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Table Of Collected Statistics On Fulani Herdsmen, Fulani Bandits, Boko Haram And Others' Jihadist Terror Attacks Including Killings, Abductions, Burning Of Churches And Invasion Of Indigenous Christian Lands Across Nigeria From January-August 2025

Paragraphs:

- According to 'Agenzia Fides', dated Feb 24, 2025, two Catholic Priests, Fathers Saumman of Jalingo Diocese and Dutsemi of Yola Diocese in Nigeria were kidnapped by Fulani Jihadists, and according to the Cable News of July 12, 2025, Fulani Bandits numbering more than 20 abducted and killed another Catholic Priest, Father Sunday Musa in Samunaka part of Borgu Local Government Area of Niger State and that on March 23, 2025, Father John Ubaechu of the Holy Family Catholic Church, Izombe in Oguta Local Government Area of Imo State was abducted. On March 1, 2025, Father Philip Ekeli and Seminarian Peter Andrew of St Peter Catholic Church, Iviukwa in Etsako East of Edo State were also abducted by suspected Fulani Bndits terrorizing Edo forests. Father Sylvester Okechukwu of the Catholic Diocese of Kafanchan, Kaduna State was abducted by Jihadists on the night of March 4, 2025 and murdered the following morning.
- With the above, the number of Catholic Priests including scores of Seminarians abducted in Nigeria in the past seven months and ten days of 2025 or January 1 to August 10, 2025 has risen to at least fifteen, out of which at least five were killed. In other words, not less than 160 Catholic Priests including some Seminarians have been abducted in the past ten years of 2015 to 2025 and at least fifteen killed.
- According to the News Express of March 16, 2025, a Luxurious Coach Bus belonging to the ABC Transport and all the passengers on board numbering over 45 including mainly Igbo Christian travelers were abducted by Fulani Jihadists in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State, during the passengers were commandeered into the nearby bush and nothing was heard of them for weeks.
- According to several media reports including Valid View Network of March 16, 2025, quoting the Youth President of Afenifere Socio-Cultural Group, Prince Eniola Ojajuni, stated that the South-West has been gripped by Jihadist Fulani terror, to the extent he counted not less than 55 Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen terror camps spread across Ondo with 27 jihadist camps, Ekiti 16 camps, Osun 7 and Ogun 5. He narrated how he was abducted on Feb 17, 2025 and forced to spend 12 days in their captivity.

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He said he particularly saw them shot 19 live bullets from AK-47s at not less than fleeing passengers numbering dozens. They also operated in military unions and armed with more than 20 AK-47s, during which their victims are made to undergo daily torture including beatings and infliction of body injuries.

- According to the Metro News Online of March 12, 2025, four communities in Akure North Local Government of Ondo State came under serious attack by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen at about 12.am midnight of the previous Saturday, killing more than 20 Christians in their sleep. They four affected communities included Abba Pastor, Abba Sunday, Elososan Camp and Ademekum Camp. Several others were also critically injured and scores went missing till date.
- According to the Vanguard Newspaper of March 8, 2025, a Member, representing Oluyole Federal Constituency in Oyo State, Hon Mrs. Tolutope Akande-Sadipe, on Saturday, raised an alarm that her constituency has been invaded by armed herdsmen. She further disclosed that armed herdsmen have invaded Ogunmakin, Gambari Reserve and surrounding communities with her constituency, during which they destroyed farm produce, intimidate, abduct and kill local farmers and that despite several reports made to the security agencies, no decisive action has been taken.
- According to Vanguard Newspaper of March 12, 2025, the Association of Igbo Town Unions-ASITU, numbering more than 2,100, with 1,940 in the South-East have rejected and vehemently opposed Federal Government's Fulani Cattle Ranching and Settlement plans in the South-East, saying communities are already faced with severe land scarcity and will be sat high risk of jihadist attacks and Islamization, using Benue and Plateau as a clear case=study. The ASITU President, Emeka Diwe, further described the plan already captured in the 2025 Federal Government budget as unfair and provocative.
- According to the International Christian Concern report, dated January 24, 2025, Boko Haram and ISWAP have displaced tens of thousands of defenseless Christians in Christian villages or communities in Borno State including Njila, Banzir, Shirkarkir and Yirmirmug, located in Chibok. The Christian communities have not only had over 4000 of their indigenes terrified, uprooted and displaced, but also hundreds have been hacked to death since the beginning of January 2025 (till date).

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The affected Christian communities have also come under attacks including burning of churches and homes, killings, abductions and disappearances. The report further stated that the attacks by Boko Haram and ISWAP have also displaced over 3m Christians and sacked hundreds of Christian communities in Borno, Adamawa, Yobe, Taraba, Bauchi and Gombe States, during which churches and Christian schools were destroyed.

- According to the Church in the Need (ACN) report of March 24, 2025, two more Catholic Priests, Father Echezona and Father Ubachu were abducted by Jihadists in the place of their pastoral work, while Father Okechukwu and Seminarian Chukwu lost their lives and that between January and March 2025, not less than 12 Catholic Priests were abducted in Nigeria alone.
- According to the Truth-Nigeria report of February 26, 2025, not less than 229 unprotected Christians were abducted by combined forces of the Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and the Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and held since Dec 2, 2024 near an Army base at Rijina in Kachia part of Kaduna State; out of which eight were freed on February 23, 2025 after paying ransoms amounting to \$30,000 or approximately N40m. Among the abductees were 26 members of a Pentecostal Church.
- Similarly, that not less than 97 Christians were abducted by the Jihadists between Dec 2024 and February 2025 in Kauru, Kaduna South in Kaduna State. Further finding revealed that the whereabouts of many, if not most of the abductees have not been accounted for; indicating that they are feared killed in captivity. There are also no verifiable state actor records showing that they have been successfully or securely rescued alive.
- According to Daily Trust of February 12, 2025, Christian indigenes of Ungwan Ate and their neighboring communities of Gadanji, Ungwan Wage, Ungwan Alhaji, Agunu Dutse, Moro and Ungwan Dauije in Kachia Local Government Area of (Southern) Kaduna State in their hundreds took to the street to protest against incessant attacks including kidnappings, killings and disappearances by combined forces of the Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and the Jihadist Fulani Bandits. The above is to the extent that they have lost dozens and have several others abducted since December 2024.

