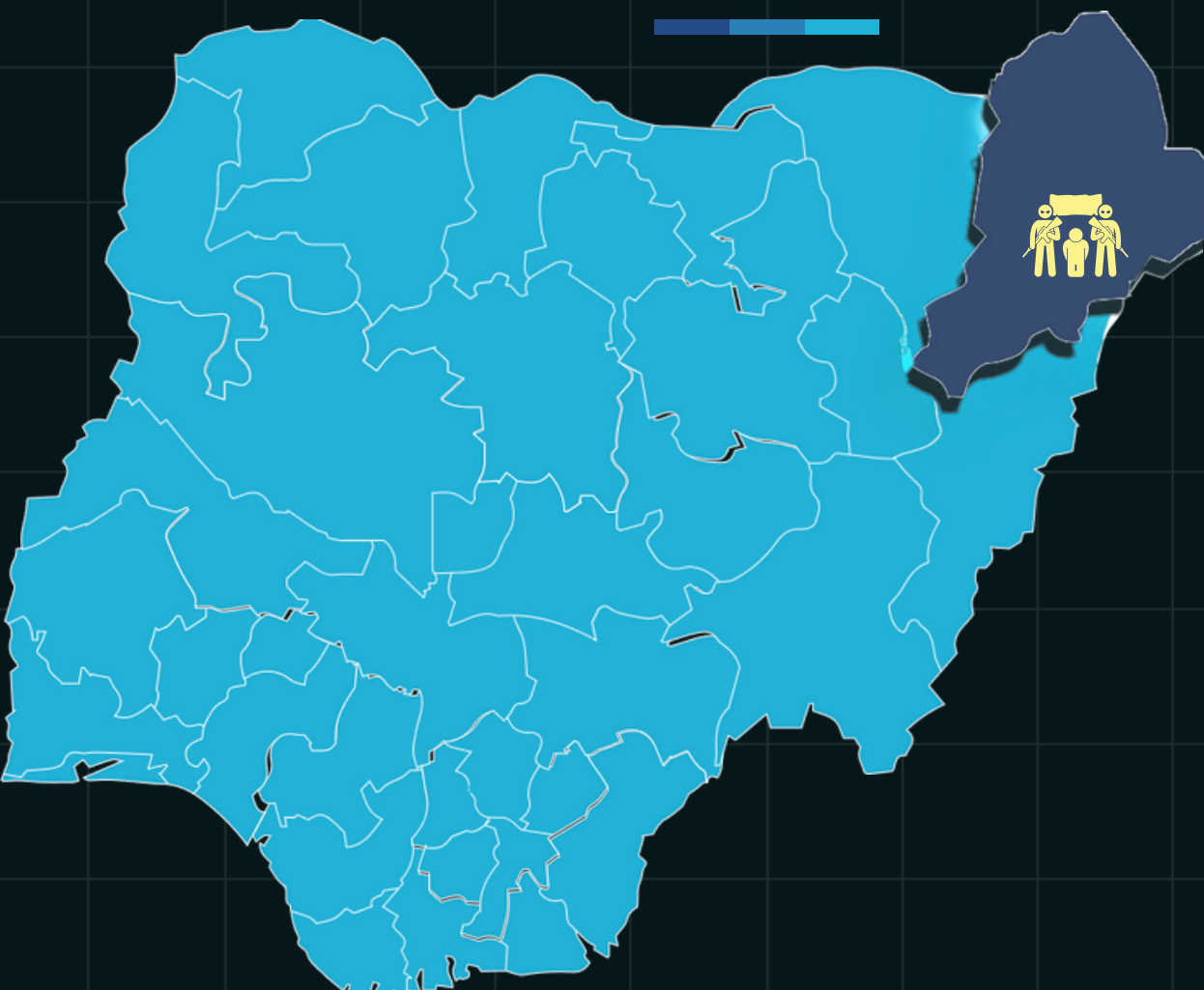# HumAngle

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April 2025

Documenting Conflict/Armed Violence Across Nigeria

SUMMARY

- April experienced a total of 201 insecurity incidents with 590 fatalities, more than recorded in March 2025.
- The North Central region experienced the highest number of security incidents.
- Lagos State received the highest incidence of insecurity in April
- The state with the highest fatality in the month of April is Benue.
- During the month, there were 17 kidnapping cases, resulting in 192 abductions.

