

**Collected Data On Religious Killings, Abductions, Disappearances, Sexual Slavery, Forced Conversion To Islam And Widespread Destruction Of Churches In Nigeria By Islamic Jihadists And Their State-Actor Aiders And Abettors-Covering April-June 2026: 64-Pages (<https://intersociety-ng.org>)**

- **217 Churches Destroyed And 98,000 Forced To Flee Since Sept 2025 In Wukari-Taraba:** According to the Communique issued by the Catholic Diocese of Wukari in Northern Taraba State, reported by the People’s Gazette of May 9, 2026, and titled: **“98,000 displaced, 217 churches destroyed in Northern Taraba attacks since Sept 2025: Wukari Catholic Diocese”**. The Catholic Diocese of Wukari, Taraba, says 98,000 persons have been displaced, and 217 churches destroyed by lingering attacks in the State. The diocese disclosed this in a communique issued at the end of its third general assembly on Saturday in Wukari. The communique, signed by Bishop Mark Nzukwein of the diocese, stated that the displaced persons were particularly scattered around the Donga and Takum Local Government Areas (LGAs). **“From September 2025, there has been a resurgence of attacks by criminals (Fulani Jihadists) on communities in the southern part of Taraba, especially in Takum, Donga LGAs and the Yangtu Special Development Area. “These attacks have left scores killed, maimed and injured, with property worth millions of naira and means of livelihood destroyed. “The records of the diocese show that over 98,000 persons have been displaced, including 16 priests, while 217 churches have been completely destroyed. “Residences of eight priests have also been destroyed, and more than 100 persons have been reportedly killed,”** Link: <https://gazettengr.com/98000-displaced-217-churches-destroyed-in-taraba-attacks-catholic-diocese/>
- **70 EYN Churches Destroyed Or Displaced In Two Years (2024-2025):** According to Daily Post of March 26, 2026, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, identified in Hausa as Ekklesiyar ‘Yan’Uwa A Nigeria (EYN), says it is the denomination worst hit by Boko Haram attacks. This is the second time the Northeast-based church group will be proclaiming its vulnerability to violence instigated majorly by insurgents or terrorist groups. The EYN, with headquarters in Adamawa State, has most of its branches in the North East, particularly in Adamawa and neighboring southern Borno, the epicenter of persisting Boko Haram insurgency. President of the EYN, Rev Daniel Mbaya, presenting his speech during a session of ongoing General Church Council meeting of the EYN in Kwarhi, disclosed that **figures of church branches recorded last year and the year before, showed worsening losses for the church. “At the end of 2025, we had 70 local church councils (branch churches) displaced,”** he said, adding, **“The number had increased from below 40 as at 2024.”** Link: <https://dailypost.ng/2026/03/26/were-worst-hit-church-by-insurgents-70-branches-displaced-eyn/>

- Church of the Brethren in Nigeria (EYN) Lost Over 21,000 Members to Jihadists Since 2009 (Gwoza is the text book case of Nigerian Christian genocide-Dr. Bitrus Pogu of Middle-Belt Forum):** According to US-based International Human Rights Lawyer, Barrister Emmanuel Ogebe, in his latest statement, dated May 20, 2026, the fiery and respected lawyer revealed as follows: “in 2015, I testified in Congress providing data of 10,000 members of the Church of the Brethren (EYN) slaughtered in northern Nigeria - the largest fatality of any single church in contemporary Christendom - earning the ire of both Gen Buhari and Obama’s administration for my advocacy. Last year (2025), I reached out for updated figures. It’s now over 20,000 killed by jihadists - in one church!”. Independent findings have put the figures to no fewer than 21,000 Christian member-deaths as at June 2026. In April, I got this proof of survival text response, “On Friday evening...Our neighbor went to clear her farm with her four children on a motorcycle unfortunately she clashed with the Boko Haram people and they killed her 3 children and she pleaded for them to leave the 15-year-old boy but they told her that they don’t kill women but if she stop them from killing the boy then they will kill the both of them. Unfortunately, they shot him on the head.

They entered town and went to a football field and killed boys playing match and burnt so many motorcycles on the field from there they entered church EYN (COB) Guyaku and burnt it down with two men inside...That night I, my mom, elder brother and junior brother slept on the mountain but they kept on shooting bullet towards the mountain. It was traumatizing because we’ve gone through this experience and we actually gave up that day thinking we will be killed but thank God we escaped. We came back home the following morning and 38 people were killed - 37 men and 1 lady - which they said any lady that died is a missing bullet because they are not there to kill women only men.” Debbie is a university student whose pastor dad was beheaded by terrorists in a famous video in January 2021. Five years later, his family is still running... I just got this distress message in May: “...yesterday, while we were at a burial ground we suddenly heard gunshots and everyone had to run for safety before some people later returned to complete the burial. Dad the fear is too much. For the past three days we have been sleeping in the bush because it is not safe at home. Please help me so I can travel to Maiduguri and stay at my aunt’s house where it is safer.” This is from a Chibok girl who escaped after the mass abduction of 2014. She returned home from university last week and then they were attacked again. She’s been running for 12 years...

Since 2012 to May 2026, Chibok has been attacked 131 times with 4332 killed and 91 of her 275 abducted classmates still missing. This May (2026), 51 children as little as 2yrs old were abducted. Less than half a dozen of them were born at the time of the original 2014 Chibok school mass abduction. 50% of Chibok community has been displaced. Even though the Chibok schoolgirls we relocated to US are safe here, many have families displaced or killed in continuing terrorism in Nigeria. And Chibok are the lucky ones.

The neighboring Christian communities of Gwoza have been completely de-Christianized. Over 100,000 are refugees in Cameroun - some for a dozen years now. Out of 176 churches, only about two dozen have not been destroyed. Middle-belt Leader Dr Bitrus Pogu says Gwoza is the textbook case of Nigerian Christian genocide. Boko Haram released a video of the slaughter of 1000 infidels when it proclaimed Gwoza its caliphate seat. When hundreds of refugees returned from Cameroun this year, some were killed and abducted in Ngoshe and Pulka, Borno State. Relatedly, according to the respected Lawyer Emmanuel Ogebe of the U.S. Nigeria Law Group, based in Washington DC, USA, in his statement dated May 16, 2026, quoting a recent report of Stefanos Foundation, findings of the “Post Trump Airstrikes Security Analysis-covering-25th December 2025 - 30th April 2026 (<https://open.substack.com/pub/therisinghope/p/stefanos-foundation-report-post-trump>) that in the period covering 127 days, “there have been: 437 Incidents (Islamic jihadists’ attacks- resulting in 1,720 persons killed, 1,484 persons abducted and 292 persons injured; indicating average of four deaths per day. Since the strike of Dec 25, 2025, the months of February and April 2026 ranked highest in numbers of incidents with 102 and 105 respectively, indicating the build of resilience in terrorist operations. Borno and Kwara States areas ranked highest with 51 and 47 incidents respectively.

According to the report, Militant Muslim Fulani Herdsmen were responsible for 60% of incidents followed by “armed bandits” with 20%, while ISWAP/Boko Haram terrorists were responsible for 15% and others with 5%...a trend of concentrated heavy attacks on military bases in Borno State especially which has led to the dead of scores of troops including 4 highly placed officers. This further intensifies the level of citizens’ vulnerability. The Easter period from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday also witnessed a high number of attacks, specifically validating the much-denied Genocide on Christians in Nigeria.” Based on the foregoing data, Fulani terrorists and bandits account for 80% of the terrorist attacks compared to only 15% Boko Haram and ISWA thus the urgent need for U.S. engagement with the former”.

- **One Christian Killed And Eight Others Abducted In Adamawa Christian Community:** According to various media reports including TG-News of May 8, 2026, one person was killed and eight others believed to be Christians abducted by Fulani Jihadists in Shuwa community in Madagali Local Government of Adamawa State. The incident, which occurred recently in the volatile northern part of Adamawa State, has heightened fears over persistent insecurity in the region...Eyewitnesses reported that armed (Fulani) terrorists stormed the area, killing one resident and whisking away eight others – including possibly women and children – into nearby forests. Link: <https://tgnews.com.ng/outrage-erupts-in-adamawa-residents-protest-in-fintiris-madagali-lga-after-deadly-terror-attack-kills-one-abducts-eight/>

- **1,700 Christian Hostages Held By Fulani Jihadists In Kaduna, Others:** According to a Special Report by Truth-Nigeria of May 5, 2026, titled: “Forest Auschwitz’ Camps holding 1,700 Christian hostages Spread as Kidnappings Surge Across Nigeria’s Middle Belt”, a kidnapping explosion across Benue, Kaduna, Kogi, and Kwara has trapped no fewer than [1,700 Christians](#) in jihadist Fulani militia-run forest camps. Nineteen months of field reporting, community logs, and survivor accounts point to a stark shift: fewer [mass killings](#), but a rapid rise in **organized, ransom-driven abductions**. What has emerged is an **industrial-scale network of forest camps**, complete with armed guards and local collaborators who work to keep the crisis out of public view. Link/source: (<https://truthnigeria.com/2026/05/forest-auschwitz-camps-spread-as-kidnappings-surge-across-nigerias-middle-belt/>).

**Kaduna: 800–1,400 Held in Forest Camps:** In Southern Kaduna alone, TruthNigeria has documented at least 560 abductions over a 20-month span, indicating that an average of 28 persons has been kidnapped each month during this period. During the same 20-month span, there were at least 75 killings during village raids. According to local leaders across five counties interviewed by TruthNigeria, from 800 to 1,400 individuals remain captive in Southern Kaduna camps, including Rijana Forest, Doka, Jan Dutse, and Enugwu. On January 18, 2026, more than [170 worshippers](#) were abducted from Kurmin Wali village, in Kajuru County, during church services.

**Benue: Kidnapping Surges as Militia Opts into Ransom Economy:** Benue State has witnessed a [dramatic surge](#) in kidnapping as Fulani militia tactics evolved. While killings declined from over 2,600 Christians murdered (Jan 2023–Feb 2024) to an estimated 276–376 killed (Sept 2025–April 2026) — abductions have skyrocketed, with organized forest camps now holding hundreds. Verified incidents across just three counties (Otukpo, Ado, Okpokwu) documented 75 kidnappings and 69 killings — representing only one-eighth of Benue’s 23 counties. [Hostage camps](#) now operate in Amla, Efuwegwanokwu, Enimado, Ugbokolo-Okpoga, Apa-Agila, Onahen, and Adoka/Apa/Ankpa forests. A devastating pattern emerged: ransoms paid, victims executed, nonetheless. Terzungwe Shaku’s family paid N5.4 million (\$3,511) — kidnappers executed him five days later. Twenty Catholic medical students vanished August 15, 2024. Seventeen Christian students were seized at Taraku Junction in April 2026. Conservative estimate: 200–300 currently kidnapped and 276–376 murdered statewide. Actual numbers are significantly higher.

**Kwara: Kidnapping Surges 10-Fold as 20,000 Flee:** Kwara State has experienced a staggering surge in kidnappings, with the International Centre for Investigative Journalism documenting more than [177 abductions](#) in the first ten months of 2025 alone — a sharp escalation from relative stability in early 2024. The crisis reached catastrophic levels in

February 2026 when at least **170 people** were slaughtered in Woro and Nuku communities, many with hands bound and throats cut.

Three worshippers died at Christ Apostolic Church in Eruku during a November 2025 evening attack, with the pastor dragged into the forest. At least 20,000 people have fled Kwara State since April 2024, abandoning homes and farmland. In Isanlu Isin, villagers paid N20 million (\$13,300) for two kidnapped sons — only to have four more abducted with another N20 million demanded.

**Kogi: Kidnapping Surges Along Highways, Churches, and Orphanages:** Kogi State has seen a dramatic surge in kidnappings targeting not just rural communities but major highways, worship centers, and even orphanages. In December 2025, armed Fulani militia stormed **First ECWA Church in Aiyetoro**, killing one worshipper and abducting more than 20. In November 2025, six senior Federal Defense Ministry directors were kidnapped along the Kabba-Lokoja highway, with terrorists demanding N150 million ransom. Most alarmingly, 23 children were snatched from a Kogi orphanage — with 8 still missing (Al Jazeera). Highway ambushes, farm kidnappings, and church abductions have deepened what local leaders call a runaway crime crisis. TruthNigeria reporting confirms systematic targeting of Christian worship centers, with attacks deliberately timed to strike congregations during services.

- **11 Christians Killed In Plateau:** According to Morning Star News of the Christian Daily International of May 6, 2026, **Fulani Assailants Kill 11 Christians in Plateau State, Nigeria during raids** in three villages in Barkin Ladi County. On Sunday (May 3), Fulanis killed five Christians in Fan village, Barkin Ladi County, at about 9 p.m., said resident Bot James. “The victims were ambushed and attacked as they were returning to their houses from their businesses within the area.” In Barkin Ladi’s predominantly Christian Kassa village, two Christians were reportedly killed on April 27; one was identified as Gyang Choji Kim. On April 19 in predominantly Christian Hurum village, also in Barkin Ladi, four Christians were slain and five others wounded, said resident Florence Yohanna.
- **Five Christians Killed In Benue’s Agatu And Gwer West Counties:** According to the Truth-Nigeria report of May 4, 2026, **Five Christian Residents of Central Nigeria Benue State were ambushed and killed by armed Fulani jihadists** on Sunday, May 3, 2026 (<https://truthnigeria.com/2026/05/five-christians-killed-in-coordinated-attacks-across-nigerias-benue-state/>). The killing occurred across Agatu and Gwer West Counties (local government areas). According to local authorities and witnesses, four young men **were ambushed** and killed around 7:30 a.m. along the Odugbeho–Aila road in Agatu County. The victims, identified as Ochefije Elijah Ojema, Igojuju Husaini, Odiya Ochowehi and Ochoyoda Adejo, were reportedly traveling to a nearby market when they were attacked by armed assailants.

- **ISWAP Killed 12 Christians In Adamawa Christian Community:** According to the Barnabas Aid, quoted by Christian Post of May 4, 2026, At least 12 Christians were killed when militants from the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) attacked a Christian village in Adamawa State, Nigeria. The terrorists raided the village of Kubako on April 21, killing victims they described as “Christian combatants” — a term reportedly used for those who refuse to convert or submit to Islamic rule. During the attack, a church building was burned, further devastating the Christian community. On the same day (April 21), an Anglican church minister (priest), Reverend Emmanuel Ezeokwe, was also killed in a separate attack in a village of Zinai in the same Adamawa State region. The Barnabas Aid of April 28, 2026 also reported the massacre of at least 29 Christians in a Christian community called Sabon Gari village in Guyaku District in Gombi Local Government of Adamawa State by the same ISWAP Jihadists on April 26, 2026 at about 5pm. The Vanguard Newspaper of April 28, 2026, also put the number of Christian deaths to “**39 deaths**”. Link: <https://www.barnabasaid.org/gb/news/at-least-29-killed-by-islamists-in-adamawa-state-christian-community-nig/>
- **Seven Christians Killed In Plateau State:** According to Business Day Newspaper of May 6, 2026, seven Christians were killed on Tuesday night of May 5, 2026 in Ndang village in Fan District of Barkin Ladi County of Plateau State. Not done, the Fulani Jihadists returned and launched a deadly attack on mourners who gathered in the area on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 to burial them. The funeral site attack has to death of no fewer than 13 Christians since then. Link: <https://businessday.ng/news/article/plateau-mass-burial-turns-tragic-as-gunmen-kill-mourners-in-fresh-attack/?amp> ]
- **16 CAC Church Members Abducted In Ekiti State:** According to multiple media reports including This Day Newspaper of April 29, 2026, no fewer than 16 members of the Christ Apostolic Church were abducted and a visiting pastor killed by jihadists on Tuesday night of April 28, 2026 in Eda Oniyo, Ilejemeje in Ekiti State. Witnesses accounts indicate that the gunmen stormed the church at about 6.45pm, opening fire indiscriminately on worshippers and killed visiting Pastor Aregbe and injuring several others before taking not less than sixteen others hostage who were later bundled away.
- **A Christian Teenage Girl Abducted And Converted To Islam In Kaduna:** According to Sahara Reporters of May 3, 2026, a 17-year-old Christian girl, Jinkai Yusuf Simon of St Bartholomew’s Secondary School, Wusasa, Zaria in Kaduna State, was on March 9, 2026, abducted and went missing after she left home for school. She was later found to have been abducted, converted to Islam and married off in Kano. Her Christian name was changed to Islamic name “Aisha Sani” and “Aisha Abdulsamad”. Link:

<https://saharareporters.com/2026/05/03/exclusive-family-alleges-17-year-old-christian-girl-abducted-kaduna-forcibly-converted>

- **Jihadists Killed Pastor, His Wife And Two Children In Plateau State:** According to Business Day Newspaper of April 28, 2026, Jihadists killed an ECWA Pastor Choji, his wife Chundung and their two children: Cyril and Endurance on Sunday night of April 26, 2026 in Gako Village of Rim Ward in Riyom Local Government of Plateau State. Verified social media reports also had that “at least 13 Christians were killed in Thursday night of May 7, 2026 in Nbrazongo village of Miango in ... of Plateau State”.
- **Seven Christians Ambushed And Killed In Benue:** According to Punch Newspaper of April 27, 2026, more than seven persons (Christians) were attacked and killed by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen on Sunday night of April 26, 2026 at Channel One Community in Ukemberagya/Tswarev Council Ward of Logo Local Government of Benue State. The area is located along the Arufu-Wukari Road in Taraba State. Among the seven slain Christians were Akor Gwakyaa, Msooter Gwakyaa, Aondoungwa Michael, Vershima Michael, Terna Michael and Msughter Terzungwe. No fewer than seven others were injured. On Thursday, April 23, 2026, a Christian traditional ruler, his wife, his son and two others were attacked and killed in Olegabulu community of Agatu County of the State and three Christian mourners were killed and two others abducted while returning from a burial ceremony in Sati Ikov Council Ward of Ushongo County of the same State. The killing took place on Saturday, April 25, 2026.
- **13 Christians Killed In Plateau State:** According to Morning Star News of the International Christian Concern, dated May 8, 2026, slaughters of Christians continued in Plateau State, Nigeria on Friday (May 8) as Fulani herdsmen killed 13 Christians in Bassa County, sources said. Muslim Fulani gunmen killed the Christians in a pre-dawn attack on Ngbra Zongo community in Kwall District, said Joseph Chudu Yonkpa, spokesperson of area Miango communities in a statement issued in Jos. Among those killed were three pregnant women, he said. The attack has left dozens of other Christians injured, hundreds of others displaced,” Yonkpa said. Resident Lawrence Zongo said Christians in the community have suffered prior attacks. “The armed herdsmen moved from one house to another attacking the Christian victims in their homes. Dozens of other Christians were injured, while hundreds of others were displaced.” Earlier on April 16 in Riwhie-Chwo village in Bassa County’s Miango District, herdsmen ambushed and beheaded another Christian, Yonkpa said. He identified the slain Christian as 30-year-old Elisha Abbas Saku. These incidents have marked increased violence against Christian communities in Plateau State especially in recent months.

- **Eight Christians Killed In Kogi Christian Community:** According to Truth-Nigeria report of May 8, 2026, titled: “Fulani Ethnic Militia Kill Eight in Kogi North-Central Villages”; Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen attacked. Ebeje, Kogi State–Northern Kogi is under fire. Eight people are dead, dozens displaced, and entire villages left in ashes after suspected Fulani Ethnic Militia (FEM) terrorists struck early one morning of May 8, 2026 in Dekina-Bassa County of Kogi State. Dekina-Bassa county lies in eastern Kogi State along forest corridors connecting North-Central Nigeria to neighboring states affected by banditry and kidnappings. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/05/fulani-ethnic-militia-kill-eight-in-kogi-north-central-villages/>
- **13 Christians Killed In Barkin Ladi-Plateau:** According to Masara Kim Usman, a respected and award-winning journalist working on religious conflict in Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria, **“13 more Christians were killed in Barkin Ladi after Fulani Jihadists attacked and disrupted the funeral of a Pastor, his wife and two children, killed on April 26 in Riyom; killing more than five.**
- **Nine Christian Students Abducted In Kaduna:** According to sources including the Kuturmi Unity Development Association in Kachia part of Southern Kaduna, Fulani Jihadists on Sunday, April 26, 2026, attacked a vehicle conveying students from Akwando village to Kachia and abducted nine students of Government Girls’ Secondary School, Gumel in Kachia and St John’s School. The victims included Augustina Muntari, Happy Muntari, Favour Taminu, Patience Joseph, Peace Irimiya, Bishara Irimiya and their driver-Irimiya Galadima as well as Passengers-Fatu Danladi and Laraba Caleb; during which one of the Christian female Students-Purity Babangida was crushed to death and fifteen others jumped from the moving vehicle and trekked for hours through the bush to safety in nearby Awon axis.