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- According to Aljazeera news online of January 13, 2025, not less than 40 farmers, mainly Christians were abducted by Boko Haram in Damboa part of Borno State, and according to Vanguard Newspaper of April 3, 2025, not less than 20 (likely to have risen to 30) defenseless Christians were hacked to death by offensively armed Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in some communities located in Bokkos County of Plateau State and that earlier on March 26, more than ten Christians were also killed in Ruwi. The attack on Bokkos had started at the night of April 2, 2025 in communities of Mangor, Dafo, Manguna, Hurti and Tadaï.
- According to the Advocate Online of April 7, 2025, 40 (likely to have risen to 60) defenseless Christians were killed by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen numbering dozens and armed with AK-47s and AK-49s. The attack took place on Wednesday around 3.am in Hurti and Manguna communities of Bokkos County or Local Government Area of Plateau State, during which 303 houses were burned down or destroyed and over 1000 persons sacked and displaced.
- According to several media reports of April 9, 2025, the leadership of Ohanaeze Ndigbo issued a 30-Day ultimatum to the South-East Governors to expel Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen roaming the forests, bushes and farmlands across Igbo Land and constituting serious threats to citizens' lives and properties. The Apex Igbo Socio-Cultural further noted that not less than 300 Southeasterners have been secretly and openly killed across the Region between January and April 2025.
- According to Vanguard Newspaper of September 22, 2016, under Boko Haram terror insurgency of July 2009 and Dec 2015 particularly in the North-East, quoting the USA-based 21st Century Initiative and the Stefanus Foundation,"13,000 churches were destroyed, 1,500 Christian schools attacked and destroyed and their 611 teachers killed". The report further stated that "14.8m Nigerians were directly affected and not less than 2.2m IDPs generated and 2.15m others displaced". Further findings arising from the above since then have indicated that **in the past ten years or since midyear of 2015, not less than 6,100 more churches spread across Taraba, Adamawa, Kebbi, Borno, Kastina, Niger, Kogi, Nasarawa, Plateau, Benue, Bauchi, Yobe, Southern Kaduna and G**"killed ombe States have been attacked including being burned down or destroyed or shutdown; likewise Christian schools in those areas, numbering not less than 2,500 and uprooted and sacked Christian communities numbering not less than 1,100 as of second week of August 2025.

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- According to Sahara-Reporters of June 3, 2020, the Leadership of the Ekklisiyar Yan' Uwa or Church of the Brethren in Nigeria (EYN) disclosed that "Boko Haram Jihadist Insurgents killed 8,370 of its members between July 2009 and May 2020, a period of eleven years in the four North-East States of Borno, Adamawa, Yobe, Taraba". The Church further stated that its "over 1.5m members were also threatened for being Christians, during which 700,000 were displaced, eight of its pastors killed, 53 of its 60 district church councils directly affected and 300 of its 586 branches either burned down or destroyed". The church which spoke through its then President, Rev Joel Billi, also disclosed that "217 of the 276 abducted Chibok girls belonged to the church; adding that many of their church members were abducted and killed or disappeared; and their communities uprooted and threatened or forced into refugee camps in Cameroon". It is further estimated that the church must have lost additional members or not less than 2000 to Boko Haram killings and abduction of over 3000 since then; in addition to lose of additional churches and pastors numbering several hundreds.
- According to several media reports of April 8, 2025, not less than 64 Plateau State Christian communities have been taken over and occupied by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen. The above was according to Governor Caleb Muftwang who featured on Channels TV's Politics Today, during which he threw more light into the massacre by the Jihadists few days back of about 60 Christians and burning down or destruction of over 300 houses between Bokkos, Barkin Ladi and Riyom counties or local government areas.
- According to the Akelicious Online news of April 9, 2025, half-naked dressed women in their hundreds and of mainly Christian faith took to the street on April 8, 2025 in Oke-Ere, Yagba West LGA of Kogi State, protesting against endless reign of terror unleashed on their people by armed herdsmen and their allies. Such attacks have resulted in several loss of lives, abductions and disappearances and land grabbing targeted at Christian communities across the State.
- According to the News Express of April 9, 2025, hundreds of Christian youths and farmers took to the street on Tuesday, protesting against the killing of four Christian farmers at 13/13 Farm Settlement located in Ajagbusi area of Alasoson in Akure North LGA of Ondo State.

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- According to the Truth-Nigeria of April 14, 2025, no fewer than sixteen abducted Christians were rescued and freed on April 13 in Mararatam area of Kantoma in Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State.
- According to the Truth-Nigeria of April 14, 2025, on Christian's 2025 Palm Sunday, in spite of the loss of not less than 50 (likely to have risen to 70) in the hands of Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in five Christian villages in Jos South of Plateau State, another wave of massacre took place on April 13, 2025, during which at least 50 or about 60 defenseless Christians were slaughtered by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in West part of Jos, during which several others went missing. Victims included nine members of the Truth-Nigeria reporters' families. As a whole, more than 140 defenseless Christians were massacred in two weeks including the April 12/13 killing of between 60 and 70 Christians.
- According to the Akelicious news of April 15, 2025, more than 20 church members were abducted by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen during a Christian night vigil in Egbola community in Lokoja, Kogi State and taken into nearby forests from where their whereabouts remained un-located till date.
- According to the Channels TV news of April 14, 2025, more than 40 defenseless Christians were massacred by suspected armed herdsmen in Zike community, Kwali in Bassa County of Benue State.
- According to Open Doors report of April 14, 2025, Fulani Jihadists killed 43 Christians in Bassa, Plateau State and earlier on March 24, three were killed, followed by eleven killed three days after on March 27. Five more Christians were killed on April 2, after which additional 61 were slaughtered in seven Christian communities in the area on April 2 and 3; during which 383 houses were razed or burned down and 1000 forced into displacement. The above is in addition to 2024 Christmas Eve during which not less than 70 Christians were massacred.
- According to the News Express of April 15, 2025, more than 20 (likely to have risen to 30) defenseless Christians were massacred on April 14, 2025 by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in Otobi community in Otukpo Local Government Area of Benue State.

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- According to several media reports of April 18, 2025, a new terror group, “Mahmuda” emerged in North-Central Nigerian State of Kwara, killing about 15 local vigilantes. The new terror group is believed to be a breakaway faction of Boko Haram originating from Mokwa Local Government Area of Niger State, with present stronghold in Kainji Lake National Park, a vast largely ungoverned territory covering more than 3000 square kilometers-targeting Christians, travelers and moderate Muslims.
- According to the Truth-Nigeria of April 18, 2025, 31 corpses (likely to have risen to 70) defenseless Christian residents massacred by armed Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in coordinated attacks in Ukum, Logo and Kastina-Ala-otherwise called “Sankera Region” located in the East of Makurdi were recovered. The attack took place on April 18, 2025 in Gbagir-ten corpses, Chito-2, Tse-Gube-2, Tse-Dajo-3; and Ukum; Tse-Amakwa Mbayam-8 and Sagar Lumbuv-2. Eyewitnesses later updated the casualty list, saying that the number had risen to 70.
- According to Release International report of July 24, 2024, “more than 70 churches were razed or shut down following continued attacks on Christians and their properties by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in Mangu and Bokkos in Plateau State, out of which the Church of Christ in Nations-COCIN, was the worst affected.
- By the report of the Premier Christian News of Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 185 Catholic churches were set ablaze and 200,000 forced to flee their homes in two months of August and September 2014 in Adamawa and Borno Christian communities of Gwoza, Magadali, Gulak, Shuwa, Michika, Bazza, among others and under Boko Haram insurgency.
- According to the Journalist 101, dated April 21, 2025, five defenseless Christian worshippers marking the 2025 Easter feast were crushed to death in what looked like “automobile terrorism”, during which 13 others were critically injured. The attack took place in Tashan community in Billi Local Government of Gombe State.
- According to the Diaspora Digital Media of April 22, 2025, the death toll in the Benue Christian massacre of April 16 and 17, 2025 in Ukum Local Government Area of the State had risen to 72.

