

The Week in Focus

MAR 17, 2025 – MAR 23, 2025

This week's security landscape was marked by intensified threats from Boko Haram/ISWAP in Yobe State, ongoing communal and boundary clashes in Ebonyi and Niger States, arson-related violence in Plateau State, and an armed attack in Benue. In the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), the kidnapping of a naval officer and others highlighted lingering abduction risks even in urban areas. These incidents underscore a diverse set of challenges from terrorism to inter-communal disputes requiring strategic vigilance. Clients and travelers should closely monitor official advisories, especially in conflict-prone zones, and adopt enhanced security measures for personnel and assets.

Crime Watch

Terrorism

- **Yobe State (Gujba LGA)**
 - **Incident:** Boko Haram/Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists issued a quit notice to residents.

Kidnapping

- **Federal Capital Territory (Mpape Area)**
 - **Incident:** A Nigerian Naval officer and two others were reportedly abducted from their residence.

Armed Robbery

- **Benue State (Tse Jam, Kwande LGA)**
 - **Incident:** Suspected Fulani herdsmen invaded the town, characterized as an armed incursion.

Communal & Boundary Violence

1. Ebonyi State

- **Locations:** Umuobor-Akaeze and Ogowor communities.
- **Impact:** Two fatalities following renewed clashes, underscoring persistent boundary disputes.

2. Niger State (Chimbi Village)

- **Incident:** Communal clash between Hausa and Gbagyi communities over land ownership.
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Geo-Political Factors

- **No major cross-border incidents** reported. Nonetheless, Boko Haram/ISWAP movements in border areas of Yobe reflect broader regional insurgent dynamics.

The Week Ahead

Displacement in Yobe

Residents may flee areas under extremist pressure. Monitor humanitarian needs and supply routes for potential disruptions.

Rising Inter-Communal Clashes

Ebonyi, Niger, and Plateau are witnessing increased violence. Strengthen security protocols for any personnel or operations in these hotspots.