

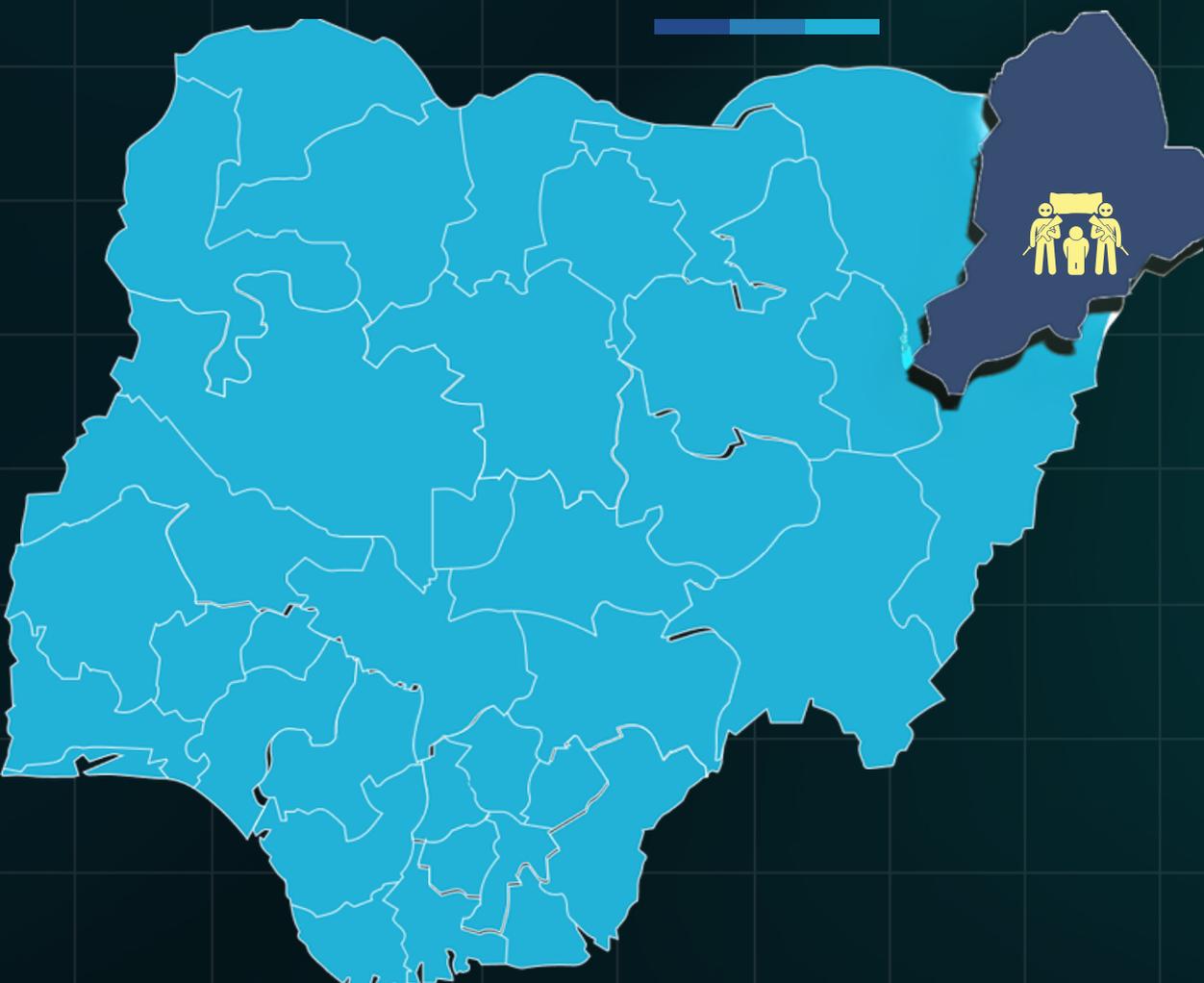


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**Documenting Conflict/Armed Violence
Across Nigeria**





SUMMARY

IN FEBRUARY:

- The North West region recorded the highest number of incidents.
- Zamfara State had the highest number of incidents in the month.
- Kwara State recorded the highest number of fatalities.
- In the month, **419** people were kidnapped across **33** incidents
- Across **136** total incidents in the month, **624** fatalities were recorded.
- The conflict and insecurity trend shows a terror-driven spike in violence and kidnapping.