**...Abducted Christian School Girls Freed After 36 Days In Captivity:** According to Phoenix news of June 2, 2026, the victims were kidnapped on April 26, 2026, when suspected bandits attacked a vehicle conveying schoolchildren from Akwando village to Kachia, headquarters of Kachia local government area. A total of nine passengers were abducted while a young girl reportedly died during the incident. The spokesman of the Kuturmi Unity Development Association (KUDA), Mr Manasseh Samuel, who confirmed the development, explained, “The victims returned home on Sunday (May 31, 2026) morning after trekking for about six hours through the bush.” Samuel expressed delight to groups and individuals who offered prayers and support towards securing the victims’ release.

A former media aide to the late Kaduna State governor, Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa, Mr Reuben Buhari, who also confirmed the release of victims, disclosed in a Facebook post that the victims regained their freedom on Sunday and arrived home the following morning. Buhari wrote, "Thirty-six days after they were kidnapped while on their way to school in Kachia from Akwando village, six schoolchildren, the driver of the vehicle and two other adults regained their freedom yesterday and got home this morning after trekking for six hours in the bush." According to Buhari, the children endured a traumatic experience and lost almost an entire academic term while in captivity. He called for sustained prayers for other residents still being held by kidnappers, particularly those abducted from Awon and Ariko villages, saying that those kidnapped from Awon village have spent 42 days, while those from Ariko village have spent 57 days.

- **Six Christians Killed In Taraba Christian Community:** According to Truth-Nigeria report of April 24, 2026, six Christians were killed by Fulani Jihadists two days after the State Governor boasted of security gains. Fulani ethnic militia (FEM) killed six Christians in coordinated farm ambushes across Takum County less than 48 hours after Governor Agbu Kefas declared Taraba State safe for investors. The killings began Monday morning, April 20 and continued into the next day (April 21), when Fulani Terrorists ambushed Aondoungwa Kpeibee and his wife on their way to the farm in Amadu Chanchanji community. "The Fulani people tried to rape the wife in front of the husband," Zaki Martins Ayua told TruthNigeria. "She refused, so they macheted them after shooting them each with a gun." Five hours later, while villagers mourned the couple, Fulani terrorists struck again. Terver Shaapera was killed on his way to the farm. A mile away, Martina Ityav met the same fate. "Three women went to the farm yesterday at Tyo-Jande village in Madu," Hon. Jolly Butu, Takum community leader of the Tiv Christian population, said on April 21. "They were attacked by Fulani. I learned that one of them died at the scene, and two escaped."
- **Five Christians Killed In Gwer West In Benue State:** According to Truth-Nigeria of April 20, 2026, Armed Fulani Ethnic Militia killed five Christian farmers on Saturday, defying a recent government crackdown on violent groups in the region. The victims included three men and two women, were killed on the spot, while several others were seriously injured and are receiving treatment. One person remains missing," Attah told *TruthNigeria*. The victims were identified as Orkulumi Afuluka, Iortim Michael, Atom Aper, Apaa Blessing, and Afuluka Happiness. The attack occurred in Tse-Antieven village in Gwer-West County, where residents said armed militants rode into the farming community on motorcycles and opened fire on villagers working in their fields.

The killings came just days after Governor Hyacinth Alia ordered security agencies to dismantle armed militia camps across Benue's forests, following a separate attack that left 10 people dead in Edikwu-Ankpali community in Apa County. The directive, reported by *Vanguard*, called for the dislodgement of terrorist and herdsmen camps across Benue's forests.

- **20 Persons, Mostly Christians, Killed And EYN Church Destroyed In Borno:** According to Business Day Newspaper of April 22, 2026, more than 20 persons, mostly Christians were killed and several properties including an EYN Church destroyed on April 21, 2026 in multiple attacks by Boko Haram across the Askira Uba Local Government Area of Southern Borno and the Mayo-Ladde in Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State. In Pubagu village in Rumirgo Ward of Askira-Uba, eleven persons were killed, during which an EYN Church and several hundreds were destroyed. About nine others were killed in Mayo-Ladde part of Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State. Link: <https://businessday.ng/news/article/boko-haram-kills-20-burns-church-in-borno-adamawa-border-communities/>
- **10 GUO Bus Passengers Abducted In Ondo:** More than ten passengers of the GUO Motors traveling on an 18-Seater Bus were abducted on April 20, 2026 along Ore-Benin Federal Road, during which the driver of the bus was shot and killed. The Benin-Ore-Sagamu-Lagos Federal Road has long become a dead zone for Christians especially South-East travelers in the hands of Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and Jihadist Fulani Bandits.
- **Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militias Abduct 26 Christians In 8 Days In Kaduna:** According to Truth-Nigeria of April 20, 2026, titled: "Fulani Terrorists Kidnap 26 Christians in Eight-Day Kaduna Rampage". Jihadist Fulani fighters stormed seven communities in the north-central state of Kaduna in eight days, seizing twenty-six native Christians, killing two, and wounding two, villagers tell TruthNigeria. Between April 10 and April 17, armed Fulani Terrorists moved across Kajuru County at will, overrunning Christian villages while security forces stayed away, villagers told TruthNigeria. "The militia is moving ward to ward like they own the land. Our people are sleeping in the bush, and nobody is coming to help them," Alipiri Ado, head of Internally Displaced Persons in Kajuru County, told TruthNigeria in an exclusive interview. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/04/fulani-terrorists-kidnap-26-christians-in-eight-day-kaduna-rampage/>

- Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militias Killed Eight Christians In Plateau:** According to Punch Newspaper of April 10, 2026, gunmen (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) on Thursday night (April 9) invaded Mbwelle village in Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State and killed at least eight persons. Most of the victims were members of the same family, our correspondent gathered and they included Elder Iliya Mangut Dakus, Mr Luck Titus Dakus, Mr Habila Istifanu Dakus, Mr Hassan Istifanus Dakus, Mrs Hassan Moses Dakus, Biggie Lucky Dakus, Sunday Gideon Dakus and Mr Innocent Barnabas Makwin. The Chairman of the Community Peace Observers in Bokkos LGA, Kefas Mallai, confirmed the killings to The PUNCH in Jos on Friday. He said the attack occurred around 11pm when the assailants invaded the community and opened fire indiscriminately on residents, leaving about three other persons injured while some community members were still missing. Mallai said: “There was an attack last night at Mbwelle village. The village is very close to Bokkos town. So far eight persons have been confirmed dead this morning. “the attack lasted for hours and yet, no presence of security to repel the assailants until those people finished and left. No trace.” Link: <https://punchng.com/gunmen-kill-eight-in-fresh-plateau-attack-2/>
- Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militias Abduct 14-17 Christian JAMB Exam Students In Benue:** According to Vanguard Newspaper of April 17, 2026, Armed men (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) reportedly abducted no fewer than 14 (or 17 Christian) passengers, many of them believed to be candidates for the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination, UTME, organized by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, JAMB, along the Makurdi–Otukpo road in Benue State. The victims were travelling from Makurdi to Otukpo Local Government Area, LGA, on Wednesday evening (April 15) for their scheduled examination when the incident occurred. The ill-fated vehicle, an 18-seater Benue Links bus, was ambushed by the gunmen few kilometers from Otukpo town at about 7 p.m. A source in the area disclosed that the attackers stopped the bus on the highway and forced the passengers into a nearby forest. “The passengers were all marched into the forest. From what we gathered, most of them were students coming to Otukpo to write JAMB exams,” the source said. He informed that the bus was fully loaded at the time of the attack, “but about four persons, including the driver and three others managed to escape safely. Link: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2026/04/how-gunmen-abducted-14-utme-candidates-in-benue/>
- Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militias Kill 24 Mainly Christians In Kebbi:** According to ACI Africa Report of April 12, 2026, the Director of Social Communications of the **Catholic Diocese of Kontagora** in Nigeria has confirmed that at least 24 people (mainly Christians) were killed in a terrorist attack on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026. Speaking to ACI Africa on the sidelines of an April 9 press conference he convened to clarify the death toll, Fr. Matthew Stephen Kabirat said the attack was carried out by “suspected (Fulani) terrorists on Easter Sunday, April 5, at about 5 p.m., when they invaded Debe village of Christian part of Kebbi State and killed 24 people”.

He added that the initial figures released by security authorities significantly underestimated the scale of the killings and mangled the figures to “only four” and that the confirmed number of fatalities is 24 dominated by Christians. “There were also few Muslims and Traditionalists involved”; noting that the Diocese speaks out “in the interest of justice and humanity,”. The Nigerian Catholic Priest explained that the Diocese, under the leadership of Bishop **Bulus Dawa Yohanna**, covers parts of Niger and Kebbi States, placing the affected communities within its pastoral care. He noted that the attack was not an isolated incident but part of a broader wave of violence affecting multiple communities. In the attack, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, an outstation of Sacred Heart Parish, Shafashi, ablaze. The catechist’s house was also destroyed, and even a mosque was not spared,” Fr. Kabirat said. The link is here: [https://www.aciafrica.org/amp/news/21239/at-least-24-killed-in-easter-sunday-attack-on-nigerian-village-catholic-official-confirms-urges-urgent-response#amp\\_tf=From%20%251%24s&aoh=17764880992597&referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com](https://www.aciafrica.org/amp/news/21239/at-least-24-killed-in-easter-sunday-attack-on-nigerian-village-catholic-official-confirms-urges-urgent-response#amp_tf=From%20%251%24s&aoh=17764880992597&referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com)

- **Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militias Killed Over 12 Christians In Plateau:** At least 12 defenseless Christians were among those killed in renewed coordinated jihadist attacks that took place in various Christian communities in Plateau State between Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10, 2026. This was according to Sunday Sun Newspaper of May 10, 2026. According to the Newspaper, **in the coordinated and simultaneous attacks, marauding armed men (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) over the weekend wreaked havoc in communities in Barkin Ladi, Riyom, Kanam and Pankshin local government areas of Plateau State.** No fewer than 14 persons were killed, among them a policeman, while five others were abducted. The latest incidents came after 13 people were killed in Ngbra Zongo community of Kwall in Bassa Local Government Area of the state; totaling 25 Christian deaths.

The killings in Barkin Ladi, which started on Wednesday after the Nding Sesut attack (more than five killed) and the subsequent shooting of mourners at a burial site, continued on Saturday as 10 people, including a police officer, were killed while six other persons sustained serious injuries. The attacks, which started on Saturday evening, snowballed into Sunday morning and were allegedly carried out by heavily armed gunmen in four communities in Barkin Ladi town. The affected communities, according to locals, include Sabon Layi, Rakung, Gangare, and the General Hospital area, popularly known as Zat and Bet. Earlier in Sabon Layi community, a woman was reportedly killed and another resident injured and rushed to the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH) for medical attention. By Sunday morning, the death toll in Barkin Ladi had risen to 10. An eyewitness, Livinus Pamo, who spoke to newsmen, disclosed that as of Sunday morning, 10 bodies had reportedly been recovered from different locations affected by the attacks and some deposited at the mortuary, while six injured persons were receiving treatment at undisclosed hospitals.

National Publicity Secretary of the Berom Youth Moulders Association (BYM), Rwang Tengwong, reacting to the recent attacks in a statement, expressed concern over the worsening security situation in Barkin Ladi despite the heavy presence of security personnel and checkpoints in the area. Tengwong said that the association has passed a vote of no confidence on the commander of Sector 4 of Operation Enduring Peace (OPEP), name withheld. The association said that the commander has not been able to stop the spate of attacks and killings within his joint area of responsibility (JOA), which had led to the deaths of 34 persons in the last one month. He expressed deep concern over the deteriorating security situation in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area, in which various villages have been attacked in the last 72 hours. Tengwong said, “This decision follows what the Association describes as gross incompetence, negligence, and failure in addressing the worsening wave of attacks and killings across Barkin Ladi and surrounding communities under their jurisdiction.

Tengwong said, “The Association notes with pain and outrage that between April and 9th May, 2026, dozens of innocent natives have been brutally killed in separate attacks across communities within Sector 4, while over 70 hectares of farmlands have been destroyed by armed Fulani militias, further worsening the humanitarian and economic hardship faced by residents. “BYM observes with serious concern that despite the visible presence of security personnel and checkpoints strategically located across Barkin Ladi, attacks have continued unabated, leaving communities vulnerable, helpless, and abandoned to the mercy of armed invaders who move freely from one village to another, unleashing terror on defenseless citizens.

“Particularly heartbreaking is the gruesome killing of Mr Gyang Kim Choji, a patriotic citizen who provided part of his home as accommodation for personnel of the STF stationed in his community. Shockingly, he was slaughtered by suspected Fulani militias just a few metres away from the checkpoint situated directly in front of his house.” Rather than demonstrating empathy and professionalism, residents were further devastated after a video circulated on social media showing the Guard Commander at the checkpoint dismissing allegations against Fulani attackers without providing any explanation as to who then carried out the killing. Link: <https://thesun.ng/16-killed-5-abducted-in-fresh-plateau-attacks/?amp=>

- **Scores Killed, 10 Abducted By Fulani Jihadists Near Owerri In Imo State In Weeks:** According to Sun Newspaper of April 30, 2026 and Vanguard Newspaper of April 26, 2026, Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen launched an attack along Iheagwa-Amaeze Road in Imo State, killing a Christian commercial motorcycle rider and abducted his passenger; a student of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Imo State. The incident was corroborated and condemned by a group, the Coalition of the South-East Youth Leaders through a statement issued by its President, Goodluck Ibem.

The Iheagwa, Amaeze and Obinze communities and environs, near 34 Army Brigade in Imo State have in recent years witnessed series of abductions and killings by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen. Killings, abductions, disappearances and ransoms in the area have become dangerously unchecked despite the existence of the Nigerian Army's 34 Brigade in Obinze, a stone throw from the area under Jihadist Fulani activities. The killings and abductions have continued into May 2026 with various mainstream, social media and eyewitnesses reports of fresh abductions including two students of the university since May 12, 2026. On May 13, 2026, one Samuel Iwu was reportedly abducted by Fulani Jihadists around a farm located in Irete in Owerri West, during which others escaped safely.

...Relatedly, and according to Vanguard Newspaper report of May 14, 2026, titled: "One dead, others abducted as herdsmen attack commuters in Imo"; one person has been killed and an unspecified number of people abducted after armed herdsmen (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) stormed Eziobodo community in Owerri West Local Government Area of Imo State on Wednesday night (May 13, 2026). Vanguard gathered that the attack, which was not the first of its kind in the area, has fuelled tension, agony and confusion in the community. A resident of the area, Emmanuel (surname withheld), who spoke to Vanguard on the phone, said: "Yesterday May 13 was terrible in Eziobodo community. The whole thing started around 9pm, when we heard the sound of gunshots continuously for about one hour. "People coming from our neighboring community, Ihiagwa to Eziobodo, found it impossible to get back home, as the suspected Fulani herdsmen effectively blocked the road.

"These armed, heartless criminals laid the siege close to Jamel Hotel, at the entrance into Eziobodo community. "News making the rounds in Eziobodo has it that one person lost his life. Some others received gunshot wounds. Nobody knows, at the time of this telephone interview, the number of people that were kidnapped. Among the latest victims included a commercial motorcyclist, who received several machete cuts and a minor inflicted with machete bruises and machete cuts on her head. Link: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2026/05/one-dead-others-abducted-as-herdsmen-attack-commuters-in-imo-2/>

- **Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militias Killed 23 Christians In One Week In Benue:** According to various media reports, in late April 2026, Jihadist Herdsmen attacked Egwuma part of Agatu County of Benue State and killed more than 12 Christians. In May 2026, two Christians were killed and four others abducted along Oturkpo Road in Oturkpo in Benue State. Five Christians were killed on April 19, 2026 by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in Tse Ameen community of Mbapa Ward of Gwer West in Benue (Punch Newspaper of April 20, 2026). No fewer than four persons (Christians) were earlier on April 19, 2026, killed by Fulani Jihadists in Naka headquarters of the Local Government, according to Daily Post of April 19, 2026.

- **Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militias Killed 30 Christians In 8 Days In Benue:** According to African-News of April 2, 2026, at least 20 people (Christians) have been killed during simultaneous attacks by unidentified gunmen (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) on several communities in Nigeria's north-central Benue State, police said on Tuesday. Independent sources put the death toll to more than "30 Christian deaths". The attacks occurred late Sunday (March 29, 2026) in communities within the Gwer West and Apa areas, said Udeme Edet, spokesperson for the Benue police. Edet said 12 people were killed in Apa and 10 in Gwer West, but local reports suggest the death toll may exceed 30. Five people who survived the attacks are currently receiving medical treatment in a local hospital, she added. Nigeria's police often provide lower death tolls than local authorities and witnesses when reporting on attacks. The Gwer West and Apa areas of Benue State have witnessed an uptick in attacks in recent months. Last or previous week, gunmen (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) killed at least 20 people in an attack on the village of Aondona, in Gwer West Local Government Area of Benue State in North-Central Nigeria. Link: <https://www.africanews.com/2025/06/03/at-least-20-people-killed-in-attacks-on-communities-in-nigerias-benue-state/>
- **Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militias Killed Eight Christians In Plateau:** According to Punch Newspaper of April 10, 2026, Gunmen (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) on Thursday night April 9, 2026) invaded Mbwelle village in Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State and killed at least eight persons (Morning Star News puts the number to 20 Christian Deaths). Most of the victims were members of the same family and they included Elder Iliya Mangut Dakus, Mr Luck Titus Dakus, Mr Habila Istifanu Dakus, Mr Hassan Istifanus Dakus, Mrs Hassan Moses Dakus, Biggie Lucky Dakus, Sunday Gideon Dakus and Mr Innocent Barnabas Makwin.

The Chairman of the Community Peace Observers in Bokkos LGA, Kefas Mallai, confirmed the killings to The PUNCH in Jos on Friday. He said the attack occurred around 11pm when the assailants invaded the community and opened fire indiscriminately on residents, leaving about three other persons injured while some community members were still missing. Mallai said: "There was an attack last night at Mbwelle village. The village is very close to Bokkos town. So far eight persons have been confirmed dead this morning. The trio of Luka Sandu Pam, Samuel Davou and Deme Saidu were earlier killed on April 3 in Gyel Gero, Jos South. "The people are saying they want to protest because the security men have not protected them and the attack lasted for hours and yet, no presence of security to repel the assailants until those people finished and left. No trace." He added: "The attack lasted for several hours with no visible security presence to repel the attackers." Mallai further alleged that security forces did not respond despite the proximity of the area, and that personnel were currently deployed to protect a specific community suspected by natives of Bokkos to be the origin of the attackers. Youth Leader of Bokkos, Christopher Luka, also confirmed the incident, describing it as "a sad and devastating assault on the people of Bokkos and Plateau State as a whole."

“The gunmen came around 11pm and started shooting sporadically. They targeted one family mostly. We have eight confirmed dead, some seriously injured, and others still unaccounted for,” Luka said. Also on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, according to Sun Newspaper of April 11, 2026, Fulani Jihadists attacked travelers returning from mining activities and killed a Christian, Ayuba Pam of Nding Sesut and wounded two others: Alfred Dung and Nathaniel Bitrus who sustained serious injuries. The total death toll, according to the Morning Start News of April 10, 2026, was put at **“20 Christian Deaths”**. Link: <https://punchng.com/gunmen-kill-eight-in-fresh-plateau-attack-2>

- **Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militias Killed 25 Christians In Various Attacks In Benue:** According to various media reports including Daily Post of April 15, 2026, no fewer than nine persons (Christians) were attacked and slaughtered on April 13, 2026 by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in Edikwu Ankpali community in Apa Local Government Area of Benue State. Other sources put the total death toll to **“25 Christian deaths”**. The recovered bodies of the slain, numbering nine, were buried few days later and they included Elaigwu Pelu, 31; Oigene Ogar, 62; Adah Aboje, 78; Peter Omafufu, 59; John Peter Musa, 33; Ogagwu John, 31; Eluma Ogbeni, 30; John Elegbo, 39; and Gideon Monday, 29.
- **Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militias Abduct Six Mainly Christian Students In Nasarawa:** According to Business Day Newspaper of May 8, 2026, suspected Jihadist Fulani Bandits attacked and abducted six students of the Nasarawa State University in Gudi in Akwanga part of the State; involving six Christians and Muslims who are off-campus students from the University’s Faculty of Engineering. The abduction incident took place on Monday, May 4, 2026 and also two Christians (Ayele Jonathan and Rose Samuel) were abducted by the Jihadists. The State Police Command, announced on Thursday, May 7, 2026, the arrest of eight of the jihadist kidnappers and identified them, during which it was confirmed that they were Jihadist Fulani Muslims from Rukan Alhaji Alfa in Rukubi part of Doma in Nasarawa State. Link:<https://businessday.ng/news/article/tension-in-north-central-six-nasarawa-students-abducted-plateau-police-kill-suspect/?amp>
- **More Than 15 Christian Women & Children Killed In Niger’s Shiroro Military Airstrikes:** According to several media reports including the Daily Trust of May 11, 2026, dozens of defenseless Christians, among them are 15 Christians including seven children, were killed by Nigerian Military air bombardment. The ICIR puts the number of deaths to fifteen. Observers say, “the figure is likely to be higher or in dozens”. According one of the survivors who was also injured in the airstrikes, 50-Year-Old Victor Solomon, 50, “I lost three children and suffered severe facial injuries when an airstrike hit Guradnaye (Christian) village in Shiroro LGA, Niger State, around 5 a.m. Sunday, May 10, 2026 “I don’t know if I can survive this... We need help from the government,” Citizen Victor told Daily Trust from his hospital bed. Residents say 13 people, including seven children sheltering in one house, died after bombs landed as aerial forces chased bandits through the village.

