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INTRODUCTION

This is the third in the series of Nigeria Quarterly Human Rights Report issued by Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC), documenting reports of human rights violations and developments between July and September 2022.

In the quarter, several incidents relating to the violation of civil and political rights were reported. PLAC issued a Call to Action in September 2022 to express concern over the protection of the right to freedom of expression and the press, following an attempt by Nigerian media regulator, the National Broadcasting Commission's (NBC), to shut down the operations of some broadcast stations for failing to pay their licence renewal fees. PLAC therefore called for a downward review of these fees, to enable the operators to comply.

This report also highlights the responses of security agencies to some of the abuses reported to them, as evidenced by some of the interventions documented herein. The Nigerian military reported the rescue of several Chibok schoolgirls who were part of 276 girls kidnapped on 14th April 2014 by Boko Haram terrorists who attacked the Chibok Girls' Secondary School in Borno State.

More than half of the 62 abducted passengers of the Abuja/Kaduna train that was attacked by terrorists on 28th March 2022 were released by their kidnappers in the period under review, although the process that led to their release was unclear. However, insecurity remains a huge concern,

with violent attacks and threats of attack in Abuja, Nigeria's seat of power, a location hitherto considered the most secure in the country. Insurgency in Nigeria started out in the North East geo-political zone as far back as 2009 and slowly spread to the North West. It has now seeped into the North Central zone, including the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

In September 2022, the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), which commenced a strike action in February 2022, extended the strike indefinitely, keeping students of public tertiary institutions out of school for a period of seven months. There were reports of other unions that embarked on industrial action to register their grievances against unfavourable working conditions, high operational costs and unsustainable business environment.

Human rights protection in Nigeria is at an abysmal level. In a democratic society, respect, protection and fulfilment of human rights are expected to improve over time. However, this can only be achieved if the government through its agencies displays regard for people's rights, in the discharge of their duties and intervene to ensure that citizens also respect the rights of fellow citizens.

PLAC will continue to engage the Human Rights Committees of the National Assembly, civil society groups working on human rights, the National Human Rights Commission and other relevant government establishments, as well as Nigerian citizens to identify cases of human rights violations and contribute towards efforts to hold perpetrators to account and obtain justice for victims.



Civil and political rights, which comprise a variety of human rights continue to be violated on a constant basis in Nigeria. Some of these rights are those most commonly violated by the security forces, such as the right to life, right to dignity of human person, right to personal liberty, right to fair hearing and the right to peaceful assembly. Although there were violations reported in the period under review, some interventions were also observed.

The #EndSARS protest against police brutality in October 2020 resulted in the establishment of Independent Investigative Panels on Human Rights Violations against the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) and other units of the Nigerian Police, in States across Nigeria and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, to hear cases of police brutality. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) had in March 2021, set up the Federal Government’s panel of enquiry on police brutality in Abuja. The panel which probed allegations of human rights violations committed by the defunct SARS and other units of the Nigeria Police, awarded N289 million to 74 victims of gross human rights violations on 14th September 2022. Families of deceased victims and survivors received cheques as a mark of the awards at a ceremony held at the NHRC headquarters in Abuja. It marked the second and final batch of compensation by the Abuja panel to victims of widespread rights abuses by the police. The compensations in the judgments, according to the Commission, were awarded in cases bordering on extrajudicial killing, unlawful arrest and detention,

cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment and torture, alleged enforced disappearance, confiscation of property, among others. In December 2021, the Commission had awarded N146 million to 27 families and survivors who were victims of gross rights violations.

On 27th September 2022, the Abuja panel submitted its report to the National Human Rights Commission with recommendations and penalties. The panel, in its recommendation, found 72 police officers guilty of the allegations levelled against them. In the report, 28 of them were recommended for prosecution, 25 were recommended for dismissal, 15 for disciplinary actions, and four were recommended for demotion. Executive Secretary of the Human Rights Commission, Anthony Ojukwu, SAN stated that payment of compensation and holding indicted officers of the Nigeria Police accountable for the violation of the rights of the people were the first steps on the road to justice.

A Federal High Court sitting in Lagos sentenced a retired policeman, Ariwayo Oloyede, alias Oyinbo, to one-year imprisonment for human trafficking, on 30th September 2022. The ex-police officer was convicted alongside a Burkina Faso-based Nigerian, Christian Owanebi, who had jumped bail and was sentenced to seven years imprisonment for the same offence by Justice Abimbola Awogboro. The Judge held that the ex-policeman, who had been attending court sessions consistently without default, was sentenced to one year imprisonment on each count, to run concurrently. They were found guilty of three counts of conspiracy and human trafficking, preferred against them by the National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons (NAPTIP). The convicts were accused of conspiring with one another to procure a 19-year-old girl, Onyinyechi, for prostitution in Burkina Faso in November 2012.

Violations by State Forces

On Sunday, 3rd July 2022, the Paramount Ruler of Udoda community in Ahoada West Local Government Area of Rivers State, His Highness Okaya Gospel and the Youth President, Peter Francis protested continual attacks by thugs, military invasion and air raids in the area. The request

for basic amenities by the community, which hosts several petroleum pipelines is said to have been met with attacks and raids instead. Over 30 indigenes of the community, including a chief had been killed since the raids and attacks started in 2019. The community was deserted as people's houses had been razed and their properties stolen in the course of various invasions and attacks.

Agba Jalingo, publisher of Cross River Watch media outfit was arrested by Police at his residence in Lagos State. Jalingo, in a series of Facebook posts on 19th August 2022, stated that his residence was besieged by police officers. The journalist alleged that the police officers held his wife and daughter hostage. Jonathan Ugbal, editor of Cross River Watch, later disclosed that Jalingo was taken to Alapere police station and would be transferred to Abuja. Jalingo was arrested in connection with a petition of defamation of character filed by Elizabeth Frank Ayade, sister-in-law to the Governor of Cross River State, Ben Ayade.

This was an instance of using State apparatus to address personal issues, that otherwise could be resolved through civil legal proceedings.

Right to Freedom of Expression and the Press

On 19th August 2022, the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) announced that it was revoking the licenses of 53 television and radio stations over unpaid licence fees to the tune of N2.6 billion. Director-General of NBC, Malam Balarabe Ilelah ordered the affected stations to shut down within 24 hours following the announcement, and directed NBC offices nationwide to collaborate with security agencies to ensure immediate compliance. The Commission had in May 2022, published the list of licensees indebted to NBC, giving them a period of two weeks to renew their licences and pay their debts. Three months after, the Commission declared the continued operations of such stations illegal and as constituting a threat to national security, and therefore announced the revocation of their licences.

However, in determining an application on the matter filed by a civil rights group, the Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) and the Nigerian Guild of Editors (NGE), on 29th August 2022, a Federal High Court in Lagos, issued an order restraining President Muhammadu Buhari and the NBC from revoking the licences of the broadcast stations and shutting them down on the ground of failing to renew their licences. The application was filed alongside the main suit challenging the NBC's planned action against the broadcast stations.

Political Rights

The office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in Igboeze North Local Government Area of Enugu State was set ablaze by arsonists on Sunday, 3rd July 2022. INEC Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) in Enugu State, Mr. Emeka Ononamadu reported that 748 ballot boxes, 240 voting cubicles, office furniture and other equipment were destroyed in the attack inspite of the efforts of the Enugu State Fire Service. The attack came during the continuous voter registration exercise and other preparations by INEC for the 2023 general elections. It is unclear who was responsible for the attack.



SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS

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The protection and fulfilment of these rights determine the quality of life of citizens. Nigeria, like many countries around the world, has been experiencing economic crisis. The devaluation of the Nigerian Naira by the Central Bank in 2021 and the ever increasing foreign exchange rates, have increased the prices of goods and services.

Education and Employment

The Nigerian government on 25th July 2022 ordered the immediate closure of unity schools in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) over threat of attack by bandits. One of the affected schools is Federal Government College, Kwali, in the Kwali Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja. Bandits had on 24th July 2022, attacked Sheda and Lambata villages, suburbs of Kwali Area Council, in the environs of the Federal Government College. The development interrupted the third-term examinations in the schools and the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) by the National Examinations Council (NECO).

The Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) announced that it will embark on a nationwide protest on 26th and 27th July 2022, in solidarity with the strike action by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU). ASUU had been on strike since February 2022 over the failure of the Federal Government to honour an agreement on issues bordering on funding universities, as well as on salaries and allowances of lecturers. In a letter

dated 15th July 2022 and addressed to chairpersons of the NLC in the States, President and General Secretary of the NLC stated that the protest was aimed at getting children back to school and supporting unions in Nigeria's public universities fighting for quality education. However, Minister of Information, Lai Mohammed, declared the proposed protest as uncalled for and illegal. ¹

On 20th August 2022, the Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Universities (SSANU), and the Non-Academic Staff Union of Allied and Education Institutions (NASU) suspended their strike action effective from 24th August for a period of two months, to allow the government to implement the agreements reached. Part of the agreements was the decision of the government to set aside the sum of N50 billion for payment of earned allowances. The unions had been on strike since 27th March 2022. ²

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) on 29th August 2022 announced that it was extending its strike action indefinitely. The announcement followed an emergency meeting of the union's National Executive Council at its national headquarters at the University of Abuja between 28th and 29th August 2022.

The Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, on 6th September 2022, announced that the government could only afford 23.5 per cent salary increase for all categories of the workforce in Federal Universities, and 35 per cent increment for professors. He also stated that the sum of N150 billion and N50 billion will be provided in the 2023 national budget as revitalisation fund for Federal Universities and payment of outstanding arrears of earned academic allowances, respectively.³

1 ASUU Strike: NLC to begin nationwide protest on July 26. TheCable. (2022, July 17). Retrieved July 24, 2022, from <https://www.thecable.ng/asuu-strike-nlc-to-begin-nationwide-protest-on-july-26>

2 SSANU, Nasu suspend strike for two months. THISDAYLIVE. Retrieved September 9, 2022, from <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/08/21/ssanu-nasu-suspend-strike-for-two-months/>

3 Tolu-Kolawole, D. (2022, September 6). ASUU: FG announces 23.5% salary increment for lecturers. Punch Newspapers. Retrieved September 18, 2022, from <https://punchng.com/asuu-fg-announces-23-5-salary-increment-for-lecturers/>

On 7th September 2022, the Minister of Education, while insisting that the Federal Government's offer to ASUU in terms of salary increase was sustainable, reiterated that the government was maintaining its 'No Work, No Pay' policy for university staff. ⁴

On 22nd August 2022, the Federal Government reiterated that it would launch the National Plan for Financing Safe Schools in September 2022, to provide a safe and secure learning environment for children. The Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Zainab Ahmed had earlier announced that the Federal Government was set to launch a National Safe School Plan before the end of the third quarter of 2022. The plan outlines how Nigeria intends to protect schools and other places of learning. The Finance Minister pledged commitment to adequate budgetary allocation to finance the plan.

Bread makers, under the aegis of Premium Bread makers Association of Nigeria (PBAN) embarked on a four-day warning strike on 21st July 2022 over the rising cost of baking materials, following a notification issued by the association to that effect on 19th July 2022. PBAN threatened to extend the strike action if the government failed to intervene. The strike followed from the huge losses bakeries were incurring due to high operational costs, occasioned by high prices of baking materials and diesel, making the business operating environment unsustainable. The association sought the government's intervention to stop the 15 per cent development levy on wheat import, request the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to review downwards the N154,000 penalty charged bakeries on late renewal of certificates; grant members of the association access to grants and soft loans provided by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (MSMEs) and stoppage of multi-agencies regulation of the breadmaking industry. The association also stated that multiple meetings with the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Abuja (FMITI) in 2021 did not yield any result.

4 ASUU Strike: FG will not rescind 'no work, no pay,' says minister. THISDAYLIVE. Retrieved September 18, 2022, from <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/09/08/asuu-strike-fg-will-not-rescind-no-work-no-pay-says-minister/>

Electricity workers under the National Union of Electricity Employees (NUEE) embarked on a strike over welfare issues on 17th August 2022, leaving many Nigerian cities in darkness, including the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. Power generation crashed below 4,000 megawatts as the workers went on strike to protest a compulsory promotion interview for principal managers, unpaid entitlements, among other issues. The union had announced the strike on 16th August 2022 during a protest at the Transmission Company of Nigeria's headquarters in Abuja. Electricity distribution companies notified customers of impending power outage as a result of the strike. However, the Federal Government announced that the union had halted the strike soon after it commenced, although it attributed the collapse of the country's grid to the electricity workers' strike.