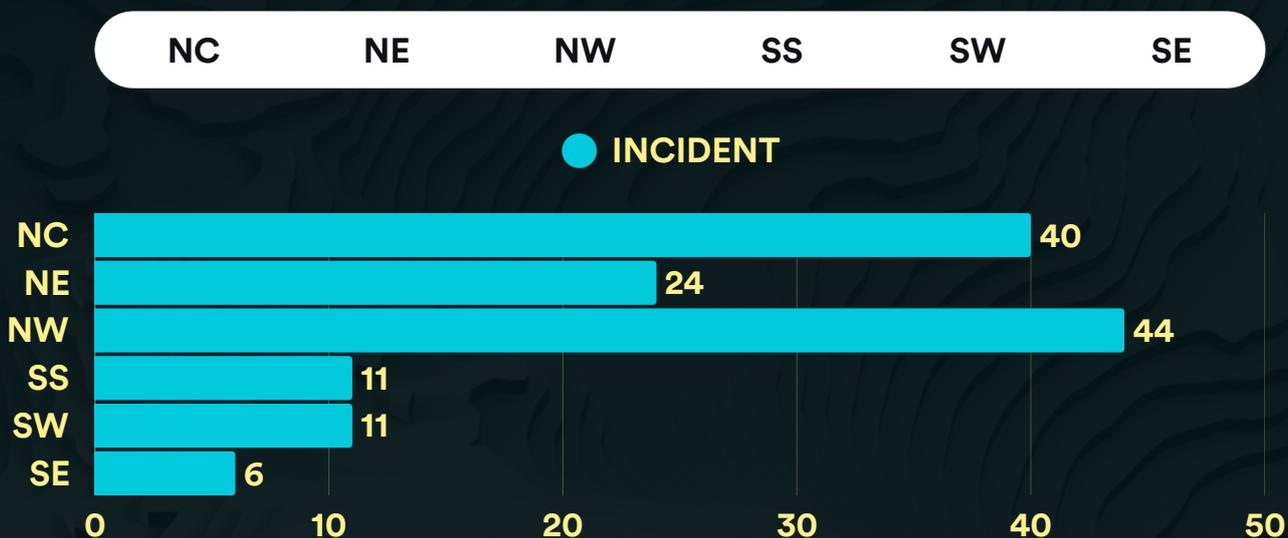
INCIDENTS OF INSECURITY, FEBRUARY 2026

The February insecurity outlook recorded 136 incidents of insecurity over the 28 days of the month, representing just a 3.5% decrease from January.

The region with the highest incidents of insecurity throughout the month is the North West. It experienced 44 incidents. The second hit is also from the Northern region: North Central, which recorded 40 incidents. The terror-plagued North East was the third most hit region with 24 incidents.

Across the south, a total of 28 incidents were documented by the HumAngle Tracker: 11 each in the South South and South West, and six in the South East.

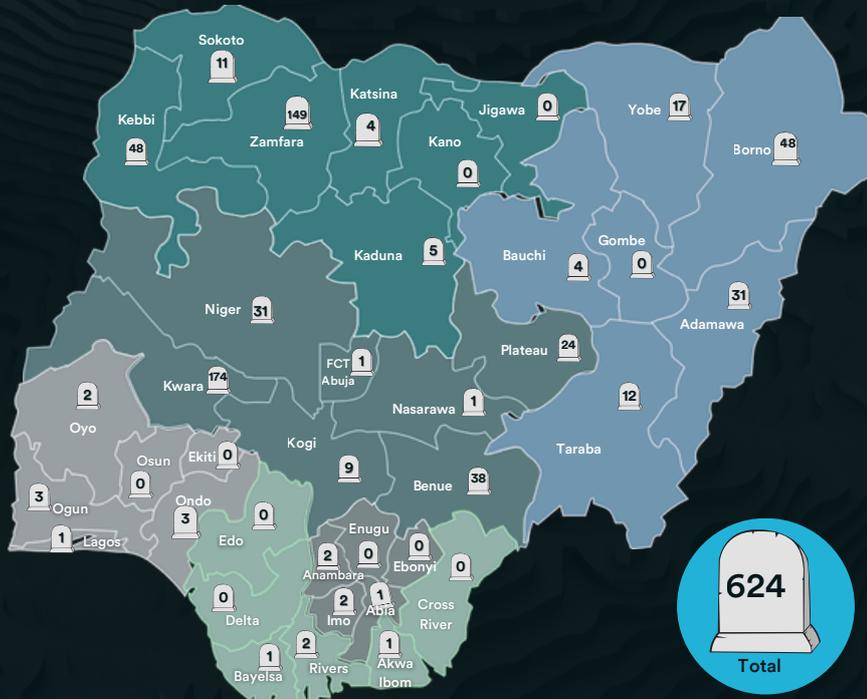
Zamfara State in the North West recorded 19 incidents in February, the highest for any state that month. It was followed by Benue with 15, and Borno State, which experienced 12 incidents, Plateau (North Central) 9, and Kebbi (North West) 8.





