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Documenting Conflict/Armed Violence Across Nigeria

SUMMARY

- The month experienced a reduced number of fatalities compared to July, but the number of incidents increased.
- The North West region had the highest number of incidents.
- Katsina State received the highest incidents in the month.
- Katsina State is also the state with the highest fatalities in the month
- There were 155 documented incidents with 384 fatalities in August.
- 389 people were kidnapped across incidents in 12 states of the country.
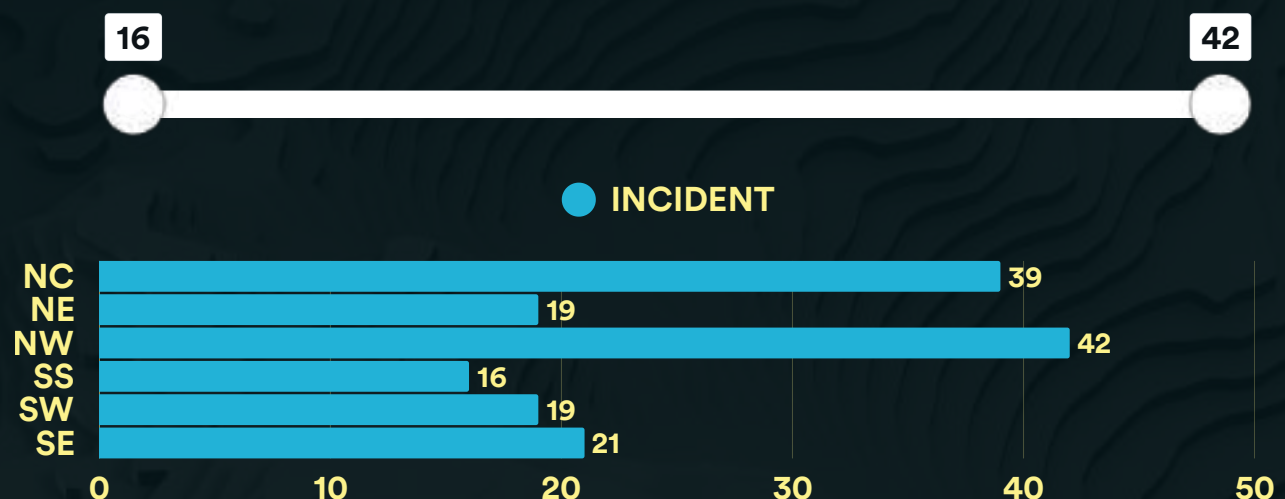
INCIDENT OF INSECURITY, AUGUST 2025

In August, there were a total of 155 reported incidents of insecurity across Nigeria involving all the 36 states and the FCT.

The North West region received the highest number of incidents in August, amounting to 42. This was followed by the North Central, which recorded 39 incidents. The North East experienced the fewest incidents: 19.

