

2026 Mid-Year Report: In Past 180 Days Of 2026 (Jan-June), Suspected State Actor-Protected Islamic Jihadists In Nigeria Committed 22 International Heinous Crimes- Killing Estimated 2,550 Defenceless Christians And 10,50 Muslims, Abducting 2,800 Christians And 1150 Muslims, Destroying 300 Churches, Hacking To Death 10 Christian Pastors And Abducting 10 Others And Forcibly Converting 800 Christian Women And Children To Islam In Jihadists' Captivity

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Ms. Nazila Ghanea Of Iran Must Resign As UN Rapporteur On Religious Freedom: We at International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law are calling on United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Ms. Nazila Ghanea of Iranian origin and a holder of UK Passport to resign. This strong demand of ours is brought about by her recent legitimatization of suspected state actor scripted script, biasness and anti-human rights posture in the face of ongoing grisly and egregious religious rights abuses and violations by radical Islamists, rooted in state actor aiding and abetting.

Madam Nazila Ghanea's appointment as UN Special Rapporteur on Religious Freedom or Belief since 2022 was and still a huge mistake. For the avoidance of doubt, we invite her to study our 2026 Mid-Year Report and **66-Page** collected data backing it. Madam Nazila Ghanea's widely suspected compromised stance on Nigeria's unchecked religious butcheries is also capable of widening and escalating them with a culture of impunity and repeat-atrocities. The above is to the extent that *in past 180 days of 2026 (Jan-June), suspected state actor- protected Islamic Jihadists in Nigeria committed 22 international heinous crimes under UN System-killing estimated 2,550 defenseless Christians and 10,50 Muslims, abducting 2,800 Christians and 1150 Muslims, destroying 300 Churches, hacking to death 10 Christian pastors and abducting 10 others and forcibly converting 800 Christian women and children to Islam in Jihadists' captivity.*

The woeful failure of the Nigerian Government to frontally address these using its domestic body of criminal and procedural laws, or alternatively surrender the country's jurisdiction to the International Criminal Court by inviting its Chief Prosecutor under International Criminal Law Principle of Complimentarity; is a clear case of self-indictment and culpability beyond defense, as well as unambiguous demonstration of "unwillingness and inability" to act. This is more so when Nigeria is a State-Party to the ICC Statute of 1998, which it voluntarily signed and ratified in Sept 27, 2001. Madam Nazila Ghanea of Iran as UN Special Rapporteur on Religious Freedom or Belief, had recently in June 2026, claimed "to have concluded an official visit to Nigeria" and dismissed claims that "the mass killings and abductions across the country constitute a deliberate, targeted, government-directed campaign of religious or persecution, especially against Christians".

Contradictorily and commendably, unlike the Special UN Rapporteur on Religious Freedom or Belief, the UN Panel of Five Rapporteurs including the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, the Special Rapporteur on Torture, the Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Killings, the Special Rapporteur on Minority Rights, and the Special Rapporteur on 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; adding that: “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-and In many cases, those who resist are reportedly threatened, punished, disappeared or killed”.

22 International Heinous Crimes Perpetrated With Impunity In Nigeria: Nigeria’s Islamic Jihadists under suspected state actor protection have committed the following 22 International Heinous Crimes including: Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes, Mass Murder and Premeditated Homicide, Infanticide, Sexual Violence including Rape and Aggravated Sexual assaults, Ransomed Hostage-taking, Human Trafficking and Slavery, Torture and Maiming, Arson, Terrorism, Extrajudicial Killings, Disappearances, Extermination, Enslavement, Forced Migration, Depopulation, Homelessness, Population Displacement, Pillaging, Anti-Order of Nature Sexual Violence, Vandalism, Looting, Burglary, among others. They also have universal application and further categorized under “Mala Inse”. See our **66-Page collected data** backing this Report for their technical terms and definitions under UN System.