The National Union of Electricity Employees on 6th September 2022, announced that they were ready to embark on another nationwide strike, after a previous strike action in August 2022. The union alleged that after almost nine years of privatising the Power sector, the Federal Government refused to pay entitlements of some of the workers of the defunct Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN). The union noted that privatisation of the Power Sector has neither added value nor improved the life of the average Nigerian.

Healthcare

On 5th July 2022, the failure of the Nigerian State to take action to guarantee the safety of life and property as required under the Nigerian Constitution manifested when bandits razed two primary health centres in Batsari Local Government Area of Katsina State. Following the attack, the Executive Secretary, Katsina State Primary Health Care Development Agency, disclosed that 69 out of the over 1,800 healthcare centres in the State were temporarily closed as a result of insecurity in some LGAs in the State, as most health facilities were taken over by bandits and the solar refrigerators in the facilities converted to use by them. The affected primary healthcare facilities are located in Jibia, Safana, Batsari, Faskari, Sabuwa and other LGAs of the State. Some of the health workers in these facilities were kidnapped but later released. As a result of the attacks, the State Government made plans to renovate one health centre in each of the 361 wards across the State.



Insecurity has been an issue of paramount concern in Nigeria in recent years. Kidnappings, killings, farmers-herders clashes, banditry have been on the increase, raising trepidation among citizens and residents, in going about their daily activities, including travelling to various locations in the country. Some of the rights violated by the menace of insecurity are contained in Chapter 4 of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution and these include the right to life, right to dignity of human person, right to liberty and the right to freedom of movement. While some interventions were recorded, the trend of insecurity still continued in the period under review.

Security Interventions

This quarter saw the release of more passengers of the Abuja-Kaduna train, who were abducted following a terrorist attack on the train on 28th March 2022. PLAC had issued a statement on 16th May 2022 calling for the intervention of the Federal Government to secure the release of the passengers. PLAC equally enjoined the National Assembly to bring to bear and fully exercise their constitutional responsibility of oversight of the Federal Government and its agencies charged with the responsibility of providing public services and defence of the country.

Nigerians have criticised the government for its inability to protect its citizens as part of its constitutional responsibility. It will be recalled that in the second quarter of 2022, particularly on 11th June 2022, the terrorists were reported to have released 11 abductees following negotiations by Tukur Mamu, a media consultant to Sheikh Ahmad Gumi, an Islamic cleric and self-acclaimed intermediary between the government and terrorists. Mamu is also the publisher of a media outfit, Desert Herald.

On 9th July 2022, seven of the abducted passengers of the Abuja-Kaduna train were released after 102 days in captivity. The released abductees included the son of Prof. Ango Abdullahi, Chairman of Northern Elders Forum (NEF), a socio-cultural group in Nigeria. Others were Bosedo Olurotimi, Abubakar Zubairu, Alhassan Sule and Sadiq Ango Abdullahi, Muhammad Daiyabu Paki, Aliyu Usman and a foreign national of Pakistani origin, Dr. Muhammad Abuzar Afzal.

The terrorists also released three more abductees on 25th July 2022, shortly after releasing a video⁵ where they were seen flogging some of the abductees and threatening to sell and kill the remaining hostages if their demands were not met. It is unclear what exactly these demands are. They also threatened to abduct President Muhammadu Buhari and the Kaduna State Governor, Nasir El-Rufai. Those released consisted of two males and one female. The circumstances surrounding the release of the passengers were not clear, as some of their family members disclosed that the terrorists asked for the sum of N100 million to secure the release of their loved ones.

After 125 days in captivity, five more hostages who were abducted in the Abuja-Kaduna train attack were released by their terrorist abductors on 2nd August 2022, making it the fourth batch of victims to have secured their freedom. Those released include Prof. Mustapha Umar Imam, Akibu Lawal, Abubakar Ahmed Rufai, Mukthar Shu'aibu and Sidi Aminu Sharif.

5 Terrorists to Buhari, el-rufai: We are coming for you [video] - PM News. (2022, July 24). Retrieved August 22, 2022, from <https://pmnewsnigeria.com/2022/07/24/terrorists-to-buhari-el-rufai-we-are-coming-for-you-video/>

The terrorists had earlier released 11 victims in the first batch, seven victims in the second batch, three in the third and five victims in the fourth batch, leaving 35 victims in captivity at the time.

On 10th August 2022, seven more hostages were released, including a family of six and a woman. The family of six include Abubakar Garba, his wife, Maryam and their children - Ibrahim, Fatima, Imran and Zainab, who was one year and six months old at the time. Also, a 60-year-old woman, Aisha Hassan was released. She was said to have been released due to life-threatening health challenges. This brought the number of hostages being held by the terrorists to 32.

On 19th August 2022, four more hostages were released after spending four months in captivity. They include an 85-year-old woman, Halimatu Atta, her daughter, Adama Aliyu, Mohammed Sani Abdulmaji and Modin Modi Bodinga. Again, there was no mention as to whether ransom was paid for the release of the hostages. With the release of the sixth batch of four hostages, 23 hostages were still in the custody of the terrorists at the time.

On 7th September 2022, the Department of State Services (DSS), Nigeria's secret security agency, announced that its foreign partners had worked with it to intercept Tukur Mamu as a person of interest in Cairo, Egypt, on his way to Saudi Arabia, and returned him to Nigeria. The DSS stated that he was wanted to answer critical questions as part of investigations on some security matters in parts of the country.⁶ No further details were provided about his arrest. It will be recalled that Mamu was at the forefront of negotiations for the release of the abducted passengers of the Abuja-Kaduna train.

A Federal High Court in Abuja sentenced a notorious kidnapper, Hamisu Bala, also known as Wadume, and two others, to seven years imprisonment on 22nd July 2022. Wadume was convicted of two of the 13-count charges against him and two others, bordering on escaping from lawful custody and unlawfully dealing in prohibited firearms. The court also convicted

⁶ DSS arrests kaduna train hostage negotiator, Tukur Mamu. THISDAYLIVE. Retrieved September 28, 2022, from <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/09/07/dss-arrests-kaduna-train-hostage-negotiator-tukur-mamu/>

Aliyu Daje, a Police Inspector, who was the station officer at the Police headquarters at Ibi Local Government Area of Taraba State, to three years imprisonment for tampering with official records to conceal a crime. The charges followed the killing of three police officers and two civilians on 6th August 2019 by some soldiers. The policemen, who were from the Intelligence Response Team, Abuja, had arrested Wadume at Ibi before they were ambushed on the road and killed by military personnel.

Ten military officials who were charged in connection to the incident, and who were tried separately include: Captain Tijjani Balarabe; Staff Sergeant David Isaiah; Sergeant Ibrahim Mohammed; Corporal Bartholomew Obanye; Private Mohammed Nura; Lance Corporal Okorozie Gideon; Corporal Marcus Michael; Lance Corporal Nvenaweimoeimi Akpagra; Staff Sergeant Abdulahi Adamu and Private Ebele Emmanuel.

The Nigerian Army in a statement on its official Twitter handle on 27th July 2022, announced that its troops rescued four women in Borno State. Two of them were identified as girls abducted from the Government Girls' Secondary School in Chibok, Borno State. Boko Haram terrorists had attacked the school and abducted 276 girls on 14th April 2014. The Army stated that the women were rescued by troops of 202 Battalion during a clearance operation and were taken for medical treatment.

Troops of Sector One, 'Operation Hadin Kai' of the Nigerian Army rescued a Chibok girl identified as Aisha Grema and her four-year-old child on 12th August 2022, in Bama Local Government Area of Borno State.

The Edo State Police Command on 14th August 2022, rescued one kidnap victim, neutralised five suspected kidnappers and recovered arms and ammunition from them. The Command disclosed that it received information about kidnappers operating in Ughoshi-Afe bush, Ibillo in Akoko Edo Local Government Area of Edo State. The suspected kidnappers on sighting the security operatives reportedly opened fire on them, resulting in a shoot-out in which five of the assailants were killed. One kidnap victim, a 38-year-old man was rescued unhurt and re-united with his family.

On 13th August 2022, the Nigerian Army stated that three persons amongst whom was a 12-year-old child who was abducted since her infancy, were rescued by troops of 242 Battalion.

On 20th August 2022, the Edo State Police Command in collaboration with men of the vigilante group and hunters, laid ambush at Iyuku Forest where they killed a suspected kidnapper, rescued four abducted victims while other members of the gang escaped with various degrees of gunshot injuries. The Police acted on information from a victim who escaped from the kidnappers' den on 18th August 2022.

On 8th September 2022, the Defence Headquarters in a statement by its Director, Defence Media Operations, Major General Musa Danmadami, revealed that troops of 'Operation Hadin Kai'⁷ arrested a terrorist informant in the Asokoro area of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. Also, a foreign terrorist logistics supplier and arms dealer identified as Abatcha Bukar and 13 other terrorists were arrested in Borno State. According to the statement disclosing some of the activities of the armed forces between 25th August and 8th September 2022, three abducted Chibok girls and 19 other kidnap victims were rescued within the period.

Troops of the Nigerian Army rescued one of the Chibok schoolgirls abducted by insurgents in 2014. The girl, identified as Yana Pogu, was rescued on 29th September 2022 in Borno State by the troops of the Nigerian Army under 'Operation Hadin Kai.' Pogu, who was rescued with her four children, had birthed a set of twins four months earlier.

On 13th September 2022, the Edo State Police Command reported that it killed three out of a six-man kidnapping gang who abducted a 13-month old baby in Achigbor Community along Benin – Auchu road in Uhumwonde Local Government Area of Edo State. According to a statement by the State Deputy Spokesperson of the Command, ASP Jennifer Iwegbu, the Police got a tip off from the mother of the baby before going after the kidnappers. In the course of a shootout, the Police killed three of the assailants and the baby was rescued unhurt and returned to the mother.

7 Operation Hadin Kai is a Nigerian military counter-insurgency operation

On 17th September 2022, scores of armed bandits were reportedly killed as the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) bombed their base in Zamfara State. The victims were said to be members of the gang of notorious banditry kingpin, Muhammad Bello, aka Turji. Turji narrowly escaped the bombardment. The attack was carried out at Fakai area where Turji was suspected to be residing following reliable intelligence.

The Police in Jigawa State in collaboration with a local vigilante group arrested two suspected kidnapers in Taura Local Government Area of the State on 18th September 2022, following reliable intelligence. They were arrested during a special operation in Larabawa village, Gabasawa area of Kano State and Larabar Gurgunya village in Taura, Jigawa State. The Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Lawan Shiisu, confirmed the arrest, stating that the suspects were believed to be members of a criminal gang that had been terrorising parts of the State and neighbouring Kano State. He added that preliminary investigation showed that the suspects were responsible for an attack on personnel of the Nigeria Immigration Service on 9th August 2022.

On 22nd September 2022, Justice Adenike Coker of the Lagos High Court, Ikeja sentenced a dismissed cop, Olalekan Ogunyemi, to life imprisonment for killing a football fan, Kolade Johnson. Ogunyemi, who was attached to the Special Anti-Cultism Squad of the Nigeria Police, shot Johnson in the lower abdomen on 31st March 2019, at a football viewing centre at Mangoro, Ikeja, Lagos. Johnson was watching a football match when he was shot and killed.

The Edo State Police Command, on 22nd September 2022, killed a suspected kidnapper in Obadan community along the Benin-Auchi Road, in Edo State. The Edo State Police Command explained that two victims of the kidnapper, Samson Osegbowa, 65 and Stanley Peters, 38 who were abducted while working on their farmland at Ago-Orio, Uhumwonde Local Government Area of the State were also rescued.

Operatives of the Ogun State Police Command invaded the hideout of kidnapers who had been terrorising Kara Bridge end of Lagos-Ibadan

expressway and arrested a member of the gang, while a victim, Sheu Anafi was rescued unhurt. The Police invaded the kidnappers' hideout following a report lodged at Warewa Divisional headquarters by a commercial driver, who reported that he was coming from Ilorin with seven passengers, when they were attacked by some gunmen, which caused the passengers to run into a nearby bush. However, when they all regrouped to continue their journey, it was discovered that one of the passengers, 62-year old Sheu Anafi had been abducted by the gunmen.

