

July-August 2026 Collected Data On Jihadist Attacks Against Christians And Their Churches In Nigeria Particularly In The Middle-Belt (Saturday, Sept 5, 2026)

- According to Daily Trust of Friday, July 10, Fulani Bandits on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, invaded an area located in Mpape in Bwari Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory and abducted three persons including a Christian Pastor. The attack took place few minutes before 11pm.
- According to several local and international of July 10, 2026, including Sharon World News of July 10, 2026 (European Parliament Vehemently Denounces Persecution of Christians in Nigeria), the European Parliament has strongly condemned the persecution of Christians in Nigeria, calling for an end to the rising anti-Christian attacks in the country. Responding to the recent massacre that took place in Kawel village, Plateau State, where no fewer than 30 Christians were brutally massacred by Fulani militants, the Parliament passed an urgency resolution with an overwhelming vote of 510 to 1 in support of the condemnation. The massacre of the Christians in Kawel on 22 June, which also included a local pastor named Rev. Markus Nyam, follows a pattern of targeted violence against Christian communities by the jihadists.

According to the eyewitnesses, the Fulani militants stormed the village after midnight, and fired at anyone they encountered. “We commend the European Parliament for continuing to hold Nigeria accountable to protect the Christians and religious minorities who have faced relentless violence and persecution for far too long, particularly in the Middle Belt region where the persecution of Christians is most devastating” said Sean Nelson, Senior Counsel for Global Religious Freedom at Alliance Defending Freedom. MEP Miriam Lexmann, Co-Chair of the European Parliament’s Intergroup on Freedom of Religion, Belief and Conscience, expressed the common concern saying, “Across the country, Christians face repeated attacks by Fulani militants, Boko Haram and other organized groups. Violence is part of a broader and deeply worrying pattern of persecution.”

- According to the Berom Youth Moulders Association in a statement signed by Rwang Tenwong, six Christians were killed and one injured on July 4 and 5, 2026, in coordinated attacks carried out by armed Fulani terrorists in Ta-Hoss, Riyom County and Sabon Layi, Barkin Ladi County of Plateau State. The attacks took place on Saturday at about 2am on July 4 and in Kwi in Riyom in the early hours of July 5, 2026. The Fulani Jihadists had attacked Christian farmers on their farms at Riyan Village in Ta-Hoss Community in Riyom LGA, during which Mrs Hudung Luka, 40 and Mrs Ladi Istifanus, 50. Later that same night, the terrorists invaded Sabon Layi Community in Barkin Ladi and brutally murdered Sunday, 25, Benjamin James, 33, and Godwin Yakubu, 27. In the early hours of Sunday, July 5, the terrorists struck in Kwi Village of Riyom and killed Peter Bulus.

- The Catholic Archdiocese of Kaduna has confirmed the death of six Christian members of the Archdiocese including Catechist Victor Paul. In a statement issued on July 2, 2026 and signed by the Archdiocesan Chancellor, Father Christian Okewu Emmanuel, the Archdiocese said that the victims were among the residents abducted by Fulani Jihadists on Feb 9, 2026 in Kutaho and Kugir communities located in Southern Kaduna. The Archdiocese further disclosed that several abductees were released in phases over the past four months-with last four captives released on June 30, 2026. The six abductees killed in captivity were identified as: Catechist Victor Paul, Joseph Yaro, Monday Tanko, Kunama Dogo, Friday Agama and Peace Williams.
- According to Kim Masara Usman, a Jos Plateau based Award-Winning Conflict Report Journalist, Daily Post report of Sunday, July 12, 2026, and Daily Trust report of Monday, July 13, 2026, no fewer than nine members of a Christian Family including a Two-Month-Old baby were gruesomely murdered in late night of Saturday, July 11, 2026 by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in Wereng-Camp, Kum Village in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State. The attack and killings were confirmed by the Berom Youth Moulders Association (BYM), stating further that the attack started around 11pm, lasting for more than one hour. Among the Christian dead victims are: Mrs. Celina James, 38, Mr. Yohana James, 21, Mrs. Janet Yohana, 18, Baby Jenifer Yohana (3-Month-Old), Miss Cele James, 18, Miss Melody James, 16, Reto James, 10, Endurance James, 8, and Peace James, 3. Truth-Nigeria report of July 15, 2026, further reported that the main target of the attack was fiery Pastor Ezekiel Dachomo, Regional Leader of COCIN Church and a leading voice against Christian Genocide in Nigeria and that Fulani Jihadists stormed his extended family compound at late night, asked for his whereabouts and thereafter, attacked and killed nine members of his extended family. The nine slain extended family members were buried on Monday, July 13, 2026. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/07/family-of-nigerian-pastor-targeted-in-attack-that-killed-nine-relatives/>
- According to Kim Masara Usman, a Jos Plateau based Award-Winning Conflict Report Journalist, Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen on July 8, 2026, around 5.23pm attacked Torok community in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State, and killed three Christians- Ezekiel Zakka, David Yakubu and Dauda Habila. The killing was also confirmed by the Berom Youth Moulders Association led by Barr Dalylop Solomon Mwantiri.

