

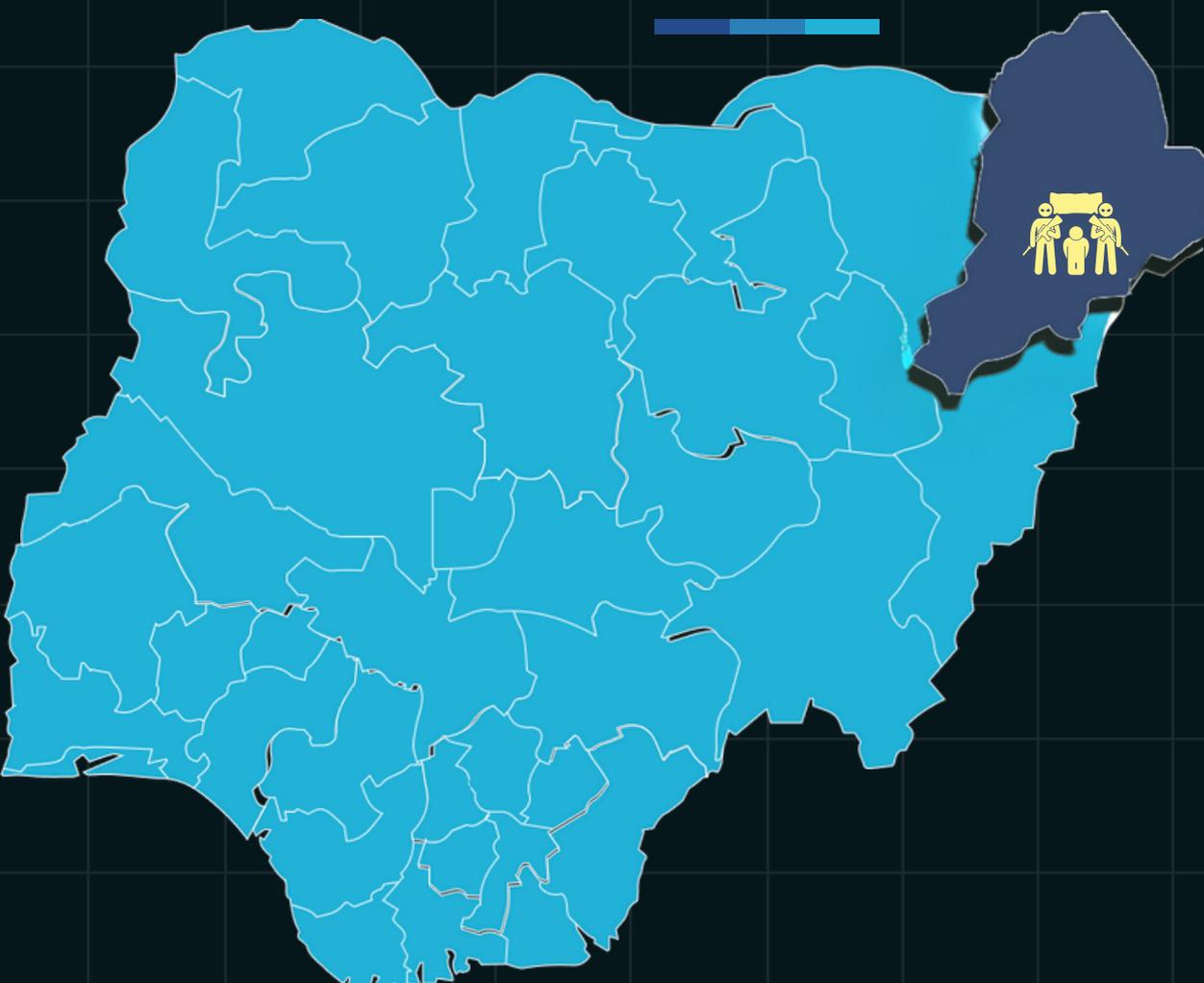


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JAN 2026

**Documenting Conflict/Armed Violence
Across Nigeria**





SUMMARY

IN JANUARY:

- The North West region experienced the highest number of incidents.
- Borno State experienced the highest number of incidents and the highest number of fatalities.
- There were **25** incidents of abduction, with **269** people kidnapped.
- There were **141** violent incidents with 481 fatalities.
- The monthly trend highlights the need for increased situational awareness in vulnerable communities.