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- According to the Akelicious online of April 27, 2025, the leadership of the Evangelical Church Winning All-ECWA, said that escalating violence, banditry and kidnapping of their members in Southern Kaduna have resulted in forcing them into paying total ransom of more than N300m to Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen, during which more than 40 of their members were killed and over 50 abducted members still held. The church authorities also disclosed that not less than 150 of their members in Southern Kaduna and Plateau State were abducted between January and April 2025.
- According to the Akelicious News of April 29, 2025, Boko Haram killed more than seven Christians on Monday evening and injured dozens of others during a funeral in Kopl Village of Chibok Local Government Area of Borno State, and according to Senator Ali Ndume, the Senator representing Borno South District at the Senate, escalating bloodshed has enveloped several communities of Sabon Gari, Izge, Kirama, Pulka, Damboa, Chibok and Askira Uba in Borno South where 150-200 were killed in the month of April 2025 alone by Boko Haram and ISWAP. Further added is the fact that most of such attacks took place in Christian-held areas of Chibok, Gwoza, Damboa and Askira Uba.
- Names of the 51 victims of 51 defenseless Christians slaughtered by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen between 12:00 Midnight and 1: 30 am April 14, 2025 in Zikke town alone, Kwall District of Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State are:
 - 1. Musa Dako, 64 yrs
 - 2. Daniel Adams, 27 yrs
 - 3. Obadiah Usman, 31 yrs
 - 4. Zinas James, 22 yrs
 - 5. Monday Sareke, 37 yrs
 - 6. Yohanna Kusa, 43 yrs
 - 7. Janet Danjuma, 29 yrs
 - 8. Sunday Dako, 49 yrs
 - 9. Reuben Adamu, 94 yrs
 - 10. Dogara Adamu, 69 yrs
 - 11. Bulus Moses, 26 yrs
 - 12. Stephen John, 28 yrs
 - 13. Menche Stephen, 7 yrs

- 14. Nema Stephen, 4 yrs
- 15. Mary Stephen, 24 yrs
- 16. Wiki John, 30 yrs
- 17. Joshua John Bagu, 46 yrs
- 18. Margaret Morris, 6 yrs
- 19. Debene Morris, 4 yrs
- 20. Monday Sale, 52 yrs
- 21. Salama Agah, 15 yrs
- 22. Laraba Agah, 4 yrs
- 23. Talatu Mangwa, 42 yrs
- 24. Grace David, 45 yrs
- 25. Lovina Monday, 19 yrs
- 26. Agah Monday, 4 yrs
- 27. Naomi Monday, 37 yrs
- 28. Noel David, 13 yrs
- 29. Jummai Stephen, 10 yrs
- 30. Monday Keyi, 37 yrs
- 31. Jerry Moses, 7 yrs
- 32. James Moses, 10 yrs
- 33. Jacob Moses, 3 yrs
- 34. Danjuma Gado, 38 yrs
- 35. Friday Moses, 14 yrs
- 36. Talatu Moses, 47 yrs
- 37. Akus Moses, 46 yrs
- 38. Asi Jerry, 58 yrs
- 39. Tele Zea, 29 yrs
- 40. Bre Shetu Nanzhwa, 61 yrs
- 41. Nanzhwa Ive, 5 yrs
- 42. Kaja Daniel, 42 yrs
- 43. Elisha Anthony, 37 yrs
- 44. Anna Anthony, 67 yrs
- 45. Danlami Randum (Mula), 49 yrs
- 46. Ado Danjuma, 17 yrs
- 47. Sarah Kula, 16 yrs
- 48. Ishaya Moses, 10 yrs
- 49. Juan Moses, 5 yrs
- 50. Sunday Mangwa, 25 yrs
- 51. Moses Bala, 43 yrs (Credit: Tony Nwankwo Ezeigwe, PhD)

- According to several media reports of April 21, 2025, eleven Christians were killed by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in Akpa area of Otukpo and 36 others killed in Logo and Ukum, during which over a dozens were killed in Agatu, Benue State-totaling more than 61.

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- By Diaspora Digital Media report of May 3, 2025, two defenseless Christians were killed by Fulani Jihadists in Angwan Doka in new Nyanya, Nasarawa State.
- According to the African Examiner report of May 7, 2025, the 14 Brigade of the Nigerian Army under 82 Division, located at Ohafia in Abia State had admitted issuing armed Fulani citizens “Barracks Residential Permits” under “Barracks Investment Initiative Program” or BIIP. The Army Brigade further added that the residential permit is under “Nigerian Army Livestock Scheme Residence Permit” given to Fulani Herdsmen employed in the Scheme “due to their expertise”. The statement was made by Acting Director of Information at 82 Division, Enugu, Lt Col Jonah Unuakhalu.
- According to the Truth-Nigeria report of May 13, 2025, not less than 151 Plateau Christian communities have been annexed and overrun by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and Fulani Terror Bandits; estimated to have covered 2000 square miles. The above was according to the Plateau State Indigenous Youths who spoke on May 27, 2024. The number of the uprooted and sacked Christian communities was later found to have increased to more than 215 as of second week of August 2025 and mainly located in Barkin Ladi, Bokkos, Mangu and Riyom parts of the State.
- According to the Advocate report of May 14, 2025, four Benue Christian communities located in Goma, Logo, Ukum and Kwande were ferociously attacked by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen on May 8, 9 and 10, 2025, resulting to killing of 23 persons (likely to have risen to 30).
- According to Daily Post of May 19, 2025, suspected Lakurawa Islamic terror group stormed a local Church on Sunday and abducted several members, numbering not less than 20, during which one of them (Ezekiel Danguma) escaped. The attack took place Zagami village of Danko/Wasagu Local Government Area of Kebbi State.
- According to the Akelicious online of May 25, 2025, a mass burial was held in Taraba State following massacre of defenseless Christians by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in Munya Lalau and Munya Daso in Karim Lamido Local Government Area of the State. The massacre took place in late night of Friday/early hours of Saturday during which between 50 and 70 were slaughtered, out of which 42 bodies were recovered and several others missing. Earlier on Thursday, not less than 57 persons including Christians were slaughtered by Boko Haram in Borno State and on 56 Christians were on April 17 and 18, killed in Ukum and Logo, Benue State