INCIDENT OF INSECURITY, APRIL 2025

In the month of April, the North Central region became the worst hit by insecurity. It had 50 security incidents, which was more than the number of incidents in March. 47 incidents occurred in the North West, which came next.

The North East region, with the rising incidents of insecurity, received 37 incidents more than it recorded in March 2025, while the South West had 35 incidents.

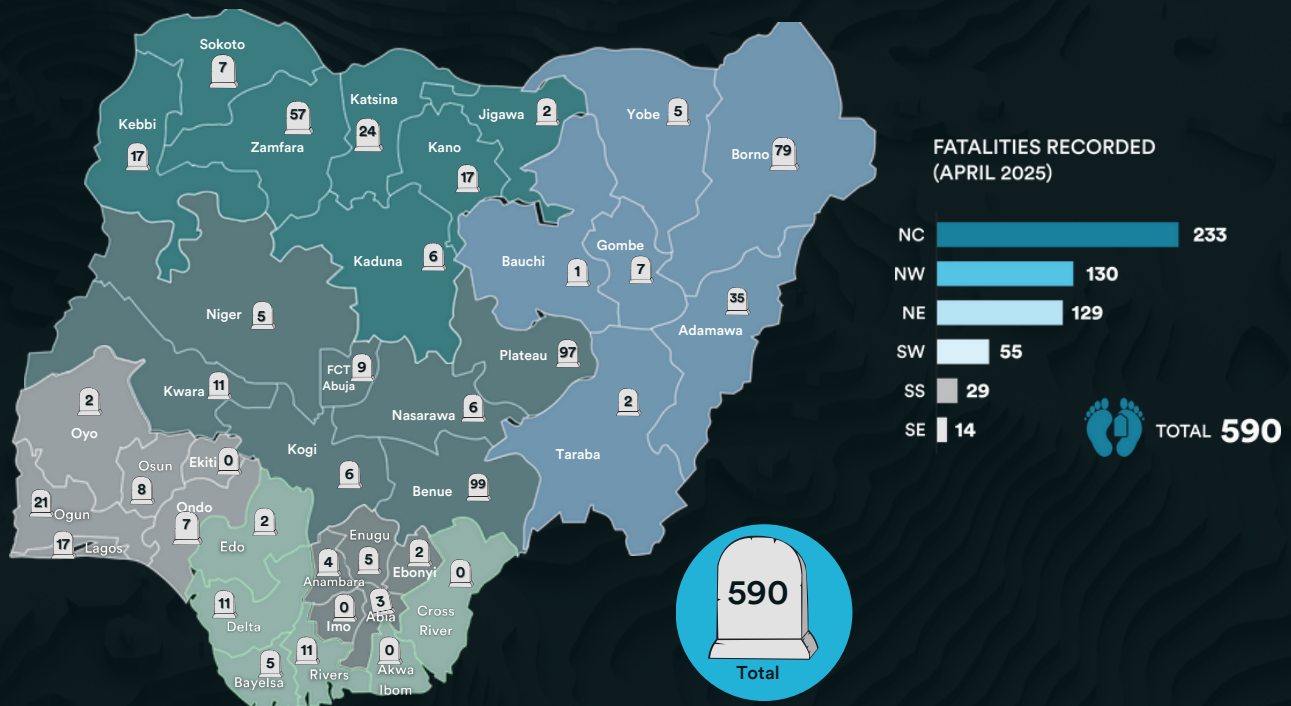The South South and South East regions, respectively, experienced 21 and 11 incidents in April.

Lagos State (South West) had 15 security incidents, seconded by Borno State (North East) with 14. Zamfara (North West), Plateau (North Central), and Benue (North Central) each recorded 12 incidents. While Katsina State (North West) received 11 incidents, Adamawa (North East), Delta (South South), and Kano (North West) have experienced 7 incidents each. Sokoto State (North West) and Bayelsa (South South) on the other hand, each had 6 incidents.

