

The Week in Focus

APR 21, 2025 – APR 27, 2025

Armed violence surged nationwide. Bandits killed more than 20 artisans and miners at Gobirawa Chali in Zamfara, while coordinated raids struck three other LGAs the same week. In Benue, armed herders massacred 11 villagers in Afia and kidnapped 19 bus passengers in Gwer West. Borno recorded two deadly ISWAP ambushes one on local hunters in Ajiri Gongo and another on soldiers in Buni Yadi. A Catholic priest was abducted in Kaduna, and a newly-wed couple were murdered in Nasarawa. Abuja again faced labour unrest as unions shut the FCT Secretariat over unpaid minimum-wage arrears, underscoring rising socio-economic pressures.

Crime Watch

Terrorism

- **Borno** : ISWAP fighters ambushed a local hunting group at Ajiri Gongo , killing four members.
- **Borno**: Three soldiers died when ISWAP militants attacked a patrol near Buni Yadi.

Kidnapping

- **Benue** : Nineteen passengers in two commercial buses were abducted at Jor community along the Adoka-Naka road, Gwer West LGA.
- **Kaduna** : Rev. Fr. Ibrahim Amos was seized from Kurmin Risga, Kauru LGA.

Homicide

- **Benue** : Armed herders killed 11 residents in Afia community, Ukum LGA.
- **Nasarawa** : Unidentified gunmen murdered a newly-wed couple in Akaleku village, Obi LGA.

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

Possible Bandit Reprisals in Zamfara and Kaduna

Restrict night travel on rural roads, reinforce perimeter security at mine sites and farms, and maintain liaison with vetted local vigilante groups.

Escalating Labour and Fuel Protests

Organisations in FCT, Lagos and Kaduna should monitor union communiqués, review business-continuity plans and prepare for potential road blockades or sit-ins.