- According to Vanguard Newspaper of June 1, 2025, the National Catholic Diocesan Priests Association in Makurdi, Benue State had raised alarm, disclosing that armed Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen killed more than 50 Christians and destroyed or shut down fifteen Catholic Church parishes within last two weeks of May 2025.
- The Chairman of the Makurdi branch of the Association, Fr. Joseph Beba named the affected communities to include Tse Orbiam, Ahume, Jimba, Nagi-Camp, Aondoama, Yelewata, Abegema-all in Makurdi Diocese.
- According to the Nation Newspaper of June 3, 2025, between 30 and 40 defenseless Christians were massacred by armed Jihadist Herdsmen in Gwer West and Apa Local Government Areas of Benue State, during which many others went missing. Sixteen Christians were confirmed killed in Edikwu (ancestral Igbo Benue community) and Ankpali communities from neighboring Apa County, leaving several killed or abducted or injured. Residents of Tse-Antswam in Gwer West were also attacked around 7pm on Sunday, leaving seventeen dead and others missing or injured.
- According to Diaspora Digital Media of June 4, 2025, 150-200 travelers boarding different private and commercial vehicles numbering more than 12 including cars, buses and luxurious coaches were abducted by armed Jihadist Fulani Bandits at the Katari axis of the Expressway, during which they operated unchallenged for several hours along Abuja-Kaduna Highway. The abducted passengers were mainly Igbo Christians and non-Igbo Christians and few moderate Muslims including women and children screaming and crying calling the name of Jesus Christ to come to their rescue as they were being commandeered into the nearby bushes and forests; after which many of them were feared dead in captivity.
- According to the Truth-Nigeria report of June 6, 2025, among the estimated 70 defenseless Christians massacred in Taraba State between May 23 and 24, 2025 by armed Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen numbering more than 50 on over 30 motorcycles and armed with AK-47s and AK-49s, shouting "Allahu akbar"; were 24 members of the United Methodist Church. The above was according to the Resident Bishop, Ande Emmanuel. It was further reported that the gruesome attack took place between May 23 and 25, 2025 in the communities of Munya Larau, Magami, Dosso, Bunkabu and Ngurore, all in Karim Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State; during which 62 houses and over a dozen churches were razed and reduced to rubble.
- According to the Advocate online of June 12, 2025, the Agwa Central Union, comprising all the Agwa Autonomous Communities located in Oguta Local Government Area of Imo State have cried out over incessant attacks including reckless and indiscriminate killings, banditry and kidnappings in their area by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and allied others. Leaders of the affected communities cried out in a petition submitted to the Imo State Commissioner of Police, CP Aboki Danguma, during which they cited a June 4, 2025 attack by the Jihadists, killing dozens and injuring and abducting several others. The leaders of the affected communities also disclosed that between beginning of January and first week of June 2025, the area had lost not less than 100 to Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen attacks.

- According to the Truth-Nigeria report of June 14, 2025, (Nigerian security forces-protected) Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in their large numbers and armed with AK-47s and AK-49s on June 13 and 14, 2025 carried out one of the most bloody massacre of Benue Christians in recent years when they engaged in coordinated attacks, leading to massacre of over 200 defenseless Benue Christians in Yelewata part of the State and its environs. The casualty figures in the overnight coordinated and unchallenged attacks have been updated to as much as 280. In the earlier attacks that took place in Aondaona on May 25, 2025, not less than 30 were killed and in another attack on June 12, 2025 in Akundu-Tyuagh in Makurdi, 15 defenseless Christians were killed.
- According to Sahara-Reporters of June 20, 2025, armed Herdsmen attacked Wannune community in Tarka Local Government Area of Benue State, killing scores (estimated ten defenseless Christians) and burned down houses on Friday night.
- According to the Advocate report of June 20, 2025, Fulani Jihadists struck along Otukpo-Otukpa Federal Road on Sunday evening and abducted a fully loaded commercial bus and too all the 18 passengers into the nearby bush, with no further traces of their whereabouts till date. The attack took place at Eke-Okpokwu, one of the ancestral Benue Igbo communities located in the same Okpokwu Local Government Area of Benue State.
- According to ACIAfrica, a respected Catholic journal, dated June 23, 2025, nine parishioners were abducted and two killed by Jihadist Fulani Bandits in Katsina State. The attack took place at Saint Joseph Gidan Namone Parish in Katsina State. The Parish Priest, Father Stephen Shidi further disclosed that the area has faced Islamic siege and banditry since 2020 leading to several parishioners and other Christians being abducted or killed.
- According to Vanguard Newspaper's Special Feature Report of June 25, 2025, the South-East Governors have been tasked to rise to the occasion by effectively tackling the resurgence and rising wave of insecurity across the South-East Region posed by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen who have infiltrated the Region's forests, bushes and farmlands and other armed non-State actors including armed counterfeit Biafra agitators deployed to several forests and bushes across the South-East since Dec 2021; no thanks to the former Government of Buhari and conspiratorial headship of the South-East Governors Forum. The Special Feature Report named some flashpoints to include boundaries between Enugu, Anambra, Imo and Abia States including Orumba South, Umunneochi, Okigwe and Isiukwuato. Other flashpoints named were boundaries between Enugu, Anambra, Kogi and Benue; between Abia, Imo and Rivers such as Ukwu East and Ukwu West. Others named were Mgbakwu, Awka South, Awka North, Ogbuka, Ogbaru/Asaba River Niger Island, Oyi, Dunukofia, Nnanka, Isekke, Ogbuka, Umunze, Agwa, Oguta, Owerri North, Owerri West and Owerri Municipal.

They also included Orlu, Oru East, Oru West, Orsu, Isiuzor, Uzo-Uwani, Oji River, Nsukka and Udeni. According to the Special Report: “just last week (June 20, 2025), Fulani Jihadists attacked and killed not less than ten rural Christians at Aguamede community in Eha-Amufu after they invaded the farming community of Ikpakpara in Aguamede in the early hours of the fateful day, killing the not less than ten persons with machetes and other bladed weapons and automatic rifles”.