According to Daily trust report, Gideon Bamaiyi, another survivor said six survivors — three women, a little girl, little boy, and a man — are in critical condition at a private hospital in Zumba, with five still unconscious. One female victim needs N400,000 for surgery. Locals confirmed the military first bombed near a river in Kusasu, then Guradnayi.... “innocent civilians lost their lives,” said resident Auta Awododo. Defense HQ denied civilian deaths, saying strikes on May 9-10 targeted bandit enclaves in Katerma, Bokko, Kusasu and Kuduru, killing “about 70 bandits in Kusasu alone.” Link: <https://dailytrust.com/i-lost-3-children-to-niger-airstrike-injured-father/>

- **Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militias Killed Nine Christians In Plateau:** According to a verified recent (May 8, 2026) Facebook post from Interceding for the Persecuted Church, below are the casualty figures of Christians killed in a recent attack by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State: (1) Mr. Andrew (Baban Grace) - Kworos-Gangare community, (2) Male young adult- Name yet to confirm - Kworos-Gangare community, (3) Ngo Esther Yusuf - Sabon Layi community, (4) one person - Gana Ropp community, (5) one male - Gura kworos (around Deeper Life Church) community, (6) one male adult - Kashan Gwol (between the mosque and COCIN Church, (7) a man from Sabon Layi community (name yet to confirm), (8) one injured-Gana Ropp community and (9) two males- Kashan Gwol. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18xg5Dr4Ak/>
- **Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militias Killed Mostly 50 Christians In 13 Days In Plateau:** According to Daily Trust of Monday, May 11, 2026, titled: “**How over 50 were murdered After Tinubu’s promise to End Plateau killings**”; an analysis of reported incidents following the presidential visit shows that Plateau recorded at least 14 separate attacks with no less than 50 casualties, clashes or major security incidents between April 3 and May 10, spanning Barkin Ladi, Riyom, Bassa, Mangu and Jos South local government areas.

The over 50 religiously slain persons across the State included no fewer than 45 Christians slaughtered by Jihadists from the Holy Easter Thursday of April 3, 2026 to Sunday, May 10, 2026, a period of 37 days. According to the Newspaper, “on the same day of the presidential visit on April 3, at least three persons were reportedly shot dead in Nyango Gyel community of Jos South. Three days later, on April 6, reports indicated that security forces repelled an attack on Pwomol village in Heipang District of Barkin Ladi LGA. But barely 24 hours later, another assault on the same community reportedly left three youths dead and one injured after gunmen attacked the village at night. Security tensions escalated further on April 18 when troops reportedly arrested nine suspected militia members following renewed clashes in parts of Plateau. On April 20, coordinated attacks were reported in Kpasho, Hurum Gashish and Shonong Bachi communities located across Bassa, Barkin Ladi and Riyom LGAs. Reports said several persons were killed or injured during the assaults.

Another deadly incident was reported on April 26 in Riyom LGA, where a pastor, his wife and their two children were allegedly killed in the Rim community. By April 30, local reports referenced another ambush along the Aloghom–Yilpo road in Mangu LGA, where a youth miner was reportedly killed while two others sustained injuries”.

***The attacks intensified in May.*** “On May 4, reports claimed that no fewer than nine persons, including a soldier, were killed in separate attacks across Mangu, Bassa and Barkin Ladi local government areas. A day later, gunmen reportedly attacked Nding Susut community in Barkin Ladi, killing six persons, including a family of five. On May 6, mourners returning from a burial ceremony in Rim community of Riyom LGA were reportedly ambushed by gunmen, further heightening fears among residents already grappling with repeated attacks. Fresh violence again erupted between May 8 and 9 in Bassa and Riyom LGAs. Reports indicated that between 12 and 13 persons, including three pregnant women, were killed in attacks on Ngebra Zongo community in Kwall District and Gwa Rim village. “The latest reported incidents occurred on May 10 when coordinated attacks reportedly hit Sabon Layi, Rakung and Gangare communities in Barkin Ladi LGA, leaving at least 7 persons dead, including a police officer. Also, on May 10, gunmen invaded Furyam Takzul community in Kantana Ward of Kanam Local Government Area of Plateau State, killing two people and abducting five others, including women and children”. Link: <https://dailytrust.com/how-over-50-were-murdered-after-tinubus-promise-to-end-plateau-killings/>

- **Boko Haram Abducted 13 Mainly Christians In Borno-Yobe Boundary Road:** According to Business Day Newspaper of April 17, 2026, 12 passengers, (independently mostly Christians) were on Thursday April 16, 2026, abducted along Damaturu-Biu Road by the Islamic State for West African Province (ISWAP). This was contained in a statement issued by Samaila Ibrahim Kaigama, President of the Borno South Youth Alliance. Link: <https://businessday.ng/news/article/iswap-kidnaps-12-passengers-on-biu-damaturu-road/?amp>
- **Deepening Neglect, Political Discrimination And Exclusion Against Borno Christians:** According to Punch Newspaper of April 12, 2026, the Gwoza Elite Forum, a Christian advocacy group in Borno, has expressed deep disappointment over what it described as the deliberate neglect of Christian Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the State. Speaking at the third Gwoza Christian National Conference in Maiduguri on Saturday, the forum’s president, Emmanuel Ibrahim noted the effort of Governor Zulum’s Government in returning fled refugees across the State but ... criticized the exemption of over 5,400 Gwoza Christian IDPs from Shuwari and Wulari camps in Maiduguri metropolis. brahim also raised alarm over the complete absence of Christian councilors in 13 wards predominantly inhabited by Christians in Gwoza Local Government Area, describing it as religious sidelining. He called for political leaders to appoint a reasonable percentage of Christians as legislative aides and special assistants, and to ensure they benefit from empowerment programs.

He said: “We recognize Governor Babagana Zulum’s policy of relocating, reintegrating, and repatriating IDPs... However, to the disillusionment of this forum, the State officials had exempted over 5,400 Gwoza Christian IDPs... In Gwoza, there have been concerns about the treatment of our people who sought refuge in the Republic of Cameroon. Gwoza refugees were offered only N500,000 with some food items without an apartment for a household, but in Bama and Banki, refugees were assigned two bedrooms with some food items.” The forum also condemned what it called the scheming by ruling party stakeholders to deny Christians chairmanship and councillorship positions in Christian-dominated wards. Link: <https://punchng.com/group-decries-neglect-of-christian-idps/>

- **Boko Haram Displayed Video Of Abducted 416 Mostly Ngoshe Christians In Borno:** According to Punch Newspaper report of April 10, 2026, titled: **“Boko Haram Displays Abducted Victims in Borno”**, a faction of the Boko Haram group, identified as Jama’atu Ahlis-Sunna Lidda’Awati Wal-Jihad, has released a video showing the condition of the 416 abducted (Christian) victims in Ngoshe, a community in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State, assuring all that they are healthy and have not been subjected to torture or sexual harassment, abducted mainly after the March 3 and 4 attacks. In the video obtained by The Punch correspondent on Thursday (April 9, 2026), the group displayed and interviewed the victims, comprising mostly women and children, with a few men. A member of the group, who spoke on their behalf in the six-minute, 43-second clip, said the video was made following a request by a group known as the Borno South Youths Alliance, which it confirmed has been acting as a mediator since the victims were held in captivity. The spokesperson, who did not identify himself, said, “We are Jama’atu Ahlis-Sunna Lidda’Awati Wal-Jihad (JAS) under the leadership of Imam Abu Umaimatul Muhajir. We are here to clear a few issues as requested by the organization, Borno South Youths Alliance (BOSYA). As you can see, they (victims) are fine, we do not harm them or rape them. We are doing this because religion taught us so.” He continued, “Without wasting time, we will now turn the camera to them to speak as requested that we do this video and ordered by our leader to do so”. The spokesperson, after turning the camera to one of the female victims, asked her to speak about their current condition and make her request to the government. She responded, “We are the people of Ngoshe who were abducted during the last attack.

We are grateful to Allah, we are hale and healthy with women and children. Some of the sick people here are treated, given medicine and taken care of. Some of our children are brought here without clothes and are given clothes to wear. We thank God. They gave us where to sleep and provided us with food.” She continued, “We thank God. The truth is, we are restless and worried about our families and relatives wellbeing. Some were killed by air force bombs. Some were affected by different calamities. Some of our families don’t even know whether we are dead or alive, but we are grateful this video will show signs of life and health. “We call on all Nigerian leaders, starting from President Bola Tinubu, to Kashim Shettima, Babagana Zulum, and Sen Ali Ndume, Chairman of Gwoza Local Government. Our House of Representatives member, Babawo, and all our Gwoza leaders.”

We are crying that you come to our aid. We want to return to our home because we are not used to staying away from our homes. Our children and parents are all worried, and it's very difficult to leave here." Confirming the number of the victims, the Borno South Youth Alliance said a total of 416 people are currently in the custody of the terrorist group. In a statement late Thursday night, the President of the group, Samaila Kaigama, said the figure was obtained following days of engagement, discussions, and humanitarian appeals with the group. According to him, the figure differs from earlier reports circulated by sections of the media, which underestimated the true scale of the situation. The statement reads, "The Borno South Youth Alliance wishes to inform the public that we have been actively and discreetly mediating for the release of our Southern Borno brothers and sisters who were abducted when insurgents overran Ngoshe. "Following days of engagement, discussions, and humanitarian appeals, we were provided with an official figure of 416 victims currently alive in captivity by the abductors. Link: <https://themetronet.net.ng/boko-haram-displays-abducted-victims-in-borno/>

- **Boko Haram Selects 68 Abducted Ngoshe Christian Women As Sex Slaves:** According to Business Day of April 26, 2026, Boko Haram has selected 68 (Ngoshe Christian women abductees) to be distributed and married off to their commanders. The Islamic terror group had on April 20, 2026, issued three days or 72 hours' ultimatum, threatening to begin to execute the captured Ngoshe Christian women and others numbering no fewer than 416 unless Nigerian Government pay them ransoms worth N5billion or about \$4m. The no fewer than 416 Ngoshe Christian abductees in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State, mainly abducted during March 3 and 4, 2026 attacks, were abducted and Islamized. They were also part of the estimated 12,000 Gwoza Christian refugees in Cameroon since 2012 that recently tricked to return home. Link: <https://businessday.ng/life/article/boko-haram-to-marry-off-68-women-to-commanders-from-416-ngoshe-victims/>
- **Cannibalism In Jihadist Fulani Manned Rijana Christian Hostage Forest Camps In Kaduna:** According to Truth-Nigeria report of May 12, 2026, titled: "**Survivors Freed from Rijana Forest Camp Report Forced Cannibalism**"; Eleven women and children freed after 118 days in a Fulani Ethnic Militia (FEM) forest camp in Kaduna have reported torture, starvation, and cannibalism to TruthNigeria. They stepped from a vehicle on April 30, 2026, gaunt, hollow-eyed, and visibly broken — the latest survivors of what human rights organizations are increasingly calling Nigeria's concentration camp crisis. According to one of the survivors, Rejoice Yunana, "On January 3, 2026, more than 20 heavily armed Fulani Ethnic Militia members crept into our Christian farming community of Angwan Gamo in Kajuru County, Kaduna State, and kidnapped 15 of us — mainly women and children," Rejoice Yunana, 20, a student at the College of Education in Lafia, Nasarawa State, told TruthNigeria. "Two actually escaped while we were being herded into the bush," she said. Among those who returned were Veronica Pius, 45; Philomina Andrawus, 35; Ketura Andrawus, 4; Aveolin Danlami, 8; Frank Danlami, 9; Niso Andrawus, six months; Mary Patrick, 35; Zaphania Irimiya, 18; Moses Felix, 10; Jamima Habila, 31; and Rejoice Yunana, 20, along with Mary Patrick's young son. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/05/survivors-freed-from-rijana-forest-camp-report-forced-cannibalism/>

- **Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militants Killed 34 Christians In Nigeria’s Plateau And Kogi States:** According to Morning Star News of the International Christian Concern, dated Wednesday, May 13, 2026 ([Christian Daily International-Morning Star News](#)) – Fulani attacks on Christians in Nigeria were partially thwarted with rare resistance over the weekend, and a kidnapped priest was released, sources said. While coordinated assaults in Kogi and Plateau States took the lives of at least 34 people (33 civilian Christians and a police officer) last week, Fulani assailants were partially turned away in Kaduna and Plateau States though there were some casualties, Truth Nigeria reported. In Kogi State, Fulani assailants on May 5 struck Edele, outside Oganenigu in Dekina County, killing three people and burning homes and farms, according to [Truth Nigeria](#). On Saturday (May 9) Fulani terrorists attacked Ochipu in Bassa County, killing five people. These attacks plus others on homes in Plateau State left at least 33 civilians and one police officer dead, along with 21 others wounded, the outlet reported. In southern Kaduna State, however, advance intelligence enabled residents and vigilantes in three villages in to repel planned attacks by suspected Fulani Ethnic Militia on Sunday (May 10), reported Truth Nigeria, operated by U.S.-based missions group Equipping the Persecuted. The coordinated response forced the armed group threatening to attack Maro Audu and Ungwan Shawa Maro villages in Kajuru County and Kutura Rimi in Kachia County to retreat, according to the outlet.

In Plateau State, hundreds of gunmen on Saturday (May 9) circled and fired upon the town of Barkin Ladi, 25 miles south of Jos, intending to raid it on motorbikes, Truth Nigeria reported. About 60 volunteers armed with locally made shotguns and 40 policemen kept them from breaching the perimeter, [according to the outlet](#). “Fulani Ethnic militias were stopped from taking over the town, but eight Christians, including a police inspector, were killed and 11 locals wounded during coordinated assaults that forced residents to flee their homes,” Truth Nigeria reported. “Residents said the attacks began [around 6:30 p.m. on May 9](#) when militia armed with assault rifles invaded Sabon Layi, Rakung, Gangare and communities around the General Hospital area of Zat and Bet in Barkin Ladi South of Jos.”

**Priest Released:** In southern Kaduna state, the Catholic Diocese of Kafanchan on Tuesday (May 12) announced that a priest kidnapped on Feb. 7 had been freed. Armed terrorists had abducted the Rev. Nathaniel Asuwaye from his home, the Rev. Jacob Shanet, diocesan chancellor/notary of Kafanchan, said in a press statement that failed to identify the kidnapers, the location of the priest’s home or the terms and date of his release (it was reported upon his abduction that Fulani Jihadists were responsible). “Fr. Nathaniel is now safe and receiving care,” Shanrt said. “He is in stable condition, remains in good spirits and appreciates your prayers and support.”

- **More Than 200 Civilians, Mostly Muslims, Killed In Borno, Yobe And Zamfara Civilian Areas' Airstrikes:** According to Aljazeera News of April 12, 2026, *Amnesty International* says *more than 100 people (civilians) killed in military attack on a market in Jilli village*. Amnesty International said in a post on social media on Sunday that more than 100 people had been killed and 35 others wounded in the attack the previous day, Saturday, April 11, 2026. Local chief Lawan Zanna Nur Geidam told the AFP news agency that “the total casualties, dead and injured, is around 200”. The strike occurred on the Jilli village in Yobe state on the border with Borno state, the heartland of a long-running rebellion that has killed thousands of people and displaced millions more. Nigeria’s Air Force said in a statement that it had killed Boko Haram fighters in an air strike on the Jilli axis in Borno state. It did not mention hitting a market. The government of Yobe state later said in a statement that an air strike on the area had been conducted near a market that people were attending. “Some people from Geidam LGA [local government area] bordering Gubio LGA in Borno state, who went to the Jilli weekly market, were affected,” said Brigadier General Dahiru Abdulsalam, military adviser to the Yobe state government. He gave no further details. The Yobe State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) said it had received preliminary reports of an incident at the Jilli market “which reportedly resulted in casualties affecting some marketers” and activated the emergency response.

**Intersociety** observes that the Nigerian Government has repeatedly and controversially denied responsibility over targeting and bombing of civilian residential areas inhabited by both Christians and Muslims since 2014. According to International Center for Investigative Reporting (ICIR) of May 13, 2026, controversy is currently trailing the reported bombing of scores of civilians in Tumfa village market in Zurmi Local Government Area of Zamfara State. Reports emerged on Tuesday, May 12, that about 100 people (mostly Muslim civilians) were killed by military airstrike on the community, as part of efforts to stamp out insurgents in Nigeria. Reacting to the claim, the Defense Headquarters (DHQ) said the operation only targeted armed groups gathered in a known terrorist enclave. **The ICIR reports that a military airstrike on a market in Tumfa community allegedly killed at least 117 people and left several others injured...**

According to a Daily Trust’s [report](#), the bombardment took place on Sunday (May 10, 2026), the same day a separate Nigerian Air Force [operation](#) targeting armed groups hit Guradnaya, a (Christian)community near Kusu in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State, reportedly killed 13 (dozens of civilians). In its statement, the DHQ said the May 10 operation was carried out by troops of Operation FANSAN YAMMA following intelligence reports that suspected terrorist kingpins had gathered there to coordinate attacks on communities across the North-West. However, community leaders and residents who [spoke with](#) AFP described how the deadly bombardment allegedly killed traders, food vendors, residents and bandits. Amnesty International also reacted, saying that “about 100 civilians were killed in the airstrike attack”. Links: <https://www.icirnigeria.org/dhq-residents-disagree-over-alleged-bombing-of-over-100-people-in-zamfara/>, <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/4/12/dozens-feared-dead-in-air-strike-on-village-in-northeastern-nigeria>.

- **A Christian Husband And His Pregnant Wife Killed By Fulani Jihadists In Plateau:** According to a verified social media post, dated Thursday, May 14, 2026, Gunmen killed young pregnant woman, husband, injure others in Plateau attack. Gunmen (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) have reportedly killed a young couple, Mr. Iliya Gyang, 30, and his pregnant wife, Grace, 25, during a fresh attack on Angwan Ishaku community in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State. The tragic incident occurred on Wednesday (May 13) evening and also left two other persons injured. According to reports, the attackers stormed the community and carried out the assault before fleeing the scene shortly afterward. A resident of the community, Kacholom Ayuba, confirmed the incident to journalists, saying it occurred at about 5:30 p.m. The Berom Youth Moulders Association (BYM) also confirmed the attack in a statement issued by its National Publicity Secretary, Rwang Tengwong, describing it as gruesome and inhumane. According to the statement, the assailants, who arrived on a motorcycle, opened fire on the victims and other residents before escaping through a route leading toward settlements in Fass along the Rakung-Sho road. It explained that Mr. Gyang was killed while working on his farm close to his residence, while his wife was shot and died instantly at the scene. The husband, who sustained serious gunshot injuries, was later confirmed dead after being rushed to a hospital. The association further disclosed that the deceased couple left behind one-year-old twin boys. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BXh7wiLf3/>
- **Jihadist Boko Haram Killed More Than Six Christians In Chibok, Borno:** According to Vanguard Newspaper and News Express Online of May 15, 2026, Ngadarma Mbmbatsu Christian community in Chibok Local Government Area of Southern Borno came under Boko Haram attack on Thursday night of May 14, 2026, resulting in the death of more than six local Christians including an innocent newborn who was 12 hours old. The attack was also reported by SG News, a US based Catholic and Christian Faith advocacy media, dated May 15, 2026.
- **Boko Haram Abduct 42 Christian School Children Including Toddlers Of 2 Years Old in Borno:** According to DW Africa report of May 16, 2026, no fewer than 42 Christian School Children, mostly, if not all Christians were abducted on May 15, 2026 when suspected Boko Haram attacked the Mussa Primary and Junior Secondary School in Chibok area of Southern Borno. The report quoted Senator Ali Ndume as telling Reuters News Agency that the school authorities informed him that 32 of the children were seized from the School and ten others abducted from their homes near the School. **Names of 40 of the 42 abducted children and their tender age brackets are as follows:**

  - Adams Buba, 4yrs
  - Musa Buba, 6yrs
  - Grace Ishaku, 4yrs
  - Rejoice Ishaku, 3yrs
  - Mommy Salihu, 2yrs
  - Hezekiah Salihu, 5yrs
  - Haruna Salihu, 3yrs

- Hanatu Janisu, 3yrs
- Emma Janisu, 7yrs
- Wadzani Jidai, 2yrs
- Amos James, 2yrs
- Musa Yuguda, 15yrs
- Jagula Chaka, 19yrs
- Omega Elijah, 20yrs
- Alheri Bukar Buba, 6yrs
- Baby Chinda Buba, 3yrs
- Ribecah Chinampji, 6yrs
- Halita Janisu, 2yrs
- Joy Janisu, 6yrs
- Japari Janisu, 2yrs
- Apagu Lalas Yuguda, 4yrs
- Ummu Garba, 17yrs
- .... Dayam Alassan, 10yrs
- .... Usman, 12yrs
- .... Zmdai Wsazamda, 5yrs
- ...Ollu Giwamalgi, 5yrs
- ...Mrs. Agwana, 4yrs
- ...Mrs. Yusif Agwana, 3yrs
- ...Mallam Madu, 9yrs
- ...Ullaram Wadzani, 5yrs
- ...Ullaram Wadzani, 3yrs
- Grace Thlama Yohanna, 3yrs
- ...Laima Burda, ...
- ...Hyarawa Burda, ...
- ...Hyarawa Burda, ...
- ...Katsala Burda, ...
- ...Laima Burda, ...
- ...Bunu Huyim, ...
- ...Ommo, ...
- Luka Fali (Granson), 12yrs

**...As Six Christians Killed And Seven Gruesomely Beheaded:** The abduction came less than 24 hours after the killing of six Christians in the area and 48 hours after the gruesome beheading of seven captive Christians, taken into captivity by the terror group since the March 3, 2026 mass killings and abductions in Ngoshe part of Gwoza Local Government Area of the State. The beheading of seven Christians by Boko Haram has been widely reported and condemned by various international news outlets including Christian CBN and SG News outlets of Thursday, May 14, 2026.