INCIDENTS OF INSECURITY, JANUARY 2026

January recorded an increase in incidents of insecurity compared to December 2025. The highest number of incidents was recorded in the North West region, with 37, and in the North Central region, with 36. The North East, in the northern region, experienced 27 incidents of insecurity.

In January, the South South region experienced 21 incidents; 15 occurred in the South South and 5 in the South East.

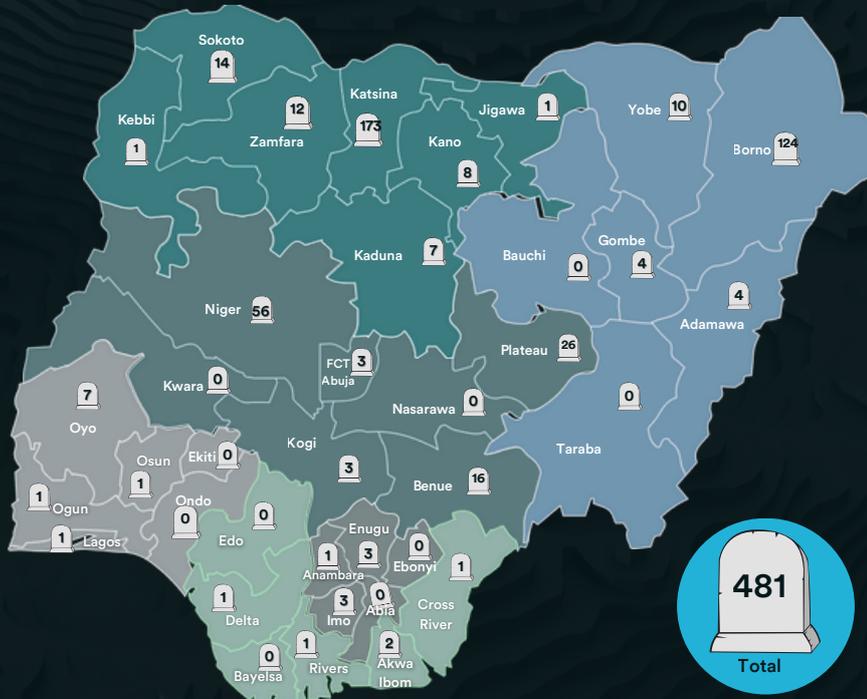
Borno State (North East) experienced the largest number of incidents, 18. Katsina (North West) and Kaduna (North West) each have 11 and 10, respectively.





FATALITIES RECORDED IN JANUARY 2026

Fatalities across states



The month of January saw a fatality of 481. The fatality number spread across all states but Nasarawa, Bauchi, Ekiti, and Imo.

The North West accounted for 216 fatalities, representing approximately 45% of the total. The North East followed with 142, and the North Central 104.

The South West recorded 10 fatalities, the South South 5, and the South East 4.

The states with the highest number of fatalities are: Katsina (North West) 173, Borno (North East) 124, and Plateau (North Central) 56.