Down South, there were a total of 56 incidents. The South East recorded 21 incidents, followed by the South West with 19, and the South South region, which experienced 16 incidents.
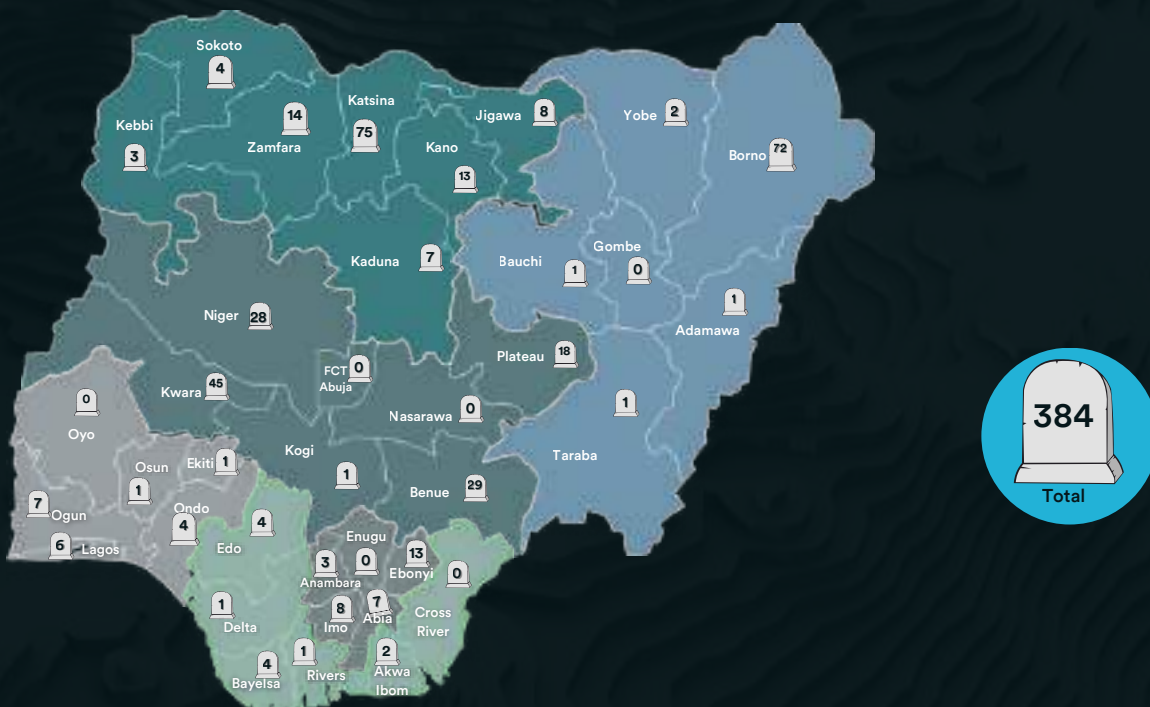
The state with the highest incidents is Katsina state, with 15 incidents. Benue recorded 14 incidents, while Borno recorded 12, Kwara 10, Zamfara 7, Anambra 6, Ebonyi 6, Lagos 6, and Ondo 6.

16   42

● INCIDENT

Region	Incident
NC	39
NE	19
NW	42
SS	16
SW	19
SE	21

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FATALITIES RECORDED IN AUGUST 2025

Fatalities across states

From the reported media cases documented by the HumAngle Insecurity Tracker, there is a 16.34% decline in fatalities between July (459) and August (384).

Unlike in July, the North West in August recorded the highest fatalities. A total of 124 humans died from security incidents in the region. Then seconded by the North Central which had 121 fatalities. In the North East 77 fatalities were recorded.

The South East experienced a surge in insecurity events that culminated in the loss of 31 people. The South West recorded 19 fatalities and the South South, 12.
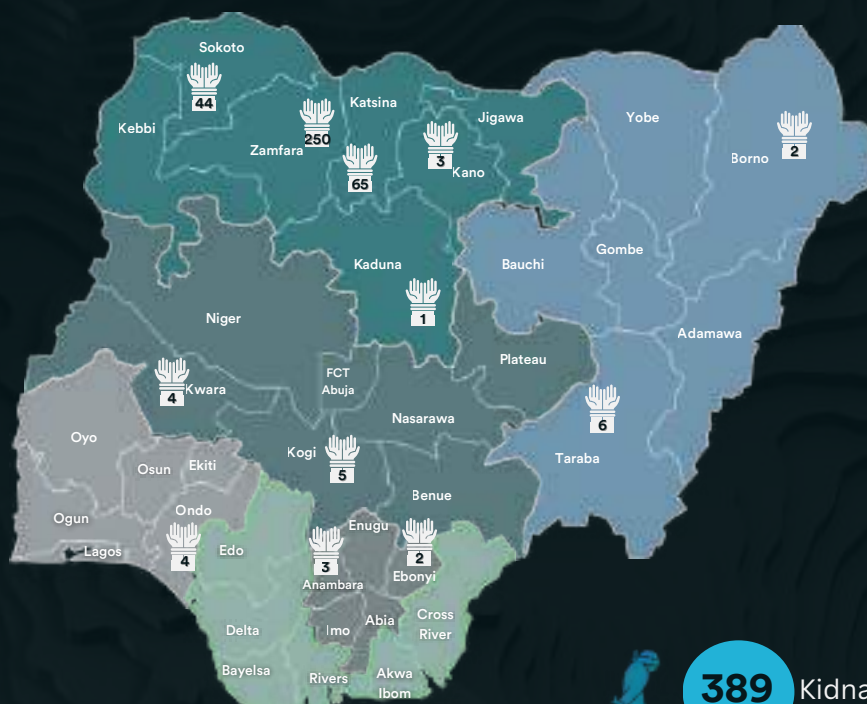
KIDNAPPING ACROSS NIGERIA, AUGUST 2025