Violent Attacks

Suspected terrorists operating in the forest area of Danmusa Local Government Area of Katsina State, shot and killed Bara'u Dantudu, the Dandire 'B' ward Chairman of a Nigerian political party, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), while he was on his farmland on 30th September 2022.

Hoodlums numbering about 50 attacked members of the Bauchi State House of Assembly on Monday, 4th July 2022, at a guest house located close to the Assembly complex, where the lawmakers were holding a meeting. They injured six members, smashed cars and windows of the building. Hours earlier, some as unidentified persons had attempted to set the House of Assembly complex ablaze but were intercepted by security agencies.

Gunmen kidnapped two Catholic priests, Reverend Father Udo Peter of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Uromi, and Reverend Father Philemon Oboh of St. Joseph Retreat Centre, Ugboha in Edo State on 2nd July 2022, around Ehor and Irukepken communities along the Benin-Auchi expressway in Edo State.

On 4th July 2022, at least 12 persons, including nine bandits and three members of a vigilante group were killed in a clash between bandits and vigilantes in Zak community of Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State. Operatives of 'Operation Safe Haven' (OPSH) of the Nigerian Army repelled the attack and moved on to Gajin Bashar community to fight

bandits who had stormed the area to attack the people.

An advance convoy of Nigeria's President, Muhammadu Buhari was ambushed and attacked on 5th July 2022 along Dutsinma on its way to the President's hometown, Daura in Katsina State. The advance team comprised security guards, protocol and media officials. The attackers opened fire on the convoy but were repelled by personnel of the military, Police and Department of State Services (DSS) accompanying the convoy. Two persons in the convoy were reported to have sustained minor injuries, although the convoy eventually arrived Daura safely.

On 5th July 2022, the Kuje Medium Security Custodial Centre in Abuja was raided by terrorists, who gained access to the facility using explosives. They were reported to have freed 879 inmates, including Boko Haram terrorists who were held in the facility. According to the Nigeria Correctional Service, one personnel of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and four inmates were killed in the attack, while 16 other inmates sustained injuries. By the following day, 6th July 2022, about 400 inmates were reported to have been recaptured while about the same number of inmates were still at large.

The Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorist group claimed responsibility for the attack. In a short video reported to have been released on 6th July 2022, the group stated that it succeeded in freeing dozens of prisoners.⁸

On 15th July 2022, a seven year-old boy identified as Ayuba was killed, while a couple was injured by stray bullets when bandits attacked Paikon Basa community in Gurdi ward of Abaji Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). The bandits abducted four residents, raided some shops and carted food stuff away. The bandits were reported to have proceeded to neighbouring Mawogi community, two kilometers away from Gasakpa, where they abducted six villagers.

⁸ ISWAP 'claims responsibility' for Kuje Prison Attack. TheCable. (2022, July 7). Retrieved August 22, 2022, from <https://www.thecable.ng/breaking-iswap-claims-responsibility-for-kuje-prison-attack>

Terrorists in large numbers invaded Yakwada village in Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State and kidnapped an in-law to Prof. Ango Abdullahi, Convener of the socio-cultural group, Northern Elders' Forum, her four children, and other persons on 10th August 2022. The terrorists abducted at least nine persons in total and killed a patrol guard, Aminu Lawal in the process.

The abducted woman, Ramatu Samsila, is the wife of the Village Head of Yakawada, Rilwan Saudu, who is the son of Professor Abdullahi's elder brother, a former Vice Chancellor of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in Kaduna State. Some of those abducted include neighbours of the Village Head, two of whom were nursing mothers at the time. Three residents of the area also sustained injuries in the attack.

Gunmen abducted a Catholic priest and a seminarian along Okigwe-Umunneochi Road, between Imo and Abia States in South-East, Nigeria on 12th August 2022. The abducted priest, Chinedu Nwadike, is the Deputy Registrar of Spiritan University, Abia State and he was abducted alongside a Catholic seminarian, Emmanuel Nwafor on their way to Enugu State. According to the Director of Communication of the Enugu Catholic Diocese, Benjamin Achi, the kidnappers demanded N50 million ransom.

Four reverend sisters were abducted by gunmen in the Okigwe-Umulolo axis of Okigwe Local Government Area of Imo State on 21st August 2022. They were abducted on their way to a thanksgiving mass in the Okigwe area. Zita Ihedoro, Secretary-General of The Sisters of Jesus The Saviour Generalate, confirmed their abduction in a press statement. The kidnapped persons were identified as Johannes Nwodo, Christabel Echemazu, Liberata Mbamalu and Benita Agu. However, they were later released unconditionally on 23rd August 2022, two days after their abduction, according to the Generalate.

On 1st September 2022, the village head of Zarada Sabuwa village in Gagarawa Local Government Area of Jigawa State, Ahmad Muhammad, and his wife Hauwa Ahmadu were killed by their son, Munkaila Ahmadu. The suspect was also reported to have injured two others in the community.

The Police arrested the suspect took him into custody and commenced an investigation. Munkaila Ahmadu disclosed that he killed his parents because they uttered what he described as blasphemous comments against the Prophet Mohammed (SAW). He further explained that his parents mocked him and opposed him being a praise singer for the Prophet.

An employee of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in Anambra State, Duruocha Joel who was reported missing, was found dead on Isu-Aniocha-Urum road, Awka North Local Government Area of Anambra State, on Thursday, 29th September 2022. Joel was a Principal Executive Officer II on Grade Level 10 at INEC. The development was disclosed in a statement by INEC's National Commissioner and Chairman Information and Voter Education Committee, Festus Okoye, on Friday, 30th September 2022. The cause of his death was unknown at the time of the report.

Attacks on Security Agents

On 5th July 2022, an Assistant Commissioner of Police, Aminu Umar and another police officer were killed in a terrorist ambush in Dutsinma, Katsina State. They were part of a team on a clearance operation in the area when they were attacked by terrorists numbering over 300 on motorcycles, shooting sporadically.

On 20th July 2022, five policemen and three civilians were killed, many others injured and an unspecified number of animals rustled by terrorists in an attack on Gatigawa village in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State. The terrorists numbering over 300 were said to have stormed the community on motorcycles. The policemen were on special duty in Katsina State from Kano State.

On 22nd July 2022, gunmen ambushed some officials of the 7 Guards Battalion of the Nigerian Army Presidential Guards Brigade around the Bwari Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, killing eight personnel and leaving three others wounded. Two of the slain personnel were officers, including a captain and lieutenant, while the

others were soldiers.

However, the military reinforced and returned to the area of the attack to conduct a ‘clearance patrol’ between 24th to 26th July 2022. At the end of the exercise, it was reported that at least 30 terrorists were killed, and their hide out destroyed, according to the Defence headquarters. They also recovered six motorcycles, two AK47 rifles, one fully loaded LMG magazine, amongst others during the operation.

Armed bandits attacked a military base, Forward Operating Base in Mutumji, Dansadau Local Government of in Zamfara State on 10th September 2022, killing at least a dozen security personnel while three sustained injuries. Those killed include nine Air Force personnel, two Police personnel and one Nigerian Army personnel. The bandits also carted away weapons, other equipment and set the base ablaze. The incident was said to have occurred amid heightened offensive by security forces against bandits in the North-West region of Nigeria. Several bandits were killed and many arrested in several operations, which necessitated the shutdown of telephone networks in Zamfara and some parts of Katsina State.

On 11th September 2022, gunmen attacked the convoy of Senator Ifeanyi Ubah, representing Anambra Senatorial District, in Enugwu-Ukwu community in Njikoka Local Government Area of Anambra State, Nigeria’s South-East. Five persons, including two Police personnel and three civilians, two of whom were the Senator’s aides were killed in the attack. Two other police personnel were injured in the attack.

According to a statement by the Nigeria Police on 22nd September 2022, a human rights activist, Zainab Duke, and her domestic staff were arrested based on an allegation of assaulting a female Police officer, Inspector Teju Moses, who was assigned to the activist as an orderly. A video of the injured Police officer went viral on 21st September 2022 when the incident was said to have occurred, within the Area 11 axis of Abuja.⁹

9 Ayitogo, N. (2022, September 22). Police arrest human rights activist over assault on orderly. Premium Times Nigeria. Retrieved September 28, 2022, from <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/555460-police-arrest-human-rights-activist-over-assault-on-orderly.html>



After two years and 10 months, the Nigerian government has been ordered by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Court of Justice to compensate the family of deceased Kogi State Women leader of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Mrs. Salome Acheju Abuh, with the sum of N10 million. Mrs. Abuh was burnt alive by political thugs at her residence in Ochadamu, Kogi State during the governorship election in Kogi State on 16th November 2019. Following her murder, her family members instituted a fundamental rights lawsuit against the Nigerian government at the ECOWAS Court of Justice. The Court held the Nigerian government liable for neglect and failure to protect Mrs. Abuh's life. It held that security operatives who were present at the time of the attack failed to act and save her.

The issue of gender-based violence remains a major concern in Nigeria's human rights sphere. Between 27th and 28th August 2022, youths from Umueghu in Amaegbuato autonomous community, Nkpa in Bende Local Government Area of Abia State were reported to have tied up, flogged and tortured a widow from the area, Amarachi Okechi over allegations of witchcraft. She was accused of being a witch and being responsible for the death of her husband and the illness of her husband's niece. However, by 30th August 2022, it was reported that the woman was rescued through the joint efforts of the Abia State House of Assembly member representing the area, Hon. Emmanuel Ndubuisi, the wife of the State Governor, Nkechi Ikpeazu and the Gender-Based Violence Resource Centre in the State and

taken to hospital for treatment. In addition, law enforcement agencies were notified of the incident. A similar incident occurred in Ebbaken community, Boje in Boki Local Government Area of Cross River State, where two widows, Martina Osom and Rose Akon were tortured and beaten to death by youths in the community on allegation of practising witchcraft.¹⁰

On 3rd September 2022, two suspected fraudsters, Rotimi Fisher and Sherif Adebayo defrauded a 23-year-old lady in the Ipaja area of Lagos State. They also lured her to an uncompleted building where Adebayo was reported to have raped her. She was on her way to a destination in Iyana Ipaja when Fisher approached her to help him locate an address. He was said to have presented himself as a foreign businessman, seeking the address of a purported client. He was then joined by Adebayo who pretended to be assisting with locating the address.

On 26th September 2022, a four-year old girl, Khadijah Adam, was reportedly raped by 49-year-old neighbor, Baba Idi, a resident of Lungun Haliru Mai Ruwa, Gama Quarters, Nassarawa LGA, Kano. Khadijah revealed to her mother that the perpetrator threatened to kill her with a pair of scissors if she told anyone about the incident. According to reports, Khadijah became hysterical upon sighting Idi at a Police cell where they had gone for identification. She suffered a heart attack and died. Khadijah's parents, Muhammad Adam and Jamila Adam called on security agencies and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that justice prevails.

As part of its constitutional duty to protect life and property and ensure equality of all persons, government ought to take steps to apprehend and prosecute persons committing gender-based violence.

10 Bankole, I. (2022, August 29). Youths torture 2 widows to death over witchcraft allegation in C-River. Vanguard News. Retrieved September 10, 2022, from <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/08/youths-torture-2-widows-to-death-over-witchcraft-allegation-in-c-river/>



CONCLUSION

The incidents documented in this report reflect continued challenges with human rights violation in Nigeria, including violation of the right to education, employment, insecurity, among others.

The strike action by staff of public universities in Nigeria over issues of emoluments and the general operation of universities has lingered and needs to be adequately addressed. The strike action is a barrier to the right of students to quality education. The Federal Government's decision to withhold the salaries of striking workers for the period of their industrial action is a violation of their employment rights and their right to protest unfavourable working conditions. The public tertiary education system in Nigeria requires an overhaul, to adequately address the gaps in the system that stand as barriers to the rights of students to obtain quality education and the rights of lecturers and other university staff to gainful employment.

