HUMANITY TRACKER

Documenting Conflict/Armed Violence Across Nigeria

MARCH 2022
The North-west region experienced the highest number of incidents of insecurity in March compared to February when they were concentrated in the North-central.

Kaduna State experienced the highest occurrence of insecurity in March (like in January), compared to Borno State which had the highest in February.

Kaduna State had the highest number of fatalities in March, compared to Niger in February.

There were 3 school attacks or reported violent incidents in schools in March compared to none in February.

The total number of incidents in March (387) was less than what was reported in February (412).

However, the number of fatalities in March (1,302) was more than in February (823).
In the month of March, the North-west was the worst hit with 115 incidents of insecurity across the month, followed by the North-central region with 96 incidences.

The South-west had the highest number of incidents in the South with 52 incidents in the month followed by the South-south and the South-east with 43 and 42 respectively. The North-east had the least number of incidents reported.

Kaduna State, Niger and Borno States were the worst hit with the highest number of insecurity incidents in the month; meanwhile, Adamawa (0), Yobe (0) and Gombe (1) had the least number of insecurity incidents.
The North-west had the highest number of fatalities as a result of attacks or incidents of insecurity. Kaduna (203), Kebbi (142), and Zamfara (99) recorded the highest number of fatalities.

The North-central had reported 444 fatalities in the month with more than half of the casualties from Niger state (388).

In the North-east for March, there were 199 fatalities reported as a result of insecurity with more than half of the casualties from Borno State (175).

The southern zone had the least number of fatalities as a result of attacks. The South-East (49), South-South (48), and South-West (29). Anambra (23), Delta (22) and Ogun (19) states reported the highest number of fatalities in the month of March.
School Attacks

In March 2022, there were 3 reported attacks in schools across Nigeria.

On the 3rd of March, in Edo State, a UNIBEN final year student was killed by suspected armed robbers.

9th of March, a Pupil of a High School in Akoko North-East Local Government Area was hit by a stray bullet killing him while two others were seriously wounded as thugs appeared from nowhere and started shooting sporadically.

14th of March, two rival cult gangs engaged in a shootout on the campus at Ibadan Polytechnic, Oyo state.
Violence against civilians describes any action that inflicts harm on civilians involving violence and also describes when civilians are targeted with any violence by an organized armed actor. In the month of March, this constituted the highest number of insecurity events (166) which included attacks, Abduction/forced disappearance, sexual violence.

Battle describes violent events where organized groups engage in a battle. These include armed clashes, as well as non-state actors, overtaking territory. There were 83 cases of this event through the month of March.

Excessive force against protesters describes when individuals are engaged in a peaceful protest during which there is an attempt to disperse or suppress the protest without serious/lethal injuries being reported or the targeting of protesters with lethal weapons. There were 66 cases of this event in March.

Riots refer to mob violence and violent demonstration and describe when rioters violently interact with other rioters, another armed group, or civilians, outside of demonstrations. They occurred 35 times across the month of March.

Strategic developments involve disrupted weapons use, Looting/property destruction, and change in group/activity. These occurred 28 times through March.

Explosions/remote violence describes remote explosive, landmine, artillery, or missile attacks as well as air strikes. These occurred 9 times through March.