 2022</p>	<p>Intending Muslim Pilgrims</p>	<p>“The terrorists operating at eastern part of Sokoto State have attacked the motorcade of intending pilgrims from Isa Local Government, leaving three police escort dead. The intending pilgrims were coming to Hajj camp in Sokoto for airlift to Saudi Arabia when the bandits ambushed them, according to a source who spoke on condition of anonymity. According to the source, the terrorists went away with scores of the intending pilgrims and some security agents. However, respite had come the way of 21 intending pilgrims from Sokoto State that were kidnapped by suspected terrorists. The Permanent Secretary of Sokoto State Pilgrims Welfare Board, Mr. Shehu Muhammad Dange, confirmed to THISDAY that the victims were kidnapped at Gundumi village alongside security escort and some members of their families who accompanied them. The Commissioner for Information, Mr. Isah Bajini Galadanci, who further confirmed the incident in a press</p>	<p>Terrorists</p>	<p>https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/06/22/bandits-attack-intending-pilgrims-kill-three-police-escort-in-sokoto/</p> <p>https://www.channelstv.com/2022/06/21/suspected-terrorists-attack-motorcade-of-intending-pilgrims-in-sokoto/</p>

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		<p>statement, said: “The victims and security men escorting them were held up by suspected bandits operating on the corridor linking the eastern part of the State. “However, all the 21 intending pilgrims and the security escort as well as their relatives were rescued. The intending pilgrims were received by government officials and they are now waiting for their scheduled flight.”</p>		<p>https://dailytrust.com/witness-bandits-who-attacked-sokoto-pilgrims-gunned-down-six-policemen</p> <p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/538328-bandits-attack-intending-pilgrims-in-sokoto.html</p>
26th June 2022	Catholic Priest, Vitus Borogo	<p>Gunmen attacked a farm on Saturday and killed the Catholic priest, Vitus Borogo. The chancellor of the Catholic Archdiocese of Kaduna, Christian Emmanuel, confirmed the incident in a statement to journalists. “It is with a heavy heart, but with total submission to the will of God that we announce the death of Rev. Fr. Vitus Borogo, which sad event took place today, at Prison Farm, Kujama, along Kaduna-Kachia road, after a raid on the farm by terrorists,” Mr Borogo said in a statement. “Until his death, late Fr Vitus aged 50 years was the Chaplain of the Catholic Community of the Kaduna State Polytechnic, and the Chairman of the Nigerian Catholic Diocesan Priests Association (NCDPA), Kaduna Chapter.</p>	Gunmen	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/539228-gunmen-kill-catholic-priest-in-kaduna.html</p> <p>https://www.thecable.ng/gunmen-kill-catholic-priest-in-kaduna</p>

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26th June 2022, 27th June 2022	Catholic Priest, Christopher Odia	About a week after gunmen attacked two churches in Kaduna, armed persons killed a Catholic priest in the State. Now, the Catholic Diocese of Auchi in Edo State has confirmed the death of Christopher Odia, a reverend father, who was abducted on Sunday by gunmen in the State. Mr Odia, 41, was the administrator of St. Michael Catholic Church, Ikabigbo, Etsako West Local Government Area and also the Principal of St. Philip Catholic Secondary School, Jattu, in the State. He is said to have been abducted while coming out for Sunday Mass at his rectory, St. Michael Catholic Church, Ikabigbo and killed a few hours after he was abducted. Peter Egielewa, the director of communication in the diocese, confirmed the priest's death in a statement on Sunday.	Kidnappers	https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/539393-gunmen-kill-another-catholic-priest.html https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/abducted-edo-catholic-priest-fr-odia-killed-as-community-youths-apprehend-one-culprit https://dailytrust.com/breaking-abducted-catholic-priest-shot-dead
26th June 2022, 27th June 2022	Zamfara State Residents	Zamfara Government on Sunday advised individuals to obtain guns and defend themselves in the height of the resurgence of insecurity in the State. The State government, in a statement by the Commissioner for Information, Alhaji Ibrahim Dosara, said: "The government has henceforth, directed individuals to prepare and obtain guns to defend themselves against the bandits. Government has directed the State Commissioner of Police to issue licence to all those who qualify and	Zamfara State Government	https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/zamfara-govt-asking-citizens-to-get-arms-sign-of-failed-country/

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		<p>are wishing to obtain such guns to defend themselves. Government is ready to facilitate for people, especially our farmers, to secure basic weapons for defending themselves. “Government has already concluded arrangements to distribute 500 forms to each of the 19 Emirates in the State for those willing to obtain guns to defend themselves.” He explained that the government directive followed the increase in the activities of bandits in various parts of the State. The Commissioner, however, noted the State government’s commitment to ensure adequate security and protection of lives and property of citizens, particularly during the rainy season. Dosara said government had resolved to deal with the recent escalating attacks, kidnapping and the criminal levies being enforced on innocent communities. The government also banned the use of motorcycles, otherwise known as Okada, in the State and directed security to shoot at sight any violator of the Okada ban. This is aside from banning the sale of petrol to bike operators in the State. It equally gave orders for immediate closure of markets in three districts in the State.</p>		<p>https://guardian.ng/news/zamfara-govt-directs-residents-to-obtain-guns-shoot-motorcyclists-at-sight/</p>
<p>Wednesday, 29th June 2022</p>	<p>Residents of Nko Community in Cross River State</p>	<p>Nigerian soldiers have reportedly killed 6 people and displaced several others in Nko community in Cross River State. The soldiers were said to be on a reprisal attack on 26th June in Nko community, Yakurr Local Government Area (LGA) of the State, after one of their commanders was killed in the community. The soldiers also razed some houses</p>	<p>Nigerian soldiers, Civilians</p>	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/539915-soldiers-reportedly-kill-10-people-in-cross-river.html</p>