- **20 Benue Christians Slaughtered By Fulani Jihadists On July 10-14:** According to Punch and Vanguard Newspapers' reports of Sunday, July 12, 2026; and Truth-Nigeria of July 15, 2026, quoting residents and eyewitnesses, heavily armed attackers identified as Fulani Ethnic Militia (FEM) struck Akpachi Village in Ugboju District on July 10 and Otukpo-Nobi Community in Otukpo Local Government Area of Benue State on July 12, 2026; killing two Christian farmers and 16 other Christian residents in that two deadly attacks took place around 11pm on Saturday, July 11, 2026 and 3.am on Sunday, July 12, 2026. Bodies of the 18 slain Christians were later recovered on the spot and deposited at Otukpo General Hospital. Hours after residents were still mourning the earlier killings, another attack struck Ondo community, about one mile from Akpachi village, during the early hours of Tuesday, July 14. Dead victims included Uja Echeipu, Juilie Adakole, Adoiji Ukwanya, Onche Ocheifa, Eyum Ogwu, Sunday Inalegwu, David Inalegwu and Eunice Otache. The wounded included Ene Adaba, Ekainu Okoh, Agwuda Inalegwu, Odaudu Adaah, Ebigidi Ukwanyi Efada Ohepo, Adole Inalegwu, Kocy and Ike. Residents pointed to the June 26 killing of **Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN)** chairman Ardo Mohammed Risku and his associate, Yakubu Isah — after which police swiftly arrested **10 Christian youths** and **seven traditional rulers**. "We appear to be living under two different systems of justice. When Fulani leaders were killed, arrests came within hours. But after entire Christian communities are attacked, we are left asking where the perpetrators are," Inalegwu Adah, a resident of Otukpo town, told TruthNigeria. Otukpo, an agrarian and predominantly Christian county about 103 kilometers (64 miles) southwest of Makurdi, has experienced repeated deadly attacks over the past 13 years that residents attribute to armed Muslim Fulani militia. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/07/no-arrests-after-benue-massacre-of-18-christians-fueling-claims-of-unequal-justice-in-nigeria/>
- According to several media reports including Daily Trust of Saturday, July 11, 2026, nine Christian mourners have been abducted by suspected Fulani Bandits-who also placed N450m ransoms on their heads. The victims were accompanying the corpse remains of a Deputy Corps Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Late Augustine Ikwue, who died in Oshogbo, Osun State, to his hometown at Otukpo in Benue State. Reports had it that the vehicle conveying his corpse ran into an ambush along Ochadamu-Ejule Road in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State around 6pm on Thursday, July 9, 2026.
- **"How We Slept With 15 Jihadist Men Daily In The Bush During Captivity": Lady Rescued From Kidnappers Recounts Terrifying Experience:** Three girls who were raped, made to undergo the act of lesbianism, videotaped and posted on social media has narrated how they were kidnapped on their way from the court and made to engage in prostitution in a village in Ogun State.

[Glory, Idowu and Posi who were declared missing shortly after they appeared as witnesses in cases](#) involving five accused persons in Ondo in Ondo West Local Government area of Ondo State said they were waylaid and taken to Ogun State forest and forced into prostitution and sex slavery in jihadist captivity.