66-Page Collected Data Backing Our Report: Our **2026 Half-Year Report** is supported by 64-Page collected data, collected from two major non-state actor sources (**OSINT**); namely: **Primary and Secondary Sources**. **Our Primary Sources** include on-the-spot or incident scene data collection involving digital or facial interactions with eyewitnesses, survivors and leaders of the affected communities-for purposes of collecting evidence information. Such **Primary Sources’ evidence information** rooted in natural method include: *time and location of the atrocity crimes, casualty figures involving the slain, the injured and the abducted; amount and identities of properties lost including religious (worship centres), dwelling and livelihood properties;* which further seek to ascertain the ethno-religious identities and motives of the perpetrators and the ethno-religious coloration of their dastardly acts; likewise, the vicarious roles of the state actor authorities especially the security actors. Our natural method of data collection rested on **Primary Sources** also fundamentally seek to establish as follows: ***Who were those killed or maimed or abducted? Who killed or maimed or abducted them? How many of them were killed or maimed or abducted and who aided or conspired with their attackers (state actors)? When, where and why were they killed or maimed or abducted? What was the amount of religious properties (worship centres) or dwelling or livelihood properties lost?***

Our Secondary Sources contained in our **66-Page** collected data were successfully put together using information accessed or obtained from interrogated General Media Reports, Specialist Media Reports, Religious Bodies, Research Bodies, Local Activists, Leaders of the affected communities, verified Social Media Sources, Specialized International Bodies such as UN Rapporteurs on Violence against Women, Torture, Extrajudicial Killings, Minority Rights, and Enforced Disappearances, etc.

120 Sources Behind Our Collected Data Rooted In Wide Coverage: Apart from our **66-Page** collected data backing our Report, they are generated from more than **120 Sources** including 40 interrogated general media reports, 20 specialist media reports, 15 religious bodies, 10 research bodies, 15 local activists, 5 international specialist bodies and 15 community bodies. Our Report and its collected data also have wider scope of coverage; focusing on Old Middle-Belt especially in Benue, Plateau, Kwara, Niger, Kogi; and expanding to Taraba (Takum, Donga, Yangtu, Wukari), Adamawa (Larmude, Madagali), Southern Borno (Ngoshe, Pulka, Chibok, Gwoza), Southern Kebbi (Danko-Wasagu), Southern Kaduna (Kajuru, Kachia and ten other Counties); to Delta and Edo Christian communities' forests and their adjoining roads) in South-South, to South-East (interstate, inter-regional and communal forests and their adjoining traveling routes) and South-West (inter-regional and communal forests and their traveling routes) parts of Nigeria.

300 Churches Destroyed In Jan-June 2026-As Wukari-Taraba Lost 217 Since Sept 2025: Findings from **Our 66-Page** collected and analysed data showed that estimated 300 Christian churches have been attacked and lost in the hands of the country's Islamic Jihadists in Jan-June 2026; translating to average of 50 churches lost per month and approximately two per day. The Catholic Diocese of Wukari in Taraba State, North-East Nigeria under Bishop Mark Nzukein had in its May 9, 2026 Communique, disclosed that "more than 100,000 Catholic Faithful and others under his Diocese alone have been forced to flee and abandon their parishes and out-stations since Sept 2025 (a period of past eight months)". According to him, the widespread abandonment of Faith followed sustained attacks by Fulani Ethnic Militants (FEM-Bandits and Herdsmen); during which "more than 100 Christians were killed/abducted, eight parish houses of eight Parish Priests burned down or destroyed and sixteen Priests forced to flee and abandon their parishes". The Wukari Catholic Diocese and its Bishop also stunned the world, disclosing that "217 Churches belonging to Catholics and other denominations in Wukari Diocesan Zone have been burned down or destroyed by the Fulani Ethnic Militants in the Diocese alone-covering eight months of Sept 2025 to May 2026". Other independent findings indicated that from January to June 2026, not less than 150 Churches belonging to Catholic and other denominations have been lost in Diocese of Wukari alone. Apart from widespread destruction of churches by Fulani Jihadists in the area since January 2026, no fewer than 50 defenceless Christians have also been killed and 100 others abducted and these did not include Christian casualty figures recorded during attacks in other parts of the State (Taraba)- the largest Christian dominant landmass State in Nigeria.

Findings arising from our collected and analysed data since January 2026, generally indicated that no fewer than 300 churches and other Christian worship centres have been lost to Jihadist attacks-including being burnt down or destroyed or sacked and deserted. Reports on jihadist attacks on churches since January 2026 have successfully been collected in Southern Borno, Southern Kaduna, Adamawa including Madagali and Lamurde, Benue, Niger including Munya, Shiroro, Rafi, Papiri, Paikoro, Kwara including Ifelodum, Kogi, FCT (Abuja) hinterlands, Southern Kebbi including Danko-Wasagu, Nasarawa, Ondo, Oyo, Ekiti, Kastina, etc. The total number of Christian churches and other Christian worship centres attacked and destroyed in 17 years or since July 2009 has now risen to 19,700-with addition of 300 lost from January to June 2026; out of which, Fulani Ethnic Militants (Herdsman and Bandits) accounted for 60% since 2015, Boko Haram, ISWAP and allied others 33% and armed state actors 7%. It should further be noted that Boko Haram, ISWAP and Ansaru had accounted for estimated 80% of attacks on churches between July 2009 and Dec 2015, during which Fulani Ethnic Militants accounted for about 20%.