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		<p>in the community. The slain soldier was a part of the troops on a peacekeeping mission in the central part of Cross River where Nko and another community – Onyadama in Obubra LGA – have been engaged for about a decade in a violent dispute over farmland. Piqued by the action of the youths, Cross River State Government ordered immediate dethronement and de-certification of the Obol Lopon of Nko, Obol Etim Ayomobi, in Yakurr, and the clan head of Onyadama, Ovarr Vincent Erena, in Obubra, over the attack of six officers by youths of Nko community. The State government also sacked all village chiefs in Nko and Oyadama, even as it has taken over the disputed land until those behind the shooting of officers are produced or fished out.</p>		<p>https://www.sunnewsonline.com/outrage-as-soldiers-raid-cross-river-community-kill-7-destroy-several-houses/</p> <p>https://guardian.ng/news/we-never-attacked-soldiers-besieged-cross-river-community-debunks-allegation/</p>
Wednesday, 29th June 2022	Residents of Sabon Gero Community in Kaduna State	<p>A civilian Joint Task Force (JTF) Commander has been killed by bandits who invaded Sabon Gero community in the Millineum City Kaduna on 28th June 2022. The bandits who raided the community at about 10 pm, abducted 16 residents including a medical doctor and his family members. Although the police were yet to react to the development, journalists were told that the bandits arrived the community on motorcycles and started shooting, which made some locals to run for their lives. According to a source, “The JTF commander and his colleagues opened fire at the bandits but unfortunately he was not aware</p>	Bandits	<p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/bandits-raid-community-in-kaduna-kill-jtf-commander-kidnap-medical-doctor-others/</p>

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		<p>that they were very close. Two people lost their lives, 16 were abducted, while 6 were rescued during the attack. The bandits might have targeted the house of a medical doctor in the area as they went straight to his residence and abducted him and 6 members of his family. They attacked other houses and abducted 9 other residents. An officer confirmed that the commander had been killed by the bandits.”</p>		
<p>Thursday, 30th June 2022</p>	<p>A mining site in Ajata Community of Niger State</p>	<p>Terrorists on Wednesday, 29th June 2022, attacked Ajata village, a mining community in Erena district of Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State. Reports said no fewer than 22 persons, including soldiers, were gruesomely murdered by the terrorists who invaded the mining site believed to belong to some influential Nigerians but managed by some Chinese, in broad daylight. It was learnt that during the invasion of the site, four Chinese were abducted in addition to a number of other people believed to be workers at the mining site. The large number of terrorists, according to a report from the area, stormed the village riding on motorcycles and armed AK – 47 rifles.</p>	<p>Terrorists</p>	<p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/06/breaking-bandits-kill-19-including-6-soldiers-abduct-4-chinese-in-niger/</p> <p>https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/6/30/gunmen-kidnap-four-chinese-workers-in-north-west-nigeria</p> <p>https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/06/30/breaking-terrorists-kill-19-including-soldiers-abduct-4-chinese-in-niger/</p>

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Thursday, 30th June 2022	Two Police officers	<p>"Two police officers were on Thursday feared killed when gunmen attacked a police checkpoint along Agbani Road in Enugu South Local Government Area of Enugu State, Nigeria's South-east.</p> <p>The incident happened at about 9 a.m. The gunmen were said to have opened fire on the police officers at the checkpoint, killing two on the spot."</p>	Gunmen	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/540014-breaking-two-police-officers-feared-killed-as-gunmen-attack-checkpoint-in-enugu.html</p> <p>https://www.thecable.ng/two-police-officers-feared-dead-as-gunmen-attack-checkpoint-in-enugu</p> <p>https://punchng.com/breaking-gunmen-attack-enugu-police-checkpoint-two-feared-killed/</p>

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Thurs- day, 30th June 2022	Doctors in Anambra State	<p>The Nigerian Medical Association (NMA), Anambra State branch, has complained about the rising cases of kidnapping, especially of its members in the State. The association issued a statement on Wednesday in Awka, calling on Governor Charles Soludo and security agencies in Anambra to take more proactive measures to check kidnapping in the state. The NMA said at least three of their members had been abducted in the state since January this year. It said the most recent case was on June 25, where a doctor who works in a private hospital was abducted at Nimo, Njikoka Local Government Area on his way from work. “He was kidnapped alongside a friend, a pharmacy student, and they were both held in captivity for over 24 hours by their abductors. It warned that doctors may not guarantee the provision of healthcare services to the people if the government did not take urgent measures to ensure their security.</p>	Kidnappers	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/539946-anambra-doctors-threaten-to-withdraw-services-over-rising-cases-of-kidnapping.html</p> <p>https://guardian.ng/news/anambra-doctors-threaten-to-withdraw-services-over-cases-of-abductions/</p>

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