Documenting Conflict/Armed Violence Across Nigeria
The South-west region experienced the highest number of incidents in May compared to April when it was more in the North-east region.

Borno state experienced the highest occurrence of insecurity in May like in April as well.

Borno State also had the highest number of fatalities in May, like in April as well.

There were 2 school attacks or reported violent incidents in schools in May also like in April.

The total number of incidents in May (354) was slightly less than what was reported in April (362).

Also, the number of fatalities in May (641) was also less than reported in April (867).
In May, the South-west was the worst hit with 74 incidents of insecurity reported across the country in the month, followed by the North-central region with 71 incidents. The North-west and the South-east reported 57 cases of insecurity each.

The North-east had 52 incidents in the month followed by the South-south with 43 incidents.

Borno (33), Anambra (26) and Lagos (23) states were the worst hit with the highest number of insecurity incidents in the month; meanwhile, Kebbi and Yobe states reported no incident of insecurity in the month.
Fatalities recorded in May 2022.

The North-east had the highest number of fatalities as a result of attacks or incidents of insecurity in May. Borno (162) and Taraba (51) recorded the highest number of fatalities in the zone.

In the North-west, there were 200 fatalities reported as a result of insecurity with most of the casualties from Zamfara (120), Kaduna (23), Kano (22), and Katsina (22) states.

The North-central had reported 77 fatalities in the month with Niger (34) and Benue (15) recording more than half of the cases.

The southern zone had the least number of fatalities as a result of attacks. The South-east (61), South-south (45), and South-west (27). Anambra (30), Cross River (23), and Lagos (14) states reported the highest number of fatalities in the Southern zone in the month of May.
School Attacks

Insecurity in schools, May 2022

In May 2022, there were 2 reported insecurity in schools across Nigeria.

On the 12th of May, a mob killed a female student at Shehu Shagari College of Education (SSCOE) Sokoto over alleged blasphemy in Sokoto state.

Also, according to reports, hoodlums stormed Anambra schools, causing panic and unrest on the 31st of May. Gunmen invaded some schools in Onitsha and some parts of the Idemili area of Anambra State, forcing students out of the classrooms over their failure to observe “Biafra Day.”
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 May, this constituted the highest number of insecurity events (112) which included attacks, abduction/forced disappearance, sexual violence.

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 86 cases of this event in May.

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 May.

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 43 times across the month of May.

Strategic developments involve disrupted weapons use, Looting/property destruction, and Change in group/activity. This occurred 19 times through May.

Explosions/remote violence describes remote explosive, landmine, artillery, or missile attacks as well as air strikes. These occurred 11 times through the month of May.