- According to the News Express report of June 25, 2025, the Apex Igbo Socio-Cultural Organization, Ohanaeze Ndigbo, issued a stern warning to the South-East Governors, threatening to hold them responsible if the perpetrators of the June 13-14, 2025 Benue massacre are not checkmated or allowed access into Igbo Land. The Apex Igbo body also highlighted the danger posed by the Jihadists and Terrorists, stating that credible reports available to them clearly indicated that these armed jihadists have successfully infiltrated the South-East in significant numbers, placing Igbo communities under potential siege; and that the residents of Ebonyi, Enugu and Anambra have expressed profound concern over the increasing, clandestine nighttime movements of these militants crossing into South-East territories unchecked and unchallenged from Benue and Kogi States.
- According to the Catholic World Report of July 6, 2025, 14 Christian women traveling in a bus were abducted by Jihadists on May 28, 2025 at Otukpa, near Benue and forced into the nearby forest with no traces till date.
- According to a recent report by the International Christian Concern (ICC), more than 300 Christians were killed in Nigeria in the first quarter of 2025 and dozens of others abducted.
- The Sahara-Reporters of July 7, 2025 reported that Enugu Community of Agu-Umuabor in Eha-Amufu is facing isolation and intensive threats following deplorable road network linking the Community, thereby exposing the community to Herdsmen’s continued or intensified attacks including kidnappings, killings and abductions. The farming community located in Eha-Amufu in Isiuzor County of Enugu State had experienced abduction, killing and disappearance of dozens of their indigenes in the hands of Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen since the beginning of 2025 or in the past seven months and ten days.
- According to the Nation Newspaper of July 8, 2025, the people of Umuigbo-Amurri in Nkanu West of Enugu State have strongly protested against takeover of their ancestral farmland settlements by suspected agents of the State Government for suspected “Fulani Cattle Ranching Settlement Program” being promoted and funded by Federal Government. The Community stated this and frowned at attempts by suspected agents of the Government of Enugu State to take over their ancestral farmlands.

The Community further explained how they were approached by the Government of the State to cede large portion of their land for the State Government's "Smart Farm Industrial Settlement", after which the Community ceded over 1000 hectares and handed them over to the State Government, on condition that "it will curb the menace of the Fulani Herders and that the ceded lands must not be handed over to them now or in future under whatever disguise and that the Government of Enugu State must restrict itself to the length and width of the lands given." The Community however expressed shock that the State Government recently crossed redline by encroaching..... into residential areas and other parts not given.

- According to the Truth-Nigeria report of July 14, 2025, Fulani Terrorists launched back-to-back attacks on churches and farmers in Southern Kaduna, killing more than five worshippers and abducting four Christian farmers at their farms in two separate attacks on Kampani-Moro village in Kajuru, Kaduna State. The Jihadists, numbering more than 20 and operated on motorcycles and armed with AK-47s, during which Christian Citizens Victor Haruna, Dogara Jatau, Bawu John and Jesse Danlami were slayed. The four abducted farmers were identified as: Andrew Hussaini, Roland Namji, Zebena Manager and Rabi Joseph. The attack took place on July 10, 2025 at Kampani-Moro village. The Christian communities in Southern Kaduna including Kajuru were also placed under ban by the Government of Kaduna State and warned since Dec 2024 not to speak to the media on attacks by Jihadist Herdsmen and allied others. The above was according to a Christian village head, Taminu Abbah. Southern Kaduna is also likely to have lost more than 500 indigenous Christians and abduction of not less than 1000 others since late December 2024.
- According to the Truth-Nigeria report of July 15, 2025, Fulani Jihadists shot and slashed the throats of no fewer than 27 (likely to have risen to 35) defenseless Christians including a 3-Year-Old in the village of Bindi in Riyom County of Plateau State. Over 27 bodies were recovered and retrieved. The coordinated attacks took place before 3.am of July 15, 2025, out of which Pastor Devou Musa of the Church of Christians in Nations (COCIN) lost nine family members. The Fulani Jihadists had struck by setting all the building on fire, burning everything inside. Riyom is also reported to have lost more than 70 persons in two months alone.
- According to Eastern Herald report of July 18, 2025, "the Oganiru Ndigbo", a new think tank non-partisan Igbo interest Group, issued a statement on July 17, 2025, calling on South-East Governors to swiftly act against rising "insecurity and herders' destructiveness in the South-East". The statement was signed by eleven leading human rights activists and academics from the South-East.
- According to the Truth-Nigeria report of July 21, 2025, more than 50 defenseless Christians were massacred in four communities in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State. The report quoted Barr Frank Utoo, a researcher at Oklahoma University in the United States and a native of Yelewata.

According to him, the victims were gruesomely murdered in Yelewata, Udei Ukohol and Daudu and they included pregnant women whose fetuses were also removed and mutilated by the Jihadists. According to Barr Utoo, Jihadist Herdsmen had between June 15 and July 10, or in 21 days, killed more than 50 Christians in the named communities of Yelewata and environs; bringing the total of those killed in Benue between June 13 and July 13 to not less than 330 including not less than 280 massacred on June 13-14 and over 50 others between June 15 and July 10, 2025. Barr Utoo also revealed that he lost 80 friends and relatives including 30 relatives and 50 friends.

- According to the Truth-Nigeria report of July 25, 2025, more than 14 (likely to have risen to 20) defenseless Christians were killed by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in the South of Jos in Plateau State. The deadly attack took place around 6pm in Chirang village of Mangor in Bokkos County of Plateau State.

- **“How killer-herdsmen spread to Niger Delta, hijacked Edo forests”**

They operated mainly on the federal highways and then built some camps in the bushes. Gradually, they have taken over the forests in the three senatorial districts of Edo State. In the Edo South senatorial district, home to seven of the 18 local government areas that comprise the state, the most notorious area for kidnapping had been the Benin – Auchi – Okenne Road until the previous government of Godwin Obaseki pushed them out, and they started operating from the interior forests, close to the communities. The forest at Ahor by the bypass that takes road users to the Ugbowo axis of the Benin–Lagos Road has been one of the hottest spots in the area for kidnapping. Many lives have been lost in this axis, and the security agencies rescued quite a number.

It is a large forest spanning several kilometers. Ovia Forests and Ogbemudia Farms, near the Okada Wonderland, along the Benin–Lagos Road, are notorious for kidnapping. The abandoned Benin–Abaraka Road and the vast farmlands in the Orhionmwon local government area are not left out of kidnappings and killings. Farmers in the affected communities have abandoned their farms and relocated to other cities with their family members. Along the Benin – Auchi – Okenne Road, hostage takers have taken over the Ugha, Igieduma, and Iruiekpen communities and their forests. In the Edo Central senatorial district, the forests before Iruiekpen, Ewato-Ewohimi Road, and Igbanke-Ekpon, off Agbor Road, are Fulani kidnappers’ strongholds. The woodland areas along Igueben Road from Uromi are another flashpoint, and the kidnappers have turned the large forest between Ewohimi and Onicha-Ugbo in Delta State into a danger zone. In the Edo North senatorial district, the forest by Eghono in the Etsako West local government area, all along the Benin – Okenne – Lokoja Road, is a fortress for kidnappers. The same applies to the forestry in Okpella, a boundary town between Edo and Kogi States. Auchi–Warrake–Iruiekpen Road, the Uzebba axis along Ifon–Sobe Road, a boundary area between Edo and Ondo States, and the grassland along the Ekperi –Anegbette Road in the Etsako Central local government area. Speaking on the forests that killer-herdsmen had commandeered in the Akoko-Edo local government area, which shares boundaries with Ondo and Kogi States, a vigilante group leader said, “It is a terrible situation here.