FATALITIES RECORDED IN FEBRUARY 2026

Fatalities across states



February recorded an increasing number of fatalities compared to January. From 481, February recorded 624 fatalities. That was approximately 30% increase in deaths linked to violence and conflict throughout February.

In the North Central region, 278 fatalities were recorded across all seven states in the region. The North West region, which is the second-highest fatality region in the month, had a fatality of 217. However, Kano and Jigawa did not record any fatality from incidents of insecurity. The North East followed this with 112 fatalities.

In the South, South West had 9 fatalities, South East 5, and the South South 3.



Kwara State, from the North Central, accounted for 174 fatalities, followed by Zamfara, which also recorded 149. Others with high fatality are: Borno (North East) 48, Kebbi (North West) 48, and Benue (North Central) 38.

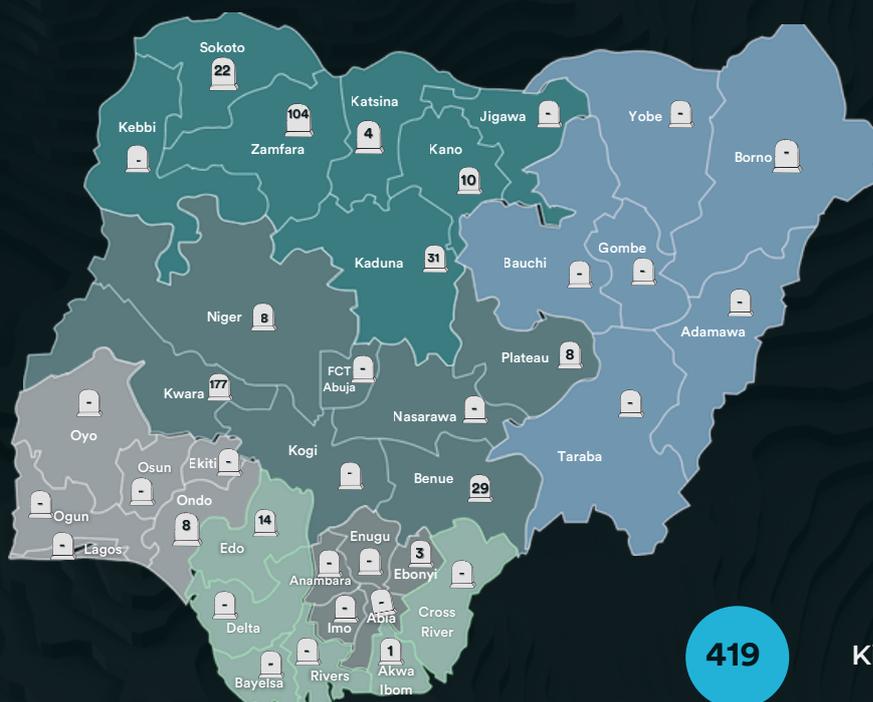
KIDNAPPING ACROSS NIGERIA, FEBRUARY 2026

The month saw an upsurge in kidnappings from what was recorded in January. This month, 419 people were reportedly abducted in 13 states across 33 incidents.