The beheadings and killings by Boko Haram also came after 68 Gwoza Christian women who were among the 416 seized and taken hostage by the terror group during the March 2026 mass killings and abductions, were reportedly distributed as sex slaves among the Boko Haram commanders.

- **Five Christians Killed and Ten Abducted In Kaduna:** According to Catholic's ACIAfrica News of May 24, 2026, the Catholic Archdiocese of Kaduna in Nigeria has condemned a fresh wave of terrorist attacks on Christian communities under the pastoral care of St. Peter and St Paul Kurmin Parishes located in Dangana District of Kaduna State, following deadly raids by Fulani Jihadists that left at least five people dead, several others injured, and ten others abducted. In a letter published on May 24 addressed to the Secretary General of the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria (CSN), the Chancellor of the Nigerian Metropolitan detailed "incessant terrorist attacks" targeting parish outstations in Kagarko Local Government Area (KLG).

According to Fr. Christian Okewu Emmanuel, the latest attack occurred on Thursday, May 21, in the outstation of Kurmin Bongo. "The terrorist struck between 10:00 pm and 1:00 am, during heavy rainfall. In spite of the efforts of the vigilante group, five persons were killed, while ten others were abducted, out of which two were rescued through the efforts of the vigilante group," Fr. Okewu said in the letter dated May 22. He explained that the attack on Kurmin Bongo outstation was the latest in a series of assaults on Catholic communities in the area. "Earlier, two other attacks had taken place in the outstations of Kasaru-B on the 2nd of March, and Sabon Gari on the 1st of May. During the attack on Kasaru-B, one person was shot dead, another sustained several gunshot injuries, while eight others, including the Mai Wa'azi, were abducted. Although they later regained their freedom, two of them were killed in the terrorists' den," the Nigerian Catholic Priest recounted. The attack on Sabon Gari came barely two weeks after the release of the Kasaru-B victims.

- **Three Christians Killed and Fifteen Abducted at Kwara Christian Night Vigil Prayer:** According to SG News and other multiple media reports of Sunday, May 24, 2026, tragedy struck western Nigeria on Saturday night (May 23, 2026) when armed gunmen (Jihadist Fulani Bandits) launched a gruesome attack on a church prayer vigil in Ori-Oke Ajaiye, Kwara State. At approximately 8:30 p.m., the jihadists invaded the outdoor prayer ground of the Ijo Ajaye Ati Igbala church, firing sporadically into the congregation. The violent assault resulted in the immediate deaths of three innocent Christian worshippers, while 15 others were forcefully abducted and taken to an unknown destination. The Kwara State Police Command also confirmed the attack, labeling it a ruthless targeting of peaceful worshippers.

- **Islamic Jihadists Abduct 46 Mainly Christian School Children and their Teachers in Oyo:** According to USA's Gateway Pundit and other multiple media reports of May 20, 2026, armed gunmen launched coordinated attacks on multiple schools in the Ahoro-Esinele community of Oriire Local Government Area, Oyo State, southwestern Nigeria, on the night of May 16, 2026, abducting 46 people, including seven teachers and 39 students, from Community High School in Ahoro-Esinele and Yawota Baptist Nursery and Primary School in the nearby Yawota community. The Christian Association of Nigeria in Oyo State confirmed the figure, noting it included children as young as two years old. One of the abducted teachers, Michael Oyedokun, a mathematics instructor at Community High School, was killed through beheading in captivity. A video released on Sunday, May 17, showed him being beheaded.

The school's principal, Mrs. Rachael Folawe Alamu, was among those taken, transported from the scene in her own vehicle before the attackers escaped into a forest reserve. From captivity, she recorded a video message that spread widely on Nigerian social media. She stated the attack began around 9:30 p.m. on Friday and that staff and students had remained in the kidnappers' hands since. "I am making this video to ask for help from everyone," she said, appealing to the federal government, the Oyo State government, the Christian Association of Nigeria, and "all well-meaning Nigerians" to intervene peacefully "so that our lives will not be lost." Her identity was confirmed by the Oyo State Police Command as Mrs. Rachael Alamu Folawe. She remained in captivity as of the latest available reporting. The attackers, identified locally as members of the Metro Bandits (Fulani Muslim Jihadists), fled into a forest reserve bordering the community. The name itself reflects a pattern documented across Nigeria, where terms like "bandits" and "unknown gunmen" are routinely applied to groups that analysts say are Islamic terrorists. The progression through those labels, and now, in some cases, quietly to "terrorists," reflects a sustained and systematic struggle over accountability and international perception, with Nigerian agencies consistently resisting the more accurate designations. The stakes extend beyond terminology.

Under U.S. law, terrorism designations govern eligibility for military assistance, intelligence cooperation, counterterrorism funding, and sanctions. Nigeria's federal government formally designated bandit groups as terrorists in 2022, but the official gazette framing addressed only kidnapping, cattle rustling, and property destruction, stopping short of any acknowledgment of ideological or religious motivation. President Tinubu's recent vow to defeat "terrorism and banditry" continues that dual framing. Christian leaders have rejected it. The Christian Association of Nigeria president, Reverend Samson Ayokunle, stated publicly that Nigeria was under siege by groups operating "with a goal to Islamize Nigeria." The Archbishop of Abuja, Ignatius Kaigama, similarly named "Boko Haram insurgents, herdsmen militia, bandits, and the so-called unknown gunmen" as a unified threat continuing to terrorize the country.

Field testimony has repeatedly challenged the criminal framing. In attacks across Plateau and Benue states, authorities used the bandit designation while eyewitnesses told [International Christian Concern](#) the perpetrators were Muslim Fulani militia shouting “Allahu Akbar” before opening fire. One central Nigeria survivor described captives being executed after religious sermons. “They lined people up and shot them in the head. They preached Islam first,” he said. [“We buried](#) 178 bodies in two days.” No ransom was demanded and no cattle taken, a pattern analysts say cannot be reconciled with the bandit label.

[Emeka Umeagbalasi](#) of Intersociety attributes at least 60 percent of attacks on Nigerian Christians to extremist Fulani herdsmen or jihadist Fulani fighters, noting that targeted communities are Christian while neighboring Muslim villages are left untouched, and that fewer than one percent of perpetrators are ever arrested. Patricia Streeter, co-founder of the Anglican Persecuted Church Network, said the [evidence is](#) conclusive: “The kidnappings of worshippers during church services make it undeniable this is faith-targeted persecution. It’s also not the result of climate change or banditry, as the mainstream media has said over the years.” The full list of abducted teachers, [published by](#) Sahara Reporters, includes Vice Principal Ojo Jonathan, Olatunde Zacchaeus, John Olaleye, Michael Oyedokun, Mrs. Oladeji, and Mary Akanbi of Yawota Baptist Nursery and Primary School: <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2026/05/teacher-beheaded-nigeria-as-widespread-muslim-violence-against/>

***...Full list of the abducted School children and their teachers as published by Vanguard Newspaper of May 19, 2026 and Sahara Reporters including 2-year-old girl, are as follows:***

1. Mrs. Alamu Folawe – Principal, Community High School, Ahoro-Esinele
2. Mr. Ojo Jonathan – Vice Principal
3. Mr. Olatunde Zacchaeus – Teacher
4. Mr. John Olaleye – Teacher
5. Mr. Michael Oyedokun – Teacher
6. Mrs. Oladeji – Teacher
7. Mary Akanbi – Teacher, Yawota Baptist Nursery and Primary School
8. Rashida Tajudeen – 11 years
9. Ahmed Ramoni – 8 years
10. Abdulsalam Toyib – 4 years
11. Baraka Abioye – 16 years
12. Fatimo Jimoh – 15 years
13. Hassan Azeez – 14 years
14. Joshua Adeleke – 13 years

From Yawota Community, the following persons were taken away:

15. Samuel Oyedele – 7 years
16. Emmanuel Oyedele – 4 years
17. Idowu Taiwo – 4 years
18. Christianah Akanbi – 2 years
19. Juwon Sunday – 7 years
20. Sikiru Salami – 3 years
21. Soliu Salami – 4 years
22. Ojo Joseph – 8 years
23. Lydia Adewole – 8 years
24. Testimony Jacob – 5 years
25. Kehinde Kaosara – 7 years
26. Sewa Seyi – 7 years
27. Waliya Bello – 4 years
28. Lydia Olohunloluwa – 7 years
29. Damilare Oderinde – 8 years
30. Deborah Adebowale – 5 years
31. Aisha Oguntowo – 10 years
32. Lege Taiwo – 12 years
33. Balkis Ayanwale – 8 years
34. Asa David – 10 years

**From Oniya Community:**

35. Shuaibu Aliyu – 10 year
36. Ahmed Aliyu – 7 years
37. Muiz Aliyu – 5 years
38. Jomiloju Ogunlola – 6 years

**Alawusa Community residents involved are:**

39. Agune Noah – 8 years
40. Elizabeth Abadi – 5 years
41. Tosin Abadi – 9 years
42. Pius Stephen – 5 years
43. Hannah Ojo – 14 years
44. Habidat Ayanwale – 7 years
45. Mary Gabriel – 6 years
46. Jacob Gabriel – age not specified

Link: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2026/05/full-list-of-oyo-kidnap-victims-2-yr-old-girl-among/>

- **12 Christian Passengers Abducted By Jihadist Bandits In Ondo:** According to News Express Online of May 23, 2026, No fewer than 12 passengers were abducted by suspected bandits on Friday in Isua Akoko, Akoko South-East Local Government Area of Ondo State. The victims were travelling in two commercial Toyota Hummer buses from Benue State to Ibadan, Oyo State, when armed men intercepted the vehicles and forced them to a halt. The attackers reportedly marched the passengers into a nearby forest after seizing them. The police in Ondo later said they have been rescued alive and unhurt. \*
- **30,000 Fulani Militants Fueling Nigeria's Religious Insecurity.** According to Phoenix News of May 27, 2026, quoting the Glitters Online, the May 2026 Report by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), An estimated 30,000 armed Fulani militants are operating across Nigeria in groups ranging from 10 to 1,000 members, according to the May 2026 report released by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. **The report stated that the militants have become some of the deadliest non-state actors driving religious freedom violations in Nigeria.** Titled "Non-state Violators of Religious Freedom in Nigeria: Fulani Militants," the report said attacks carried out by armed actors of Fulani ethnic background intensified insecurity across the Middle Belt and Southern regions, leaving thousands dead, displacing communities and deepening tensions between religious groups. "Violence by Fulani militants caused the highest number of deaths among all religious communities in Nigeria over the last year as compared to attacks by organized insurgent groups and criminal gangs," the report stated. The commission said many of the attacks were directed at Christian communities, though Muslim communities had also suffered raids, killings and kidnappings.

According to the report, While the groups lack centralized leadership, USCIRF stated that some collaborate with criminal gangs and extremist organizations. The report explained, "These actors operate in a variety of contexts and with a multiplicity of likely aims and motivations. "While many Fulani militant groups wage independent attacks, others periodically coordinate with a wide range of other actors, from conventional bandit gangs seeking financial enrichment to recognized terrorist organizations that espouse a violent interpretation of Islam. "The commission noted that militants frequently attack isolated rural communities at night using motorcycles, automatic weapons and machetes.

"They often wield machetes and descend on vulnerable communities during the night, eliciting terror as a way to force victims to quickly leave and to achieve greater control of desired land," the report said. USCIRF explained that attacks by Fulani militants and other armed groups had displaced at least 1.3 million people in the Middle Belt, forcing many into overcrowded camps lacking adequate sanitation and security. The report detailed several attacks carried out in 2025 and early 2026, including mass killings in Benue and Plateau states.

“One attack in Benue in June 2025 killed at least 200 people, including internally displaced persons living in a Catholic mission,” the report said. USCIRF also cited the massacre in Yelwata, Benue State, in 2025, where more than 200 Christians, “mostly sleeping women and children,” were reportedly killed and over 3,000 people displaced.

- **US Panel Accuses Police, Army of Collusion in Fulani Militias’ Attacks:** According to News Express Online of May 28, 2026, The US Commission on International Religious Freedom, USCIRF, yesterday accused some police and army officers of colluding with Fulani militias in deadly attacks and mass abductions targeting religious communities across Nigeria. It also urged US Congress to bar individuals lobbying on behalf of foreign governments Washington had blacklisted for severe religious freedom violations from receiving payment for such services. This is even as US Secretary of War, Pete Hegseth, revealed yesterday that President Donald Trump has ordered the Pentagon to prioritize Nigerian Christians targeted by ISIS, adding that the directive quietly led to the killing of ISIS’ second-in-command in Nigeria. In a May 2026 report, titled “Non-state Violators of Religious Freedom in Nigeria: Fulani Militants”, the US commission further stated that the Nigerian government censorship had hindered accurate analysis of the identities and motivations of the armed groups violating religious freedom.

But the report stated: “The fates of all these kidnapping victims, like so many others, remain unknown to the public due to the sensitivity of ransom negotiations and, in some cases, possible collusion between perpetrators and some officials from the police and/or army. “Further complicating matters is the fact that both conflicting media narratives and reported government censorship have hindered accurate analysis of the identities and motivations of the alarming number of armed non-state actors that violate religious freedom in Nigeria. “Some observers have argued environmental and economic factors as the driving force behind Fulani militants’ acts of violence, while others have suggested that these actors are engaged in a concerted campaign of outright genocide against non-Muslims, especially Christians. “In fact, multiple and overlapping factors, including religion in many cases, likely spur Fulani militants to attack communities or individuals.”

- **Over 30 Christians Killed In A Weeklong Attacks In Three Plateau Counties:** According to Barnabas Aid Report of May 18, 2026, at least 30 people have been killed in a week-long wave of attacks across Christian-majority Plateau State, Nigeria. The latest in the ongoing violence in the state began on 5 May at 9pm when gunmen swept into Nding Susut village in Fan District, Barkin Ladi Local Government Authority (LGA) and opened fire on residents sitting outside their homes. Six people were killed, including four women and a nine-year-old boy from the same family. Days later, three pregnant women were among 13 killed in Bassa LGA area by suspected Fulani militants. The attack on Ngebra Zongo village took place on 8 May.

“They came into the community around midnight and started shooting and hacking people to death,” said a resident. “They moved from one house to another attacking innocent people.” Barkin Ladi town was the focus of a series of coordinated night-time attacks on 9 May, which claimed the lives of at least seven people, including a police officer. Several more people were injured. “It is deeply disturbing that communities continue to come under coordinated attacks in broad daylight and at night without any swift or effective response from security operatives,” said a spokesman for local group, the Berom Youth Moulders Association. “Residents now live in constant fear, uncertainty, and trauma while armed attackers move freely across communities unleashing terror on innocent civilians.” Four people were killed on 12 May during a night attack on Kogot village in Jos South LGA. The victims were named as 78-year-old Ngo Shettu Badung and her son, Danjuma Badung, 52. Peter Dung, 22, and Amos Bele Danbwarang, 19, were killed as the attackers fled the village. Link: <https://www.barnabasaid.org/gb/news/at-least-30-killed-in-week-long-wave-of-attacks-in-nigeria-s-plateau-sta/>

- **Three Christians Killed In Benue:** According to Daily Sun Newspaper of May 24, 2026, no fewer than three persons (Christians) including Friday Omoha of Ogbadibo County and Francis Liambee of Guma County in Benue State were killed (by Fulani Jihadists) along Otukpo-Enugu Road in Benue State. The killings took place on Friday, May 22, 2026 during which three others were critically injured and one of them died in hospital.
- **ISIS Shifts Operations to West Africa, Nigeria, US Raises Alarm:** According to Newswire Report of May 12, 2026, the United States has identified Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin as key areas in its 2026 counterterrorism strategy, warning that extremist groups across Africa are becoming an increasing global security concern. According to the strategy document, terrorist activities have resurged in several African regions following the collapse of ISIS strongholds in Iraq and Syria. The US noted that remnants of ISIS and allied jihadist groups have moved operations to parts of Africa and Central Asia, taking advantage of weak governance and poorly secured territories. The report highlighted West Africa, the Sahel, the Lake Chad Basin, Mozambique, Sudan, and Somalia as areas experiencing heightened terrorist activity.

It also stated that groups linked to ISIS and Al-Shabaab continue to strengthen their presence in some of these regions. The US government explained that its major goal in Africa is to stop extremist organizations from creating operational bases capable of threatening American interests. Washington also pledged continued cooperation with African governments through intelligence sharing, counterterrorism training, and security support aimed at weakening ISIS and al-Qaeda-affiliated groups.

In addition, the strategy emphasized the protection of Christians targeted by terrorist organizations, describing it as an important priority for the administration. The document further stated that the US intends to rebuild counterterrorism partnerships with African countries while maintaining a limited military presence on the continent. Instead, regional governments would be expected to take greater responsibility through coordinated operations and stronger intelligence collaboration.

- **US Religious Rights Panel Accuses Police, Army of Collusion in Jihadists' Attacks on Christians:** According to Vanguard Newspaper of May 28, 2026, the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, USCIRF, yesterday (May 27, 2026) accused some police and army officers of colluding with Fulani militias in deadly attacks and mass abductions targeting religious communities across Nigeria, especially Christians, their communities, places of worship and dwelling houses and livelihoods. "There's a lot of things we do that the media pays attention to, and a lot of things that the president empowers the department to do on behalf of the American people, that he deserves great credit for," he said. In a May 2026 report, titled "Non-state Violators of Religious Freedom in Nigeria: Fulani Militants", the US commission further stated that the Nigerian government censorship had hindered accurate analysis of the identities and motivations of the armed groups violating religious freedom.

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Similarly, the same May 2026 US Report specifically alleges Deep Security Collusion as Fulani Militant Violence Forces Millions from Nigerian Communities out of their homes and their religions. A disturbing new report from the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom has ignited fresh global concern over Nigeria's worsening security crisis, alleging that elements within the police and military have collaborated with armed Fulani militant groups accused of carrying out deadly attacks across vulnerable communities. The report, titled "Nonstate Violators of Religious Freedom in Nigeria: Fulani Militants," paints a grim picture of a nation where fear, displacement, and bloodshed continue to spread while accountability remains dangerously absent.

According to the findings, some security officials allegedly aided or protected perpetrators during mass kidnappings, coordinated village raids, and violent assaults that have devastated predominantly Christian communities in Nigeria's Middle Belt and parts of the South. The document warns that institutional failures and alleged internal compromise have allowed armed groups to operate with growing boldness and impunity. USCIRF estimates that nearly 30,000 armed Fulani militants now function in decentralized cells across the country, ranging from small mobile bands to heavily armed formations capable of launching large-scale coordinated attacks.