These criminal herders have mastered the forests in Aiyegunle, Eshawa, Imoga, Lampese, and Ogori in Kogi State.” “They move around these forests, so if you find them in one today, the next day, they will move to another location. There is a forest after Ojirami by Dagbala; they are there, and they are in the forest that takes you from Ojirami to Uneme-Erhurun. “We also find these kidnappers in the forests in Enwan, Akuku, and then the old NEPA office in Igarra. There is a hill surrounded by bushes, which used to be a cattle ranch, but they have taken over the place. “There is a forest behind the Glo mast, near Sasaro, along the express road; they are there. They are in the Sasaro forest, Ogbe, Ogugu Hill, behind Geoworks, and on a hill close to the Gloryland Secondary School, along Okpe Road. “Remember, these forests are also our people’s farmland, so farming deep into the forests is at its lowest ebb because of the activities of these criminal herdsman. We need vehicles; we require motivation for our men to comb these places,” he said.

How abduction became rampant in Esan land—Prince Olumese

“Uromi has always been peaceful. I do not know if other towns in Edo State welcome visitors like Uromi. We coexist as brothers and sisters, and there have not been all these things that we see now, like kidnapping and killings. The highest you would see was maybe cult-related killings and fighting, but acts of terrorism and kidnapping were not here before now. “Kidnapping usually occurred on the highways from Benin City to Ekpoma and downward. It was predominant then, around the period that Comrade Adams Oshiomhole was governor, and then when Godwin Obaseki took over as governor of the state. “It used to be on the express road, but when Obaseki the kidnapping on the highway reduced. “But because some of the culprits were not apprehended, they migrated into the suburbs around the highway. Uromi, Ekpoma, Irrua, Igueben, and other places with forests around them became targets. This is when the latest kidnapping started,” he said. **Credit: Vanguard Newspaper of April 12, 2025: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2025/04/how-killer-herdsmen-spread-to-niger-delta-hijacked-edo-forests/>. Related reference: “Herdsman, Time to Ban Open Grazing”: <https://punchng.com/herdsmen-killings-time-to-ban-open-grazing/>**

About 700 Killed In Edo And Delta And 550 Abducted By Fulani Jihadists Since Jan

Findings from the above strongly indicated that between January and March 2025, not less than 200 Edo Christian-Farmers including women, children and men were slaughtered by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and 150 others abducted, with not less than 20 feared killed in captivity, out of which Auchu, Uromi and their environs accounted for greater number of the killings, abductions and disappearances.

That is to say that Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and their allies had between January and first week of August 2025 accounted for the death of estimated 500 Edo and non Edo Christians particularly farmers and travelers from the South-East; during which estimated 400 others were abducted and 40 or 10% feared killed in captivity either due to their inability to pay ransoms demanded or killed after such ransoms have timely been paid or belatedly paid.

The Jihadist Fulani kidnappings, killings and disappearances also hit neighboring Delta State during the period, resulting in the killing of estimated 200 and abduction of 150 Delta and non-Delta Christian farmers and travelers including travelers from the South-East. It is further found that such kidnappings, abductions, killings and disappearances by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in Edo forests rose to intolerable and maddening stage, with clear complicity and crass incompetence of the deployed security forces particularly the military; forcing some angered Edo youths and vigilantes in Uromi and Auchu axis to mobilize in rare and acutely disproportionate revenge in early April that led to ambush and killing of about sixteen suspected Fulani Jihadists in Uromi, which Federal Government swiftly labeled “Northern hunters”, with a threat to raze all the communities in the affected Uromi area; a clear confirmation of brazen partisanship and state cover to Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen genocidal activities across Nigeria

- According to News Express report of July 25, 2025, the **Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria has given reasons for Plateau killings, and vowed that the killings and attacks will continue.** The group declared that the incessant attacks and killings targeting defenseless Christians and their properties in Plateau would continue due to the injustice Herders face in the State. National Secretary of MACABAN, Bello Gotomo, made the assertion after the association’s National Executive Council meeting in Abuja. Gotomo said “instances where Fulani herdsmen are attacked and their cows rustled or killed by natives, and nothing is done by security agencies, automatically force the herders to seek justice in their own way, by attacking the communities where they were wronged. He added that the Fulani are peace-loving people, who have been living with Plateau natives in peace and harmony for years before criminals began stealing their cows and killing them. Credit: <https://www.newsexpressngr.com/news/269667/miyetti-allah-gives-reasons-for-plateau-killings-reveals-why-attacks-will-continue>. The above is a clear statement of fact and admission of culpability, yet leaders of the group still walk freely and their group remains un-proscribed and registered contrary to the country’s extant criminal laws including Terrorism and Terrorism Financing Acts of the Federation 2013.
- According to Sahara-Reporters of July 14, 2025, titled: **Diaspora Igbo Group Calls on South-East Communities to Defend Themselves against Terror Attacks**, The group in an open letter to the people of the South-East on Monday warned that the escalating violence demands urgent and pragmatic community-led intervention, and called for community self-defense. The group is made up of concerned Igbo professionals in the diaspora under the umbrella of the Concerned Citizens of Igbo Nation in Diaspora (CCIND), has decried the deteriorating state of security in the South-East region of Nigeria. The group in an open letter to the people of the South-East on Monday warned that the escalating violence demands urgent and pragmatic community-led intervention, and called for community self-defense.

- In the letter signed by its spokesperson, Emeka Livingstone, the group described a surge in deadly attacks across the five States of the South-East including Ebonyi, Enugu, Anambra, Imo, and Abia States as a worrisome case of “recurrent terror, unchecked carnage, and widespread fear.” The group said, “In recent weeks, certain adverse events that have surged in Igboland - from Ebonyi, Enugu, and Anambra to Imo and Abia states, call for serious concern from all well-meaning sons and daughters of Ndigbo. “The security situation has deteriorated to a significant loss of lives and properties in the Southeast, and this is very worrisome. It said: “in the month of June 2025 alone, terrorists deceptively labeled as herdsmen and bandits struck yet again in a vicious attack in Agwa and several other communities in Oguta local government area of Imo State, leaving many dead and critically injured - including a pregnant woman. “The innocent victims were in their homes and farms when these heavily armed herdsmen terrorists invaded their communities in the evening of the first day of June 2025, killed a United States-based returnee, and abducted his wife in Umuguma, Owerri West local government area, Imo State. “The group also cited two deadly herdsmen attacks in Enugu State’s Eha-Amufu community in Isi-Uzo Local Government Area, including the June 9 killings in Mgbuji Autonomous Community. The group noted that some days later, on June 12, armed kidnapers reportedly abducted all passengers of a commercial vehicle traveling along Umuahia-Akara Road in Abia State.