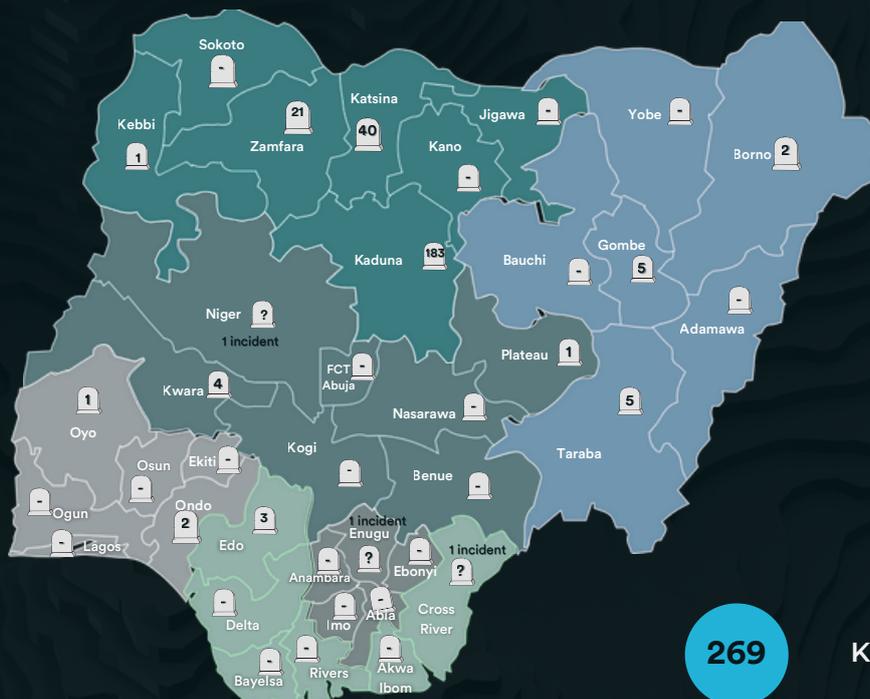


KIDNAPPING ACROSS NIGERIA, JANUARY 2026

In January, 25 incidents of abductions were documented, leading to 269 people being kidnapped in 27 states.

The state with the highest kidnapping incidents is Kaduna, where 183 people were abducted across 5 incidents.

Kidnapped people across states:



269

Kidnapped people in
January



EVENTS AND FATALITIES IN JANUARY 2026



“**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. This occurred 82 times and recorded 123 fatalities in January.



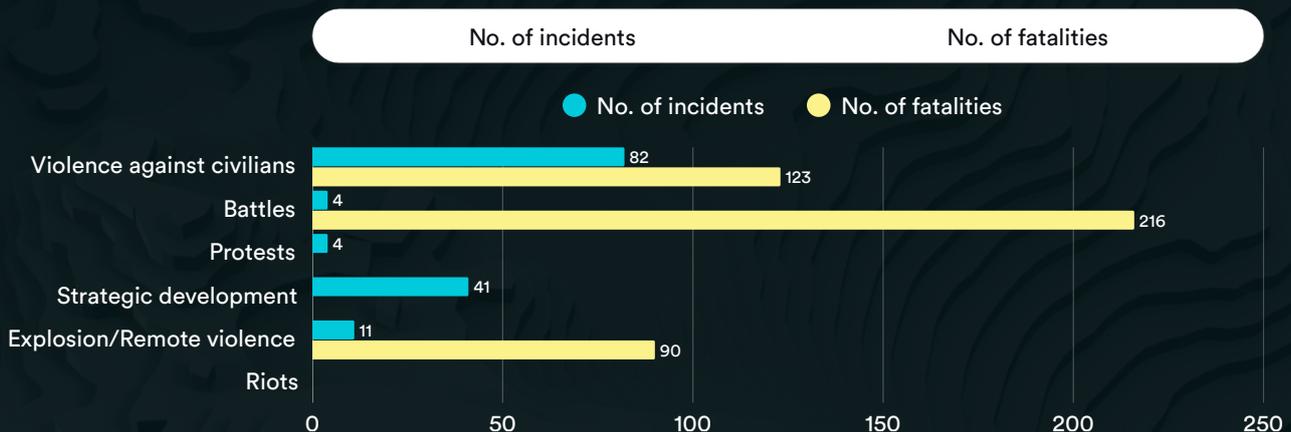
“**Battle**” describes violent events where organised groups engage in a battle. These include armed clashes as well as non-state actors overtaking territory. 4 incident of battle were experienced, resulting in 216 fatalities.