The violence attributed to these groups reportedly caused more deaths in the past year than attacks linked to Boko Haram and ISWAP combined. Entire communities in Benue, Plateau, Kaduna, and Nasarawa states have been shattered by repeated invasions, mass killings, abductions, and destruction of homes and farmlands. More than 1.3 million people have reportedly been displaced from ancestral lands, leaving thousands trapped in overcrowded camps and uncertain futures. The report also raises alarm over what it describes as a dangerous culture of silence and opacity surrounding attacks, claiming that public understanding of the crisis has been clouded by alleged cooperation between criminal networks and compromised security operatives. The allegations are likely to intensify international scrutiny on Nigeria's security institutions and deepen calls for independent investigations, justice for victims, and urgent reforms within the nation's military and policing structures. For many affected families, however, the report is more than a geopolitical document — it is a painful recognition of years of unanswered cries, abandoned villages, and lives forever altered by violence.

- **11 Christians Killed in Foron (Barkin Ladi) And Mangu Fresh Attack in Plateau:** According to Daily Post of June 1, 2026 and the Truth-Nigeria Report of June 2, 2026, at least eleven Christians, mostly women and children were killed and 15 others injured in the evening and night of May 31, 2026 in renewed attacks by Jihadist Fulani militants in two remote villages of Foron in Barkin Ladi and Mangu southeast of Jos, the capital of Plateau State. The first attack took place at about 7:30pm in village of Tukur in Mangu Halle of Mangu Local Government Area, leading to the death of two women and a man including: Titus Brigade, 55, Mrs. Rahab Titus, 45 and Mrs. Laitu Pius, 43 and injuring of a 12-Year-Old child. The second attack took place about fifteen minutes later in another village of Gwong-Ajang Village in Foron District of Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of the same State at about 7:45pm, targeting a women's gathering. According to eyewitnesses and locals, not less than eight Christians mostly women and children were killed and fifteen others injured in the attack, carried out by Fulani Jihadists shouting "Allahu' Akbar".

- **Two Killed, 28 Abducted in Kogi Community:** According to several media reports of June 1, 2026, suspected Fulani Bandits at about 2:25am and 3:00am of June 1, 2026, launched attack along Ayegunle Bunu-Abuja Road in Ayegunle Community in Kabba-Bunu Local Government Area of Kogi State, killing two residents and abducting 28 others including those traveling on two commercial buses who were abducted and forced into the nearby forest. The community is also a predominantly Christian community under Oba Sunday Omodamori as traditional ruler who also confirmed the incident. The attack was reported to have occurred around 2:25am on Monday, June 1, 2026.
- **Two Abducted Christians Killed By Jihadist Bandits In Edo Forest:** According to the authorities of the Edo State Police Command in a statement made public on Thursday, June 4, 2026, (Jihadist Fulani Bandits (kidnappers) tortured and killed two Edo Christians (Mrs. Favour Nosakhare 66, Mrs. Emmanuel Annabel Osasere 28, and Miss Rejoice Otikpere, 26). in a pre-killing on video call before killing them, after which their bodies were recovered by the Edo Police in Forest and arrested one of the Fulani Bandits' suspects (Musa Haruna, 23). For weeks, families held onto hope that their loved ones would return home alive. Instead, a heartbreaking discovery deep inside a forest in Edo State has brought a tragic end to a kidnapping case that shocked residents across the State.

The above follows confirmation by the Edo State Police Command of recovery of two bodies believed to be victims of a notorious kidnapping syndicate operating in Ovia North-East Local Government Area. The victims were among three women abducted on May 9, 2026, when heavily armed kidnappers invaded a residence in Iyowa Community and dragged them into a nearby forest. The abducted women were identified as Mrs. Favour Nosakhare (66), Mrs. Emmanuel Annabel Osasere (28), and Miss Rejoice Otikpere (26). According to police, the case took an even darker turn day after the abduction when the kidnappers allegedly contacted family members through a video call. During the call, the victims were reportedly seen being brutally flogged and tortured while the jihadists demanded ransom for their release.

The recovery operation was carried out by the operatives of the Violent Crime Response Unit (VCRU), working alongside the Police Drone Unit which launched a large-scale operation in Ovia North-East and neighboring communities on May 19, 2026 after the police operatives reportedly tracked members of the gang to the Powerline axis of the Ovia Forest. Acting on information provided by the suspect, investigators ventured into a thick forest in Ogwa Community on June 2, 2026, where they recovered two decomposing bodies. One of the bodies was positively identified by relatives as that of Mrs. Favour Nosakhare, one of the women abducted during the May 9 attack.

- Five Abducted ECWA Church Worshippers, Pastor's Wife Killed In Captivity-Escapee:**  
 According to the ValidView Network report of June 3, 2026, among other media reports, five worshippers abducted during a terrorist attack on an Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) congregation in Omugo, Oro Ago District of Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, have reportedly died while in Jihadist Fulani Bandits' captivity. Among the victims was the wife of the church minister, Pastor Omole, according to information allegedly provided by one of the abductees who escaped from the kidnappers' den. Sources familiar with the development disclosed that reports emerging from the captors' camp indicate that five of the victims, who had spent several weeks in captivity, are feared killed. According to the sources, families of the affected victims have been informed of the tragic development. "The sad news has been broken to the families of the deceased," a source said, adding that Pastor Omole's wife was among those reported to have died while in captivity. The development has plunged the Omugo community and members of ECWA into mourning. The victims were abducted on March 22, 2026, when heavily armed gunmen stormed ECWA Church Omugo during a church service. The attackers reportedly fired shots into the air, causing panic before forcing several worshippers into a nearby forest.
- Eight Off-Campus Christian Students Of Federal Polytechnic In Zamfara Abducted:**  
 According to the exclusive report of the HumAngle of June 3, 2026, eight students of the Federal Polytechnic in Kaura Namoda, Zamfara State were abducted by Muslim jihadist terrorists *who stormed an off-campus hostel today (June 3) in Zamfara, Northwestern Nigeria, and abducted eight six students of the Federal Polytechnic, Kaura Namoda, who resided and resorted to off-campus housing in recent times in order to avoid being abducted by jihadists from school.*

According to the exclusive report, "hours after residents went to bed on the morning (late night) of Wednesday, June 3, sounds of gunshots pierced through the air as terrorists circled an off-campus hostel housing some students of the Federal Polytechnic Kaura Namoda in Zamfara State. The hostel, located in the Low-cost area, is meters away from a military checkpoint, according to residents. Students at the polytechnic had increasingly been moving into off-campus housing to avoid being abducted from their school. As fear of what might happen enveloped people, the terrorists compromised the gate of the hostel and took away eight students of the polytechnic. Even as they fled with the students, they continued to fire shots in the air". "Two of the students, Favour and Joshua Sunday, escaped while being taken away by the terrorists," a resident who simply gave his name as Musa told HumAngle. "My house is not far from Oga Bulu's house, which shares a wall with the house the students live in. I heard the gunshots and heard when they were leaving with the students."

Shockingly discovered was that all the abducted students were Christians including Christians of the South-East or Igbo origin, whose names are: **Favor Allwell (F), Rejoice Allwell (F), Mary (F), Samuel Ekene (M), Joshua Sunday (M), Ezekiel Oluwatinulayo (M), Michael (M) and Precious Chioma (F)**-four females and four males. The above was according to the list, dated June 3, 2026 and exclusively published by HumAngle. Link: <https://humanglemedia.com/names-of-students-abducted-in-zamfara-emerge/>.

- **Fulani Jihadists Impose Nine Islamic Slavery Agreements Under “Pay and Convert to Islam or Die” On Southern Kaduna Christian Communities:** According to Phoenix News of June 1, 2026, quoting a recent report by Truth-Nigeria, Fulani militants are coercing Christian communities in Southern Kaduna into what survivors describe as “slave agreements,” demanding cash tributes, sexual access to women, forced labor, and silence about kidnappings — with promise of instant death to anyone who refuses; new accounts obtained by Truth-Nigeria reveal. The co-founder of Resilient Aid and Dialogue Initiative (RADi), Rueben Buhari has made the disturbing revelation on his Facebook page Friday, May 29, 2026, saying some communities have rejected the proposal while some have conceded to the indecent proposal. “I spent hours talking to some Internal Displaced Persons (IDPs) who were displaced by attacks and kidnappings in their communities in Southern Kaduna,” Buhari said. Buhari, who is native of Awon, Kachia County where Fulani Ethnic Militia (FEM) attacked and kidnapped 10 persons on April 26, 2026, added that, “The alternative to halting the attacks is for them to enter into an agreement with the bandits. You can then till your farmland and be free to come and go as you please; however, the agreement comes at a really high cost for the people.” According to Buhari, who was the Press Secretary to former Governor of Kaduna state, Ibrahim Yakowa, the agreement includes:

**...Highlighting the Nine Islamic Enslavement Agreements Imposed by the Jihadists:** “1. Every household in the community pays a monthly or yearly levy to the terrorists with a record book kept containing the name of each household. “2. The terrorists can decide to use your women or daughters – forcefully if you refuse. “3. They are entitled to a certain percentage of your farm yield. “4. You will be responsible for buying items for them from outside markets. “5. You must notify them or their representative whenever a visitor arrives in your community. “6. You are required to inform them whenever security approaches the community and also inform them about communities that refuse to have any agreement with them. Collaboration with security results in instant death. “7. They can eject and occupy your house when in need”. “8. They can pass through your town with kidnapped victims, and you are expected to remain silent. “9. If they decide to farm, you are expected to provide your members as farm laborers. According to Buhari, failure to comply results in death, an increase in levy, or other punishments.

The report further disclosed that: “Some communities have refused to enter into such agreements and have consistently been attacked, with their people kidnapped. They said they would rather defend their communities and die or abandon it than become slaves,” he said and called for prayers for them. The Southern Kaduna Peoples Union (SOKAPU), which represents more than 58 ethnic nationalities across the region’s 10,000 square miles — roughly the size of Massachusetts — alleges that Fulani terrorist groups displaced about 1,000 communities in 2021. Southern Kaduna has faced a sustained wave of kidnapping and violence tied to “banditry” and insurgent activity. Since 2011, estimates show that over 1,000 people have been killed and many more kidnapped and injured. For Kaduna State overall, SBM Intelligence recorded 132 incidents with 3,969 victims between 2019–2024—the highest in Nigeria at the time, according to Business Day report of 2025. The report says that for Southern Kaduna specifically, local reports show concentrated spikes in the first quarter of 2024. “Adara Development Association reported 29 villages attacked, 41 persons killed, and 222 kidnapped in Adara land spanning Kachia, Kajuru LGAs and Niger State. “Other incidents include 87 kidnapped in Kajuru community on March 18, 2024, and 51 kidnapped with 3 killed across four villages in a 3-day period. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/06/land-or-death-fulani-militants-force-christian-communities-into-humiliating-pacts/>

- **Six Suspected Christians Abducted By Fulani Bandits In Wasagu, Kebbi:** No fewer than six persons, suspected to be Christians have been abducted in Wasagu Town in Danko-Wasagu part of Southern Kebbi. The abduction took place on Thursday, June 4, 2026 and was strongly believed to have been carried out by Jihadist Fulani Bandits. The area is Christian dominated which has come under severe jihadist attacks in recent times. More than 60 Christians were killed in the area between April and early June 2025, according to the UK Parliament, quoted in our previous reports of August and Oct 2025.
- **Two Suspected Christian Farmers Killed, Four Others Abducted In Munya, Niger State:** Jihadist Fulani Bandits have stormed Mangure community in Munya, a dominant Christian area of Niger State and killed at least two suspected Christian farmers and abducted at least four others. This was according to local media reports. The attack took place on Wednesday evening of June 3, 2026. Munya County is one of the five Christian-held areas of Niger State which had come under series of jihadist attacks in recent years especially since 2020 by the trio of Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen, Jihadist Fulani Bandits and Jihadist Boko Haram Terror Group.

- **Fulani Bandits Abduct Pastor and 3 Other Christians including 11-Year-Old Boy in Abuja:** According to Lindaikejiblog of June 5, 2026, Fulani Bandits in the early hours of Thursday, June 4, 2026, attacked Paze community around the Byzazhin area of Kubwa in Bwari Area Council of Abuja, the Nigeria's Federal Capital Territory, abducting four residents, including a pastor and a minor. The jihadists, numbering about eight, shot dead a church security guard (Shuaibu Yerima), before abducting the four victims. The jihadist gunmen also abducted Pastor Francis Oriade of the All Christian Fellowship Mission (ACFM), Maitama, Abuja; Jewel Obeg; Friday Isaac; and an 11-year-old boy, Delight Okeke. Link: <https://m.lindaikejisblog.com/2026/6/security-guard-killed-as-bandits-abduct-pastor-11-year-old-boy-and-two-others-in-abuja.html>
- **Bandits Destroyed Buildings, Abducted Pastor's Nine-Year-Old Son In Ondo:** According to Punch Newspaper of June 5, 2026, Igboosi area of Idogun in Ose Local Government Area of Ondo State was in the early hours of Friday, June 5, 2026, invaded by Fulani Bandits around 1:am, destroyed two houses and abducted a 9-Year-Old Pastor's son, Oluwatobi, son of Pastor Olaosebikan Isaac.
- **Fulani Herdsmen Killed Seven Suspected Christians in Bauchi Community:** According to multiple media reports, quoting the police angle, not less than seven persons, suspected to be Christians were killed in suspected Christian-held area of Lanzai and Dosho communities in Darazo Local Government Area of Bauchi State. The attack took place on Thursday, June 4, 2026-leading to reprisal by some members of the attacked communities. The Bauchi State Police Command later described it as "Farmers-Herders' clash".
- **Christians in Nigeria Facing Killings and Forced Conversion to Islam – UN:** The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has raised concerns over what it described as credible reports of killings, abductions, sexual violence and forced conversions targeting Christian and other religious minority communities in Nigeria, particularly in the northern and Middle Belt regions. The concerns were contained in a press release issued on Monday, June 8, 2026 by the UN Human Rights Office, which warned that worsening insecurity in parts of the country has created an environment where armed groups operate with severe consequences for civilians. According to the OHCHR, *"credible reports of killings, abductions, sexual violence, forced conversion, forced marriage, abductions and acts tantamount to enforced disappearances targeting Christian and other religious minority communities in Nigeria, particularly women and girls, are alarming in Nigeria"*.

The office said, “These reports are deeply troubling,” adding that the deteriorating security situation in northern Nigeria and the Middle Belt had enabled armed extremist groups and other actors to operate amid persistent allegations of impunity and inadequate protection by authorities. It further stated that “the testimonies we have received paint a horrifying picture of fear, trauma, coercion and abandonment,” stressing that victims and survivors must be protected and supported, including through justice and reparations. Links: (1)<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/06/nigeria-un-experts-warn-rights-violations-against-women-and-girls-christian>; (2)<https://punchng.com/christians-in-nigeria-face-killings-forced-conversion-un/>

- **Hundreds Of Women And Their Children Abducted As Christians And Freed As Captivity Converted Muslims in Boko Haram’s Borno:** Another dangerous twist has added to widespread and unchecked abductions and disappearances targeting Christians in Nigeria especially in Jihadist Boko Haram and Jihadist Fulani held areas of Northern Nigeria where in the past six months of 2026, estimated 1000 Christian women and children have been seized and forcibly converted to Islam or sold as sex slaves to jihadists or openly beheaded or permanently disappeared after being taken hostage. This act of savagery is found to be in furtherance of the Islamic jihadists’ new radical doctrine of “Pay and Convert to Islam or Die” (including beheading).
- Two clear cases in point were recently found in Ngoshe part of Gwoza in Southern Borno—where hundreds of Christian women and children abducted in the March 3/4, 2026 deadly attacks are feared to have been forcibly converted to Islam in captivity to escape being killed including beheading; or sold as sex slaves to jihadists and their commanders; and in Southern Kaduna where recent independent reports revealed that Nine Islamic Slavery Agreements associated with “Pay and Convert to Islam or Die” have been imposed by Jihadist Fulani Militants on Christian communities in the area. In other words, “the only way for Christians in Borno South and Southern Kaduna to have peace and survive is for them to pay Islamic taxes and voluntarily convert to Islam or force forceful conversion or get killed including beheading; or be sold as sex slaves”.

The above is corroborated in an Exclusive Report by Truth-Nigeria of June 8, 2026 and titled: “Confusion in Borno: “360 Freed, Four Infants Dead, But Ngoshe Families Say Their Captives Are Still Missing””. According to the report, out of the so called “rescued 360 Ngoshe Abductees”, only seven were identified by witnesses as those originally abducted by Boko Haram on March 3 and 4. In other words, most of those said to have been rescued by the military and brought back are found not to have originated from Ngoshe, especially those abducted in the March 3 and 4 attacks, according to witnesses and relatives of the hundreds of the abducted Christian women and children.

The most shocking part of it was that many of the returned captives were those abducted as Christians but forcefully converted in captivity and returned as “hijab Muslim women and children”; a height of religious persecution. There are also several cases of the post March 3 and 4 abductions targeted at Christians in the area; during which hundreds were reportedly abducted and made to go missing till date. The Truth-Nigeria report further quoted two prominent citizens of the area (Ngoshe); a Christian Pastor in Pulka and a senior University don from the University of Maiduguri’s School of Medical Sciences; as having observed that “most of the 360 returned abductees are not from the area” and that “hundreds of those women returned in Islamic hijab are those originally abducted as Christians but converted to Islam in captivity and returned as Muslim women and children”. The two sources were quoted as further disclosing that “hundreds of those Christian women and children originally abducted on March 3 and 4 have not been returned and are still in nearby mountains controlled by Boko Haram Jihadists-about three kilometers from a Nigerian military base”. The Truth-Nigeria Report is further subtitled: **“Physician; Hundreds of Ngoshe Captives Still Hostages?” .... Most Returnees Not from Ngoshe.** Professor Audu Idriss of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Maiduguri, a native of Ngoshe and son of the former Village Head of Ngoshe, said many of those released were not from the community. In an exclusive interview with Truth-Nigeria’s correspondent in Maiduguri, Idriss said: “My findings are that most of those brought to Ngoshe are not our people. Most of them are from somewhere else. We still have many Ngoshe residents with them (Boko Haram). I don’t know what arrangement was made, but we still await the return of most of the kidnapped Ngoshe women and children.”

**...Women in Hijab Likely Christians Forcibly Converted to Islam in Captivity:** Similarly, according to the Truth-Nigeria Report, a Christian cleric in Pulka, about 13 miles south of Ngoshe, who requested anonymity for security reasons, said that although many of the returned women appeared to be Muslims, they were originally Christian women who had been forcibly converted while in captivity. “Most of those women you see wearing the Muslim hijab were Christians who were forced to convert to Islam or were made sex slaves, or sold to other terrorist groups as slaves,” he said. The return, Sunday, of 360 hostages kidnapped from Ngoshe, Gwoza County, Borno State, on March 4, 2026, has sparked controversy over whether they were rescued through a military operation or released by terrorists following negotiations, *TruthNigeria* has learned. There are also counterclaims that many of those who returned were not members of the Ngoshe community, and that a large number of residents of the predominantly Christian town remain in the custody of Boko Haram terrorists.

**...Boko Haram Attack of March 4:**As widely reported in the media, *Vanguard* stated that on March 4, 2026, Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists launched a devastating attack on Ngoshe in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State, killing scores of civilians and soldiers, abducting hundreds—mostly women and children—and burning homes and shops. The assault displaced thousands, prompting military counterattacks and emergency humanitarian interventions. On Sunday, June 7, 2026, however, the Nigerian Army Headquarters announced that it had secured the release of 360 hostages through a major military operation. See the Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/06/confusion-in-borno-360-freed-four-infants-dead-but-ngoshe-families-say-their-captives-are-still-missing/>

- **Over 100 Young Christians From Ngoshe Still Held Captive By Boko Haram:** According to Daily Trust of June 8, 2026, more than 60 (100) young girls and boys of Ngoshe-Gwoza extraction are still held captive by Boko Haram and not part of the 360 freed on June 6 following their abduction since March 3 and 4 coordinated Boko Haram terror attacks targeting the returnee Gwoza Christian refugees from Cameroon. The returnees were first quartered in Ngoshe IDP camps under military protection, from where they came under attacks on March 3 and 4, during which more than 400 were abducted, estimated 300 killed and thousands of others relocated to Pulka.

According to some survivors freed on June 6, interviewed by Daily Trust, “on Saturday night (June 6), we were gathered by the (Boko Haram) insurgents and presented an option to either stay with them or return to our families,” one freed woman told Daily Trust. “A moment later, they asked us to leave. We walked through the mountainous terrain to a point where we were picked up by the military.” She and 359 others — elderly men, women, and children under 10 — were abducted from Ngoshe on March 3. The released captives said “young girls and boys, aged around 12, 16 and 20 years, are still with the Boko Haram insurgents.” “The insurgents did not give the young girls and boys any option. We left them there,” another victim told Daily Trust. “There are over 60 young men and women that are still held captive.” Two infants died from exhaustion during the ordeal. Families in Pulka cheered as the 360 survivors arrived, but joy mixed with grief. “We all rushed and hugged them, but they looked haggard and exhausted,” said Malam Nuhu, whose wife and brother returned. Parents of missing teens pleaded for action: “My daughter was not among those released,” one mother said. “We were set free in the night and everyone was rushing to leave the place.” Link: <https://dailytrust.com/b-haram-holds-teenagers-as-360-regain-freedom/>

- **Five UN Rights Experts Confirm Rising State Actor-Aided Widespread Religious Violence Against Christian Women And Children In Nigeria:** According to Truth-Nigeria report of June 10, 2026, the UN Rights Panel of Rapporteurs, composed of Special Rapporteurs on Violence against Women, Torture, Extrajudicial Killings, Minority Rights, and Enforced Disappearances, on June 8, 2026, warned that Christian women and girls across northern Nigeria and the Middle Belt are being systematically killed, abducted, sexually assaulted, forcibly converted to Islam, and handed into child marriages, while Nigerian authorities look the other way.