According to the group’s open letter to the South-East Governors: “It is very worrisome that these terrorists always get away with their heinous crimes in Igboland,” the group lamented, expressing frustration at what it described as the Nigerian government’s failure to protect lives and properties in the region. According to the group: “While initial tensions centered on separatist agitations and State crackdowns, the region has more recently seen a proliferation of attacks by suspected herdsmen, bandits, and unidentified gunmen, leading to deaths, kidnappings, and mass displacement of villagers. Communities like Eha-Amufu and parts of Imo and Ebonyi states have become hotspots for brutal incursions. Security analysts have described the situation as “a multi-layered crisis,” combining ethnic tensions, religious extremism, banditry, and political neglect. Local authorities have been accused of offering an insufficient response or appearing indifferent, with vigilante groups in many areas becoming the de facto defense mechanism for residents. CCIND strongly criticized political leaders from the region, both serving and past, for “doing nothing to stem the worsening insecurity.” The group accused them of either being mute out of fear of losing political favour or actively undermining grassroots efforts at self-defense. “It is horrifying to realize that what started as a provocation from a group that questioned the validity of western life and education; that presented itself as Boko Haram, ISWAP, Ansarudeen, Lakurawa and other jihadists, has snowballed into a national security crisis that has gone largely unchecked,” the letter stated, referencing the early origins of jihadist groups in the North-East and their apparent expansion. The group stated that the insecurity in the South-East “highlights the fact that there is a deliberate plot to disquiet the Southeast.”

- According to Sahara-Reporters of August 4, 2025, **Abducted Nigerian Law School Students Pay N10million Each For Release, Say 'Police Lied About Rescuing Us'**. Nigerian Law School student, David Obiora from Anambra State, who was abducted by a group of terror jihadists on his way to Yola Campus, has narrated a harrowing account of beatings, starvation, and community-aided captivity. Obiora also debunked the Nigerian police claims that the operatives rescued him and five other students from kidnappers in Benue State. In an exclusive interview, Obiora, who hails from Anambra State, said he and others were kidnapped on July 26 along Zakibiam-Wukari Expressway after boarding an Al Dampulo Company Transport Limited vehicle from Onitsha en route to Yola. “The road was blocked with sticks and tables. The driver tried to escape by turning, but the vehicle got stuck inside the bush. That was how the kidnappers caught us,” Obiora said. We paid N10 million each to be released,” he said, adding that they spent five gruesome days in the kidnappers’ den — from Saturday, July 26, to Wednesday, July 31. Contrary to the narrative pushed by the police that they were rescued, Obiora insisted that the security operatives played no role in their freedom.
- According to the Punch Newspaper of Friday, August 6, 2025, “Anambra newlywed woman, trader still in captivity – Freed Law school student. Two passengers, including a newlywed bride and a trader, who were travelling in the same bus with the six abducted Nigerian Law school students, are still in captivity, *PUNCH Metro* learnt on Tuesday. The victims were among 11 passengers—including the driver—who left Anambra State en route to Yola, Adamawa State, and Cameroon when gunmen abducted them along the Benue-Taraba border. While the six Nigerian law school students and four other passengers were freed after reportedly paying a ransom of N10m each, the two remaining victims – a newlywed woman identified as Mmesoma from Umunya and a trader known only as Chimezie from Umudioka – are still being held by the kidnappers. In an interview with *PUNCH Metro* on Tuesday, David Obiorah, one of the freed law school students, confirmed that the two victims were still in captivity. Obiorah said, “The girl just got married this January. She was travelling to meet her husband in Cameroon. “Chimezie is a trader from Anambra, also heading to Cameroon. We’re appealing to the public and the government not to abandon them. They also deserve to be rescued.” Obiorah contested the claim, insisting that the students were released only after the ransom was paid, and questioned why two passengers were left behind. He said, “The police claimed they rescued us, but a male and a female are still in the hands of the kidnappers. “Is the Nigeria Police selective in rescuing Nigerians? Will you rescue a few and abandon others? “The names of those still being held are Chimezie from Umudioka and Mmesom from Umunya. They were with us in the same bus when we were abducted.” Recounting their ordeal, Obiorah said all hostages who were kept together in a hut were released at the same time, except the two still being held. He explained, “Everyone who was kept in the hut with us was freed—except Mmesom and Chimezie. Mmesom said she was a student of Anambra State University and that she got married in January.

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“She was travelling to reunite with her husband in Cameroon. Chimezie told us he is a trader, also on his way to Cameroon.” Credit: <https://punchng.com/anambra-newlywed-woman-trader-still-in-captivity-freed-law-school-student/?amp=>

- For more details on Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen unchecked incursion into Igbo Land South-East and dangerous involvement of the South-East Governors in the plots to invade, conquer, occupy and Islamize Igbo Land and patterns and trends thereto, see the two links below for two recent research and investigative Reports: “An Alarm Over Attacks On Religious Freedom In The South-East And Complicity Of The Region’s Five Christian Governors. Credit: <https://intersociety-ng.org/persecution-of-christians-and-traditional-worshippers-is-enveloping-southeast-nigeria-enugu-anambra-imo-and-ebonyi-govs-indicted-for-complicity-and-complacency-in-religious-violence-and-attacks-on/>”. See the link below for our Research and Investigation on How “Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and Allied Others Saturated or Threatened about 950 Igbo Land Locations Across 770-800 South-East Igbo Communities in order to conquer and Islamize(<https://intersociety-ng.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Investigative-Report.pdf>)”.
- In an “INCIDENT REPORT”, dated August 3, 2025, a tragic incident occurred on Saturday during which Fulani Jihadists brutally killed a Christian and mother, Mlumun Igbawua, and her son, Benjamin Igbawua, in Ngban settlement in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State, while they were working on their rice farm. The attackers also abducted and severely tortured another woman (discovered to be Benjamin's Wife), who was later rescued with serious injuries to her back. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident, as Ngban Community has been plagued by recurring violence, with many homes destroyed in recent months. Benjamin's father had also been killed by Fulani Jihadists in May, 2025 while farming on the same land. In a positive turn, Benjamin's wife, who went missing during the attack, was found alive after being subjected to severe torture and has been reunited with her family.
- According to the Sahara-Reporters of August 5, 2025, Herdsmen Killed Nine Persons (likely to have risen to 20) In Fresh Attacks on Benue Communities, killing at least nine people, including a police officer in a series of coordinated attacks by suspected armed herders in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State. The deadly assaults, said to have started on Friday (1/8/2025) and continued through Tuesday (5/8/2025), targeted four different communities in the troubled local government area.