The states and the number of incidents in each are as follows:

Niger 2, Kwara 2, Edo 2, Akwa Ibom 1, Katsina 1, Sokoto 4, Kaduna 3, Zamfara 11, Benue 3, Ebonyi 1, Plateau 1, Kano 1, and Ondo 1.

Kidnapped people across states:



419

Kidnapped people in February



EVENTS AND FATALITIES IN FEBRUARY 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 happened 86 times in February with 512 fatalities.



“**Battle**” describes violent events where organised groups engage in a battle. These include armed clashes as well as non-state actors overtaking territory. In February, 5 incidents of battle occurred and resulted in 5 fatalities.



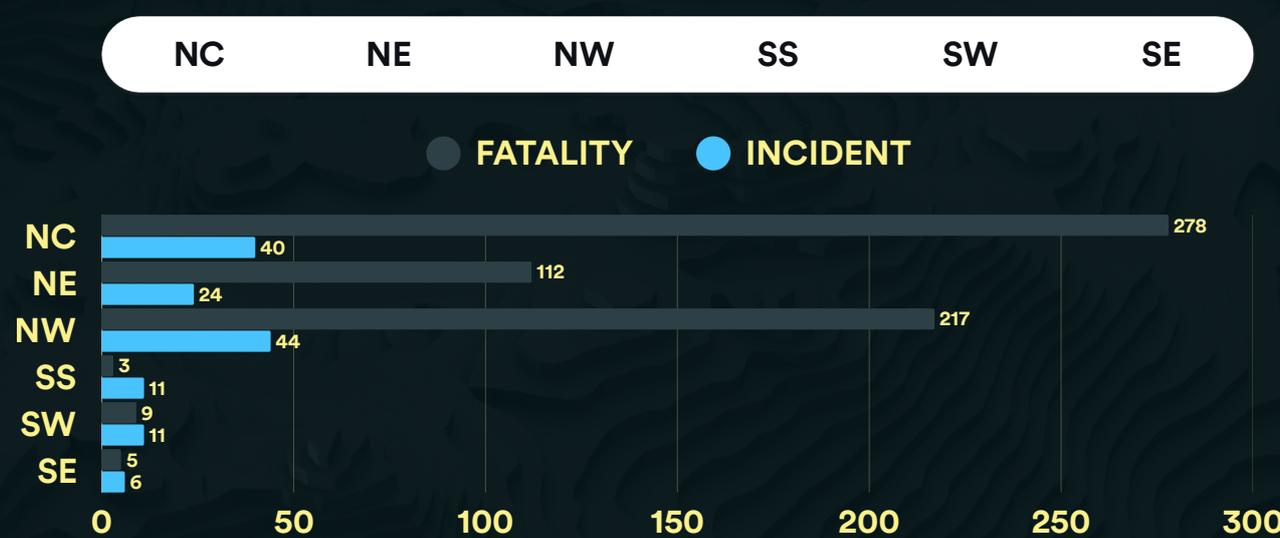
“**Explosions/remote violence**” describes remote explosive, landmine, artillery, or missile attacks as well as air strikes. These were experienced in 3 incidents, recording 11 fatalities across the month.



“**Riots**” refer to mob violence and violent demonstrations and describe when rioters violently interact with other rioters, another armed group, or civilians, outside of demonstrations. This happened 4 times and recorded 3 fatalities.



“**Strategic developments**” involve disrupted weapons use, looting/property destruction, and changes in groups/activities and related acts. In February, this incident was experienced 2 times with 0 fatalities.