- According to Facebook post shared by Kim Masara Usman, [fourteen Christian villages in Mushere Land](#) of Plateau State have been seized and occupied since 2025 by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen. Since the killing of a Christian Reverend in the area since 2025, members of the affected Communities have not rested or have peace. [Two local Christians](#) of Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State. This was according a Facebook Post made by Masara Kim Usman in Jos, Plateau State.
- Fulani Jihadists have extended their forced Islamic conversion orders to Christians in Benue, the sixth Northern State in the row after Adamawa, Southern Borno, Taraba, Southern Kaduna and Kwara South. In their latest mandatory Islamic conversion order to Christians in Benue, the Fulani Jihadists-comprising Fulani Herdsmen and Fulani Jihadists, ordered the Benue Christians to “fully embrace Islam and surrender half of their land to Fulani or the killings will never stop”.
- The Catholic Diocese of Yola in Adamawa State, led by Most Reverend Dr. Stephen Dami Mamza, on July 4, 2026, provided emergency food assistance to 60 Displaced Christian IDP families and refugees currently quartered at the Fombina IDPs Camp in Girei Local Government Area of Adamawa State. The humanitarian support had come from the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood Ladywell in Great Britain.
- According to a statement from the Edo State Police Command, issued on July 3, 2026, as well as media reports, [Eleven Kidnap Victims abducted by Fulani Bandits while returning from their farms have escaped from their abductors in Estako West Local Government Area of Edo State](#) where they were abducted. Their escape reportedly took place after their abductors fell asleep from exhaustion following an overnight trek through the forest. One of the victims, Braimah Destiny, said six armed jihadists abducted him and ten others-forcing them to walk to walk through the bush all night, after which they became very tired and slept off-leading to our escape. Another victim, [Gloria Inyanugbo, said she spent four days in captivity before her husband paid N3m ransom plus an additional N300,000 demanded for food, medicine, hard-drugs and other items.](#)
- [Aged Christian husband and wife were attacked and killed by Fulani Jihadists](#) in Kurudu village of Jebbu Miango in Irigwe Chieftdom of Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State. According to reports, Late Mr. Demi Duda, 82, died instantly in the early hours of the morning attack on June 29, 2026 when armed Jihadists stormed the community.

His wife, Late Mrs. Ladi Demi, who sustained serious bullet injuries in the attack, later died at the University of Jos Teaching Hospital on July 1, 2026. Relatedly, on July 3, Jihadist Fulani Herders attacked Okpafie area of Benue State and killed two local Christians.

- According to several media reports including Vanguard Newspaper of July 1, 2026, Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 launched attack on Sai Community in Mbajir Council Ward of Katsina- Ala Local Government Area of Benue State, killing not less than ten local Christians and Injuring 15 others. According to eyewitnesses, many villagers fled into nearby bushes, while several others remained un-located and unaccounted for as of Wednesday morning. Residents said the attackers, armed with AK-47 rifles, crossed into Benue from neighbouring part of Taraba State. Among the dead were Kumbur Makar, Aondohemba Amogema, Tordue Mzuughga Mchiaga Akaa and Denen Nengenga. The injured included Namibo Orakaa, Nuhuher Lortule, Vihimga Sengohol, Kasimana Vihimga, Kadoon Kaaityoga, Langa Anadoo, Amo Henate, Laidi Agber, Shaorga Msendoo, Kundushima Mngusonon, Matyoga Terkimbi, Terkimbi Verashe and Orahembaga Doochi.
- According to several media reports including Punch Newspaper report of July 2, 2026 and Leadership Newspaper of Sunday, July 12, 2026, a prominent Pastor of NKST Church (the Nongo u Kristu u i Ser u sha Tar), Reverend Samuel Gbinde and two of his congregants were abducted by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in the early hours of Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at their NKST Church residence in Andyar, Guma Local Government Area of Benue State. Reports further confirmed that following a ransom payment, the three victims were released, however Pastor Gbinde died on July 11, 2026 due to injuries and paralysis inflicted on him in captivity.
- **Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen Massacred 42 Indigenous Muslims In Niger State, Lost Six In Reprisal:** According to several media reports including 247 U-Reports of July 2. 2026, a horrific wave of communal religious violence has rocked Tegna, a prominent town in the Rafi Local Government Area of Niger State, populated by indigenous local Muslims, leading to the death of at least 48 people including 42 indigenous Muslims and six members of Fulani Muslim population, during which several homes were also burned, and entire communities displaced. The bloody attack erupted early Wednesday morning, July 1, 2026, following an attack by Fulani Herders from the ethnic Fulani group against local agrarian families belonging to the Kamuku ethnic tribe, populated by indigenous local Muslims.

According to local accounts, the violence reached a tipping point when machete-wielding herders launched a coordinated ambush on a Kamuku settlement on the outskirts of Tegna, targeting an extended Kamuku family line, hacking and burning victims within their homes. **The Initial Body Count:** At least 42 agricultural villagers—predominantly women, children, and elderly individuals who were unable to flee—were killed in the first wave of the attack.