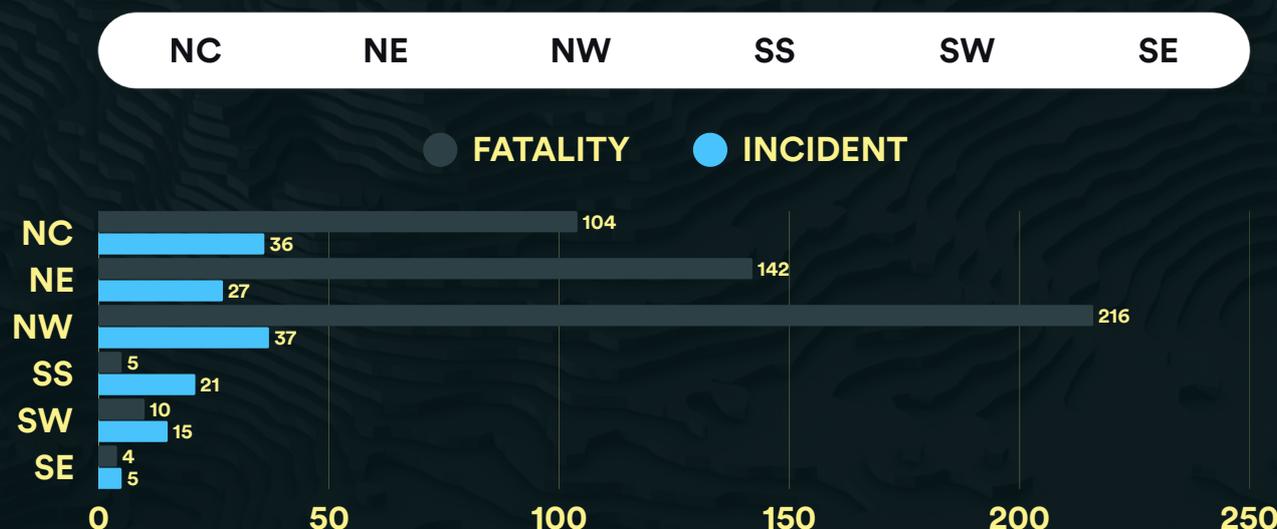


“**Explosions/remote violence**” describes remote explosives, landmines, artillery, or missile attacks, as well as air strikes. These were recorded to have happened 11 times and caused 90 fatalities.



“**Strategic developments**” involve disrupted weapons use, looting/property destruction, and changes in groups/activities and related acts. This happened 41 times with zero fatality.





HUMANGLE CONFLICT TREND BRIEF, JANUARY 2026

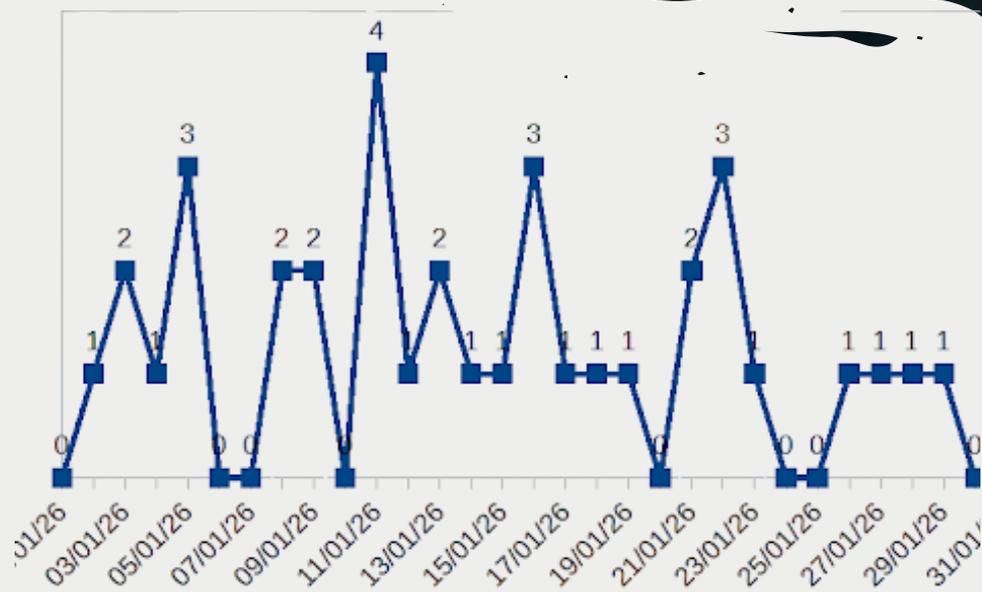
The insecurity data from HumAngle Tracker in January indicates the continuity of volatility as observed in previous months. The month experienced high-fatality insecurity incidents dominated by terror attacks and high-number kidnapping incidents.

