

The Week in Focus

MAR 10, 2025 – MAR 16, 2025

This week witnessed multiple terrorist incidents in northern Nigeria: Lakurawa militants killed 11 and destroyed six villages in Kebbi, and suspected ISWAP and Boko Haram elements staged attacks in Borno and Yobe, respectively. In Ondo State, at least 20 people were reportedly killed when armed bandits sacked four communities, reflecting rising violence outside the usual conflict zones. Additionally, a severe rainstorm in Niger State displaced hundreds, destroyed over 50 houses, and killed livestock, compounding humanitarian pressures.

Crime Watch

Terrorism

- **Kebbi State (Arewa LGA):** Lakurawa militants killed 11 residents and destroyed six villages.
- **Borno State:** Three police officers were injured by a suspected ISWAP-planted landmine explosion.
- **Yobe State (Gujba):** Suspected Boko Haram militants attacked, killing one vigilante (Modu Bulama) and destroying several buildings.

Armed Robbery

- **Ondo State (Akure North LGA):** Armed bandits reportedly killed no fewer than 20 people and forced residents to flee four communities.

Kidnapping

Katsina State: Kidnappers demand ₦30M ransom for National Quranic Recitation Competition winner, his father, and brother.

Natural Disaster

- **Niger State:** A severe rainstorm displaced hundreds, destroyed over 50 houses, and killed livestock, posing additional security and humanitarian challenges.

Geo-Political Factors

- **Northern Border Areas:** Ongoing concerns about regional instability in the Sahel continue to pose cross-border security risks, with sporadic reports of small arms and militant movement in border communities.

The Week Ahead

Potential Escalation of Terror Activities

- Military and law enforcement agencies should strengthen surveillance and intelligence efforts in Kebbi, Borno, and Yobe to prevent further attacks.

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- Enhance inter-agency coordination and community policing measures in Ondo and surrounding states to curb the spread of bandit activities.