Destruction of Livelihoods: In a scorched-earth campaign, the attackers set fire to residential structures, grain silos, and parked vehicles. **The Retaliatory Strike:** As news of the massacre spread, aggrieved members of the Kamuku indigenous Muslim group launched a reprisal, killing six herders at a nearby plantation. Graphic images and footage from the scenes have circulated among local reporters, showing bodies severely burned or mutilated by machete blows, forcing hundreds of villagers to be displaced and currently flooding into the Tegna town center to escape the perimeter of the conflict.

Dozens Of Rafi Christians (est.25) Targeted And Killed, Hundreds Trapped While Trying To Escape: There have been independent reports indicating that dozens of defenseless Christians of Rafi ancestry in Rafi Local Government Area of Niger State in North-Central Nigeria have been trapped and killed in the Tegna spillover jihadist attacks and hundreds of others trapped while trying to escape. Over the years, there have been a steady pattern in which Christian communities are targeted for attack, killing and destruction whenever violence erupts between indigenous Muslim population and the Fulani Muslim herders. Such has been the case in Northern Nigeria since year 2000s and was the case recently in Kamaku, during which hundreds of local Christians were trapped and barricaded by Fulani Jihadists and affiliated Islamic terror groups including Jihadist Fulani Bandits, Boko Haram, Lakaruwa, etc. It must be noted that Lakaruwa Fulani Islamic terror group were reportedly brought into Nigeria from neighboring African countries by Nigeria's Fulani Cattle Herders' Proprietor Association (MACABAN) since 2018. According to video footage shared by respected US based SG News of July 8, 2026, Christians in the affected area of Niger State have come devastating attacks since the eruption of the Muslim-Muslim violence on July 2026. The United States based SG News, a global faith-driven news platform delivering stories that inform, inspire, and defend the Christian communities worldwide, also said: "reports from Niger State, Nigeria, indicate that a rural village and its local church was attacked by Fulani Bandits, leaving families devastated and forcing many residents to flee for safety. Among those escaping were women, children and the elderly, many of whom sought refuge in the surrounding countryside. As people fled from the violence they reached a nearby river that became their only possible escape route. With just a small boat available to carry people across, panic and confusion followed. Tragically, lives were lost during the desperate attempt to reach safety".

- **Muslim Marginalized Areas In Northern Nigeria With Dominant Or Large Or Significant Christian Population:** Detailed investigations carried out by **Intersociety** indicated that there are large or significant or dominant rural and indigenous Christian population in Niger East (Zone B) of Niger State; comprising nine Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Gurara, Bosso, Chanchaga, Munya, Rafi, Shiroro, Paikoro, Suleja and Tafa. Indigenous Christians are found in large number in Kwara East of Kwara State in the following seven LGAs: Ekiti, Ifelodum, Irepodum, Isin, Offa, Oku-Ero and Oyum.

In Southern Borno, indigenous Christians are found in large or majority number in the following five LGAs: Askira-Uba, Gwoza, Biu, Chibok and Damboa. In Kastina State, indigenous Christians are in significant number in the following seven LGAs: Malunfashi, Kafur, Musawa, Bakori, Matazu, Kankia and Dutsin-Ma. In Kano State, indigenous Christians are significantly found in the following five LGAs: Rogo, Sumaila, Bebeji, Shanono and Doguwa. In Southern Kaduna, indigenous Christians are found in majority numbers in the following 13 Local Government Areas including: Chikun, Jama'a, Kachia, Kaduna South, Kagarko, Kajuru, Kaura, Kauru, Lere, Sanga and Zango-Kataf. There are also significant indigenous Christian population in Southern Kebbi including Danko-Wasagu. Indigenous Christians are in significant number in Southern Bauchi, Northern Adamawa and Southern Gombe. In Taraba State, indigenous Christians constitute not less than 70% including Wukari Zone. The State is also the largest Christian populated State in Nigeria by landmass. Indigenous Christians also populate Benue and Plateau States by not less than 90%. Significant Christians are also found in Nasarawa and Kogi States.