Twelve states in Nigeria were documented to have one or more cases of kidnapping in August. These incidents were dominant in the North West region with Zamfara, Katsina, and Sokoto states accounting for the highest victims.

In Zamfara, 250 people were kidnapped in two incidents. In Katsina, 63 people were kidnapped in three incidents, while in Sokoto 44 people were kidnapped in the one incident the state experienced.

Other states that have experienced incidence of kidnapping are Borno, Kwara, Ondo, Kano, Kaduna, Ebonyi, Kogi, Anambra, and Taraba.

In the month of August, a total of 22 incidents of kidnapping happened in which 389 people were abducted.

kidnapped people across states

389 Kidnapped people in AUGUST

EVENTS AND FATALITIES IN AUGUST 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 56 times in August and caused 234 human losses.

"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 6 times with 6 fatalities.

"Explosions/remote violence" describes remote explosive, landmine, artillery, or missile attacks as well as air strikes. These occurred 6 times, with 10 fatalities.
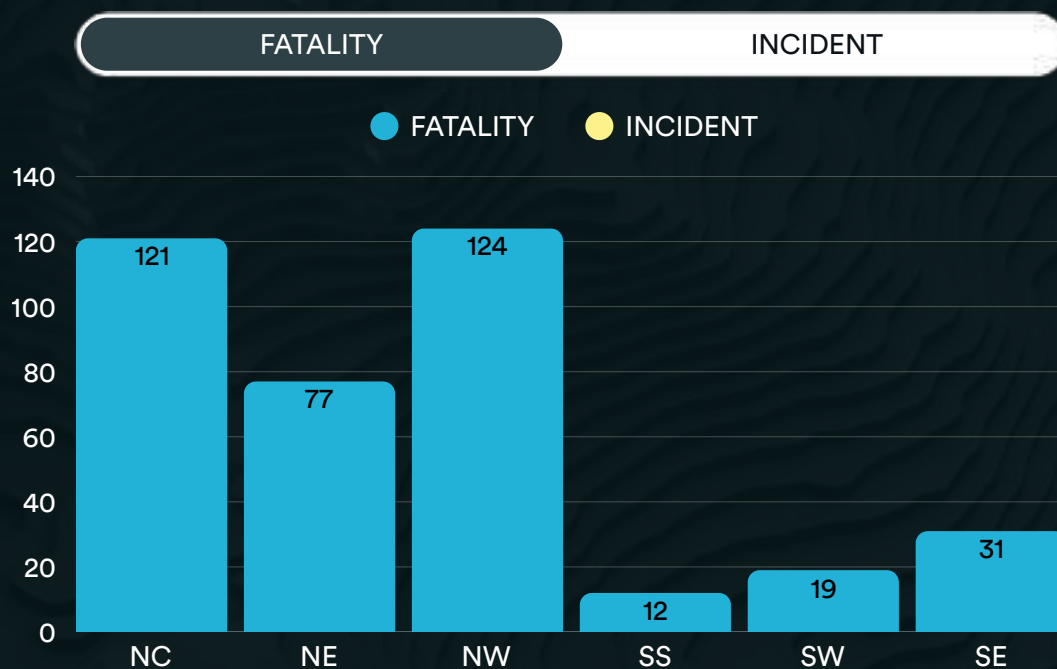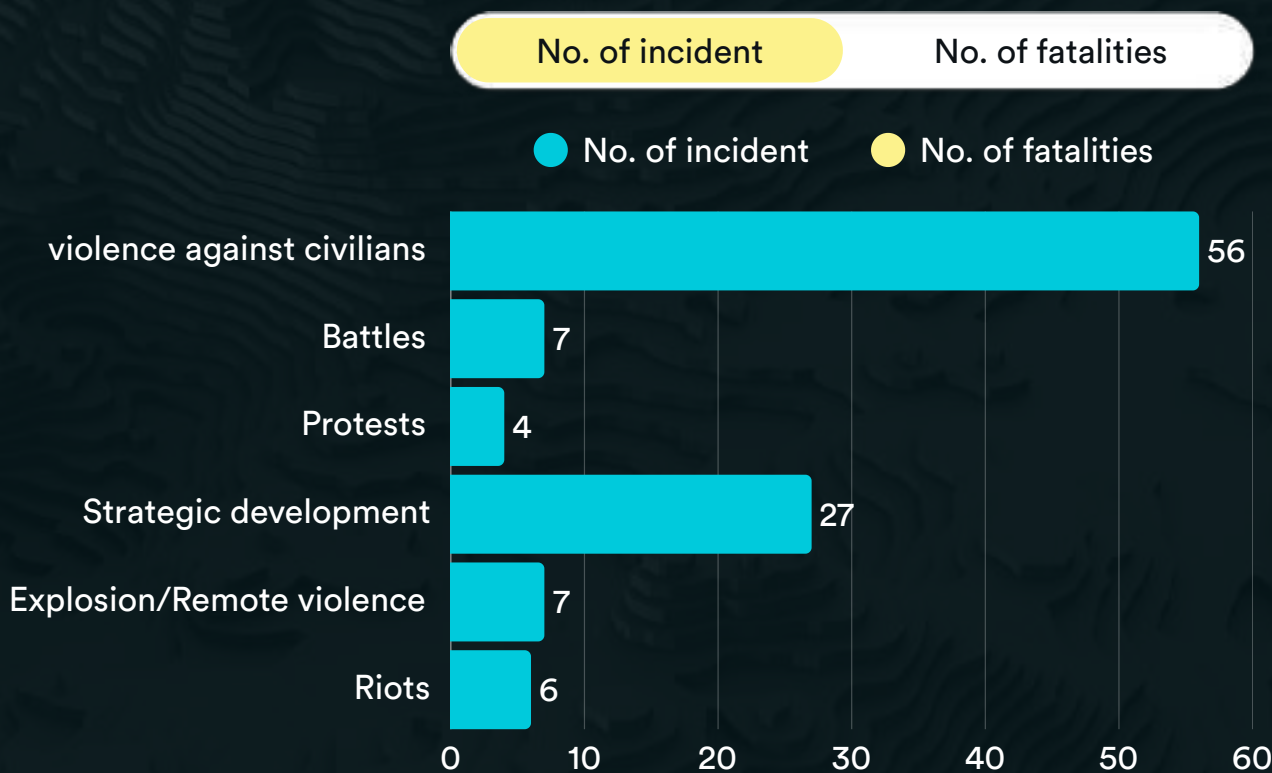
"Strategic developments" involve disrupted weapons use, looting/property destruction, and changes in groups/activities and related acts. This type of security event was recorded 7 times with 35 fatalities.

"Battle" describes violent events where organised groups engage in a battle. These include armed clashes as well as non-state actors overtaking territory. May experienced 7 battles which resulted in 19 fatalities, higher than recorded in August.

● No. of incident   ● No. of fatalities

Category	No. of incident
violence against civilians	56
Battles	7
Protests	4
Strategic development	27
Explosion/Remote violence	7
Riots	6

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● FATALITY   ● INCIDENT

Region	Fatality
NC	121
NE	77
NW	124
SS	12
SW	19
SE	31

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