Residents identified the affected villages to include Okwutanobe, Okpokpolo, Olegagbani, and Ikpele. Local sources alleged that the attackers often crossed into Benue from neighbouring Kogi State to carry out raids before retreating. A resident, who identified himself simply as Odenyi, was quoted as saying,

“The attacks started last Friday at Okwutanobe where two people were killed. “On Saturday, they attacked Okpokpolo and killed one person. On Monday, the armed herders invaded Olegagbani and killed one person. “Today (Tuesday), they attacked Ikpele, where they killed one police officer and four people.” The Chairman of the Agatu Local Government Area, James Melvin, who also confirmed the killings, stated that a total of nine lives were lost across the four communities within the space of three days. “It’s true. I can confirm to you that four people were killed in Okwutanobe, Okpokpolo and Olegagbani, while five people, including a police officer, were killed in Ikpele today,” Melvin was quoted as saying.

- According to the Truth-Nigeria report of August 8, 2025, titled: **“Terrorists Set Up Camps Along Plateau-Nasarawa Border: Town Leaders”**; in the Christian Middle Belt region, civilian residents endure daily assaults by militants who have reportedly seized control of dozens of communities and established camps, according to town leaders. Monitoring groups report that more than 500 Christians have been killed across central Nigeria (Benue and Plateau) since a Father’s Day (June 13-14, 2025) attack left more than 200 (280) Christian refugees dead in the town of Yelewata in Benue State.

The latest violence in Plateau State has targeted a farming area near the border with Nasarawa State, where terrorists seeking to overrun vast areas have established camps, according to tribal lawyer Farmasum Fuddang. TruthNigeria learned that at least five residents, including a pastor, have been killed between August 4th and 7th in a group of villages known as Mushere. It is the latest in a series of ongoing assaults displacing thousands in the Bokkos County (Local Government Area), Fuddang wrote in a press statement. More than ten [local] villages have been completely deserted, with terrorists looting and demolishing homes and food storage facilities,” Fuddang wrote. “Across the [Mushere] district, crops including corn, potatoes, and sugar cane nearing harvest have been destroyed across thousands of acres.” Fuddang, who serves as the Chairman of the Bokkos Cultural Development Forum (BCDF) Vanguard, fears the militants are preparing to occupy these areas in the coming months. “The strategy apparently is to keep pounding the surviving communities until they are completely annihilated or they get tired and flee, enabling them to take over,” he wrote, noting that more than 100 people have been killed in ongoing assaults in the Bokkos county since April alone. The farming county known for potato production, borders Mangu, Barkin Ladi, Riyom, and Quanpan counties. In recent years, it has been a center of sustained violence by Fulani-speaking militants, including a six-day village-burning during the Christmas season two years ago. “Despite this, the world continues to overlook the imminent threat of annihilation faced by the remaining residents of Bokkos, whose presence at the border between Plateau State and Nasarawa State is the only barrier preventing terrorists from the Northwest and Northeast from overrunning Plateau State,” Fuddang wrote.

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The latest violence took place between August 4 and 7, leaving five people, including a pastor, dead and a COCIN church destroyed in the southern part of Bokkos, TruthNigeria learned. According to a local youth leader, Kopmut Monday Shadrach, the attacks in a group of villages known as Mushere started in the early hours of August 4, targeting returning residents who had been previously displaced by terrorists. “In the early hours of Monday, August 4, 2025, a troop of armed Fulani terrorists launched a brutal invasion on the peace-loving villages of Kopmur and Mbor at about 1 a.m.,” Shadrach [told reporters](#) in Jos. “The attackers unleashed unprovoked violence, leaving scores of villagers grievously injured, while Mrs. Rifkatu Ayuba tragically lost her life amidst the chaos.” Shadrach, the President of the Mushere Youth Movement, said the assailants continued their campaign the next day, August 5, targeting Margif Community. “There, they burned homes; raped women, destroyed cultivated farmlands, and launched a frenzied attack on innocent civilians. Approximately 12 individuals, including women and children, sustained varying degrees of gunshot and machete wounds as they fled for their lives,” he said, noting four additional fatalities including a Pastor were recorded as the attacks escalated the following two days.

“On Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at about 4:30 pm, the terrorists escalated their atrocities by invading Ndimar Community in Ik’ngwakap, the very heart and headquarters of Mushere Chiefdom. This daylight assault left numerous villagers dead and saw the COCIN Church (Church of Christ in Nations), alongside several homes, set ablaze,” he said. Shadrach alleged that soldiers of Operation Safe Haven, a joint military task force located in the immediate vicinity failed to respond to distress calls. “These heinous acts occurred a few meters away from a military checkpoint at Horop Community, yet no intervention were made by the security personnel stationed there. The attackers were neither apprehended nor neutralized, casting a dark shadow of doubt over the efficacy and willingness of security forces to protect our people,” he said. A witness, Kasuwa Paje, who was among a group of 10 to 15 civilian guards defending the area with homemade single-shot pipe guns, recounted being overwhelmed by dozens of terrorists armed with assault rifles. “Those who invaded my house alone were more than 20,” Paje told TruthNigeria. “They shot me in the back and in the leg as I tried to escape, leaving me for dead,” he said. Paje was rescued by his friends’ minutes after the militants retreated. Fuddang claims that several communities have already been seized and turned into no-go zones for Christian natives, with abandoned homes belonging to the Berom, Mwangavul, and Ron ethnic groups now occupied without modification. He said government authorities have witnessed this land grab and ethnic displacement but seem to ignore it. Credit: <https://truthnigeria.com/2025/08/terrorists-set-up-camps-along-plateau-nasarawa-border-town-leaders/>

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- According to the Guardian Newspaper report of August 8, 2025, titled: “Gunmen Abduct 9 Passengers in Kogi, As Driver, 6 Others Escape”, Unknown gunmen (or Jihadist Fulani Bandits) have reportedly abducted 9 passengers at Ogbabo junction along the Itobe-Anyigba road, while the driver and six passengers miraculously escaped the abduction. The Guardian learnt that the incident occurred Friday evening (8/8/2025) at about 4:20 p.m. near Ogbabo Junction in Ofu Local Government of Kogi State. It was learnt that the gunmen, who were laying an ambush at the location, suddenly burst onto the expressway when they noticed a Hummer bus loaded with (Igbo Land) passengers approaching. The gunmen forced the bus to a halt and started firing guns to scare the passengers, who were travelling in a Peace Mass Transit suspected to be heading towards the East. However, the driver of the bus, named Mr. Sunday Okechi, outsmarted the gunmen and escaped into the bush along with six passengers. But the nine other passengers were not that lucky, as they were marched into the surrounding bushes (and are likely to be killed in captivity). The scene of the abduction was just some 300 meters to the next military checkpoint along the Ogbabo-Ochadamu road.

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