- According to several media reports including Guardian Newspaper of July 5, 2026, no fewer than three Christians were killed by Jihadist Fulani Herders in Gwomu Community in Bikiwin Ward of Karim Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State who also burned down three villages and forced hundreds of residents to flee their homes. Elsewhere in Bali part of the State, at least one person was killed and ten others injured when Jihadist Fulani assailants attacked their farming communities.
- **Fulani Bandits Abduct 17 Residents In Fresh Attacks On Southern Kaduna Communities:** According to Sahara Reporters of Monday, July 13, 2026, armed Jihadist Fulani Bandits have abducted at least 17 people and injured one person in a series of attacks on Southern Kaduna communities in the Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State. The attacks took place between Saturday (July 11) and the early hours of Monday (July 13). Residents of the affected communities confirmed the attacks in separate messages sent to SaharaReporters. The latest attack occurred in the early hours of Monday at Hanya Maro, where armed bandits attacked farmers working on their farmlands and abducted six of them.

The other attacks occurred between Saturday and Sunday in Ungwan Busa and Banono Angwaku. In Ungwan Busa, the attackers reportedly stormed the community, abducting three residents and injuring one person during the assault. Similarly, in Banono Angwaku, the gunmen kidnapped eight people. No injuries were reported. The fresh attacks have heightened concerns over the persistent insecurity in Kajuru Local Government Area, where communities continue to grapple with recurring kidnappings and violent attacks by armed groups. Many residents also remain reluctant to speak to the media for fear of reprisals. Link: <https://saharareporters.com/2026/07/13/breaking-bandits-abduct-17-residents-fresh-attacks-southern-kaduna-communities>

- **All 14 Christian Passengers Of Benue Links Abducted Into The Forest In Benue State:** According to the Guardian Newspaper of Monday, July 13, 2026, former Senate President and a prominent Benue State indigene, Senator David Mark, has disclosed and condemned the kidnapping few days ago of a Benue Links bus along Otukpo-Taraku-Makurdi road and urged Security operatives to immediately active a rescue mission and bring the perpetrators to book. Expressing grave concern over the reported hijacking of a fully loaded Benue Links bus along the Otukpo–Taraku–Makurdi Road, where armed criminals reportedly abducted all the passengers into the bush, Mark called for immediate, coordinated search-and-rescue operations to secure the safe release of the victims. Senator Mark said the recurring attacks, senseless killings and rising wave of kidnappings in Benue State pose a serious threat to national security, peace and social stability, warning that no nation can prosper under a climate of fear, lawlessness and impunity. The link: <https://guardian.ng/news/david-mark-condemns-kidnapping-of-benue-links-passengers/>
- Mother, Daughter And Two Others Killed As Jihadists Attack Southern Kaduna Community: According to Lindaikeji Blog report of July 14, 2026, a mother and her daughter from Christian faith were attacked and killed by widely suspected Fulani Jihadists on July 13, 2026 in Katul Cross Community in Kachia Local Government Area of Kaduna State. It was gathered that the attack took place on Monday, July 13, 2026, at about 8pm. While the little daughter died at the scene of the attack, her mother died after being rushed to the hospital due to injuries inflicted on her by the jihadists. Reports also indicate that two other victims were shot and killed in the jihadist attack. Link: <https://m.lindaikejiblog.com/2026/7/mother-daughter-and-two-others-killed-as-gunmen-attack-southern-kaduna-community.html>

- Unconfirmed Reports Say Six Of The Abducted 37 Ariko Christian Worshippers Died In Captivity: Unconfirmed reports have indicated that six of the 37 abducted Ariko Christian worshippers, abducted since Easter Sunday of April 5, 2026, have been killed in jihadist captivity. The victims, according to unconfirmed reports included four children and two women. They were said to have suffered from starvation, hunger and diseases-leading to their captivity death or killing. The 37 abducted Ariko Christian worshippers in Southern Kaduna have spent 100 days in captivity as at July 14, 2026.
- Jihadists Abduct 3 Christian **Siblings** And Seize Their Mother's Corpse **On Ogobia-Otukpo Road In Benue:** A heartbreaking tragedy has struck a family in Benue State after suspected armed Fulani Jihadists abducted three siblings who were travelling with the remains of their late mother for burial. The incident occurred in the early hours of Saturday (July 18, 2026) along the Ogobia-Otukpo Road in Ohimini Local Government Area of Benue State, between the Omutele and Ankpechi communities.

The victims were travelling from Abuja to Iklenyi in Okpokwu Local Government Area to bury their mother when the attack happened. According to sources familiar with the incident, the family had experienced delays after the vehicle conveying the corpse developed a mechanical fault during the journey. Although the vehicle was eventually repaired, they continued the trip in the early hours of the morning because they were determined to take their mother's body home for burial. However, somewhere between Ogobia and Otukpo, heavily armed jihadist kidnappers intercepted the vehicle, abducted the three siblings and also took away the corpse of their late mother, leaving other travelers and residents in shock. The shocking incident has thrown the entire family into deep grief, as relatives who were already mourning the death of their mother are now faced with the painful reality of searching for their abducted loved ones while also not knowing the whereabouts of the deceased woman's body.