According to them, “We are particularly alarmed at the very specific and heightened risks of discrimination, violence and exploitation that Christian women and girls are exposed to, as we continue to document grave cases of sexual violence, abductions, acts tantamount to enforced disappearances, forced conversion and child marriage amongst them,” the experts said. “In many cases, those who resist are reportedly threatened, punished, disappeared or killed”. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/06/un-report-condemns-torture-enslavement-and-murder-of-nigerias-christian-women/>

- **Taraba Border Communities Under Siege as Fulani Ethnic Militias Intensify Kidnappings:** According to Truth-Nigeria report of June 10, 2026, “at least 50 Christians have been kidnapped by Ethnic Fulani Militias in Munga-Lelau, Munga-Doso, Bandawa, Gomu, Zoh, and Panya communities under Karim-Lamido part of Taraba State that share boundaries with Plateau, Bauchi, and Gombe States”, especially in the past five months of Jan-May 2026. The link to the report is here: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/06/fulani-militias-expand-kidnapping-network-targeting-christian-villages-across-three-states-in-nigeria/>
- **Boko Haram Plans ‘Quranic Graduation’ For Over 100 Women, Children Abducted From Kwara Community, Families Reveal:** According to Sahara Reporters of June 1, 2026, Christian and moderate Muslim families of victims abducted by suspected Boko Haram terrorists from Woro community in Kaiama Local Government Area of Kwara State have told SaharaReporters that the insurgents are preparing to organize a Quranic graduation ceremony for more than 100 women and children held in captivity. The development comes months after the terrorists massacred over 200 residents of the community and abducted 176 women and children during a deadly raid that shocked the nation. Family members of the abductees told SaharaReporters that the terrorists disclosed the planned graduation during recent telephone conversations when relatives called to inquire about the condition of their loved ones. According to the families, the insurgents claimed that they had spent months teaching the captives Islamic knowledge, religious etiquette and Quranic memorization and that many of them were now ready to "graduate."

One relative, who spoke through a community source, said the terrorists boasted that the abductees had acquired extensive Islamic education while in captivity. "They told us that many of our women and children have now memorized portions of the Quran and undergone Islamic teachings," the source told SaharaReporters. "They said they are preparing a graduation ceremony for them. They claimed they have invested resources, food and time into teaching them and that they want to celebrate their achievements," the source said.

The source added that the terrorists also issued a fresh threat regarding future negotiations for the release of the captives. According to the family member, the insurgents warned that all expenses incurred for the proposed graduation ceremony would eventually be added to whatever financial demands they may place on the government and families during negotiations. "They said all the money they are going to spend on the graduation will not be wasted," the source said. "They specifically warned that when the time comes for negotiations, the government and families will pay for everything they spent on the ceremony." The link to the Sahara Reporters is here: <https://saharareporters.com/2026/06/01/breaking-boko-haram-plans-quranic-graduation-over-100-women-children-abducted-kwara>

- **Nigeria Gunmen Abduct RCCG Pastor Gbenga Sanny in Ondo State, Wife Escapes Attack:** Suspected gunmen have abducted Pastor Gbenga Sanny, a cleric with the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), in Akure North Local Government Area of Ondo State. The incident occurred at about 7:00 p.m. on Sunday in front of his residence in the Ilu-Abo community. Three armed men emerged from the nearby bush and whisked him away while his wife escaped. Sanny is also a staff member of the local government council. Police have launched an investigation and mobilized tactical teams for rescue.
- **Terrorists Kill Four Christians In Southern Kaduna Communities, Abduct 11 Others:** According to Sahara Reporters of June 10, 2026, Fulani Islamic terrorists locally dubbed as bandits have killed four people and abducted 11 others in separate attacks across Kachia and Kajuru Local Government Areas of Kaduna State. Despite alleged pressure on communities in Southern Kaduna to cover up rising bandit attacks and other violent incidents, residents continue to provide updates on the security situation in the area. Information and eyewitness accounts sent by residents to SaharaReporters indicated that the bandits carried out the attacks between Saturday and Monday. In Kachia Local Government Area, bandits reportedly attacked Mafofadiya and Zagom Mazuga villages between Sunday and Monday (June 7 and 8). During the attack, a resident, Joel Dauda was killed, while other residents; Leo Bakut, Kefas Hilary, Vitoria Leo, Cristiana Jeol, Iseal Joel, Hannatu Iseal and Israel James were abducted by the attackers.

In Kajuru Local Government Area, bandits attacked Kallah and Kufana villages between Saturday and Sunday (June 6 and 7), killing residents and abducting four others. Those abducted included the pregnant wife of a slain resident, Jagora Dabo and their children. Residents identified two of those killed in Kallah village as Jagora Dabo and Misali Adamu. According to local sources, Jagora Dabo's pregnant wife and their children were abducted during the attack. Residents also reported that another person was killed in Kufana village, although the victim's identity had yet to be confirmed as of the time of filing this report. The latest attacks have renewed concerns over the worsening security situation in Southern Kaduna amid complaints by residents that violent incidents are being underreported despite continued attacks on rural communities. The attacks also raise fresh questions about the effectiveness of government efforts, including non-kinetic approaches such as dialogue, reconciliation and rehabilitation programs aimed at encouraging bandits to abandon violence. Residents say communities across Southern Kaduna continue to live under the threat of attacks, kidnappings and killings, with many calling on security agencies and government authorities to intensify efforts to protect vulnerable villages and bring perpetrators to justice. The link to the Sahara Report is here: <https://saharareporters.com/2026/06/10/breaking-terrorists-kill-four-persons-southern-kaduna-communities-abduct-11-others>

- **Jihadist Fulani Militants Kill Three Christians, Injure Others In Jos East Of Plateau:** According to Daily Post of June 12, 2026, Gunmen suspected to be Fulani militias, on Thursday (June 11)20, attacked a group of mourners who were conveying the bodies of two persons killed in an earlier attack on Wednesday, June 10 to the mortuary in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State, killing one person and injuring several others. This was also confirmed by the multiple award-winning journalist, Masara Kim Usman. The President of the Berom Youth Moulders-Association, BYM, Barr. Dalyop Solomon Mwantiri, who confirmed the incident in a statement on Friday morning, said on Wednesday night, some Fulani bandits had launched an attack on the Sol village of Ta-Hoss District in Riyom LGA, killing two people. However, the bandits ambushed the grieving mourners the following day while conveying the bodies of the victims to a mortuary, opened fire on them and killed one other person while injuring others in the process.
- **Borno, Adamawa Christian Leaders Lament Escalating Attacks Against Christians:** According to Daily Post of Tuesday, June 16, 2026, Christian elders from Borno and Adamawa states have called on the Federal Government to deploy forest guards to Sambisa Forest to strengthen efforts against insurgency and improve security in the North-East. The appeal was made in Abuja on Monday at the end of a three-day fasting and prayer session organized by Christian Marghi leaders, who also sought divine intervention for the release of abducted schoolchildren in parts of Borno and Oyo States.

The elders urged the government to “flood Sambisa Forest with forest guards now” as part of measures to dislodge terrorists and curb persistent attacks on vulnerable communities. Their call follows the reported abduction of between 42 and 51 children, mostly toddlers and primary school pupils, by suspected Boko Haram insurgents in Mussa town, covering Mussa, Birri and Shikarkir areas of Askira/Uba Local Government Area of Borno State on May 15, 2026.

Speaking on behalf of the Marghi community in Abuja, Elder Gambo Kadir said insecurity in the affected areas is more widespread than is often reported, claiming that many incidents go undocumented. According to him, frontline local government areas including Madagali, Gwoza, Askira/Uba and Chibok have continued to experience repeated attacks for more than a decade, while the recent abduction in Mussa reflects the persistent security challenges facing residents. Kadir also criticized the government’s approach to tackling insurgency, alleging that suspected terrorists are being rehabilitated instead of being decisively dealt with. He further reported a fresh abduction in Kirchiga town, Borno State, shortly after the Mussa incident. The elders called for increased military deployment to communities bordering Sambisa Forest, particularly in Madagali, Askira/Uba, Chibok and Gwoza. They also urged the Federal Government to strengthen intelligence gathering and deploy modern technology to aid the rescue of abducted victims and combat insurgency. Link: <https://dailypost.ng/2026/06/16/insecurity-borno-adamawa-christian-elders-urge-fg-to-deploy-forest-guards-to-sambisa/>

**...139 School Children, Mostly Christians, Abducted By Jihadists In 2 Days In May 2026:**

From the above report, no fewer than 139 Nursery and Primary School children, who are mostly Christians were abducted by Islamic Jihadists of Fulani and Borno’s Kanuri stocks (Jihadist Boko Haram and Jihadist Fulani Bandits) in May 2026 alone. While 42 were abducted on May 15 in Mussa part of Askira-Uba, 51 (largely unreported) were abducted days after in Kirchiga part of the same Askira-Uba in Chibok, Southern Borno. Another set of 46 School children (pupils and secondary school students) and mostly Christian school children, including a toddler were on the same day of May 15, 2026, abducted by On the same day, attacked and abducted in Ahoro-Esinele and neighboring communities in Oriire Local Government Area of Oyo State.

- **Full List Of 36 Christian School Children Abducted By Boko Haram In Askira-Uba, Borno:** According to Daily trust and News Express reports of Tuesday, June 30, 2026, the list of students abducted during the invasion of Government Day Secondary School Lassa, Askira Uba LGA of Borno State, has been obtained. Daily Trust had reported how suspected Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) members raided the school, abducting students and teachers. Lassa village is located about 20 kilometers from the Mussa community where 42 pupils of Mussa Primary and Junior Secondary School were abducted on May 15.

Sources revealed that the insurgents, who struck around 8:30am on Monday, shot dead a teacher, who refused to follow them, while one other sustained injuries and was hospitalized. Daily Trust has obtained a verified register which detailed 36 names of the abducted students. A breakdown shows that of the 36 students, 11 are males while 25 are female students. Going by the classes, one is a SS3 student; 17 are from SS2 while 18 are SS1 students. Hon Jagila Jabula, Councilor representing Lassa Ward, authenticated the list, saying it was compiled by the school authorities with the help of the parents of the missing students. Below are the names of students on the list:

WAMDAI ADAMU

PARTSI SIMON

FATI SHEHU

LYDIA WAZAMDAI

SAMUEL EMMANUEL

DAUDA JOSHUA

MARTHA HASSAN

FADEE MUSA

MONDAY JAMUL

JOSHUA HASSAN

SUZUNA SANDAY

MARYARM ABDULAZIZ

ZAKARIVA SAMSON

BITRUS MUNDA

LUCY EMMANUEL

REBECCA JOSHUA

ESTHER IBRAHIM

ESTHER HAMMAN

DEBORAH EMMANUEL

PRESSILA ISUWA

VICTOR MONDAY

VICTORIA WAZIRI

DESTINY SILAS

SANDRA SUNDAY

PAULINA OGA

MARY SINI

SAMUEL TIMOTHY ARRA

RAJU WADZANI

GODIVA MARGIRMARI

JANADA DANJUMA

IBRAHIM LIAI

MARGRET IJAI

KWOJI YOHANNA

MARTHA WAJAU

GABRIAL DALIDA  
LARABA ANTHONY

(Link: <https://newsexpressngr.com/news/313747/obtained-full-list-of-students-abducted-by-bandits-from-government-day-secondary-school-lassa-borno-state>)

- **Four Christians Killed By Fulani Militants In Plateau:** According to Morning Star News of the International Christian Concern, dated June 16, 2026, Fulani herdsmen Wednesday through Friday (June 10-12) killed four Christians in Plateau state, Nigeria, sources said. Herdsmen attacked Torok village, Riyom County, on Friday (June 12), said resident Danladi Fom. “Torok village, a predominantly Christian community, was attacked by Fulani herdsmen on June 12,” Fom told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. “A Christian victim, Toma Chuwang, was killed by the herdsmen in this attack. According to Fom,” the previous day (June 11) herdsmen attacked predominantly Christian Bangai village, also in Riyom County, killing another Christian, Fom said. The Christian was identified as 55-year-old Toma Chuwang, according to religious liberty advocate and attorney Dalyop Solomon Mwantiri. Fom said two other Christians were killed on Wednesday (June 10) in Ta-Hoss village in the same county. “Ta-Hoss village was attacked by Fulani militiamen on June 10,” he said. “Two Christians, Mr. Davou Dalyop and Mr. Dalyop Zaram, were killed in an overnight attack on this community.” Mwantiri, in a press statement issued Jos, confirmed the attacks on the Christian communities by armed herdsmen. “Armed Fulani terrorists invaded Ta-Hoss community of Riyom LGA at about 9:20 p.m. on June 10, killing Davou Dalyop Patu, 48; and Dalyop Zaram. Another tragic incident occurred on June 11, when Mr. Toma Chuwang, aged 55, was attacked and killed at a mining site by suspected armed Fulani herdsmen in Bangai community,” Mwantiri said. “We strongly condemn the renewed wave of terrorist attacks in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau state and call on security agencies to intensify ongoing operations through a comprehensive crackdown on armed herdsmen terrorizing Christian communities.”
- **International Christian Concern, USA: “Millions Of Nigerian Christians Forced To Flee Their Homes To Escape Islamic Jihadist Attacks”:** According to the respected Int’l Christian Relief news of June 2026, “millions of Nigerian Christians have been displaced and forced to flee their homes, due to relentless attacks by Islamic jihadists especially Boko Haram, which have continued to target churches and Christian villages across Northern Nigeria; forcing many to flee with nothing, leaving behind homes, farms and livelihoods built over generations. These displaced believers face over-crowded camps, limited food and poor sanitation and other sub human conditions. Many have been living in these conditions for five to ten years or more. In Borno State alone, over 2m people have been displaced since 2009, with Christians disproportionately affected”.

- Morning Star News Confirms March 4, 2026 Abduction Of Over 500 Gwoza Christians, Release Of Over 400, Death Of Four, Continued Captivity Of More Than 100 Others And Forcible Conversion Of Hundreds Of Others To Islam In Captivity:** According to Morning Star News of the International Christian Concern, USA, dated June 17, 2026, “**Borno Kidnappings;** at least four Christians were killed after they and more than 500 others were kidnapped in northeastern Nigeria’s Borno State in March, and about 100 remain in captivity, community leaders said. Some of the Christians kidnapped from Ngoshe village, Gwoza County, on March 4 were forcibly converted to Islam by their captors, Boko Haram militants who are indoctrinating others, they said. Ibrahim Samaila Kaigama, a youth leader from southern Borno, said in a press statement on June 7 that the Nigerian government’s claim that the military secured the release of 434 kidnapped villagers from Ngoshe was false as community leaders negotiated the release of 416 of them through intermediaries, and about 100 Christians among those abducted remain captive, mostly women and children. About 360 people were released on June 6, he said, and others were released “two to three weeks” prior for total of 434, he said. Link: <https://morningstarnews.org/2026/06/christians-kidnapped-in-ne-nigeria-slain-in-plateau-state/>
- Fulani Jihadists Kill Nine, Injure Eleven Others In Kaduna-Plateau Christian Boundary:** According to multiple media reports, including Sahara Reporters of June 17, 2026; at least nine people (Christians) have been confirmed dead and 11 others injured after gunmen (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) attacked Angwan Magaji community in Kamaru Ward, Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State. The attack occurred immediately after 1:00 a.m. of Wednesday or between late night of Tuesday (June 16) and early hours of Wednesday, June 17) in the community located along the Kaduna–Plateau border, heightening concerns over the persistent insecurity affecting settlements in the area. In a statement, the National Publicity Secretary of the Irigwe Youth Movement, Joseph Chudu Yonkpa, said the assailants stormed the community in the early hours of the morning and began shooting at residents. Yonkpa explained that the majority of people living in the affected community are members of the Irigwe ethnic group, whose ancestral roots trace back to Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State. Those reportedly killed in the attack were identified as Jerry Doctor, 51; Danlami Magani, 49; Sunday Chibi, 53; Rita Abdullahi, 45; Sunday Elkan, 5; Esther Kefas, 5; Happy Friday, 6; Moses Daddy, 4; and Daddy Ibrahim, 28. Eleven other residents sustained varying degrees of injuries and were said to be receiving treatment. The National Secretary of the Irigwe Development Association, Danjuma Dickson Auta, confirmed the incident and condemned the attack. He expressed concern over what he described as repeated attacks on communities in the area and urged authorities to strengthen security measures to protect lives and proper. The Catholic Diocese of Kaduna’s Kafanchan under Most Rev. Julius Yakubu Kundi, also confirmed the attack and revealed that it took place within St. Monica’s Parish in Kaduna State.

- **Fulani Jihadists Kill Five Local Christians In Jos South, Plateau State:** According to multiple media reports including Vanguard Newspaper of June 16, 2026, five Christian youths were reportedly killed on Tuesday afternoon (June 16, 2026) after gunmen stormed a mining site in Gero Village, Gyel District of Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State. A resident, Ritiji Dalyop, who spoke with our correspondent, said the victims were engaged in mining activities when the attackers invaded the site and opened fire. According to him, all five victims were shot dead by the gunmen, suspected to be Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen. The killings were also confirmed in a statement signed by the National Publicity Secretary of the Berom Youth Molders-Association (BYM), Rwang Tengwong.
- **Dozens Of Christian Traditional Rulers Or Village Heads Abducted Or Killed By Jihadists:** Several Christian Traditional or Communal Village Rulers or Heads have been abducted or slain by Jihadist Fulani Bandits or Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen. By recent accounts of several media reports, among the latest victims, according to multiple award-winning journalist, Mr. Masara Kim Usman, is the District Head of Gwande in Bokkos, Plateau State, His Royal Saf Samuel Alaket. He was attacked and killed yesterday, June 16, 2026, after attending a traditional rulers' council meeting and was on his way home when he attacked, leading to death in the process. His attackers are strongly suspected to be Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen. Among 30 traditional rulers that have abandoned their palaces owing relentless jihadist attacks in Ifelodun Local Government area of Kwara South, several of them have also been abducted and killed or ransomed and freed. This is according Saturday Punch Newspaper report of April 25, 2026. According to a Special Report by Pulse News Nigeria, dated June 16, 2026, and titled: **"11 Obas Abducted Or Killed As 30+ Monarchs Flee Their Palaces In Kwara Over Kidnap Crisis,** over 30 Kwara kings have fled their palaces due to a wave of targeted (jihadist) kidnappings.

The development follows a series of attacks on traditional rulers, including the death of (1) **Oba Salman Olatunji Aweda**, the traditional ruler of the Olayinka community, who reportedly died while in captivity after being kidnapped. There was also a recent attack on the palace of the **Elerin of Adanla**, further heightening fears among monarchs in the region. The worsening insecurity has sparked concern among traditional leaders, with calls for stronger measures to protect communities and traditional institutions. The full list of the eleven abducted or slain Obas was given as follows: (2) Oba Salman Olatunji Aweda, Traditional ruler of Olayinka Community, Kwara State. He reportedly died in captivity after being abducted alongside his wife. (3) Oba Solomon Olanipetun, the Oniwo of Afin, Kwara State.