Insecurity is perhaps Nigeria's greatest challenge at this time, particularly the menace of terrorism, banditry and kidnapping. The attack on the President's advance convoy in his home State, Katsina and the raid by terrorists on the Kuje Custodial Centre on the same day, constitute an affront on the Nigerian government and cast doubts on its ability to secure the lives of citizens. Although not the first jailbreak in recent times, the attack on the Kuje Custodial centre in Nigeria's Federal Capital Territory by members of a terrorist group went on unabated for hours, with the

assailants aiding the escape of hundreds of inmates. It is further worrying that the raid took place despite intelligence of an impending attack, which was earlier provided by Nigeria's State Secret Service. A day after the attack, it was reported that over half of the escapees were recaptured, while search for the others was on-going. These missing inmates who may have reintegrated into society or are still on the run, constitute a security threat to other Nigerian citizens and residents. The attack on the Presidential Guards Brigade of the Nigerian Army in Bwari, Abuja a few weeks after these incidents exacerbated security concerns in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

The Nigerian constitution guarantees the right to life. Yet, the government appears unable to guarantee this basic right. The levels and extent of insecurity in the country is mind boggling. The government needs to live up to its constitutional responsibility to protect its citizens.

The award of compensation to victims and families of deceased victims of police brutality, by the Independent Investigative Panels on Human Rights Violations against the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) and other units of the Nigerian Police set up in Abuja by the National Human Rights Commission, is a welcome development. The panel also indicted 71 Police personnel in its recommendations.

Interventions in human rights protection in Nigeria appear to be occurring at a rather slow pace. Sustained efforts from stakeholders in government, civil society and the private sector are required to improve upon this, to cut across the vast variety of rights.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Following from the human rights trend observed in the third quarter of 2022, PLAC makes the following recommendations:

- i. The Nigerian government should develop a holistic approach to fund tertiary education institutions, in order to put a lasting end to the frequent strike action by lecturers and other university staff and to develop infrastructure in these institutions.
- ii. The Federal Government should launch a thorough investigation, to identify and apprehend the actors responsible for the attack on the Kuje Custodial Centre and bring them to account. The government should also ensure that all inmates who escaped in the attack and in other attacks on custodial centres across the country are tracked and recaptured.
- iii. Federal and State Governments should make all necessary efforts to ensure that compensation awarded to victims of police brutality by the panels set up in the States and the Federal Capital Territory to review cases of police brutality, are paid expeditiously.
- iv. It appears that there are on-going efforts by Nigerian security agencies to tackle violent criminal attacks. However, reports of terrorist attacks, kidnapping and banditry continue to mount on a daily basis. It is imperative that security forces intensify efforts in

their operations and take firm control of the security situation in the country, in order to restore citizens' confidence in their abilities.

- v. Incidents of gender-based violence identified in this report means that there is an important need for the government to expand awareness and create education aimed at reducing or totally eliminating the problem.



APPENDICES

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Date of Report	Victim(s)	Summary of Report	Perpetrators	Source
1st July 2022	Farmers in Birnin Gwari, Kaduna State	A community leader from the Birnin Gwari Emirate Council in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State, Alhaji Zubairu Abdulra'uf, has lamented how members of the communities paid N400m to bandits to enable them to go to their farms. He also stated that people of the emirate had resorted to defending themselves against terrorists that had over the years taken over the area. He told journalists in Kaduna on Thursday, 30th June 2022, that the constant attacks on communities had paralysed economic activities in their rural areas and made travelling in the area impossible. On payment to bandits, Abdulra'uf on the State "Yes, N200m was paid to bandits in Randegi district alone. "When	Bandits	https://punchng.com/kaduna-community-pays-bandits-n400m-to-stop-attacks/ https://dailypost.ng/2022/07/01/farmers-in-kaduna-communities-pay-terrorists-n400m-to-access-farmlands-community-leader/

		<p>you talk of Birnin-Gwari Local Government as a whole, it's between N300m to N400m paid to these bandits. "There are three stages of paying these types of taxes to these bandits. You have to pay pre-season and mid-season when the crops are about to start yielding. You will pay these bandits because they will not allow you to have access to your farm. Then, at the end of the season when you are harvesting, you will give these bandits money before you access your farm. And when you access your farm after paying these taxes, they will now tell you that apart from giving them money, you will give a ratio of two bags to 10 bags of all the assorted grains."</p>		
1st July 2022	<p>Bara'u Dantudu, a Ward Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Katsina State</p>	<p>Suspected terrorists operating in the forest area of Danmusa Local Government Area of Katsina State, have shot and killed Bara'u Dantudu, the Dandire 'B' ward Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). A source who confirmed the incident stated that the attack occurred on Thursday, 30th June 2022, while Dantudu was on his farmland. Acting Chairman of the PDP in the State, Salisu Uli confirmed the incident.</p>	Terrorists	<p>https://ait.live/terrorists-kill-pdp-chairman-in-katsina/</p>
3rd July 2022	<p>30 Rivers State indigenes</p>	<p>The Udoda community in Ahoada West Local Government Area of Rivers State, has protested continual attacks by thugs, military invasion and air raids in the area. Raising the alarm on Sunday, 3rd July 2022, the Paramount Ruler of the community, HRH, Okaya Gospel, and the Youth President,</p>	Nigerian Military	

		<p>Peter Francis, stated that over 30 indigenes including a chief had been killed since the raids and attacks started in 2019. King Gospel also explained that the community was deserted because people's houses and valuables were burnt and stolen in the various invasions and attacks. The king blamed surveillance contractors securing pipelines that criss-crossed the community's forest for their travails, saying that each time the people requested for basic amenities, their voices were quelled with attacks and raids. Giving the timelines of the attacks, he stated that many people have died in these attacks and air raids and they have been occurring since 2019.</p>		<p>https://dailypost.ng/2022/07/03/protest-in-rivers-community-over-constant-air-raids-killings-of-30-indigenes/</p>
4th July 2022	Bauchi State House of Assembly Law-makers	<p>The crisis rocking the Bauchi State House of Assembly deepened on Monday, 4th July 2022, as hoodlums attacked lawmakers. The hoodlums numbering 50 stormed a guest house located on Sir Kashim Ibrahim Road, a few meters away from the Bauchi State Government House and attacked the lawmakers who were holding a meeting. The hoodlums reportedly injured six members, smashed cars and windows of the houses turning everything in the house upside down. The incident was said to have happened at 4.00pm. This came hours after yet-to-be-identified arsonists attempted to burn down the House of Assembly complex but were prevented by security agencies who responded swiftly. Following the incident, a combined team of security agents comprising men of the Nigeria</p>	Hoodlums	<p>https://punchng.com/just-in-hoodlums-attack-bauchi-lawmakers-injure-six-damage-vehicles/</p>

		Police Force, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp, the DSS and the Nigerian Army, were immediately drafted to the House where they took over the complex. As of the time of filing this report, the security operatives were still there guarding the complex to prevent any breakdown of law and order.		
3rd July 2022	Two Catholic Priests	Gunmen have kidnapped two Catholic priests in Edo State, amid the continued abduction of clergymen in the country. Police authorities in the State have confirmed the incident which occurred on Saturday night (2nd July 2022) around Ehor and Iruokpen communities along the Benin-Auchi Expressway. In a statement on Sunday, 3rd July 2022, the Police Public Relations Officer in Edo, Chidi Nwabuzor, identified the victims as Reverend Father Udo Peter of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Uromi, and Reverend Father Philemon Oboh of St. Joseph Retreat Centre, Ugboha in Esan South East Local Government Area (LGA) of the State.	Kidnappers	https://www.channelstv.com/2022/07/03/gunmen-kidnap-two-catholic-priests-in-edo/ https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/540706-gunmen-abduct-two-catholic-priests.html https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/07/04/two-catholic-priests-kidnapped-in-edo/
4th July 2022	INEC Office in Igboeze North LGA, Enugu State	The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) office in Igboeze North Local Government Area office in Enugu State has been set ablaze by arsonists.	Unknown Arsonists	

		<p>National Commissioner and Chairman, Information and Voter Education Committee of INEC, Festus Okoye, disclosed this on Monday, 4th July 2022 in Abuja. According to Okoye, the Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) Enugu State, Mr. Emeka Ononamadu, informed the INEC headquarters that during the attack, 748 ballot boxes, 240 voting cubicles, office furniture and other equipment were destroyed in spite of the best effort of the Enugu State Fire Service deployed from Nsukka. Okoye also stated that, “The commission is working to ascertain the status of voter registration machines for the ongoing Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) exercise, as well as uncollected Permanent Voters Cards (PVCs) locked up in the fireproof cabinet.” He also stated that the incident has been reported to the Nigeria Police for investigation and further action. He said the attack, coming in the middle of the voter registration exercise and other preparations for 2023 General Election, is worrisome.</p>		<p>https://dailytrust.com/748-ballot-boxes-burnt-as-hoodlums-set-inec-office-ablaze-in-enugu https://punchng.com/just-in-hoodlums-burn-inec-office-in-enugu/</p>
5th July 2022	<p>Three Vigilante agents in Zak Community, Plateau State</p>	<p>At least 12 persons were feared killed in a clash between bandits and vigilantes in Zak community of Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State. A youth leader in Wase by name Shapi’i, who confirmed the development, told our correspondent that the incident occurred around 9am on Monday, 4th July 2022. He explained that the clash left 12 people dead including nine bandits and three</p>	<p>Bandits</p>	<p>https://leadership.ng/just-in-12-persons-feared-killed-as-bandits-vigilantes-clash-in-plateau-village/</p>

		<p>members of the vigilante group. LEADERSHIP reports that Zak is about 40 kilometers from Wase town, the headquarters of Wase LGA. Meanwhile, the spokesperson of the Operation Safe Haven (OPSH), who is in-charge of security in Plateau and parts of Southern Kaduna, Major Ishaku Takwa, confirmed the incident to journalists but could not ascertain the casualty figure. He stressed that the Commander and troops, who repelled the attack, moved to Gajin Bashar community to fight bandits who had stormed the area to attack the people, noting that the men of the OPSH moved to Gajin Bashar after receiving distress calls.</p>	<p>https://dailytrust.com/12-killed-in-bandits-vigilantes-clash-in-plateau</p>
6th July 2022	President Muhammadu Buhari's Convoy; Police officers	<p>An advance convoy of Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari was ambushed and attacked on Tuesday, 5th July 2022 in his home State, Katsina. The attack happened in Dutsinma, about 152 kilometres from Buhari's hometown of Daura. Buhari's spokesman Garba Shehu said the convoy included an advance team of security guards, protocol and media officers. According to Garba, "The attackers opened fire on the convoy from ambush positions but were repelled by the military, police and DSS personnel accompanying the convoy." He also stated that two persons in the convoy were receiving treatment for the minor injuries they suffered and that all the other personnel, staff and vehicles made it safely to Daura. However, a policeman spokesman in Katsina stated that an Assistant Commissioner of</p>	<p>Gunmen</p> <p>https://guardian.ng/news/buharis-advance-convoy-attacked-in-katsina/</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/07/just-in-two-injured-as-gunmen-attack-buharis-convoy/</p>

		Police, Aminu Umar and another police officer were killed in a terrorist ambush in Dutsinma on the same day. Umar and his team were on a “clearance operation” when they were ambushed by “terrorists numbering over 300 on motorcycles, shooting sporadically with AK 47 rifles and General Purpose Machine Guns.”		https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/07/06/few-dead-two-injured-as-bandits-attack-buharis-convoy-en-route-daura/
6th July 2022	Health workers and residents of communities in Katsina State	The Katsina State Government stated that bandits have burnt down two primary health centres in Batsari Local Government Area of the State. The Executive Secretary, Katsina State Primary Health Care Development Agency, Shamsudeen Yahaya, disclosed this to journalists on Tuesday, 5th July 2022 in Katsina. According to him, 69 out of the over 1,800 healthcare centres in the State were also temporarily closed as a result of insecurity in some Local Government Areas (LGAs). “Most of the health facilities in the area were taken over by the miscreants, and the solar refrigerators provided in such facilities have been converted to use by the bandits. The affected primary healthcare facilities are located in different areas of Jibia, Safana, Batsari, Faskari, Sabuwa and other frontline LGAs of the State,” he stated. Mr Yahaya also stated that some of the health workers were kidnapped but later released. Mr Yahaya, however, said the government had concluded plans to renovate one health centre in each of the 361 wards across the State.	Bandits	https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/541111-bandits-burn-down-two-health-centres-shut-69-others-in-katsina-official.html