HUMANGLE CONFLICT TREND BRIEF, FEBRUARY 2026

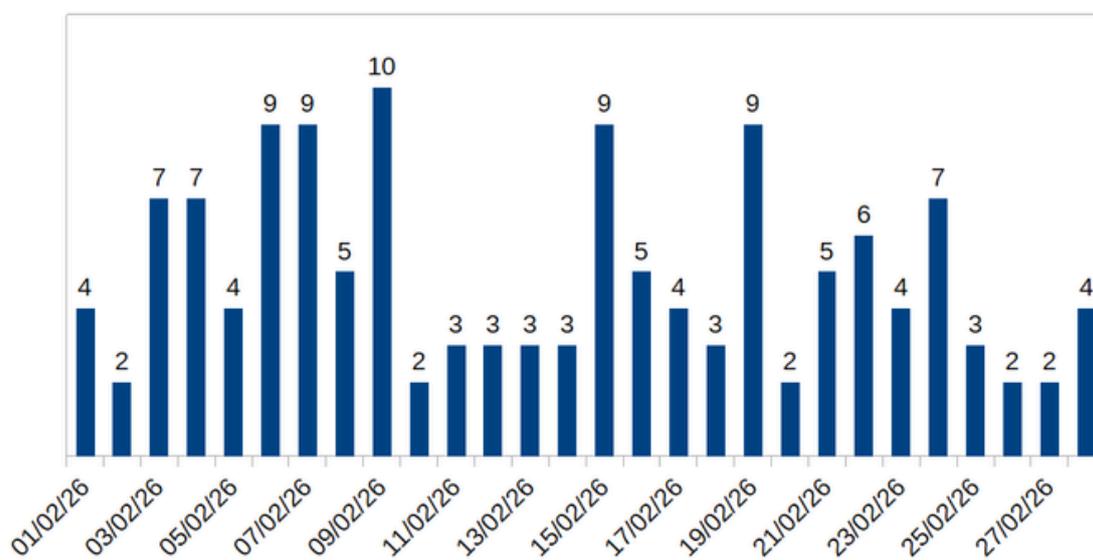
Incidents of conflict and insecurity in February were recorded in all states, but Gombe (North East), Jigawa (North West), Delta (South South), Ekiti (South West), and Osun (South West). While other states did not record any incidents, the geographic spread remained broad, and the data from HumAngle Tracker primarily indicate an increase in the lethality and intensity of violent events during the month.



A mass-casualty event characterised the month out of the 133 incidents; the attack on the 3rd of February, especially the Kwara state attack, reinforces the dominance of terrorism-related incidents. Combined attacks on the day resulted in 191 fatalities total.

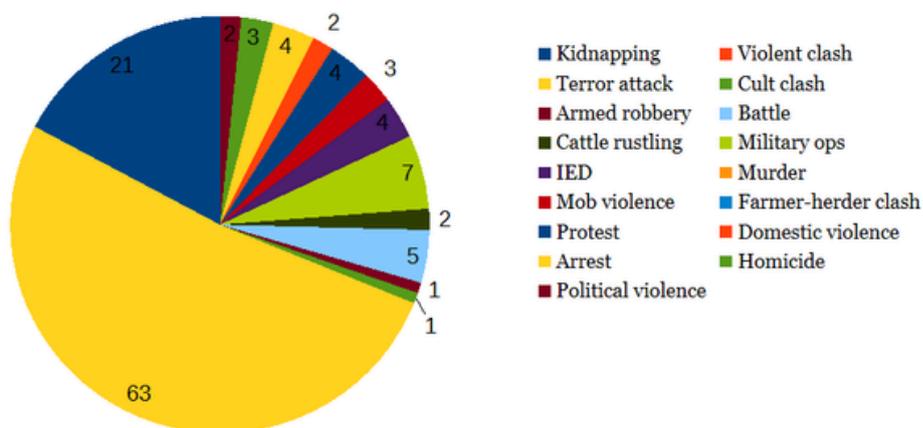
Terror attacks account for 63 incidents, which is 46.3% of the total documented incidents. When combined with battles (usually inter-group fights or cases where security operatives engaged terrorist organisations in gun duels), IED incidents, and military operations, more than half of February's incidents (79 incidents, making 58%) were directly linked to organised armed conflict, largely concentrated in the northern Nigerian regions of North Central, North East, and the North West. Thus, the trend shows that insecurity is largely insurgency-driven.

February 2026: Total Incidents Per Day





February 2026: Incidents by type



The implications of the February insecurity trend are significant. The scale of the incidents, 624 fatalities, 419 kidnappings, and persistence of organised armed conflict triggered displacement, disrupted livelihoods, and deepened community trauma among affected populations. These patterns underscore the urgent need to strengthen civilian protection measures and address persistent vulnerabilities in conflict-affected areas.



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