Church Of Brethren In Nigeria ('EYN') Lost 21,000 Members To Jihadists In 17 Years:

Church of the Brethren in Nigeria ('EYN') is found to have lost whopping 21,000 members in the hands of Islamic Jihadists in Nigeria in 17 years of July 2009 to June 2026. The respected Church with evangelical and membership stronghold in the North-East States of Borno, Taraba, Yobe and Adamawa, also lost no fewer than 70 District Churches between 2024 and 2025 including 40 lost in 2024 and 30 lost in 2025. In Jan-June 2026, no fewer than 10 of their District Churches have been lost. Noted, too, is the fact 217 of the 276 abducted Chibok were members of the Church, the Church records, according to Barr Emmanuel Ogebe, a respected US-based International Human Rights Lawyer in his May 16, 2026 piece, showed that as at 2015, the Church lost no fewer than 10,000 to Boko Haram and allied Jihadist groups; and by end of 2025, the number staggered shockingly to 20,000 members' deaths. In Jan-June 2026, independent sources estimated that hundreds of their members are likely to have been killed-marking the Church out as "the Church with worst record of deaths and abductions in Islamic Jihadist attacks in Nigeria".

Identities Of The Perpetrators And Their Locational Culpabilities: Our collected and analysed data indicated that out of estimated 3, 950 defenceless citizens abducted for their Religious Faith by Nigeria's Islamic Jihadists in Jan-June 2026, involving 2,800 Christians and 1150 Muslims, Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and Jihadist Fulani Bandits (formed in Maradun, Zamfara in 2011) are found to have accounted for 65% of the abducted Christians, while Boko Haram and affiliated others such as Lakaruwa and ISWAP accounted for about 35%. Out of estimated 3,600 religious deaths recorded in Jan-June 2026; involving estimated 2,550 Christians and 1050 Muslims, Fulani Ethnic Militants (Herdsman and Bandits) are found to have accounted for about 70%, while Boko Haram and others accounted for about 25%. Armed state actor extrajudicial killings on religious grounds especially in South-East and South-South accounted for about 5%. Boko Haram are found to have been responsible for most of religious abductions and killings taking place since January 2026 in Southern Borno, Adamawa, Yobe, among others; including abduction of estimated 600 Southern Borno Christians and killing of 400 others since January 2026.

Fulani Ethnic Militants (Bandits and Herdsmen) are found to have been responsible for most of abductions and killings, likewise wanton destruction of worship centres, dwelling houses and livelihoods in Southern Kaduna, Wukari zone of Taraba State and other Christian dominant areas of the State. There are also widespread Fulani Ethnic Militants' atrocities in Benue and Plateau States, including recent months' (Jan-June 2026) abduction of estimated 400 Christians and killing of dozens of others in several parts of Southern Kaduna. Bandits and Herdsmen under "Fulani Ethnic Militants" are also found to have sometimes collaborated with Boko Haram and ISWAP in perpetrating such heinous religious atrocities including handover or transfer of their captives to jihadist forest/enclave facilities manned by Boko Haram and ISWAP for hostage ransoms, Islamic indoctrinations and conversions, sexual slavery, among others.

Joint Locational Culpabilities: Combined forces of Fulani Bandits, Boko Haram and Lakaruwa and sometimes joined by Herdsmen are also found to be dominant Islamic terror groups wreaking havoc in places like Niger, Kwara, Kogi, Nasarawa, Southern Kebbi, Zamfara, Kastina and FCT (Abuja) hinterlands, among others. In Southern Borno, Southern Kebbi and Northern Adamawa with large Christian communities, Islamic Boko Haram terrorist group and allied other regionally and internationally affiliated terror groups are found to be most dominant and atrocious. Also out of estimated 1050 Muslim civilian deaths and 1,150 abductions recorded in in Jan-June 2026, Jihadist Fulani Bandits and their allies, other than Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen; accounted for roughly 65% while Islamic Boko Haram and their foreign allies operating in Nigeria (i.e. Lakaruwa, JNIN) accounted for roughly 35%. For instance, the March 2026 mass abductions in Kwara, Kogi and Niger States have independently been blamed on Boko Haram, Lakaruwa and Fulani Bandits.