6th July 2022	Kuje Custodial Centre	<p>The Kuje Custodial Centre located in Nigeria’s Federal Capital Territory came under attack on the night of Tuesday, 5th July 2022 apparently to free jailed criminals, despite an earlier warning by the country’s intelligence service. A prison source told journalists that the State Security Service had earlier warned of an impending attack on Kuje prison. The attackers were said to have used three bombs to forcibly gain control of four entry and exit points. Dangerous criminals, including Boko Haram terrorists and high profile public officers standing trial or already convicted were held in the prison. According to the Nigeria Correctional Service, one personnel of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and four inmates were killed in the attack. Also, a total of 879 inmates escaped from the facility during the unfortunate attack. As at the time of the report, 443 had been recaptured, with 551 inmates in custody. 443 inmates were still at large, 4 inmates dead and 16 inmates sustained various degree of injuries and were receiving treatment. However, the Correctional Service stated that efforts were ongoing to recapture all fleeing inmates.</p>	Gunmen	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/541101-massive-bomb-attack-hits-kuje-prison-despite-earlier-warning.html</p> <p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/541249-abuja-prison-attack-443-inmates-at-large-four-dead-abba-kyari-safe-official.html</p> <p>https://www.thecable.ng/breaking-iswap-claims-responsibility-for-kuje-prison-attack</p>
18th July 2022	Residents of Paikon Basa and Gasakpa Communities in the Federal Capital	<p>A seven year-old boy simply identified as Ayuba was killed when bandits struck at Paikon Basa community in Gurdi ward of Abaji Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). A resident of the community, James Gwatana, stated that bandits wielding sophisticated weapons invaded the</p>	Bandits	<p>https://dailytrust.com/bandits-gundown-7-year-old-child-in-abuja-abduct-residents</p>

	Territory (FCT)	community on Friday, 15th July 2022. He stated that apart from the child who was killed, a man and his wife were also hit by stray bullets. He further revealed that the entire Paiko community was terrified because of the sound of gunshots of the bandits, adding a 7-year-old boy was killed in the sporadic shooting. He said the bandits abducted four residents and raided some shops where they carted away food stuffs. The district head of Gulida, Abubakar Sadauna, confirmed the incident. He stated that the couple who were shot had been taken to a private hospital for treatment in Gwagwalada. Daily Trust gathered that the bandits proceeded to neighboring Mawogi community, two kilometers away from Gasakpa and abducted six villagers.		
21st July 2022	5 Policemen and 3 Civilians in Gatigawa village in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State	On Wednesday, 20th July 2022, five policemen and three civilians were killed and many others injured by gunmen suspected to be terrorists in an attack on Gatigawa village in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State. The armed terrorists numbering over 300 were said to have stormed the community on over 200 motorcycles. The Katsina State Police Public Relations Officer, Gambo Isah, who confirmed the incident to journalists stated that the slain policemen were on special duty in Katsina State from Kano State. A resident of the area, Kabir Tukur, told THISDAY that the terrorists also left many residents with varying degrees of injuries	Terrorists	https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/07/21/update-terrorists-attack-katsina-village-kill-five-policemen-three-civilians/ https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/07/bandits-kill-5-police-officers-four-others-in-katsina-2/

		and rustled unspecified numbers of animals belonging to members of the community. He added that those who sustained injuries during the invasion were rushed to hospitals by security personnel, just as the military positioned its vehicles with heavily armed personnel in the area in the early hours of Thursday, 21st July 2022.		https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/544235-gunmen-kill-five-police-personnel-others-in-katsina-attack.html
20th and 24th July 2022	Premium Bread-makers Association of Nigeria (PBAN) and Nigerian residents	Bread makers, under the aegis of Premium Bread makers Association of Nigeria (PBAN), have begun a four-day warning strike from Thursday 21st July 2022 over the rising cost of baking materials. According to the association’s spokesperson, Babalola Thomas in a statement sent to PREMIUM on Tuesday, 19th July 2022, the strike action will be extended if the government fails to intervene. He stated that their bakeries are incurring a “huge loss” due to the continuous increase in the prices of baking materials and diesel. He added that operating in an environment such as this is no longer sustainable. The association sought the government’s intervention to stop the 15% wheat development levy on wheat import, request the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to review downwards the N154,000 penalty charged bakeries on late renewal of certificates, grant PBAN members access to grants and soft loans being given by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises	Federal Government of Nigeria	https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/south-west/543823-bread-makers-begin-strike-over-rising-costs.html https://www.thisday-live.com/index.php/2022/07/24/beyond-bread-makers-four-day-warning-strike/

		(MSMEs) and stoppage of multi-agencies regulation of the breadmaking industry. Thomas further stated that multiple meetings with the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Abuja (FMITI) in 2021 have not yielded any result.		
25th July 2022	Students of Federal Government College, Kwali	The Nigerian government on Monday ordered the immediate closure of the Federal Government College, Kwali, in the Kwali Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, over threat of attack by bandits. The country's Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, gave the directive, according to a statement by the Director of Press at the ministry, Ben Goong. The new development has stopped the ongoing third-term examination in the school and the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) by the National Examinations Council (NECO). However, the ministry said it would communicate to the students how and when they would sit for the examinations they may miss as a result of the abrupt shutdown. Parents were asked to evacuate their wards from the school over the fear of attack by bandits who had earlier on Sunday, 24th July 2022 attacked Sheda and Lambata villages, suburbs of Kwali Area Council, in the environs of the Federal Government College.	Bandits	https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/544820-ins-ecurity-nigerian-govt-shuts-unity-school-amid-ongoing-exam.html https://punchng.com/insecurity-ministry-shuts-abuja-unity-schools-evacuates-students/ https://leadership.ng/to-avert-security-breach-in-abuja-federal-govt-closes-schools/

26th July 2022	Personnel of the Presidential Guards Brigade	Gunmen on Friday, 22nd July 2022, ambushed some officials of the 7 Guards Battalion of the Nigerian Army Presidential Guards Brigade. The incident, which took place late on the night of Friday, 22nd July 2022 around the Bwari Area Council of Abuja, left three soldiers wounded and eight personnel killed. Two of the slain personnel were officers, including a captain and lieutenant, while the others were soldiers.	Gunmen/ Terrorists	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/545033-terrorists-attack-presidential-guards-in-abuja-kill-eight-soldiers.html</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/07/terrorists-attack-on-presidential-guards-missing-in-action-officer-6-soldiers-found-confirmed-dead/</p>
9th July 2022	7 Abducted Passengers of Abuja-Kaduna Train	Seven of the 50 remaining abducted passengers of the Abuja-Kaduna train attacked on 28th March 2022 were reported to have been freed after 102 days in captivity. According to reports by the Kaduna based Desert Herald newspaper, the seven victims, including the son of Prof. Ango Abdullahi, Chairman of Northern Elders Forum (NEF), were released on Saturday, 9th July 2022, following negotiations by Tukur Mamu, a media consultant to Islamic cleric, Sheikh Ahmad Gumi. Mamu is also the publisher of Desert Herald. The terrorists had on 11th June, released 11 of their victims following	Terrorists	<p>https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/07/09/train-attack-another-7-abducted-passengers-regain-freedom/</p>

		negotiations by Mamu. The report listed those released as Bosede Olurotimi, Abubakar Zubairu, Alhassan Sule and Sadiq Ango Abdullahi, Muhammad Daiyabu Paki, Aliyu Usman and a foreign national of Pakistani origin, Dr. Muhammad Abuzar Afzal. According to the report, those released were handed over to the military to be reunited with their families.		
25th July 2022	3 Abducted Passengers of Abuja-Kaduna Train	Terrorists have released three victims among the passengers abducted in the Abuja-Kaduna train on March 28. The victims, who consist of two males and a female, secured their freedom around 11 am on Monday, 25th July 2022. So far, 22 victims have regained their freedom. It is however not clear if any money was paid to the terrorists to release the abducted victims.	Terrorists	https://www.channelstv.com/2022/07/25/terrorists-release-three-kaduna-train-attack-victims/ https://www.vanguard-ngr.com/2022/07/terrorists-release-3-more-kidnaped-train-passengers/
28th July 2022	2 Chibok school-girls and 2 other women	The Nigerian Army In a statement on its official Twitter handle on Wednesday, 27th July 2022 stated that its troops have rescued four women in Borno State. Two of them were identified as girls abducted from the Government Girls' Secondary School in Chibok, Borno State. Boko Haram terrorists had in April 14, 2014 attacked the school and abducted 276 girls. The Army stated that the women were intercepted by Troops of 202 Battalion during a clearance operation and had been taken for medical treatment.	Boko Haram terrorists	https://punchng.com/army-rescues-two-more-chibok-girls-others/

<p>28th July 2022</p>	<p>Personnel of the Presidential Guards Brigade</p>	<p>About three days after terrorists fatally ambushed soldiers of an elite unit of the Nigerian Army in Abuja, the military reinforced and returned to the area of the attack to conduct a ‘clearance patrol’. At the end of the exercise which was conducted over three days, at least 30 terrorists were killed, according to the Defence headquarters in a press briefing on Thursday, 28th July 2022. The Defence headquarters stated that “Troops of 7 Guards Battalion and 167 Special Force Battalion in conjunction with the air component of Operation ‘WHIRL PUNCH’ conducted a clearance patrol around Bwari general area between 24 – 26 July 2022. Troops successfully cleared Kawu and Ido villages. Consequently, about 30 terrorists were neutralised and their enclave and hide out destroyed. Ground troops also recovered 6 motorcycles, 2 AK47 rifles, 1 fully loaded LMG magazine amongst others during mob up.”</p>	<p>Gunmen/ Terrorists</p>	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/545586-attack-on-presidential-guards-nigerian-military-counterattacks-terrorists-kills-30-official.html</p>
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AUGUST 2022

Date of Report	Victim(s)	Summary of Report	Perpetrators	Source
10th August 2022	Residents of Yakwada village in Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State	Terrorists in large numbers invaded Yakwada village in Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State and kidnapped the daughter-in-law to the Convener of the Northern Elders' Forum, Prof. Ango Abdullahi, her four children, and others on Tuesday, 10th August 2022. It was gathered that the terrorists abducted at least nine persons in total and a patrol guard, Aminu Lawal was killed in the process. The daughter-in-law, Ramatu Samsila, is married to the Village Head of Yakawada, Alhaji Rilwan Saudu, who is the son of the elder brother to Abdullahi, a former Vice Chancellor of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in Kaduna State. Some of those abducted include neighbours of the Village Head, two of who are nursing mothers. Three residents of the area also sustained injuries.	Terrorists	https://punchng.com/terrorists-attack-kaduna-kidnap-ango-abdullahis-in-law-others/ https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/08/terrorists-kidnap-ango-abdullahis-relations/
15th August 2022	A Catholic priest, Chinedu Nwadike and a Catholic seminarian, Emmanuel Nwafor	Gunmen have abducted a Catholic priest along Okigwe-Umunneochi Road, between Imo and Abia States in South-East, Nigeria. The incident happened on Friday, 12th August 2022. The abducted priest, Chinedu Nwadike, is the deputy registrar of the Spiritan University, Abia State.	Gunmen	https://bit.ly/3X313ks https://bit.ly/3gCRJUc https://bit.ly/3i9y3aL

		He was abducted alongside a Catholic seminarian, Emmanuel Nwafor, while they were on their way to Enugu State. The Director of Communication of the Enugu Catholic Diocese, Benjamin Achi, stated that the kidnappers were demanding N50 million ransom.		
19th August 2022	Journalist, Abgba Jalingo	Agba Jalingo, publisher of CrossRiverWatch was arrested by police at his residence in Lagos State. Jalingo, in a series of Facebook posts on Friday, 19th August 2022 stated that his residence had been besieged by police officers. The journalist alleged that the police officers held his wife and daughter hostage, adding that they were “sent from Abuja”. Jonathan Ugbal, editor of CrossRiver Watch, told TheCable that Jalingo was taken to Alapere police station and that the activist will be transferred to Abuja. Ugbal stated that the arrest was connected with a petition of alleged defamation of character, which was filed by the wife of Frank Ayade, the brother of Ben Ayade, Governor of Cross River State. Lagos State Police spokesperson, Benjamin Hundeyin also confirmed the arrest, saying the State command was aware.	Nigeria Police	https://bit.ly/3EYfiDw https://bit.ly/3EDKT8U https://bit.ly/3GKp7CR https://bit.ly/3U7ojLA