In the month, a total of 141 incidents were documented with a record 428 fatalities, and over 260 people abducted by non-state armed actors in 17 states, including Gombe State, which throughout the year 2025 did not record a case of kidnapping. This shows that violence is not only increasing in peak casualties but also expanding to other places.

At the beginning of the month, state responses through military operations, including ground troops and air support, resulted in high casualties among non-state actors. On Jan. 2 alone, 152 fatalities were recorded.



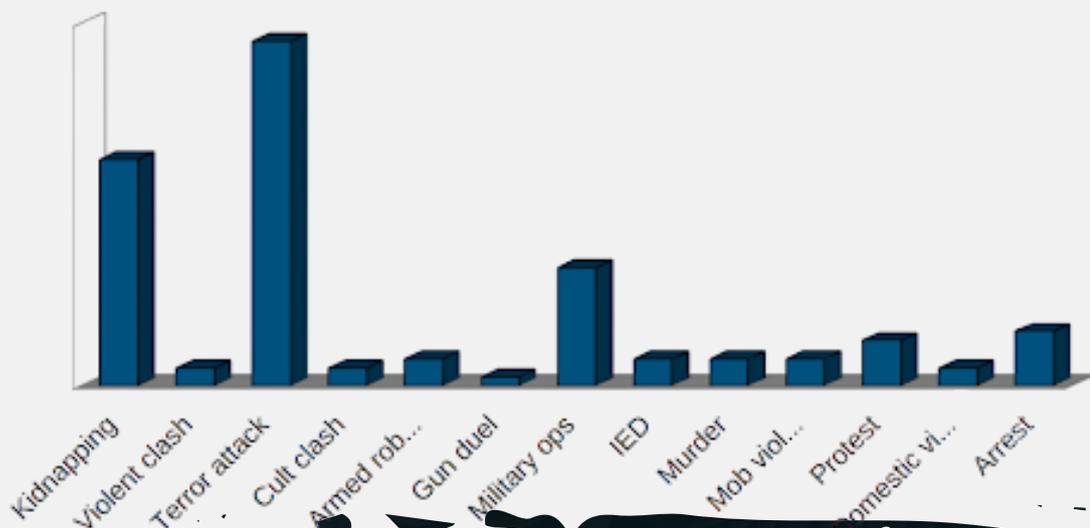
On Jan. 3 and 18, a total of 75 and 172 people were kidnapped in various incidents. While Jan. 5 was the single day with the highest incidence of insecurity. This trend indicates coordinated attacks targeting communities and even security apparatus, exploiting vulnerabilities.



In terms of incident type across the month, terror attacks by different factions of insurgents and rural terrorists remained a consistent feature. This occurred on 22 of the 31 days in January, a total of 38 times. This distribution often overlapped with violent events like kidnappings or armed clashes, revealing a sustained threat to civilians and security forces.



Incidents by category



The month of January presented an unpredictable pattern of insecurity marked by sporadic but lethal kidnappings and persistent terror attacks that required continued situational awareness by communities, security agents, and humanitarian organisations.



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August

September

October 2025

November 2025

December 2025