He was kidnapped by gunmen and spent more than a month in captivity before regaining freedom. (4) Oba Olufemi Adewumi, a traditional ruler in Ondo State. He was abducted during an attack on his palace and was later killed. (5) Oba Olatunde Olusola, the Onimojo of Imojo-Ekiti, Ekiti State. He was killed during an attack by armed men. (6) Oba Babatunde Ogunsakin, the Elesun of Esun-Ekiti, Ekiti State. He was killed in the same attack that claimed the life of the Onimojo of Imojo-Ekiti. (7) Oba Segun Aremu-Cole, the Olukoro of Koro-Ekiti, Kwara State. The retired military officer was shot dead in his palace. (8) Oba David Adebayo Fataba, the Alara of Ara-Ekiti. He survived an attack by gunmen. (9) Oba Adebayo Adewumi, the Alara of Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State. He was abducted by armed men while travelling. Others are: (10) Oba Tajudeen Omotayo, the traditional ruler of Imope, Ogun State. He was kidnapped along the Ijebu-Oru road. (11) Oba Benjamin Olanrewaju Adisa, the Onisan of Isan-Ekiti. He was abducted by gunmen but was later rescued. (12) The Traditional Ruler of Agbonda-Ekiti, the monarch was kidnapped from his community before local vigilantes tracked and secured his release. Link: <https://www.pulse.ng/story/kwara-kings-flee-palaces-kidnap-list-2026061610140874407>

- **Jihadist Bandits Abduct 20 Civilians, Kill One In Kwara Communities:** According to several media reports including News Express Online report of June 12, 2026, palpable tension has enveloped the ancient towns of Gaa-Alla and Gaa Oke Abba communities in Isin local government area and Famole town in Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State; areas with significant Christian and Muslim populations, when suspected bandits invaded the affected communities, killing one person and abducting 20 persons. Investigations revealed that the attacks were carried out simultaneously in a coordinated manner in the affected communities on Thursday (June 11) around 10:00pm. The State commissioner of police, Adekimi Ojo, confirmed the development. Sources in the communities also said that the suspected terrorists kidnapped scores of residents and killed one person during gun attack in Famole community.
- **Extremists Abduct Scripture Union Church National Director, Five Others In Anambra:** According to the Southern Examiner of June 17, 2026, the General Director of the Scripture Union of Nigeria, SUN, Engr. Uwem Cosmas Udoh and five others have been missing since Sunday (June 14). There are fears that they might have been abducted by unknown gunmen who are yet to contact the families of their captives or make any demand. Engr. Udoh, a Traveling Secretary, a driver and two sisters, from the same parents, were traveling to Ibadan, Oyo state from the SU's Camp of Faith Okigwe in Imo State when they disappeared around Uli in Anambra State. The Okigwe-Orlu-Uli route is notorious for kidnapping, robbery and other violent crimes. They were returning from a just concluded national conference of the Scripture Union Campus Fellowship, SUCF., which took place from June 11-14, 2026. Sources from SU narrated that brethren lost contact with Mr. Cosmas and others since Sunday.

- Jihadist Bandits Attack Abuja-Bound 18-Seater Bus In Kogi, Abduct All The Passengers:** As exclusively reported by Sahara Reporters of June 18, 2026, a white commercial bus-loaded with 18 passengers, believed to be journeying from the Christian-held East to Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; were on Wednesday, June 17, attacked along Kabba-Okene-Abuja Highway in Kogi State, abducted all the passengers and disappeared them in the nearby forest. The attack took place after the bus passed the vicinity of the Kogi State University. Link: <https://saharareporters.com/2026/06/18/terrorists-attack-18-seater-passengers-bus-along-kabba-okene-highway-kogi-abduct-all>
- Over 100 Christian Communities In Kaduna Occupied By Jihadist Fulani Militants As 37 Ariko Christian Abductees Remain In Captivity For More Than 70 Days:** According to Truth-Nigeria report of June 17, 2026, quoting locals, survivors and eyewitnesses, “more than 100 communities have been displaced by persistent attacks and insecurity. Even more troubling is the humanitarian disaster unfolding across Kuturmi land and its environs. Thousands of citizens have been forced from their ancestral homes and now live as unofficial Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) without government-recognized camps, adequate relief materials, healthcare services, food assistance, or educational support for their children,” he noted. Many displaced families are battling hunger, disease, and extreme hardship,” he said. Children are dropping out of school, pregnant women lack access to healthcare, and the elderly are dying under deplorable conditions. Yet the government response has remained grossly inadequate and largely invisible. After seventy days in captivity, a forum of Nigerian journalists and aggrieved villagers have accused the Kaduna State Government of abandoning 37 citizens abducted by Fulani Ethnic Militia (FEM) during an Easter service in Ariko community, Kachia County, Southern Kaduna, Nigeria. All the hostages are Christians of the *Koturmi* ethnic group, Truth-Nigeria findings show. Truth-Nigeria had reported that on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026, armed attackers confirmed to be FEM stormed church services in Ariko community. The [reports](#) indicate that 37 people were kidnapped and at least five people were killed during the attack. While initial military statements said 31 hostages were rescued, community leaders later disputed this and maintained that the 37 abductees remained in captivity. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/06/outrage-in-nigeria-as-37-christians-abducted-on-easter-remain-in-captivity-after-70-days/>
- 20 Mostly Muslim Civilians Abducted In Dominant Muslim Kebbi Community:** According to several media reports including Daily Post of June 14, 2026, at least 20 people have been killed in an attack by suspected bandits on Fesken Rafi community in Arewa Local Government Area of Kebbi State, a Muslim majority area prompting renewed concerns over insecurity in the area. The Kebbi State Government expressed deep sorrow over the incident, describing the attack as tragic and extending condolences to the families of the victims and residents of the affected community.

Leading a government delegation on a condolence visit on Saturday, Deputy Governor Umar Tafida assured residents that the state government remains committed to tackling insecurity and safeguarding lives and property across Kebbi. He announced that additional security personnel and operational resources would be deployed to the area to strengthen security operations, restore normalcy and prevent further attacks. "We share in your grief and remain committed to ensuring the safety of lives and property across Kebbi State," the deputy governor said during the visit. The Chairman of Arewa Local Government Area, Sani Tela, and the member representing Arewa Constituency in the Kebbi State House of Assembly, Nuradeen Kangiwa, told the delegation that the attack occurred a few days earlier and resulted in significant loss of life.

- **Boko Haram Sets Primary And Secondary Schools Ablaze in Chibok Christian Community:** According to Daily Post of Sunday June 14, 2026, suspected Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists have reportedly set schools, including primary and secondary schools, ablaze in Borno State. The incident occurred in Kautikari village, Chibok local government area of the State. The development comes a few weeks after the pupils of Mussa Primary and Junior Secondary School, Askira-Uba, were abducted for almost a month without a trace. Security sources said the assailants invaded the town, which has suffered multiple attacks, around 7pm on Saturday (June 13). Although no casualty has been reported, residents were forced to flee into the bush for safety. A resident also disclosed that the terrorists attacked the village months back but they did not destroy any public or private property. Authorities in the state were yet to confirm the incident at the time of filing this report
- **Bandits Storm Kogi Secondary School, Kill Three And Abduct Three: According to Daily Trust of Wednesday, June 10, 2026,** Bandits have invaded Government Secondary School, Iluke Bunu, Kabba-Bunu Local Government Area of Kogi State, killing three persons, including the Vice Principal, Mr. Gani Anifowose, and two others, while abducting some students. According to some residents, the incident happened around 9:45am on Wednesday (June 10). The bandits were said to have targeted students sitting for the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE). "The major target of the attack was UBE Iluke Bunu, where students from three communities were sitting for their WAEC examination at the time of the invasion." "The Vice Principal of Government Secondary School, Aharha-Bunu, Mr. Gani Anifowose, was killed alongside two other persons. Three students and several residents were abducted in the attack," the source said. The Chairman of Kabba/Bunu Local Government Area, Hon. (Barr.) Zacchaeus Dare Michael, has condemned the attack, describing the incident "as unfortunate, barbaric, and unacceptable". The Chairman expressed his heartfelt condolences to the families of those who had lost their lives in the attack. The Kogi State Police Command confirmed the attack in a statement, saying three persons lost their lives in the invasion: Mr. Ganiyu Anifowose, the Vice Principal of UBE Secondary/Primary School, Iluke; Mr. Sunday Jacob Alhassan, aged 70 years; and one Sunday Ayele, aged 6 years.

- **Terrorists Kill 4, Raze Schools, Houses In Borno, Niger:** According to Daily Trust of June 15, 2026, **Terrorists have killed one person and set ablaze a primary school and a secondary school in Kautikari village, Chibok Local Government Area of Borno State.** In another incident, terrorists killed three people and burnt several houses during an attack on Pissa community in Borgu Local Government Area of Niger State in the early hours of Saturday. A neighboring Papiri community was where more than 300 Christian school children were abducted in a Catholic Nursery and Primary School in November 2025. According to the report, Both States (Niger and Borno) have continued to witness repeated attacks by armed groups, leading to killings, abductions and destruction of property. The latest attack in Borno came about a month after the abduction of more than 40 students of Mussa Primary and Junior Secondary School in Askira-Uba Local Government Area. Local and security sources said the attackers invaded Kautikari at about 7pm on Saturday, shooting sporadically and setting parts of the community ablaze. Confirming the attack, the Education Secretary of the local government council, Malam Kyari, said the gunmen targeted parts of the schools during the invasion.
- **Ten Nigerian Christian Pastors Killed, Ten Other Pastors Abducted In January-June 2026:** According to multiple media reports and our recent updates, no fewer than twenty Christian Pastors have been killed or abducted in the first 180 days of 2026, or from January to June 2026. The list included ECWA Church Pastor Manasseh Ibrahim who was brutally murdered in Kaduna on April 23, 2026, according to recent report by Christian Devotion Online. Another EYN Church Pastor was earlier killed on Jan 30, 2026 by Boko Haram in Tarfa, Borno; likewise, an unnamed Pastor of the Christ Apostolic Church who was killed by Jihadist Bandits in May 2026 in Ilejemeje part of Ekiti State. Fulani Jihadists also killed ECWA Church Pastor Choji, his wife Chundung and their two children: Cyril and Endurance on Sunday night of April 26, 2026 in Gako Village of Rim Ward in Riyom Local Government of Plateau State. Anglican Church Priest, Reverend, Emmanuel Ezeokwe of an Anglican Vicarage in Song Local Government Area of Adamawa State was attacked and killed by Boko Haram in the late night attack on April 22, 2026. In Kawel Village of Bokkos in Plateau State, a COCIN Church Pastor, Rev Marcus Nyam, was among 28 Christians massacred by Fulani Jihadists on Monday, June 22, 2026; likewise, Pastor Joshua Aliya of ERCC Church who was killed by Fulani Jihadists on Feb 26, 2026 in Dorowa, Ninzo in Sanga, Kaduna State. **Among those abducted were** three Christian Clerics: **Reverend Idi Buhari, Emmanuel Jacob and Suleiman Adamu,** abducted by Fulani Jihadists in Chikun part of Southern Kaduna on Feb 9, 2026. On Feb 7, 2026, Reverend Father Nathaniel Asuwaye of the Holy Trinity Parish was abducted by Fulani Jihadists in Kauru County of Southern Kaduna.

A Pastor with Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) was abducted and later killed in captivity, alongside four others, after having been abducted by Jihadist Bandits in Oro Ago, Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State on March 22, 2026 during a Church service. Among those killed in jihadists' captivity, according to Daily Trust of June 3, 2026, were "Elder Chief David Omopariola, Chief Joseph Ibitoye Afariogun, Mrs Iyabo Aniyi, Elder Joshua Akanbi Adeyemi and Mrs. Rachael Oluwaremilekun Omole, the Chief Pastor's wife. Scores of Christian Pastors were also found to be among hundreds of Christian worshippers abducted and scores that died in captivity since January 2026 including the January 18, 2026 abduction of 177 church worshippers in Kajuru part of Southern Kaduna in Kaduna State, North-West Nigeria.

- **Fulani Jihadists Mass-Murdered 28-30 Christians Including A Pastor In Kawel, Plateau State:** According to the updated Report of Morning Star News of the International Christian Concern, dated June 25, 2026, "Fulani herdsmen guided toward Christian leaders on Monday (June 22) killed 28 Christians, including a pastor, in a raid on a village in Plateau State, Nigeria, sources said. The Fulani terrorists attacked Kawel village, Bokkos County at about 2 a.m., said resident Jesse Peter Dukut. "We were inside our houses when the Fulani herdsmen invaded our village," Dukut said. "If anyone came out of their houses, they were shot at sight. And a sound from any of the houses in the village attracts shooting from the terrorists Phone and telecom services were cut, keeping resident from calling any security agencies for help, he said. "The attackers were speaking to each other in both Fulani and Hausa languages," he told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. "We heard them even mentioning the names of some of our Christian leaders and directing some of them to hunt them down in their homes – an indication they were being guided during the attack by local Fulani herdsmen living in nearby Fulani villages. They killed my uncle and brothers. I narrowly escaped being shot." The Rev. Markus Nyam, pastor of Church of Christ in Nations (COCIN), was among those killed along with members of his local church congregation in Kawel village, said resident Godswill Nuhu.

Church leaders in Bokkos issued a statement confirming the killing of the pastor and members of his congregation. According to earlier report by Morning Star News of June 22, 2026 and Truth-Nigeria of June 24, 2026, dozens of Fulani Jihadists (Fulani Herdsmen) shouting violent Islamic religious war songs (Allahu akbar) struck in early hours of Monday, June 22, 2026 at about 2am. Resident Tongret Ezekiel said that after "Fulani terrorists" invaded Mushere District at 2 a.m. Truth-Nigeria further reported that "Nigeria — Bullet holes, bloodstains and scattered belongings still marked Kawel hours after terrorists killed 22 Christians Monday, June 22, near Plateau State's southern border with Nasarawa State, according to witnesses and local leaders. Among the dead were a pastor and a retired army officer.

The attack, about 50 to 60 miles south of Jos, the Plateau State capital, came one week after a brazen raid on Nigeria's highest leadership and policy training institute in Jos that killed two soldiers and a police officer. Survivors say armed militants swept through the village for nearly two hours while soldiers stationed a mile away did not respond". Rev Marcus Azi, was also killed while defending his house during the attack which started around 2am of June 22. Links: <https://www.christiandaily.com/news/fulani-terrorists-kill-28-christians-in-central-nigeria>, <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/06/terrorists-massacre-22-christians-in-nigerian-village-as-soldiers-arrived-two-hours-late/>

- **When Jihadists Abduct, They Separate Victims, Free Muslims And Hold Christians-Borno CAN Alleges:** On Sunday, June 14, 2026, Christians in Borno State held a **'Black Sunday' Procession** in Maiduguri, calling for an end to the widespread insecurity and abductions across the nation. The event was prompted by a directive from CAN President Archbishop Daniel Okoh, who described the crisis as 'a national tragedy that has left countless families devastated by violence, terrorism, kidnapping, and banditry.' CAN Borno Secretary Joshua Akeredolu stated that the gathering aimed 'to pray specifically for those who are in the den of kidnapers and to pray against the insecurity that we have found ourselves in.' He highlighted the targeted attacks on Christians, including 'Reverend Musa, who was kidnapped in 2023 in Gamboru Ngala along with his wife,' and an EYN Church pastor killed last year in Askira-Uba. He continued: **'Once a brethren is kidnapped, they will be asked, 'Are you a Christian or Muslim?'** Because of that Christian tag, such a person will be held hostage,'. The nationwide Black Sunday was held to mourn 'men, women, children, clergy, farmers, students, and entire communities' affected by insecurity, as Borno continues to face terrorist and bandit attacks.
- **US Congressman Again Alleges Mass Killing Of Christians And Church Burnings In Nigeria:** According to Sahara Reporters of Sunday, June 21, 2026, S. Congressman Riley Moore has recounted what he described as harrowing first-hand accounts of mass killings, church burnings, and forced displacement, alleging a pattern of unchecked anti-Christian violence in Nigeria. Moore made the remarks in an interview with American Catholic theologian Bishop Robert Barron, in which he also accused former President Joe Biden's administration of ignoring what he described as one of the worst cases of religious persecution globally. The congressman, who said he was personally assigned by President Donald Trump to lead a high-level congressional delegation to Nigeria, also criticized the Biden administration for removing Nigeria from the U.S. State Department's list of Countries of Particular Concern (CPC) for religious freedom violations. Moore said the Biden administration "absurdly" attributed the "one-sided slaughter of Christians" primarily to "climate change" and farmer-herder clashes. "That does not explain burning down over 20,000 churches. That doesn't explain killing men, women, and children," Moore stated bluntly.

- **Adamawa Christian Communities Devastated And Deserted Following Prolonged Jihadist Attacks:** The above was the recent (June 24, 2026) position of the leaders of Kwah, Gyakan, Lamurde, Waduku, Bajen and Tingno communities in Adamawa State who spoke through 'Adamawa Pulse'. The above is to the extent that their communities have been devastated and deserted and lives and properties including worship centers lost.
- **More Than 20 Igbo Communities Of Ezeagu, Ukwulu, Ogidi, Agulu, Ogbaru, Umuahia, Iheagwa, Eziobodo, Obinze, Irete, Naze and Awgu, Etc., Under Jihadist Fulani Attack:** By our recently collected statistics, the above named Igbo communities and others are constantly under coordinated attack by the Nigerian Government-protected Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen including wanton destruction of their properties. The state actors' unchecked attacks have intensified and escalated in recent times especially in months of April, May and June 2026, during which several Igbo Christians have been abducted or scores and properties worth hundreds of millions of naira wantonly destroyed or carted away. The jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and allied others attacks have been reported in different parts of five States of the South-East Region Nigeria, inhabited by more than 95% Christian population presently affecting more than 20 Igbo communities. Between the last month of May and the second week of June 2026, for instance, such attacks had been reported in communal places of Awgu, Ezeagu, Emene and Eha-Amufu in Enugu State; Ukwulu, Ogidi, Agulu and Ogbaru in Anambra State; Iheagwa, Eziobodo, Obinze, Naze, Nekede, Obibiezena and Irete in Imo State and several communities under Umuahia South including Ubakala, Ohafia and Ohuhu in Umuahia North in Abia State, as well as Umuagwu and Ellah communities in Igbo part of Delta State.

In Owerri North and West parts of Imo State, no fewer than ten persons including students of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri and scores of commercial motorcyclists and farmers have either been abducted or killed in April and May 2026 alone. In Agulu, Anambra State, a Christian hunter was miraculously saved from being butchered by Fulani Jihadists, who inflicted several machete cuts and nearly cut off his fingers and hands; same goes to some parts of Umuahia South in Abia State where youth vigilantes recently mobilized to go after Fulani Jihadists terrorizing the area. In Ogbaru part of Anambra State, local youths recently thwarted a major security threat by the intelligence advanced team of strongly suspected Fulani Jihadists who reportedly arrived a strategic hinterland part of Ogbaru in a Sienna Car and attempted to explore and survey their potential violent settlement spots, only to be confronted by vigilante youths; forcing them to retreat temporarily. In Ogidi part of Anambra State, hundreds of un-profiled Fulani-Hausa Muslim citizens in their hundreds were recently located by leaders of the community hiding and settling in some abandoned buildings and hinterland locations. On further investigation, it was shockingly discovered that hundreds of them from nowhere have settled and inhabited in the area under the control of "Seriki Fulani" or a Fulani Muslim leader (a Fulani Muslim Alhaji).

Further discoveries were made, showing that their journey to the area and subsequent settlement were under the knowledge of the top hierarchies of the military and police formations in Anambra State; perfected and executed using late night movements. Findings also indicated that while they presently exist as unarmed Fulani-Hausa Muslim population, but their settlements are likely to be later flooded with armed jihadist elements and supplied offensive weapons and jihadist violence tactics. In communities of Ezeagu, Eha-Amufu, Isi-Uzo, Awgu, Nike, Eke, Oji River, Emene hinterland and Uzo-Uwani areas of Enugu State, there have been series of Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen attacks, hardly reported in print and electronic media, which are also instantly dismissed without investigations, by police, military and Government of Enugu State when rarely reported especially in social media posts. In Eha-Amufu, for instance, no fewer than 14 churches including 12 Anglican and two Catholic churches and over 100 worshippers have been wantonly destroyed since March 2021 following constant and coordinated attacks by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen operating from neighboring Benue State who also reportedly operated with suspected military or state actor procured helicopter to deliver weapons. In many communities of Ezeagu, Fulani Jihadists and their leaders have so gripped the area that they in Nov 2025 brought or procured soldiers of the 82 Division of the Nigerian Army to protect and aid them in their jihadist atrocities against the ancestral communities of the area numbering more than fourteen and other first-class villages. The above patterns and trends have become too dangerous and have continued unchecked to endanger the safety and security of the indigenous Christians in the South-East.

The above is to the extent that most areas or flashpoints troubling the South-East Christian farmers, travelers and residents are found to have been located close to military or police roadblocks or operational formational bases. In Owerri West and North parts of Imo State, many of the jihadist activities of Fulani Herdsmen are found to have been concentrated close to Nigerian Army's 34 Brigade in Obinze. Same goes to Abia State where many of such jihadist activities are also found to have been located close to Nigerian Army's 14 Brigade in Ohafia and its offshoots situated in Aba and Asa in Ukwa West Local Government Area of the State. Same goes to Ebonyi State and its Nigerian Army's 24 Engineering and surroundings, hosting many of the Fulani Herdsmen Jihadist activities; the Enugu Nigerian Army's 82 Division especially its hinterland offshoot formations of the 103 Artillery Formations and Checkpoints at Udi Four-Corner and others in Nsukka, etc.; the Onitsha's 302 Army Artillery Regiment covering Ogidi hinterland area, etc.; the Nigerian Army's 6 Division in Port Harcourt, especially its Asaba 63 Brigade covering Okpanam and Ogwasi-Ukwu and other formations located in Agbor and Elele; the Nigerian Navy's Ogbaru Base in Anambra and its offshoot formations located in Oguta, Owerre-Nta and Elele in Rivers State. Under the Nigeria's Navy Ogbaru Base, areas under its control troubled by Jihadist Fulani threats and activities include River Niger creek settlement and Odekpe Swamp etc.