Region	Incidents
NC	50
NE	37
NW	47
SS	21
SW	35
SE	11
TOTAL	201

FATALITIES RECORDED IN APRIL 2025

Fatalities across states

FATALITIES RECORDED (APRIL 2025)

Region	Fatalities
NC	233
NW	130
NE	129
SW	55
SS	29
SE	14

TOTAL **590**

Compared to previous months since the start of 2025, the number of fatalities from security incidents reported for the month of April has increased. The month's incidents of insecurity claimed 590 human lives.

The North Central displaced the North West region in the month by recording 233 fatalities, while the North West recorded 130 fatalities, like in March 2025.

The North East region in April had 129 fatalities from the events of insecurity it experienced. The South West however, recorded 55; the South-South, 29; and the South East, 14 fatalities.
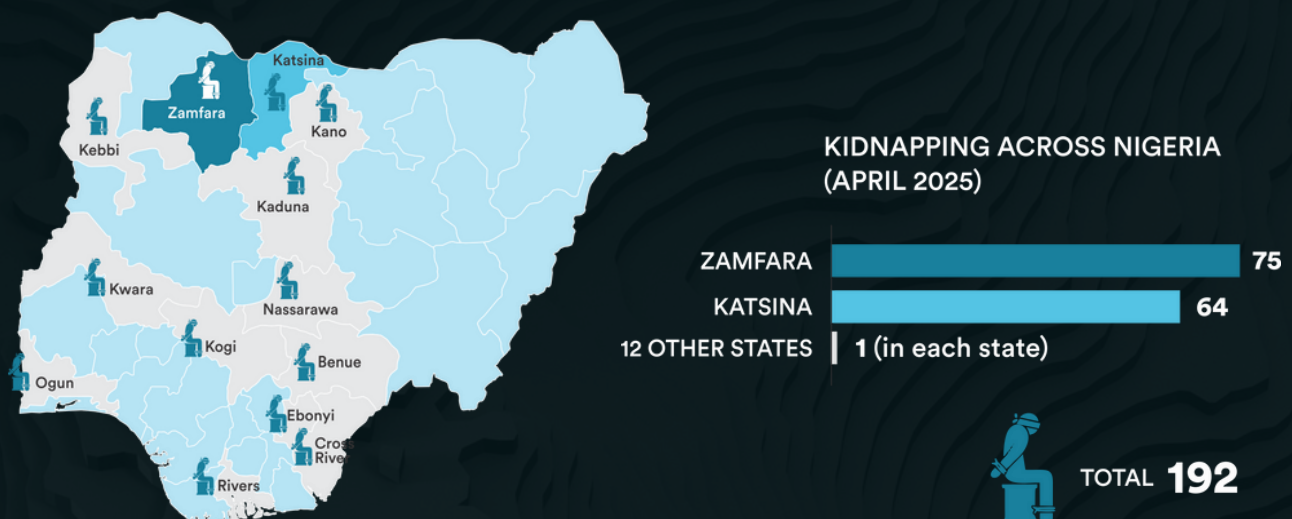
KIDNAPPING ACROSS NIGERIA, APRIL 2025

In April, 192 people were abducted in 17 recorded cases, which is more than the number in March 2025. The events took place in thirteen different states.

There were three kidnapping incidents in Zamfara, resulting in the abduction of 75 individuals. Also in Katsina State, 64 people were abducted in three incidents.

Benue, Ebonyi, Kebbi, Rivers, Kogi, Kasno, Kwara, Cross River, Nassarawa, Ogun, and Kaduna each had 1 case of abduction in the month.

kidnapped people across states

KIDNAPPING ACROSS NIGERIA (APRIL 2025)

State	Count
ZAMFARA	75
KATSINA	64
12 OTHER STATES	1 (in each state)

TOTAL **192**

EVENTS AND FATALITIES IN APRIL 2025

"Violence against civilians" describes any action that inflicts harm on civilians, and when organised armed forces or non-state actors target civilians. This event included violent attacks, abductions/forced disappearances, and sexual violence; it was experienced 113 times in April and resulted in 446 fatalities.