Findings from our Report and its back-up **66-Page collected data** also indicated ethno-religious and political dimensions to the killing and abduction of Muslim civilians by Muslim Jihadists especially in Muslim dominated States like Sokoto, Zamfara, Katsina, Northern Kaduna (i.e. Birnin Gwari-Zamfara axis) and Muslim part of Niger State, among others-where many Muslim victims of the horrendous religious attacks are found to be indigenous Hausa Muslims. Others such as indigenous Hausa Christians and non-native residents and travellers in the area are also affected. Further findings from our collected and analysed data also identified Fulani Ethnic Militants (Bandits and Herdsmen) and their jihadist attacks in Nigeria as the most widespread; originating from most of the country's late 2015 alleged nationally mapped 1,117 forests-cutting across Rainforest areas of South-West, South-South, South-East and North-Central regions of the country, as well as other fortified forests of Kaduna, Taraba, Kebbi, Zamfara (Birnin-Gwari), among others. The most shocking is that these invaded, seized and occupied jihadist forests are those belonging to various States or Federal Government forest reserves or those belonging to communities or retired and serving security chiefs and top government functionaries especially in Northern Nigeria. Violent access to such forests by these Islamic jihadists, especially Fulani Ethnic Militias or Militants (Muslim Herdsmen and Bandits) are also independently found to have been facilitated through late night movements and related subversive activities-dating back to early 2016; rarely unknown to the country's security networks and actors.

800 Christians Abducted And Converted To Islam In Jihadists' Captivity In Jan-June

2026: Findings from **Our 66-Page** collected and analysed data backing our 2026 Half-Year Report have also indicated that no fewer than 800 Christians-mostly women and children have forcibly and secretly been converted to Islam in jihadists' captivity in Jan-June 2026, especially in Northern Nigeria. The studied patterns and trends of such heinous religious violence showed that there are state actor and non-state actor rooted Islamic conversions in Nigeria. The state actor conversions are secretly perpetrated by some Northern State Muslim Governments using Islamic police and sometimes regular police authorities and covers. There are several documented cases including those put together by Barr Emmanuel Ogebe, a US-based International Human Rights Lawyer, and Truth-Nigeria, a respected religious conflict tracker and investigator specialist media, decorated in the Old Middle-Belt.

Truth-Nigeria documentations have also cited several cases of secret and forcible conversions targeting young Christian girls and unmarried others. Their indoctrinations and conversions have been investigated by Truth-Nigeria and Emmanuel Ogebe Esquire, traced and linked to some officials of the Governments of Kano, Adamawa, Borno, Yobe, Katsina, Zamfara and Kaduna States, among others. The above is to the extent that Emmanuel Ogebe Esquire had written several articles in 2025 and this 2026; particularly accusing some officials of the Government of Kano State of vicarious or direct involvement in cases of forcible conversion of scores of young Christian boys and girls to Islam including dropping their Christian names and replacing them with Islamic names, amidst lying under oath (perjury). It is estimated that dozens of young Christians especially girls and boys have been victims of state actor forcible conversions from Christianity to Islam.

In non-state actor abduction and forcible conversion of Christians, our Report found it to be widespread and escalating especially in Jan-June 2026 and among the abducted Christian women and children. These heinous acts of abductions and forcible captivity indoctrinations and conversions are perpetrated in Nigeria by four major Islamic jihadist groups; namely: Fulani Herdsmen and Fulani Bandits (Fulani Ethnic Militias or Militants); Boko Haram/ISWAP and Boko Haram-affiliated Lakaruwa/ISWAP-affiliated JNIN, among others. Broadly speaking, our findings have further indicated of estimated 22 Islamic Terrorist groups-physically or digitally accessing Nigeria territories for jihadist attacks, "Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and Jihadist Boko Haram are the El Grande Islamic Terrorist groups under them, others atrociously operate". The alleged abduction and captivity conversion of estimated 800 abducted Christian women and children included recent cases in Ngoshe, Pulka, Taraba, Adamawa, Southern Kaduna, Niger, Kwara and Kogi; remotely traced to late 2025 imposition of "Pay Islamic Tax, Convert to Islam or Die" by Islamic Jihadists, first imposed on Christians of Adamawa and Borno by Boko Haram; followed by Boko Haram-affiliated Lakaruwa in Niger, Kwara and Kogi; and Jihadist Fulani Ethnic Militants or Militias (Herdsmen and Bandits) in Southern Kaduna where Nine New Islamic Conversion Allegiances Codes were imposed in May 2026 in Kaduna's Kachia and Kajuru Christian areas and others.