They are also flashpoints of high-profile violent criminalities including coordinated abductions-resulting in huge ransom payments or captivity deaths and disappearances-between Awka (Acha and Ebenebe) and Ogbaru-Onitsha-Asaba axis using Ezu River and River Niger routes. The unchecked activities of the Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen are also found to have been concentrated close to Nigerian Army or Naval or Air Force or key Police formations in places like Ogoja, Ikot-Ekpene and other parts of Cross River State as well as majorly hinterland parts of Delta, Edo, Rivers, Akwa Ibom and Bayelsa States; likewise, majorly Christian hinterland areas of Benue, Kogi, Nasarawa, Kwara, Niger and Plateau States. Our gathered statistics especially since 2016 have continued to show that the Military and Police-protected Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen, Jihadist Fulani Bandits and their jihadist allies have since the above year consolidated and escalated their jihadist attacks (secret and open attacks) in, around and outside South-East-using the following seven locations: 1. “Fulani Invaded and Occupied or Ceded or Procured Igbo Communal Forests, 2. Fulani Invaded and Occupied or Ceded or Procured Igbo Communal Bushes, 3. Fulani Invaded and Occupied or Ceded or Procured Igbo Communal Farmland Settlements. Others are: 4. Fulani Invaded and Occupied or Ceded or Procured Forests belonging to Ancient Igbo Deities or Oracles, 5. Fulani Invaded and Occupied Non-Igbo Forests, Bushes and Farm Settlements located at Igbo Boundary Areas with Others, 6. In-Barracks and Outer-Barracks Areas of the Nigerian security forces formations in South-East especially the Nigerian Army and the Nigerian Navy or Air Force formations in Owerri, Owerre-Nta, Ogbaru, Oguta, Ohafia, Asaba, Amansea, Abakiliki, Enugu, Awkunanaw, Asaba and Agbor and environs, 7. Fulani Occupied Forests and Bushes outside the South-East neighbors located in Edo, Ondo, Ogun, Kaduna, Kogi, Nasarawa, Benue-Taraba routes, Kaduna-Abuja routes and Lagos-Abuja routes, etc., where traveler-South-Easterners are waylaid, abducted and ransomed, or abducted and killed or disappeared untraced. Thousands of South-East Christians have become victims of these yearly.

Our published research statistics of June 2, 2025 made findings strongly indicating that there are 950 Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen locations in 770-800 (40%) of the existing 1,940 South-East Igbo Communities facing threats of attack or attacks by armed Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and allied others. The research report further exposed the conspiratorial role of the present five South-East Christian Governors especially those of Enugu, Anambra, Imo and Ebonyi through religiously radicalized land procurement, communal land ceding and secret issuance of Certificates-Of-Occupancy to the Jihadists and their Patrons in order to secure “Electoral Victory and Post-Election court win in return for allowing Jihadist Fulani settlements in Igbo Land”. Link: <https://intersociety-ng.org/research-and-investigative-discovery-of-950-locations-in-770-800-40-of-1940-igbo-communities-across-south-east-presently-under-occupation-or-threats-of-attack-by-armed-jihadist-fulani-herdsmen-and/>

- **Vanguard Newspaper Confirms Rescue Of A Widow And Tricycle Operator By Abia Youths:** The Vanguard Newspaper of June 20, 2026, has confirmed that in a rare display of bravery never witnessed before since Fulani terrorists have been attacking communities, abducting residents across the country, youths of Ohuhu community Umuahia North County of Abia State recently mobilized and stormed the forest in pursuit of Fulani terrorists who had kidnapped two members of the community on Wednesday, June 10. After about four hours of confrontation, the terrorists were confused and had to flee, abandoning their victims. Narrating their ordeal in the hands of their abductors, the rescued residents of the community said they never believed they would come out of the bush alive and commended the youths for their uncommon courage in confronting the terrorists in the forest. For Mrs. Onyinyechi Jonathan Ekechukwu, a widow, mother of four and grandmother of three from Umuawa Alocha in Ohuhu clan, Umuahia North Local Government Area of Abia State, Wednesday, June 10, was supposed to be another ordinary day of hard work on the farm. Like any other day since the death of her husband, a school teacher, in 2015, the peasant farmer had gone to her farm in search of a means of sustaining her family and meeting the burden of raising their children, including a son currently studying at the University of Benin, Edo State.

But what began as a routine trip to harvest cassava soon turned into a terrifying journey into the hands of armed bandits. After harvesting cassava, the widow called a commercial tricycle operator from the same community, Mr Dennis Okechi, to transport the produce home. But unknown to them, danger was lurking along the pathway leading back to the village. “We were already riding home when we were suddenly stopped on the way by Fulani bandits who jumped out from the bush. They dragged us out of the Keke and marched us into the bush. We pleaded with them to have mercy on us but they threatened to kill us if we shouted. “When the Keke operator kept shouting, they actually wanted to kill him. At that point, I decided to stop shouting and started praying silently in my heart. At one point, the boy attempted to escape but they stabbed him, blindfolded him and kept moving us from one place to another inside the bush. “When they abducted us about 3:00 p.m., the six-man gang collected our phones and kept moving us through the thick forest until about 10:00 p.m. when they brought out our phones and asked us to call our people for ransom. They said we should pay N10 million. Link: [https://www.vanguardngr.com/2026/06/gunshots-as-abia-youths-show-the-way-attack-terrorists-rescue-kidnap-victims/amp/#amp\\_tf=From%20%251%24s&aoh=17820185782015&csi=1&referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com](https://www.vanguardngr.com/2026/06/gunshots-as-abia-youths-show-the-way-attack-terrorists-rescue-kidnap-victims/amp/#amp_tf=From%20%251%24s&aoh=17820185782015&csi=1&referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com)

- **At Least 39 Killed As Terrorists Attacked Christian Communities In Middle-Belt Nigeria:**  
According to Barnabas Aid Report of June 23, 2026, at least 39 people have been killed in separate attacks on Christian communities in Nigeria's Middle Belt. Suspected Fulani Islamists struck the Kawel community of Bokkos Local Government Area (LGA), Plateau State, on Sunday 20 June (Monday, June 22). Eighteen people were killed immediately, while at least 12 more died of their injuries in the days that followed. Among the victims were health workers and patients, security personnel, as well as residents in their own homes. The attack came just five days after nine Christians were killed by suspected Fulani terrorists in the village of Unguwan Magaji, Kaura LGA, southern Kaduna State. Eleven others were left critically injured, leaving the scenes in **"destruction, fear and sorrow."** Members of the community, which is on the border of Kaduna and Plateau states, were commemorating the life of an elderly woman whose funeral had taken place earlier that day. Link: <https://www.barnabasaid.org/gb/news/at-least-39-killed-as-terrorists-attack-christian-communities-in-middle/>
- **40 Repentant Boko Haram Fighters Reportedly Shortlisted For Army Recruitment:**  
According to Sahara Reporters of June 25, 2026, the Nigerian Army's 2026 recruitment for the 91st Regular Recruits Intake (RRI) is actively underway. The screening exercise, which commenced on June 9, 2026 is being conducted in accordance with established military standards. Both the application and screening processes for the main intakes took place in the first half of the year. A military source told SaharaReporters that 40 ex-Boko Haram fighters sponsored by the Borno State government underwent medical examinations on Wednesday (June 25) at the Nigerian Army 7 Division Military Hospital, Maimalari Cantonment, in Maiduguri as part of the screening process to join the Army. "I can categorically confirm to you that the Borno State government brought forty repentant Boko Haram fighters who were shortlisted by the Army for their medical examinations during the week. Though some of them were rejected as not medically fit, most of them were screened to the next stage. It happened here at the 7 Division medical centre," a serving Army Major told SaharaReporters. "It seems the repentant Boko Haram fighters are so special to the Borno State government. We are still surprised how they were shortlisted, because to join the Army, you need to provide documents such as a birth certificate or age declaration, educational certificates, a certificate of state of origin, and a recommendation letter or attestation from government officials, but these guys have none of this." Link: <https://saharareporters.com/2026/06/25/breaking-40-repentant-boko-haram-terrorists-shortlisted-2026-nigerian-army-recruitment>

- **Irigwe Nation’ Holds Mass Burial For Nine Victims Of Southern Kaduna Massacre, Including Five Children:** According to Sahara Reporters of June 28, 2026, the ‘Irigwe Nation’ on Saturday (June 27) held a mass burial for victims of the June 16, 2026 attack on Angwan Magaji in Kamaru Ward, Kauru Local Government Area of Southern Kaduna. The Irigwe Nation refers to the Irigwe people, an ethnic group in Nigeria’s Middle Belt, primarily located in Plateau State, especially Bassa Local Government Area and parts of southern Kaduna. The victims were among nine people killed when armed bandits attacked the community. The dead included five children and one woman, while several other residents sustained injuries. Families, community members, religious leaders, and sympathisers gathered to lay the victims to rest amid grief and renewed calls for justice. The burial was marked by prayers, tears, and appeals for an end to the persistent violence affecting communities in Southern Kaduna and other parts of Central Nigeria. Among those killed were several adults and children, underscoring the devastating impact of the attack on the community. The victims who lost their lives were identified as Jerry Doctor, Danlami Magani, Sunday Chibi, Rita Abdullahi, Sunday Elkan, Esther Kefas, Happy Friday, Moses Daddy and Daddy Ibrahim. Those injured in the attack were identified as Halla Monday, Mary Yohanna, Jummai John, Charity Danjuma, Faith Yakubu, Omi Yakubu, Ali Sandiye, Asabe Victor, Srarina Simon, Talatu Sunday and ThankGod Danladi. Link: <https://saharareporters.com/2026/06/28/breaking-irigwe-nation-holds-mass-burial-nine-victims-southern-kaduna-massacre-including>
- **Boko Haram Jihadists Abduct ECWA Church Official-Musa Usman And Freed His Muslim Co-Travelers In Borno:** The authorities of the ECWA Church in Nigeria have called for prayers over the recent abduction of Mr. Musa Usman (Tall Mosee), who is an active member of ECWA Church New Jerusalem Youth Fellowship in Damaturu, Yobe State. According to them, while traveling from Biu to Damaturu, the commercial vehicle he boarded was intercepted by insurgents and he was singled out after identifying himself as a Christian, while other Muslim passengers were allowed to continue the journey. The Church authorities also lamented and remembered their brethren under attack and captivity in their Katari DCC, Shiroro DCC and other Christian communities where Christians have been kidnapped, attacked and displaced, or are suffering because of their Faith.
- **Dozens Of Christian Women And Senior Secondary School Students Abducted In Borno:** According to Truth-Nigeria report of Monday, June 29, 2026, Boko Haram terrorists have kidnapped an unconfirmed number (estimated dozens) of students and market women from Lassa, a legendary Christian community in Askira/Uba Local Government Area, Southern Borno, Northeast Nigeria, on a busy market day, Monday, June 29, 2026, according to Sahara Reporters and other local sources.

The kidnapping comes barely [10 days after TruthNigeria](#) raised a security alert on June 19, 2026, warning of planned spectacular attacks on communities in Southern Borno and urging security authorities to remain vigilant. According to Sahara Reporters, suspected Boko Haram terrorists on Monday stormed Lassa town in Askira/Uba Local Government Area (LGA) of Borno State, abducting students sitting for the ongoing National Examinations Council (NECO) examinations (the final examinations for graduating high school students) as well as several teachers, while killing at least one teacher. “The attack occurred on a [busy market day](#), throwing the community into chaos as heavily armed insurgents, said to be dressed in military camouflage and riding motorcycles, reportedly swept through the town unchallenged,” the report stated.

The outspoken President of the Borno South Youths Alliance (BOSYA), Samaila Ibrahim Kaigama, accused the military of complacency. “Attackers came unopposed, dressed in Forest Guards and Military uniform,” he said in a statement posted on his Facebook page on Monday, June 29, 2026. “They divided themselves into two groups. “The first group attacked and abducted some market women who were doing business and shot a trader selling used clothes,” he wrote. “The second group went to Government Day Secondary School, Lassa, and abducted students who were writing an examination, killed a teacher, and fatally shot another,” he added. Kaigama [questioned how the terrorists](#) could have gained such easy access to both the school and the market, carried out their operation, and departed without any military engagement. Seven of the abducted victims also reportedly escaped under unclear circumstances.

Truth-Nigeria further informed that Lassa is a historic community, according to the Church of the Brethren Mission. “It became internationally known in 1969 after the first recorded outbreak of Lassa fever, a viral disease later named after the community,” the Church states. Beyond its medical history, Lassa is renowned for its rich Christian heritage. The Church of the Brethren established a mission station there in 1928, followed by schools, churches, and a mission hospital that significantly improved education and healthcare in the area. The first school opened in 1929, making Lassa one of the earliest centres of Christian missionary work, education, and medical services in northeastern Nigeria. The community has since remained an [important Christian stronghold](#) in Southern Borno despite decades of insurgency and repeated attacks by Boko Haram. At the time of filing this report, the Borno State Commissioner for Information, Prof. Usman Tar, had not responded to inquiries from our correspondent. Likewise, the Nigerian military headquarters had yet to issue an official statement on the attack. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/06/terrorists-kidnap-scores-of-students-and-women-from-historic-christian-stronghold/>

- **Protesters Demand Sack Of Agballah DPO For Arresting Local Vigilantes Confronting Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen Kidnappings Near Federal Higher Institutions In Owerri, Imo State:** Community outrage has busted in Owerri West on Monday, June 29, 2026 as Police detain Vigilantes who confronted alleged Kidnapping Fulani Herdsmen. Tensions are rising in Obibiezena and Ihiagwa communities in Owerri West Local Government Area of Imo State following the arrest and detention of local vigilante members by police. The vigilantes had reportedly confronted Fulani herdsmen accused of involvement in frequent kidnappings along the axis. Residents are questioning the action of the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Agballa Police Station, demanding his immediate removal. Many in the community view the detention as misplaced priority and a failure to address the real security threat posed by alleged criminal herdsmen operating in the area. “Why would the DPO Agballa Police Station detain Vigilante Members who confronted Fulani Herdsmen who kidnap people on a daily basis in Obibiezena & Ihiagwa axis of Owerri West?” a concerned community source asked. The incident has sparked widespread protest, with locals insisting that the DPO “MUST GO.” Residents claim the vigilantes were actively responding to a persistent security challenge that has led to repeated abductions and fear in the farming and residential communities. Obibiezena people have maintained a firm stance, describing the police action as protective of alleged Fulani criminals rather than the victims. They argue that instead of supporting local efforts to curb kidnapping, the police are targeting those risking their lives to defend the community.

The Obibiezena Ihiagwa axis has experienced heightened cases of kidnapping allegedly linked to Fulani herdsmen in recent times. Residents complain of daily threats, loss of farmlands to herders, and frequent abductions that have disrupted normal life and economic activities in the agrarian area. Vigilante groups, often formed as a community self-help initiative have been at the forefront of confronting these threats. The latest detention has deepened distrust between the police and the affected communities. As of press time, there has been no official statement from the Imo State Police Command regarding the detention of the vigilantes or the allegations against the DPO. Community leaders are mobilizing and calling for the immediate release of the detained vigilantes and a thorough probe into the DPO’s conduct. The situation remains tense, with residents warning that failure to address their concerns could lead to further unrest or loss of confidence in law enforcement institutions in the area. This incident adds to a growing list of security related complaints in parts of Imo State, where accusations of police complicity or misplaced priorities continue to surface in rural communities battling herder related violence and kidnapping.

- **Catholic Bishop In Nigeria Cried Out, Saying: “Entire families have been wiped out”:** According to AciAfrica report of June 25, 2026, Archbishop [Matthew Ishaya Audu](#) of Nigeria’s [Catholic Archdiocese of Jos](#) has spoken about the devastating human toll of insecurity across parts of the West African nation, recalling the painful testimony of a woman whose husband and children were killed during attacks on her community. The Catholic Church leader cited Plateau State, Southern Kaduna, Benue, Taraba, and parts of Niger State as regions where communities feel under sustained assault.
- **Stefanos Foundation May 2026 Report: In 437 Incidents In 127 Days, 1,720 Killed, 1,484 Abducted Since Post Trump Airstrikes In Nigeria:** According to the referenced Report, in the “[Post Trump Airstrikes In Nigerian Security Analysis-covering-25th December 2025-30th April 2026](#)” and in the period covering 127 days, “[there have been: 437 Incidents \(Islamic jihadists’ attacks- resulting in 1,720 persons killed, 1,484 persons abducted and 292 persons injured; indicating average of four deaths per day. Since the strike of Dec 25, 2025, the months of February and April 2026 ranked highest in numbers of incidents with 102 and 105 respectively, indicating the build of resilience in terrorist operations. Borno and Kwara States areas ranked highest with 51 and 47 incidents respectively.](#) Link: (<https://open.substack.com/pub/therisinghope/p/stefanos-foundation-report-post-trump>)

### **Technical Terms & Their Legal Definitions**

‡ **Core International Heinous Crimes:** These are the gravest offenses that threaten the peace, security, and well-being of the world. Defined primarily by the [Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court](#) and governed under customary international law, these crimes include:

- **The Crime of Genocide:** Acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group (e.g., killing members of the group or causing serious bodily or mental harm), as well as systemic and widespread attacks against civilian populations.
- **Crimes Against Humanity:** Widespread or systematic attacks directed against any civilian population. Examples include murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation, torture, rape, sexual slavery, apartheid, and enforced disappearance
- **War Crimes:** Grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions and other serious violations of the laws and customs applicable in armed conflict. These include willful killing, torture, hostage-taking, intentionally directing attacks against civilian populations or humanitarian missions, and conscripting children under 15 years

"**Heinous Crimes**" legally and socially refer to acts that are exceptionally wicked, cruel, or abhorrent. While definitions vary by jurisdiction, they broadly encompass extreme offenses against humanity, life, and personal bodily integrity. A list of globally recognized heinous crimes includes:

- **Murder and Homicide:** Deliberately, maliciously causing the death of another human being. This includes serial and mass killings.

- **Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity:** Acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group, as well as systemic attacks against civilian populations.
- **Rape and Aggravated Sexual Assault:** Non-consensual sexual penetration or severe sexual violence, often elevated to highly heinous levels when involving minors, vulnerable persons, or extreme physical brutality.
- **Kidnapping and Hostage-Taking:** The unlawful confinement or abduction of individuals, usually for ransom or to use as human shields or for radical religious conversions.
- **Human Trafficking and Slavery:** The trade, recruitment, transportation, or holding of humans, often for forced labor, sexual exploitation, or organ trafficking, or religious slavery or enslavement.
- **Torture and Maiming:** The intentional infliction of severe physical or psychological pain, often used for interrogation, punishment, or terrorization.
- **Aggravated Arson:** Deliberately starting fires with malicious intent to cause widespread destruction or death.
- **Terrorism:** The use of violent or destructive acts against civilians or infrastructure to intimidate or coerce a government or society.
- **Child Abuse:** Extreme physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, or the severe neglect of a child.
- **Extermination:** Mass killing of a demographic or human population because of their ethnic affiliation or religious beliefs.
- **Enslavement:** placement of a human population into slavery or reducing them to property and stripping them of their personal liberty
- **Forced Migration:** Involuntary or coerced movement of a person or group away from their ancestral or urban homes or region
- **Anti-Order of Nature Sexual Violence:** The heinous act of a jihadist group by going against the Order of Nature by taking persons or group hostage and randomly have same sex violent treatment meted out on their captives in their captivity, such as male Fulani jihadists having violent sex with their fellow male captives.
- **Domicide and Homelessness:** religiously or ethnically motivated wanton or industrial scale destruction of homes and dwelling properties leading to widespread displacement and homelessness.
- **Disappearances:** Abduction of citizens by violent non-state actors and taking the abducted citizens to locations never to be located by their families or legal guardians.
- **Population Displacement:** Widespread displacement of a population especially for belonging to an ethno-religious group; other than such displacement having been caused by natural disasters.
- **Depopulation:** Widespread or significant reduction of a population through structural, physical or cultural violence-with intent to exterminate them and erase their ethnic identity and religious beliefs.
- **Pillaging:** act of ruthlessly stealing or plundering valuables from a place or person or persons by force, typically accompanied by egregious violent attacks
- **Infanticide:** Intentional, systematic, coordinated, targeted and deliberate killing of a child or children, usually between Day-Old to One or Five Years; with intent to depopulate or exterminate on ethnic and religious grounds.

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