"Riots" are violent and uncontrolled disturbances, typically involving a group of people, resulting in damage to property, injury, and even loss of life. This type of event was recorded 8 times with 6 fatalities.
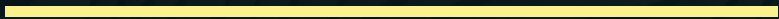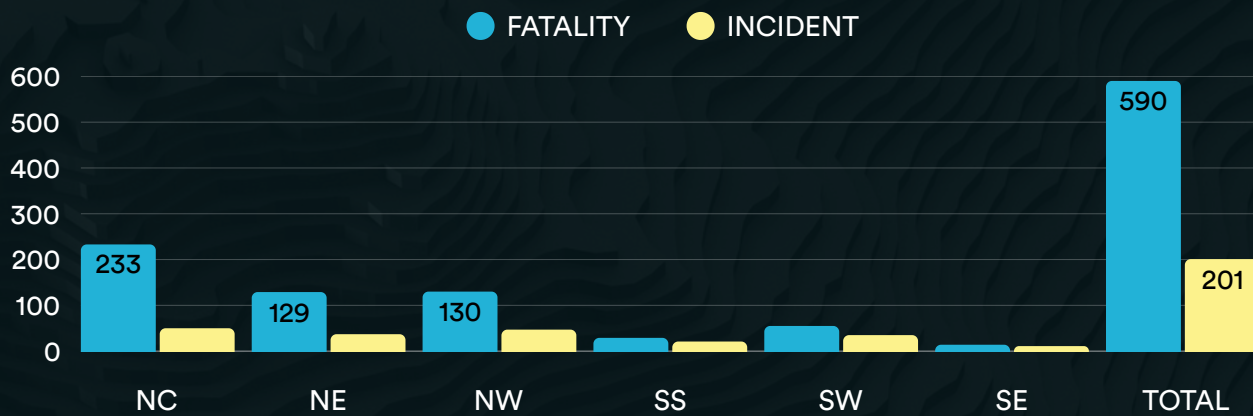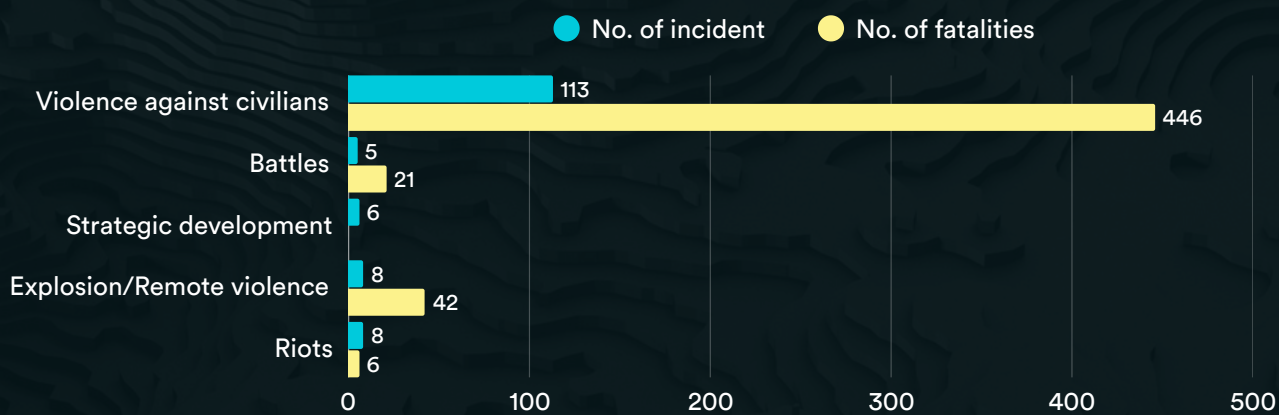
"Explosions/remote violence" describes remote explosive, landmine, artillery, or missile attacks as well as air strikes. These occurred 8 times, with 44 fatalities.

"Strategic developments" involve disrupted weapons use, looting/property destruction, and changes in groups/activities and related acts. For April, this has happened 6 times with zero fatalities.

"Battle" involve disrupted weapons use, looting/property destruction, and changes in groups/activities and related acts. For April, this has happened 6 times with zero fatalities.

No. of incident / No. of fatalities

Category	No. of incident	No. of fatalities
Violence against civilians	113	446
Battles	5	21
Strategic development	6	
Explosion/Remote violence	8	42
Riots	8	6

FATALITY / INCIDENT

Region	FATALITY
NC	233
NE	129
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SW	
SE	
TOTAL	590

INCIDENT TOTAL: 201

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