<p>17th August 2022</p>	<p>Nigerian residents, Electricity sector workers</p>	<p>Major Nigerian cities including the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, were left in darkness on Wednesday, 17th August 2022 after electricity workers began a strike over welfare issues. The National Union of Electricity Employees (NUEE) had announced the strike on Tuesday, 16th August 2022 during a protest at the Transmission Company Of Nigeria's headquarters in Abuja. Electricity distribution companies told customers that there will be power outage as a result of the strike. Power generation crashed below 4,000 megawatts as workers of the National Union of Electricity Employees went on strike to protest against a compulsory promotion interview for principal managers, unpaid entitlements, among other issues. Although the Federal Government announced on Wednesday night that the union had halted the strike, it had earlier declared that the action by the electricity workers resulted in a collapse of the country's grid.</p>	<p>Federal Government of Nigeria</p>	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/549227-blackout-across-nigeria-as-electricity-workers-strike-holds.html</p> <p>https://punchng.com/electricity-workers-call-off-strike-businesses-count-losses/</p>
<p>19th August 2022</p>	<p>Television and Radio broadcast stations</p>	<p>The National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) has revoked the licenses of the AIT/Ray Power FM (DAAR Communication L.td.), Silverbird TV Network and 50 other stations over N2.6 billion debt. The Director-General of NBC, Malam Balarabe Ilelah, who made the disclosure at a news conference on Friday,</p>	<p>National Broadcasting Commission (NBC)</p>	<p>https://guardian.ng/news/nbc-revokes-licences-of-ray-power-fm-silverbird-tv-50-other-stations/</p>

		<p>19th August 2022 in Abuja, ordered the affected stations to shutdown in the next 24 hours. Ilalah directed NBC offices nationwide to collaborate with the security agencies to ensure immediate compliance. He explained that in May 2022, the Commission published in the national dailies, the list of licensees that are indebted to NBC, granted them two weeks to renew their licences and pay their debts or consider their licenses revoked and frequencies withdrawn. According to him, “Three months after the publication, some licensees are yet to pay their outstanding debts, in contravention of the NBC Act CAP N11, laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, particularly section 10 (a) of the third schedule to the Act. In view of this development, the continued operation of the debtor stations is illegal and constitutes a threat to national security. Therefore, after due consideration, the NBC hereby announces the revocation of the licences of the under-listed stations and give them 24 hours to shutdown their operations.”</p>	<p>https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/08/19/breaking-nbc-revokes-licences-of-ait-ray-power-fm-silverbird-tv-50-other-stations/</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/08/nbc-revocation-of-licences-of-52-broadcast-stations-hasty-decision-uj/</p>
21st August 2022	Four reverend sisters	<p>Four reverend sisters were abducted by gunmen in the Okigwe-Umulolo axis of Okigwe Local Government Area of Imo State. They were abducted on their way to a thanksgiving mass in the LGA. Zita Ihedoro, Secretary-General of The Sisters of</p>	

		<p>Jesus The Saviour Generalate, confirmed their abduction in a statement issued on Sunday, 21st August 2022. The kidnapped persons were identified as Johannes Nwodo, Christabel Echemazu, Liberata Mbamalu and Benita Agu.</p>		<p>https://www.premi-umtimesng.com/news/top-news/549874-gunmen-abduct-four-catholic-reverend-sisters.html</p>
29th August 2022	Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Students of public Nigerian universities	<p>Against its usual practice of extending its ongoing industrial action by a specific number of weeks or months, the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) on Monday, 29th August 2022, stated that the strike would now be indefinite. The union said the government has not satisfactorily met any of its demands that prompted the commencement of the initial strike on 14 February, 2022. ASUU's decision, as contained in a statement signed by its President, Emmanuel Osodeke, was the outcome of an emergency National Executive Council (NEC) meeting that was held at the union's national headquarters at the University of Abuja between Sunday and Monday (28th and 29th August 2022).</p>	Federal Government of Nigeria	<p>https://www.premi-umtimesng.com/news/top-news/551395-six-months-after-commencement-asuu-declares-strike-indefinite.html</p> <p>https://www.premi-umtimesng.com/news/top-news/551395-six-months-after-commencement-asuu-declares-strike-indefinite.html</p>

29th August 2022	A widow, Amarachi Okechi	Youths from Umueghu in Amaegbuato autonomous community, Nkpa in Bende Local Government, Abia state over the weekend, gave several cane lashes to a widow from the area, Mrs. Amarachi Okechi. Mrs. Okechi according to information, was accused of being a witch and having a hand in the death of her husband. The widow was said to have been brought out in the village square, her hands tied at her back, two feet tied together and flogged in turn mercilessly by some youths of the community.	Youths of Amaegbuato community in Bende Local government Area of Abia State	https://www.sunnewsonline.com/barbaric-abia-community-youths-give-widow-several-cane-lashes-over-alleged-witchcraft/
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INTERVENTIONS

2nd and 3rd August 2022	5 Abducted Passengers of Abuja-Kaduna Train	After 125 days in captivity, five more hostages who were abducted on 28th March aboard an Abuja-Kaduna train, were released by their terrorist abductors on 2nd August 2022, making it the fourth batch of victims that have secured their freedom. A member of the negotiating team, Tukur Mamu, publisher of Kaduna-based Desert Herald and media consultant to controversial Islamic cleric, Sheikh Ahmad Gumi, told newsmen that the victims were released on Tuesday, 2nd August 2022. He gave the names of the five released hostages as Prof. Mustapha Umar Imam, Akibu Lawal, Abubakar Ahmed Rufai, Mukthar Shu'aibu and Sidi Aminu Sharif. Recall that a week earlier, three victims of the train attack were released	Terrorists	https://guardian.ng/news/terrorists-release-five-more-abuja-kaduna-train-victims-35-still-in-captivity/ https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/08/breaking-train-attack-terrorists-release-5-more-kidnapped-victims/
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		<p>shortly after the terrorists released a viral video of some of the captives being flogged. They also threatened to abduct President Muhammadu Buhari and Kaduna State governor, Nasir el-Rufai. The terrorists had earlier released 11 victims in the first batch, seven victims in the second batch, three in the third and five victims in the fourth batch respectively. So far, 35 victims are still in captivity.</p>		
5th August 2022	Nigerian School Children	<p>The Honourable Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Mrs. (Dr.) Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed represented by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Mallam Aliyu Ahmed, stated that the Federal Government is set to launch a National Safe School Plan before the end of the third quarter of 2022. According to him, “The plan outlines how Nigeria intends to protect her schools and other learning places, so that our children can once again return to learning in a safer and more secured environment.” Ahmed stated this in Abuja while declaring open a High-level Summit for Castle on Safeguarding our Schools: Protecting our Children and our Future, organised by Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC), a Nigerian based organisation established to facilitate, coordinate and provide strategic advice and direction on social development. On Monday, 22nd August 2022,</p>	Insurgents	<p>https://fmic.gov.ng/fg-to-launch-national-safe-school-initiative-plan-this-year/</p> <p>https://dailytrust.com/8yrs-after-raising-20m-for-safe-school-initiative-fg-unveils-new-plan</p> <p>https://dailytrust.com/fg-to-launch-national-plan-for-financing-safe-schools-in-sept</p>

		the Federal Government reiterated that it will launch the National Plan for Financing Safe Schools in September, 2022 to make the learning environment safer for children. The Finance Minister pledged commitment to adequate budgetary allocation to finance the plan.		https://radionigeria.gov.ng/2022/08/22/fg-set-to-launch-national-plan-for-safe-school-initiative/
11th August 2022	7 Abducted Passengers of Abuja-Kaduna Train	Terrorists who attacked the Abuja-Kaduna bound train on 28th March 2022, on Wednesday, 10th August 2022 released seven more hostages, including a family of six and a woman, The PUNCH reports. The identities of the family of six are the father, Abdubakar Garba; his wife, Maryam; and their 10-year-old son, Ibrahim; Fatima (7); Imran (5); and Zainab, who is one-and-a-half-year old. Also released is a 60-year-old woman, Aisha Hassan, who was said to have been released due to life-threatening health challenges that deteriorated recently. Five hostages were earlier released on August 2. With the release of the seven hostages, 32 others are still being held by the terrorists.	Terrorists	https://punchng.com/terrorists-release-seven-kaduna-train-passengers-abduct-five/ https://www.thisday-live.com/index.php/2022/08/10/terrorists-free-seven-more-abducted-train-passengers/
15th August 2022	Residents of Edo State	The Edo State Police Command on Sunday, 14th August 2022 rescued one kidnap victim and neutralised five (5) suspected kidnappers recovering arms and ammunition from the engagement. The command in a statement issued through its	Kidnappers	

		<p>Deputy Public Relations Officer, Jennifer Iwegbu disclosed that it received credible information about hoodlums suspected to be kidnapers operating in Ughoshi- Afe bush, Ibillo in Akoko Edo LGA. According to the police spokesperson, on receipt of the information the command immediately mobilised its tactical team operatives from the Ibillo sector and in collaboration with vigilantes and hunters moved to the scene. The suspected kidnapers on sighting the operatives reportedly opened fire on them which led to a gun duel that left five (5) of the kidnapers fatally injured. One kidnap victim, a 38-year-old man with the first name, Innocent is said to have been rescued unhurt and has since been re-united with his family.</p>		<p>https://www.channelstv.com/2022/08/15/police-rescue-1-kidnap-victim-kill-5-kidnapers-in-edo/</p>
15th August 2022	Three Policemen	<p>A Federal High Court in Abuja on 22nd July 2022, sentenced a kidnap kingpin, Hamisu Bala, also known as Wadume, and two others, to seven years imprisonment. Justice Binta Nyako convicted Wadume of two of the 13-count charges against him and two others. Wadume was convicted on counts two and 10 bordering on escaping from lawful custody and unlawfully dealing in prohibited firearms. The court also convicted Aliyu Daje, a Police Inspector, who was the station officer at the Police headquarters at Ibi</p>	Kidnap Kingpin, Hamisu Bala and peronnel of the Nigerian Army	<p>https://dailytrust.com/notorious-kidnapper-wadume-sentenced-to-seven-years-imprisonment</p>

		<p>Local Government Area of Taraba State, to three years imprisonment for tampering with the record to conceal a crime. The charges followed the killing of three police officers and two civilians on August 6, 2019 by some soldiers. The policemen, who were from the Intelligence Response Team, Abuja, had arrested Wadume at Ibi before they were ambushed on the road by the military men. Ten military officers who were charged with the convicts, and whose trial were separated for departmental reasons, are: Captain Tijjani Balarabe; Staff Sgt David Isaiah; Sgt Ibrahim Mohammed; Corporal Bartholomew Obanye; Private Mohammed Nura; Lance Corporal Okorozie Gideon; Corporal Marcus Michael; Lance Corporal Nvenaweimoeimi Akpagra; Staff Sgt Abdulahi Adamu and Private Ebele Emmanuel.</p>		<p>https://punchng.com/kidnapingpin-wadume-bags-seven-years-imprisonment/</p>
<p>15th August 2022</p>	<p>Chibok schoolgirl, identified as Aisha Grema, her four-year-old child and three other persons</p>	<p>Troops of Sector One, Operation Hadin Kai, have rescued another Chibok girl in Bama Local Government Area of Borno State. The Chibok girl, identified as Aisha Grema, was rescued alongside her four-year-old child on Friday, 12th August 2022. The Nigeria Army disclosed this on its Twitter handle on Saturday, 13th August 2022. On the same day, the Army also stated that three persons amongst whom was a 12-year-old child who was abducted since her</p>	<p>Terrorists</p>	<p>https://punchng.com/army-rescues-another-chibok-girl-with-child-others/</p>