10 Christian Pastors Killed By Jihadists And 10 Others Abducted In Jan-June 2026:

According to our **66-Page collected and analyzed data** backing Our Report, no fewer than 10 Christian Pastors have been killed by Islamic Jihadists since January 2026 and 10 others abducted, freed or still held; out of which Fulani Ethnic Militants (Herdsmen and Bandits) accounted for 60% and others including Boko Haram 40%. The list of the slain pastors included ECWA Church Pastor Manasseh Ibrahim, gunned down in Kaduna on April 23, 2026. Another EYN Church Pastor was killed on Jan 30, 2026 by Boko Haram in Tarfa, Borno. 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. As if that was not enough, 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 30 Christians massacred (18 died on the spot and 12 later died of severe injuries) by Fulani Ethnic Militants or Militias on Monday June 22, 2026. Another Christian Pastor Joshua Aliya of ERCC Church was killed by Fulani Jihadists on Feb 26, 2026 in Dorowa, Ninzo in Sanga, Kaduna State.

Among no fewer than 10 others abducted included 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 and freed months after. A Pastor with Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) was abducted and later killed in captivity with 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 jihadist Fulani Bandits' 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 among hundreds of Christian worshippers abducted and scores that died in captivity Jan-June 2026 including the January 18, 2026 abduction of 177 church worshippers and their church leaders in Kajuru County or LGA of Southern Kaduna in Kaduna State, North-West Nigeria.

175 Underage Christian School Children Abducted By Jihadists In Jan-June 2026:

No fewer than 175 underage School children, who are mostly Christians have been abducted in Jan-June 2026 by Islamic Jihadists drawn from Fulani Bandits and Boko Haram and its affiliated ISWAP. Not less than 139 were abducted in May 2026 alone, including 42 abducted on May 15 in Mussa part of Askira-Uba, 51 (largely unreported) abducted days after in Kirchiga part of the same Askira-Uba in Chibok, Southern Borno and another set of 46 School children (pupils and secondary school students) including a toddler abducted the same day of May 15, 2026.

They were abducted in Ahoro-Esinele and neighboring communities in Oriire Local Government Area of Oyo State. As if these were not enough, the Daily Trust and News Express reports of Tuesday, June 30, 2026, Boko Haram and its affiliated ISWAP invaded Government Day Secondary School Lassa, Askira Uba LGA of Borno State around 8:30am on Monday, June 29, 2026 and 36 students and scores of teachers, killing one of the teachers on the spot and injuring another one. A breakdown shows that of the 36 students, 11 are males while 25 are female students. All the 36 students are Christians. Names of the 175 students are provided in our **66-Page collected data**.

2,550 Christians Killed, 2,800 Abducted In 720 Jihadist Attacks In Jan-June 2026:

Findings from our collected and analyzed data indicated that estimated 2,550 defenseless Christian lives have been lost in the hands of Islamic Jihadists in Nigeria in Jan-June 2026; in a period of 180 days; in about 720 attacks, on average of 120 attacks per month; during which 2800 Christians were also abducted. Corroboratively and thankfully, in a May 2026 Report by Stefanos Foundation, cited by Emmanuel Ogebe Esquire in his May 16, 2026 article, “Post Trump Airstrikes Security Analysis-covering-25th December 2025-30th April 2026 showed 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; further 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>)