- Boko Haram Separate Wife Of A Pastor And Her 3 Children From Muslim Travelers And Abducted Them in Damasak-Borno State: According to Daily Trust of Sunday, July 19, 2026, suspected Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists have abducted the wife of a Pastor, alongside her three children in Damasak, Mobbar Local Government Area of Borno State. Damasak, located in the Northern Borno Senatorial District, approximately 156 kilometers from the state capital, Maiduguri, has been a frequent flashpoint for insurgent activities. Sources within the community said the incident happened around 12 noon, on Saturday, close to Kareto village, on the Maiduguri -Damasak road. He revealed that the family members were traveling to Damasak, where the clergyman, Moses Guguma, is in charge of COCIN Church. "The terrorists intercepted the commercial vehicle close to Kareto village, and asked the pastor's wife, along with her 3 children to disembark."

“They allowed other passengers to proceed the journey and vanished into the bush with the pastor’s family,” said the source who pleaded anonymity. He said the wife of the clergyman, whose identity is withheld, was discharged from a hospital in Maiduguri few days ago, and is still recovering. As of the time of filing this report, the whereabouts of the victims remain unknown.

- **Four Abducted Christian NECO Exams’ Candidates And Their Principal Freed In Kogi State:** According to Sahara Reporters of July 16, 2026, the Kogi State Government has announced the rescue of four people abducted during an attack on a National Examinations Council (NECO) examination center in Olowa, Dekina Local Government Area of the State. The victims were freed after a coordinated security operation involving multiple agencies. The victims, who were kidnapped by suspected gunmen during the ongoing NECO examinations, include the school principal, a NECO official and two female candidates. SaharaReporters had reported that the victims were identified as the school principal, Elder Daniel Iyanaa; a NECO official, Mr Solomon Audu; and two female candidates identified as Dorcas Sunday and another candidate simply identified as Dorcas.
- **More Than 50 Christians Killed In One Week (July 7-14) In Plateau State:** According to Vanguard Newspaper of July 15, 2026, Indigenous youth associations in Plateau State on Wednesday (July 15, 2026) said no fewer than 50 persons have been killed within one week in renewed attacks on communities in Riyom and Bassa Local [Government](#) Areas, with hundreds of residents displaced. The demands were contained in a communiqué presented at a joint press conference in Jos by the Afizere, Anaguta, Atakar, Aten, Berom, Irigwe, Kulere, Mushere, Mwaghavul, Pan and Ron Youth Associations.

Speaking on behalf of the coalition, President of the Berom Youth Moulders-Association, BYM, Barr. Dalyop Solomon Mwantiri, lamented that the recent attacks had claimed at least 50 lives within one week and displaced hundreds of people, many of whom were still unable to return to their ancestral homes. Mwantiri described the condition of internally displaced persons, IDPs, as “very pathetic”, noting that although the Plateau State Government had commenced the construction of 100 housing units for displaced persons in Bokkos Local Government Area, hundreds of victims remained displaced and were yet to return to their communities. Link: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2026/07/50-killed-in-one-week-as-plateau-youths-demand-justice-state-police/>

- Names Of 16 Christian Villages In Bokkos-Plateau Displaced And Occupied By Fulani Jihadists:** For the records and for the attention of the Government of Plateau State and other relevant stakeholders (just in case they are unaware), here is a list of some displaced villages in Mushere District of Bokkos LGA as at 15th of July 2026 and their displacement status: Hok — Complete displacement, Luwapan — Complete displacement, Fokoldep — Complete displacement, Kadim Bisa (Nawula)---Complete displacement, Njemut — Complete displacement, Dulu — Complete displacement, Diu — Complete displacement. The rest are: Nina — Complete displacement, Mbor — Complete displacement, Dimar — Partial displacement, Margif — Partial displacement, Rwam — Complete displacement, Kopmur — Complete displacement, Njin — Partial displacement, Kaban — Partial displacement, Jinak — Complete displacement. In most of these villages, the villagers no longer have access to their houses and farmlands for fear of their lives. Schools, hospitals, worship places have all been shut down. Meanwhile, reports by locals alleges that some strangers have started occupying some of the villages, living in the abandoned houses, rearing cattles on abandoned farmlands. Compiled by Emmanuel Jelani, Social Critic of the Federal Republic. July 15, 2026.
- US congress Okays 50% Cut In Aid To Nigeria Over Christian Persecution:** According to several media reports including Vanguard Newspaper of July 17, 2026, The United States House of Representatives has approved a 50 percent cut in assistance to Nigeria over what it described as the federal government's failure to protect Christian communities from religiously-motivated violence. The National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs (NSRP) Appropriations Bill, passed by the House Wednesday, provides a total discretionary allocation of \$47.32 billion, which is \$2.69 billion or 6 percent below the FY2026 enacted level.

