

# The Week in Focus

APR 14, 2025 – APR 20, 2025

Large-scale violence dominated the week. Terrorists killed at least 40 villagers in Plateau State and over 15 vigilantes in Kwara, while Boko Haram struck a resettled community in Borno. Mass kidnappings continued, with eight people seized in Enugu in addition to earlier abductions in Kaduna and Abia. Armed raids in Benue and a fresh bandit assault in Zamfara underscored the fragility of rural security. Abuja's fuel-subsidy protests remained mostly peaceful but disruptive. Businesses should plan for troop deployments on northern highways, possible displacement across the Middle Belt, and sporadic urban unrest if economic grievances deepen.

## Crime Watch

### Terrorism

- **Borno** : Suspected Boko Haram fighters attacked the newly resettled Yamtake village, Gwoza LGA, killing two soldiers and an unconfirmed number of civilians.
- **Kwara** : An emerging North Central terror cell stormed Kemanji, killing more than 15 local vigilantes and residents.

### Kidnapping

- **Enugu** : Eight people—including a priestess and four farmers—abducted at Ohebe Orba, Udenu LGA

### Armed Robbery

- **Benue** : Armed Fulani herdsmen raided several communities, looting homes and livestock in Ukum LGA.

### Homicide

- **Plateau** : At least 40 killed in a dawn assault on Zike village, Bassa LGA.
- **Benue** : Suspected herdsmen attacked Otobi community, causing multiple fatalities and burning homes.

## Geo–Political Factors

- **No major cross-border incidents** reported. Nonetheless, communal tensions and armed group activities continue to influence regional stability, requiring coordinated security efforts.

## The Week Ahead

### Middle-Belt Revenge Attacks

Reinforce site security and journey-management for staff operating in Plateau, Benue, and Kwara; liaise with local authorities for real-time updates.

### Fuel-Subsidy Strike Threat

Activate business-continuity plans for Lagos and Abuja; pre-position critical supplies and expect airport/port slowdowns.