...Breakdown Of 2,550 Religiously Slaughtered Christians: The breakdown of the estimated 2,550 Christian deaths in Jan-June 2026 showed that 420 Christians were killed monthly and fourteen daily. Similarly, the estimated 2,800 abducted Christians translated to abduction of about 470 Christians every month and approximately 16 Christians every day. The estimated 2,550 slain Christians included (1) 1,402 Christian killings in January 1 to April 5, 2026, (2) 550 incident scene Christian killings tracked from April 6 to June 30, 2026, (3) estimated 300 Christian killings representing outside core incident areas’ jihadist attacks, covering the rest of the country, (4) estimated 250 captivity Christian deaths representing captivity deaths recorded among the estimated 2,800 abducted Christians since Jan-June 2026; and (5) 50 Christian deaths representing “dark figures”....**Breakdown Of 2,800 Abducted Christians:** The list of estimated 2,800 abducted Christians included (1) 1,800 tracked in January 1 to April 5, 2026, (2) 600 recorded in high incident areas, (3) 250 recorded in non-high incident areas, and (4) 150 representing “dark figures”. See following links: (1) Our April 6, 2026 Updated Report: <https://intersociety-ng.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/1402-Christians-Killed-And-1800-Abducted-In-Nigeria-In-96-Days-of-Jan-April-6-2026.pdf>, (2) Our Special Report of March 20, 2026 <https://intersociety-ng.org/africa-tsunamic-islamic-jihadism-sweeping-and-menacingly-threatening-africas-750m-christians-targeting-to-obliterate-them-from-2100ad-to-2125ad-next-75-100-years-and-will-be-inches-away-fr/>.

Locational Breakdown Of The Christian Deaths And Abducted Others: *In the killing of estimated 2,550 Christians, Plateau (Fulani Ethnic Militias/Militants) and Southern Borno (Boko Haram) recorded the highest death tolls with about 420 deaths and 400 deaths respectively; followed by Benue (Fulani Herdsmen) with not less than 200 deaths, Taraba (Fulani Ethnic Militias or Herdsmen and Bandits) with not less than 100 deaths. Other 1,400 deaths are spread across other incident areas including Southern Kebbi, Niger, Kwara, Kogi, Nasarawa, Adamawa, Bauchi, Ekiti, Oyo, Ondo, Delta, Edo, Imo, Enugu, Abia, etc. In the estimated 2,800 abducted Christians, Southern Borno and Southern Kaduna recorded the highest number with estimated 600 and 400 respectively. In Taraba, particularly in Wukari Episcopal Zone, not less than 100 Christians have been abducted in Jan-June 2026, followed by Kwara, Kogi, Niger, Oyo, Southern Kebbi, Nasarawa, Benue, Enugu, Imo, Zamfara, Adamawa, Abia State, among others.*

Jihadists Killed 850 Muslims, Abducted 850 Others, 200 Others Killed In Military Airstrikes: No fewer than 850 Muslim civilians were targeted for their faith and ethnicity by Muslim Jihadists largely drawn from Fulani Ethnic Militias/Militants, including former “Zamfara Fulani Bandits” and killed in Jan-June 2026, or in a period of 180 days. Many Muslim victims of the attacks are found to belong to members of the non-Fulani civilian population populating majority of the Muslim populated States of Zamfara, Northern Kaduna, Sokoto, Kebbi, Katsina, Niger, Kwara and Kogi. Non-Muslim natives such as indigenous Hausa Christians and inter-state Christian travelers and others resident in the troubled areas, are also affected. It has also been long established through our collected data over the years that Militant Fulani Herdsmen rarely launch attacks on Muslim communities in those areas. They (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) also rarely launch attacks on Muslim farmlands or kill and abduct Islamic leaders and engage in widespread destruction of Mosques and other Islamic centers.

Between January and March 2026, our records of March 20, 2026 showed that estimated 550 Muslim civilians were killed by Muslim Jihadists and 650 others abducted including more than 150 killed and 170 others abducted in the March 2026 Jihadist Boko Haram and Jihadist Lakaruwa attacks in Kwara and Kogi States-during which more than 30 Christians were also killed and dozens of others abducted. Between April and June 2026, no fewer than 500 Muslim civilians were estimated to have been killed including at least 200 killed in Nigerian military airstrikes in Yobe, Borno and Zamfara in April and May 2026. The killings shrouded in Nigerian military’s culture of denial and impunity were reported by four frontline media and rights groups: **Amnesty International, Daily Trust, Aljazeera and International Center for Investigative Reporting (ICIR) in their respective reports of April and May 2026.** Estimated 500 other Muslim civilians were estimated to have been abducted in densely Muslim Populated States of Sokoto, Zamfara, Katsina, Kebbi, Niger, among others. The Nigerian military also on May 10, 2026 bombed Guradnayi, a Christian village in Shiroro, Niger State, killing dozens of Christians. Official figures the death toll to “15 Christian women and children died”.

[Collected Data Of Killings And Abductions Targeted At Christians In Nigeria-April-May 2026](#)

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