		<p>infancy, were also rescued by troops of 242 Battalion. It will be recalled that on April 14, 2014, Boko Haram terrorists attacked the Chibok Girls' Secondary School and whisked away 276 girls.</p>		
<p>19th August 2022</p>	<p>4 Abducted Passengers of Abuja-Kaduna Train</p>	<p>The terrorists that attacked the AKT-9 Abuja-Kaduna train passengers on 28th March, on Friday, 19th August 2022, released four more hostages including an 85-year-old woman, Hajiya Halimatu Atta, her daughter, Adams Aliyu and two others after spending four months in captivity. Tukur Mamu, Publisher of Kaduna-based Desert Herald and Media Consultant to controversial Islamic cleric, Sheikh Ahmad Gumi, confirmed the release of the four hostages to newsmen in Kaduna. Mamu gave the identities of those released as Mama Halimatu Atta (oldest victim aged 90 years), her daughter, Adama Atta Aliyu, Mohammed Sani Abdulmaji (M.S Ustaz), as well as a Sokoto indigene, Alhaji Modin Modi Bodinga. There was no mention of whether or not ransom was paid for the release of the four hostages but the terrorists had demanded N100m per each victim before those earlier set free, were released. With the release of the sixth batch of four hostages on Friday, 23 hostages are still in the custody of the terrorists.</p>	<p>Terrorists</p>	<p>https://punchng.com/breaking-terrorists-release-another-four-kaduna-train-attack-victims/</p>

21st August 2022	Four Nigerian citizens	<p>The Edo State Police Command stated that a suspected kidnapper, who engaged its personnel in a gun duel was killed, while four abducted victims were rescued. In a press release on Sunday, 21st August 2022 by the Command's Deputy Spokesperson, ASP Jennifer Iwegbu, it was stated that information from a victim who escaped from the kidnappers' den led to the pursuit of the gunmen. The statement read, "Following credible information received at about 8:10 am on August 20, 2022, from a man who escaped from a kidnappers' den on August 18, 2022, men of the State Command in collaboration with men of the vigilante group and hunters, laid ambush at Iyuku Forest, where the incident had occurred. At about 11:30 am, one of the suspected kidnappers, while coming from their hideout with a single barrel gun in hand, ran into the ambush laid by men of the Command. On sighting the Police, the suspect began to fire at the security men but he was neutralised in the process, while the other members of the gang escaped with various degrees of gunshot injuries."</p>	Kidnappers	https://punchng.com/edo-police-kill-suspected-kidnapper-rescue-four-victims/
23rd August 2022	Four reverend sisters	<p>Four Catholic reverend sisters abducted on Sunday, 21st August 2022 along Okigwe-Umulolo Road in Okigwe Local Government Area of Imo State, have been freed. The reverend sisters are</p>	Gunmen	

		<p>members of the Sisters of Jesus The Saviour Generalate, a religious group of the Catholic Church in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, South-south Nigeria. They were identified as Johannes Nwodo, Christabel Echemazu, Liberata Mbamalu and Benita Agu. They were attacked and abducted while they were on their way to attend a thanksgiving service of another reverend sister in the area. The Secretary-General of the religious group, Zita Ihedoro, announced their release in a statement on Tuesday, 23rd August 2021, two days after their abduction. Ms Ihedoro stated that the abducted reverend sisters were released unconditionally.</p>		<p>https://www.premium-timesng.com/regional/ssouth-east/550285-just-in-four-catholic-reverend-sisters-freed-by-abductors.html</p> <p>https://www.the-cable.ng/gunmen-release-four-catholic-sisters-abducted-in-imo</p>
29th August 2022	Television and radio broadcast stations	<p>The Federal High Court in Lagos, on Monday, 29th August 2022, stopped President Muhammadu Buhari and the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) from revoking the licences of 53 broadcast stations in the country and shutting them down on the ground of failing to renew their licences. The judge, Hon. Justice Akintayo Aluko, issued the order of interim injunction restraining the authorities from carrying out their revocation threat in a ruling on a motion ex parte. Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) and Nigerian Guild of Editors (NGE) had filed the motion ex-parte along with the</p>	National Broadcasting Commission (NBC)	<p>https://www.premium-timesng.com/news/headlines/551342-court-stops-buhari-nbc-from-shutting-down-53-broadcast-stations.html</p>

		<p>main suit challenging NBC’s planned action against the broadcast stations. SERAP shared the highlights of the court’s ruling in a statement by its official, Kolawole Oluwadare, on Monday, 29th August 2022. It stated that the judge, after issuing the interim order, adjourned until 8 September, for the hearing of the motion on notice for interlocutory injunction. This would afford the defendants – NBC and President Muhammadu Buhari – an opportunity to give their defence to the suit and give reasons why the restraining order should be reversed.</p>		
30th August 2022	A widow, Amarachi Okechi	<p>Following a viral video showing some residents of Umueghu in Amaegbuato autonomous community in the Nkpa Bende Local Government Area of Abia State flogging a widow, Mrs Amarachi Okechi, for allegedly being a witch, the wife of the Abia State Governor, Nkechi Ikpeazu on Monday, 29th August, intervened in the matter. Okechi, the woman who was repeatedly flogged, violently abused and held hostage for several days, was rescued and taken to an undisclosed public hospital for treatment. The youths in the community were seen taking their turns to flog Mrs. Okechi who was allegedly accused of being a witch by a relative, an incident that had gathered national condemnation.</p>	Youths of Amaegbuato community in Bende Local government Area of Abia State	<p>https://punchng.com/how-ikpeazus-wife-rescued-widow-attacked-for-witchcraft/</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/08/how-ikpeazus-wife-rescued-widow-tortured-by-youths-over-alleged-witchcraft/</p>

SEPTEMBER 2022

Date of Report	Victim(s)	Summary of Report	Perpetrators	Source
6th September 2022	Electricity sector Workers	<p>The National Union of Electricity Employees (NUEE) on Tuesday, 6th September 2022, stated that they were ready to embark on another nationwide strike, after its strike action in August 2022. The Vice President of the Union (East), Comrade Engr. Joe Oforka, alongside other executives, Zonal Secretary of the Union in the South East/South South States, Comrade Ugboaja Joseph, disclosed this to journalists in Owerri. They alleged that the Federal Government after almost nine years of privatising the Power sector has refused to pay entitlements of the some of the workers of the defunct Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN). Also, they were angry that the two weeks given to the Federal Government to implement the 2019 agreement had elapsed. According to them, “It is an undeniable truth that the Power Sector privatisation has not added value to the lives of ordinary Nigerians. The entire exercise which could be described as a charade has not brought any meaningful impact/improvement for the people.</p>	Federal Government of Nigeria	https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/09/again-electricity-workers-threaten-nationwide-strike/

12th September 2022	Nigerian security personnel	<p>Armed bandits on Saturday, 10th September 2022 attacked a military base in Zamfara State, leaving at least a dozen gallant security personnel dead. Those familiar with the incident confirmed that at least 12 personnel were killed while three were wounded in the attack on Forward Operating Base in Mutumji, Dansadau Local Government of Zamfara State. The sad incident came amidst heightened offensive by security forces against bandits in the North-West region of Nigeria. Scores of bandits were reportedly killed and many arrested in several operations which necessitated the shutdown of telephone networks in Zamfara and some parts of neighbouring Katsina State. The latest attack on the military base, according to sources, left a casualty of nine Air Force personnel, two Police personnel and one Nigerian Army personnel. The bandits also carted away weapons and other equipment from the slain security personnel while also setting the base ablaze.</p>	Armed bandits	https://www.premium-timesng.com/news/headlines/484510-bandits-attack-military-base-in-zamfara-12-personnel-pay-supreme-price.html
3rd September 2022	A couple, Ahmad Muhammad and Hauwa Ahmadu	Residents of Zarada Sabuwa village were on Thursday, 1st September 2022 thrown into pandemonium following the murder of their village head, Ahmad Muhammad, and	Munkaila Ahmadu	

		<p>his wife Hauwa Ahmadu, by their son, Munkaila Ahmadu. The incident happened in Gagarawa Local Government Area of Jigawa State. The Jigawa State Police spokesperson, Lawan Adam, stated that the suspect, Mr Ahmadu, 37, killed his father and mother with a wooden pestle. The Police stated that the deceased parents, Mr Muhammad was aged 70, while his wife Hauwa was 60. The Police spokesperson stated that the arrested suspect also injured two other people in the community. He identified those injured as Kailu Badugu, 65, and Hakalima Ahmadu, 50. The police further stated that they have taken the suspect into custody and commenced an investigation. Mr Adam also stated that they conveyed the deceased to General Hospital, Gumel where they were certified dead. The injured are being treated as well. Munkaila Ahmadu, member of the Tijjaniyya Islamic sect, disclosed that he killed his parents because they uttered blasphemous comments against the Prophet Muhammad (SAW). He explained that his parents mocked and called him a mad person and opposed him being a praise singer for the Prophet.</p>	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/nwest/551868-man-goes-berserk-kills-parents-in-jigawa.html</p> <p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/552039-i-killed-my-parents-over-blasphemous-comments-against-prophet-muhammad.html</p> <p>https://tribuneonline.com/islamic-singer-kills-his-parents-over-alleged-blasphemy-against-prophet-muhammad-in-jigawa/</p>
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13th September 2022	Two police officers and three civilians	<p>The Police in Anambra State stated that five people were killed, on Sunday, 11th September 2022, when gunmen attacked the convoy of Nigerian Senator, Ifeanyi Ubah. The incident happened in Enugwu-Ukwu, a community in Njikoka Local Government Area of Anambra State, Nigeria's South-East. The Police spokesperson in the State, Tochukwu Ikenga, stated that the five persons killed by the gunmen were two police officers and three civilians, two of whom were aides of Ifeanyi Ubah. Mr. Ikenga, a Deputy Superintendent of police, also stated that another two Police officers were receiving treatment in a hospital in the State.</p>	Gunmen	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/553795-ifeanyi-ubah-attack-police-release-figures-of-those-killed.html</p> <p>https://punchng.com/ifeanyi-ubah-names-aides-killed-in-sunday-attack/</p>
22nd September 2022	Police Officer, Teju Moses	<p>The Police have arrested a human rights activist, Zainab Duke, and her two domestic staff for allegedly assaulting and brutalising a female Police officer. Force spokesperson, Muyiwa Adejobi, disclosed this in a statement released on Thursday, 22nd September 2022. He identified the policewoman as Teju Moses, an inspector, who was assigned to the activist as an orderly. A video of the brutality went viral on Wednesday, 21st September 2022 when the incident was said to have occurred at the Area 11 axis of Abuja.</p>	Human rights activist, Zainab Duke and two others	<p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/555460-police-arrest-human-rights-activist-over-assault-on-orderly.html</p> <p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/09/abuja-prof-arrested-for-beating-policewoman-who-refused-doing-house-chores/</p>

26th September 2022	23-year-old female	Two suspected fraudsters, Rotimi Fisher and Sherif Adebayo allegedly defrauded a 23-year-old lady in the Ipaja area of Lagos State on 3rd September 2022. The suspects also reportedly lured the victim to an uncompleted building on Majiyagbe Street, Ipaja, where Adebayo allegedly raped her. It was gathered that the victim was on her way to a destination in Iyana Ipaja when Fisher approached her to help him locate an address. The suspect, who reportedly presented himself as a foreign businessman to the victim, said he came to Nigeria to deliver goods to one of his clients at the address and to collect his outstanding payments. He was then joined by Adebayo who pretended to be assisting with locating the address, whereas they were working together.	Suspected fishers, Rotimi Fisher and Sherif Adebayo	https://punchng.com/lagos-scammers-defraud-rape-lady-in-uncompleted-building/
26th September 2022 (reported on 4th October 2022)	Four-year-old Khadijah Adam	The parents of the four-year old girl, Khadijah Adam, allegedly raped by 49-year-old neighbor, Baba Idi, on Monday, 3rd October 2022 demanded for justice, as the victim has reportedly died of a heart attack. Father of the deceased, Muhammad Adam, in a chat with newsmen at his residence demanded for justice. Idi, a resident of Lungun Haliru Mai Ruwa, Gama Quarters, Nassarawa LGA, Kano,	49-year-old Baba Idi	https://punchng.com/parents-of-four-year-old-rape-victim-demand-justice/

		allegedly committed the offence on Monday, September, 26 2022. Similarly, the mother of the late Khadija, Jamila Adam, called on security agencies alongside all other key relevant stakeholders to ensure that justice prevails.		
30th September 2022	Duruocha Joel, a staff of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)	An employee of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Duruocha Joel, who was reported missing in Anambra State, has been found dead. Joel's body was found on the Isu-Aniocha-Urum road, Awka North Local Government Area, on Thursday, 29th September 2022. This is according to a statement by the Commission's National Commissioner and Chairman Information and Voter Education Committee, Festus Okoye, on Friday, 30th September 2022. The statement quoted the Commission's Administrative Secretary in Anambra State, Okwuonu Jude, as having reported the disappearance of Joel. Joel was a Principal Executive Officer II on Grade Level 10 at INEC. His body was said to be dumped by unknown persons.	Unknown	https://punchng.com/missing-inec-employee-found-dead-in-anambra/ https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/09/missing-top-inec-staff-found-dead/