According to the bill and accompanying committee report, half of U.S assistance to Nigeria will be withheld until the Secretary of State certifies that Abuja had taken measurable actions to protect Christian communities suffering from religious violence. The Committee's report specifically referenced the Palm Sunday massacre and noted it "remains gravely concerned by the ongoing violence in Nigeria." It also reiterated calls on Abuja to hold perpetrators of violence to account. Congressman Riley M. Moore, who pushed the provisions, said the measure was aimed at ending what he described as the "horrific violence, murder, and persecution" of Christians in Nigeria. "Christians in Nigeria continue to endure horrific violence, murder, and persecution while a majority of the world turns a blind eye to their suffering," Moore said in a statement. "This bill sends a clear message that the United States will continue to stand with persecuted Christians across the globe, especially in Nigeria."

Under the new provisions, 50 per cent of U.S assistance to Nigeria will be withheld until the State Department certifies that the Nigerian government has taken measurable steps to protect Christians from religiously-motivated violence. The House appropriation Committee in a Report accompanying the Bill also directed that funds specifically be made available from the Security Sector Program\National security account to address attacks by Fulani ethnic militia and the broader insecurity in the Middle Belt region, an area that has witnessed repeated killings and displacement in recent years. The Committee further directed the Secretary of State to assess and report to Congress whether Abuja was actively facilitating the safe return of internally displaced persons to their ancestral lands. The assessment, according to them, would form part of the certification process for releasing the conditioned aid. In addition, the legislation mandated the State Department to submit reports to Congress within 45 to 60 days detailing efforts to end the targeted violence against Christians, as well as steps being taken to promote accountability for violations of religious freedom.

- **“Fulani Herdsmen Attacked Our Village (In Benue), Killed My Two Cousins, Seven Others” –Young Lady Cries Out After Losing Family Members In Deadly Attack: A Nigerian lady** has cried out on social media after suspected Fulani herdsmen allegedly attacked her community, killing several residents, including two of her cousins. **Death & Tragedy.** Taking to her Instagram page to share the heartbreaking ordeal, @happiness_agbo1 claimed the attack occurred around 5:40 a.m., leaving nine people dead and eight others injured. Narrating the tragic incident, she wrote: *“I never imagined I would have to write something this painful. Early this morning (July 14, 2026), around 5:40 a.m., Fulani herdsmen attacked our village and killed nine innocent people. Eight others were injured. I lost two of my cousins.”*

The grieving lady also **revealed that her aunt was shot during the attack** and is currently fighting for her life in the hospital. According to her, two of her aunt’s **children** were killed before her eyes, while another **child** survived despite being shot. She further lamented that those responsible allegedly walked away without being apprehended. *“The most heartbreaking part is that those responsible walked away freely. There has been no protection, no intervention, and no justice. The government is silent. The police have done nothing. The military has done nothing,”* she added. Expressing her frustration, she said her community continues to suffer while those in authority have allegedly failed to act. She concluded by appealing to Nigerians to remember her **family**, her village, and everyone affected in their prayers, insisting that they deserve safety, justice, and lasting peace. Link: <https://www.gistreel.com/fulani-herdsmen-attacked-our-village-killed-my-cousins-lady-cries-out-after-losing-family-members-in-deadly-attack/>

- **Zamfara Fulani Islamic Leaders Traced The Origin Of Zamfara Fulani Banditry:** According to some media reports, titled: **Traditional Ruler Links Zamfara Banditry to Collapse of Rural Justice, Vigilante Abuses.** A fresh perspective has emerged on the origins of banditry in Zamfara State following comments attributed to the Sarkin Zamfarar Anka, Alhaji Attahiru Muhammad Ahmed, who reportedly traced the crisis to the breakdown of rural justice and the actions of local vigilante groups. According to the account, the traditional ruler explained in a Hausa-language interview that the roots of the insecurity can be linked to persistent cattle theft and rural crimes, coupled with what many communities perceived as the failure of the legal system to adequately punish offenders. The interview is said to be available on JBC Hausa.

