The Northwest region experienced the highest number of incidents of insecurity in December. The Northwest also recorded the highest number of insecurity incidents in October and November as well.

Borno state like in the months of August to November experienced the highest occurrence of insecurity in December.

Borno state also had the highest number of fatalities in the month of December compared to Zamfara state which had the highest number of fatalities November.

One (1) attack in a school was recorded in the month while there were 22 recorded cases of abductions and kidnappings in the month.

The total number of incidents in December (443) was more than what was reported in November (373).

However, the number of fatalities in December (1,025) was more than in November (817).
In the month of December, the Northwest was the worst hit with 140 incidences of insecurity each across the month, followed by the Southeast region with 72 incidences. The North-Central and Northeast had 70 incidences of insecurity each.

This means that the Southeast had the highest number of incidences in the South followed by the South-South and the Southwest with 49 and 42 respectively.

Kaduna (52) in the Northwest, Borno (47) in the Northeast as well as Imo, Katsina and Zamfara which had 26 incidences each were the worst hit with the highest number of insecurity incidents in the month; meanwhile, Sokoto and Taraba did not record any insecurity incidence.
Fatalities recorded in December 2022.

Borno (441), Zamfara (167) and Kaduna (104) states recorded the highest number of fatalities as a result of insecurity in the month of December.

The North-east (524) had the highest number of fatalities as a result of attacks or incidents of insecurity. Borno (441) state had the highest number of these fatalities.

The North-west reported 331 fatalities in the month with more than half of the casualties from Zamfara (167) and Kaduna (104) states. The North-central recorded the least number of fatalities from the zone.

Furthermore, the southern zone had the least number of fatalities as a result of attacks. The South-East (94), South-West (18) and South-South (14). Enugu (34), Imo (29), and Ebonyi (24) states reported the highest number of fatalities from the South in the month of December.

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In December 2022, there was 1 reported attack in a school.

On the 5th of December at the Presco campus area of Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, a police officer, two Ebubeagu operatives, and a hoodlum were reportedly killed on Monday night during a fierce gun battle in the State.

Abductions and kidnap cases in September.

According to the data collected for December, 14 cases of kidnapping and abductions were recorded.

Delta and Rivers recorded 3 cases of abductions while Anambra, Cross River, Federal Capital Territory and Kaduna recorded 2 cases each. Plateau (5), Rivers (4) Edo (3) and Kwara (2) recorded the highest cases. States like Abia, Adamawa, Benue, Jigawa, Kogi, Ondo, Plateau, Taraba, states recorded 1 case each.

Akwa Ibom, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Borno, Ebonyi, Edo, Ekiti, Enugu, Gombe, Imo, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Kwara, Lagos, Nassarawa, Niger, Ogun, Osun, Oyo, Sokoto, Yobe, and Zamfara recorded no case of abduction and kidnapping according to data collected.
## Events of Insecurity - December 2022

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### Events and Fatalities through the Month of December 2022

- **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 December, this constituted the highest number of insecurity events (185) which included attacks, Abduction/forced disappearance, sexual violence; and resulted to 227 fatalities.

- **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 120 cases of this event through the month of December; this resulted to 449 fatalities.

- **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 54 cases of this event in December with 1 fatality.

- **Strategic developments** involve disrupted weapons use, Looting/property destruction, and change in group/activity. These occurred 26 times through December with no fatalities.

- **Explosions/remote violence** describes remote explosive, landmine, artillery, or missile attacks as well as air strikes. These occurred 26 times through December, resulting to 292 fatalities.

- **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 26 times across the month of December with 6 fatalities.