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<p>9th September 2022</p>	<p>Three Chibok schollgirls and 19 other kidnap victims</p>	<p>The Defence Headquarters on Thursday, 8th September 2022 stated that troops of Operation Hadin Kai arrested a terrorist informant in the Asokoro area of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. Also, a foreign terrorist logistics supplier and arms dealer identified as Abatcha Bukar and 13 other terrorists were arrested in Borno State. The Director, Defence Media Operations, Major General Musa Danmadami, disclosed this while briefing journalists on the activities of the armed forces between August 25 and September 8, 2022. He also stated that three abducted Chibok girls and 19 other kidnap victims were rescued within the period under review.</p>	<p>Boko Haram Terrorists, Terrorists' Informant, Terrorists' Arms Dealer</p>	<p>https://punchng.com/troops-rescue-three-chibok-girls-arrest-terrorists-informant/</p>
<p>12th September 2022</p>	<p>Former Kogi State Women leader of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Mrs Salome Acheju Abuh</p>	<p>After two years and 10 months, the Nigerian government is to compensate the family of the slain Kogi State Women leader of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Mrs Salome Acheju Abuh, with the sum of N10 million. This is sequel to the ruling of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Court of Justice. Recall that Mrs. Abuh was burnt alive by a group of political thugs, in her Ochadamu home in Kogi State during the November 16 governorship</p>	<p>Political thugs and Security personnel</p>	<p>https://saharareporters.com/2022/09/12/three-years-after-ecowas-court-orders-nigerian-government-pay-slain-kogi-pdp-women</p>

		<p>election in the State. Following her gruesome murder, her family members, Simeon Sheidu Abuh, Ogbadu David Abuh and Daniel Achimugu instituted a law suit through their counsel, Dr. Daniel Makolo. In a judgment on the fundamental rights of Mrs Abuh to life, the ECOWAS regional court held the Nigerian government liable for neglect and failure in its obligations to protect the life of the deceased. The Court in its judgment delivered by a three-man panel of justices, held that security operatives especially failed to act and save the deceased when she was being attacked despite their presence.</p>		
14th September 2022	Nigerian citizens and residents	<p>The Abuja #EndSARS panel probing allegations of human rights violations committed by the defunct Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) and other units of the Nigeria Police, on Wednesday, 14th September 2022 awarded N289 million to 74 victims of gross human rights violations. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) had in March 2021, set up the Federal Government’s panel of enquiry on police brutality in Abuja. The deceased victims’ families and survivors received dummy cheques as a mark</p>	Nigeria Police	https://punchng.com/endsars-abuja-panel-awards-n289m-compensation-to-victims/

		<p>of the awards at a ceremony held at the NHRC headquarters in Abuja. It marked the second and final batch of compensation by the Abuja panel to victims of widespread rights abuses by the police. The compensations in the judgments, according to the Commission, were awarded in cases bordering on extrajudicial killing, unlawful arrest and detention, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment and torture, alleged enforced disappearance, confiscation of property, among others. In December 2021, the Commission had awarded N146 million to 27 families and survivors who were victims of gross rights violations.</p>		<p>https://www.premium-timesng.com/news/headlines/554006-abuja-endsars-panel-awards-another-n289-million-compensation-to-victims-of-police-brutality.html</p> <p>https://www.thecable.ng/endsars-fct-panel-awards-n289m-compensation-to-74-victims-of-police-brutality</p>
14th September 2022	13-month old baby	<p>The Edo State Police Command on Tuesday, 13th September 2022, stated that it has killed three out of a six-man kidnapping gang who abducted a 13-month old baby in Achigbor Community along Benin – Auchu road in Uhumwonde Local Government Area of Edo State. A statement by the State Deputy Spokesperson, ASP Jennifer Iwegbu stated that the Police got a tip off from the mother of the baby before going after the kidnappers. In the course of a shootout, the Police killed three of the</p>	Kidnap Gang	<p>https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/09/police-kill-three-suspected-kidnappers-in-edo-rescue-13-month-old-baby/</p>

		assailants and the baby was rescued unhurt and handed over to the mother.		
18th September 2022	Nigerian citizens	Scores of armed bandits were reportedly killed on Saturday, 17th September 2022 as the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) bombed their base in Zamfara State. The victims were said to be members of the gang of the deadly banditry kingpin, Muhammad Bello, aka Turji. The kingpin, it was learnt, narrowly escaped the bombardment which left many others injured. The attack which was carried out at Fakai area where Turji was suspected to be residing was said to have been carried out by two NAF fighter jets, following reliable intelligence. The notorious North-West Nigerian banditry kingpin, was reported to have relocated his headquarters from Fakai in Zurmi, Zamfara State, to the east of Isa Local Government Area of Sokoto State last in 2021.	Armed bandits	https://thenation-onlineng.net/scores-killed-as-military-bombs-zamfara-bandits-base/
20th September 2022	Residents of Jigawa and Kano States	The Police in Jigawa State in collaboration with a local vigilante group, have arrested two suspected kidnapers in Taura Local Government Area of the State. The Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Lawan Shiisu, confirmed the arrest in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria in Dutse. Shiisu stated that the suspects, aged	Two suspected kidnapers	https://punchng.com/jigawa-police-arrest-two-suspected-kidnappers-recover-weapons/

		<p>between 35 and 40, were arrested on Sunday, 18th September 2022 following reliable intelligence and credible information. He stated that those arrested are believed to be members of a criminal gang that has been terrorising parts of the State and neighbouring Kano State. The police arrested them during a special operation in Larabawa village, Gabasawa area of Kano and Larabar Gurgunya village in Taura, Jigawa. Shiisu also stated that preliminary investigation showed that the suspects were responsible for the August 9 attack on personnel of the Nigeria Immigration Service.</p>		<p>https://guardian.ng/news/police-arrest-2-suspected-kidnappers-recover-weapons-in-jigawa/</p>
23rd September 2022	Nigerian citizen, Kolade Johnson	<p>Justice Adenike Coker of the Lagos High Court, Ikeja, on Thursday, 22nd September 2022, sentenced a dismissed cop, Olalekan Ogunyemi, to life imprisonment for killing a football fan, Kolade Johnson. Ogunyemi, who was attached to the Special Anti-Cultism Squad of the Nigeria Police, shot Johnson in the lower abdomen on March 31, 2019, at a viewing centre at Mangoro, Ikeja, Lagos. The victim was watching a football match between Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur when he was shot by the convict. While delivering judgment on the matter, Justice Coker found the</p>	Ex-police officer	<p>https://punchng.com/ex-policeman-bags-life-jail-for-killing-football-fan/</p> <p>https://thenationonline.ng.net/dismissed-police-officer-bags-life-for-killing-football-fan-kolade-johnson/</p>

		defendant guilty of the charge and accordingly sentenced him to life imprisonment with the caveat of serving a minimum of 25 years imprisonment.		
23rd September 2022	Two residents of Obadan community in Edo State	The Edo State Police Command, on Thursday, 22nd September 2022, killed a suspected kidnapper at the small community of Obadan along the Benin-Auchi Road. The Edo State Police deputy spokesperson, Jennifer Iwegbu, who disclosed this on Friday, 23rd September in Benin, explained that two victims; one Samson Osegbowa, 65 and Stanley Peters, 38 who were abducted while working on their farmland at Ago-Orio, Uhunmwonde Local Government Area of the State were rescued by the Police. Iwegbu added that during the rescue operation, both victims were rescued unhurt and have since been reunited with their family members, noting, however, that one of the kidnappers was gunned down during the operation.	Kidnappers	https://tribuneonline.com/edo-police-kill-suspected-kidnapper-rescue-2-victims/ https://www.icirnigeria.org/police-kill-suspected-kidnapper-rescue-two-victims-in-edo/
26th September 2022	Nigerian citizen, Sheu Anafi	Operatives of Ogun State Police Command have invaded the hideout of kidnappers who have been terrorising Kara Bridge end of Lagos-Ibadan expressway and arrested a member of the gang, while a victim, Sheu Anafi was rescued unhurt. Men of the	Kidnap Gang	https://guardian.ng/news/ogun-police-storm-kidnappers-hideout-rescue-victim-arrest-suspect/

		<p>Command took the battle to the door-step of the hoodlums following a report lodged at Warewa Divisional headquarters by a commercial driver, who reported that he was coming from Ilorin in his Ford commercial car loaded with seven passengers, when they were attacked by some unknown gunmen, which caused all the passengers to run in different directions into the nearby bush. However, when they all regrouped to continue their journey, it was discovered that one of the passengers, 62-year old Alhaji Sheu Anafi from the Okeleele area of Ilorin had been abducted by the hoodlums.</p>		
28th September 2022	Nigerian citizens and residents	<p>The Independent Investigative Panel on Human Rights Violations against the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) and other units of the Nigerian Police in Abuja on Tuesday, 27th September 2022 submitted its report to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) with recommendations and penalties. The panel, in its recommendation, found 72 police officers guilty of the allegations levelled against them. It was reported that while 28 of them were recommended for prosecution, 25 were recommended for dismissal, 15 for disciplinary actions,</p>	Nigeria Police	<p>https://punchng.com/endsars-panel-submits-report-indicts-72-officers/</p> <p>https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/556400-abuja-endsars-panel-indicts-72-police-officers-for-human-rights-violations.html</p>

		and four were recommended for demotion. NHRC Executive Secretary, Chief Tony Ojukwu, SAN stated that payment of compensation and holding indicted officers of the Nigeria Police accountable for the violation of the rights of the people were the first steps on the road to justice.		https://www.thecable.ng/endsars-fct-panel-submits-report-recommends-sacking-of-25-police-officers
29th September 2022 (reported on 1st October 2022)	1 Chibok schoolgirl and her 4 children	Troops of the Nigerian Army have reportedly rescued one of the Chibok schoolgirls abducted by insurgents in 2014. The girl, identified as Yana Pogu, was rescued on Thursday, 29th September 2022 in Borno by the troops of the Nigerian Army under Operation Hadin Kai. Pogu, who was rescued with her four children, gave birth to a set of twins four months ago.	Terrorists	https://www.thecable.ng/troops-rescue-chibok-girl-with-four-children https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/10/02/troops-rescue-chibok-girl-with-four-children/
30th September 2022 (reported on 3rd October 2022)	A 19-year-old girl	A Federal High Court sitting in Lagos has sentenced a retired policeman, Ariwayo Oloyede, aka Oyinbo, to one-year imprisonment for human trafficking. The ex-police officer was convicted alongside a Burkina Faso-based Nigerian, Christian Owanebi, who was handed seven years jail for the same offence by Justice Abimbola Awogboro. Justice Awogboro sentenced them after pronouncing them guilty of three counts of conspiracy and human	A retired policeman, Ariwayo Oloyede and Burkina Faso-based Nigerian, Christian Owanebi	https://punchng.com/ex-cop-jailed-one-year-after-raping-sex-trafficking-lagos-teenager/

		<p>trafficking, preferred against them by the National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons.</p> <p>Delivering judgment on Friday, the judge said the prosecution proved all the charges against the convicts beyond reasonable doubt. Justice Awogboro held that the first convict, Owanebi, who had jumped bail, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment on all the counts. The judge, however, sentenced the ex-policeman, whom she said had been attending court consistently without default, to a year imprisonment on each count. She held that the jail terms should run concurrently commencing from Friday, when the judgment was delivered. The convicts were accused of conspiring with one another to procure a 19-year-old girl, Onyinyechi, for prostitution in Burkina Faso. The NAPTIP prosecutor, Chinedu Akaegbu, told the court that the convicts committed the offences in November 2012.</p>		
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