The narrative was also echoed by Ahmad Muhammad Lamido, a Zamfara indigene whose family reportedly relocated from the State due to insecurity. Lamido said rural communities experienced repeated cases of theft, while suspects were allegedly released by the courts because of legal loopholes, leading to growing frustration among residents. According to the account, communities responded by forming a local vigilante outfit known as YARSAKAI to protect themselves after losing confidence in the government's ability to provide security. However, Lamido alleged that the vigilante group later became abusive and increasingly targeted Fulani herders. He claimed that some Fulani communities were subjected to killings, cattle rustling, attacks on their settlements, and the destruction or conversion of their Rugga (Fulani settlements) into farmland. The account further alleges that many affected Fulani herders felt abandoned by the government, received little protection from traditional institutions, and suffered exploitation from some security personnel.

Feeling they had no effective means of seeking justice, some reportedly sought support from armed kinsmen, including individuals from neighboring countries such as Mali, Burkina Faso, and the Republic of Niger. According to Lamido's account, the conflict subsequently evolved beyond its original grievances, with criminal groups expanding their operations and turning banditry into a profitable enterprise, making the violence increasingly difficult to contain. The views were attributed to Alhaji Attahiru Muhammad Ahmed and Ahmad Muhammad Lamido as shared by Barkindo Alkali. Link to the above: https://web.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10216080910172538&id=1743259809&rdid=0C9kXxHXgTPgaQML

- **We Won't Accept Muslim-Muslim Ticket Again-Niger State Christians Demand Deputy Governorship Slot From Governor Bago Ahead Of 2027 Poll:** According to some media reports including the Northern Nigeria Hub of July 9, 2026, the Coalition of Concerned Christian Stakeholders in Niger State on Tuesday (July 7, 2026) told Governor Mohammed Umaru Bago to pick a Christian running mate for 2027, rejecting any repeat of the Muslim-Muslim ticket. **Chairman Jonathan Vatsa said Christians make up over 45% of the State's population** but have been "marginalized for almost two decades or since past 20 years" Vatsa alleged that qualified Christian aspirants were pressured to drop bids in the last APC primaries "because of their religion."

He argued that while Christians backed Bago in 2023, they “will not tolerate” same-faith exclusion in his second-term bid. The group said Niger East (Zone B) has a large Christian population and “capable Christian hands” with the credentials to serve as deputy governor. “The APC’s ticket must reflect fairness, equity and inclusiveness,” the coalition insisted at its Minna press briefing. After consultations, the coalition pledged “full support” for Bago’s second term only if he yields to the demand for a Christian deputy. “We vehemently reject the continuous Muslim-Muslim governorship ticket given our contributions, dedication and population,” Vatsa stated. The stakeholders urged Bago and APC powerbrokers to facilitate the emergence of a Christian deputy governor, warning that religious diversity in Niger must be respected in 2027. The link to the Niger State Christian stakeholders’ press briefing is here: https://web.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2215817459257062&id=100024864870730&rdid=cpqGxZqAALGw7QSx#

- Verified social media reports posted since July 13, 2026, had it that three married women were abducted in their farms and later ransomed or abused and released by suspected Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in Ukpata Community of Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area of Enugu State. The area of the areas in Enugu State prone to Jihadist Herdsmen attacks since April 2016. Relatedly, according to Nonso Uba, a popular social media and radio based critic, seven rural Igbo Christians abducted by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in late June 2026 in Obokofia Egbema in Ohaji-Egbema Local Government Area of Imo State were freed after having been ransomed. They were abducted in Ohaji-Egbema forest and freed in Amakohia-Ubi Forest in Owerri West Local Government Area of Imo State.
- **Enugu State Government Suspends 3 Ezeagu Traditional Rulers And 4 Community President-Generals For Resisting Jihadist Herders Incursion And Occupation Of Their Farmlands:** According to Peoples Gazette of July 16, 2026, the Enugu State Government has suspended three traditional rulers and four President-Generals from Ezeagu Local Government Area of the State for alleged misconduct bordering on security infractions. The State Commissioner for Chieftaincy Affairs, Dr Charles Egumgbe, announced the suspension in a statement by the ministry’s Public Relation Officer, Emeka Nebeife, on Thursday (July 17) in Enugu. The suspended royal fathers were Igwe C. Ozoigbokwe of Umuaji, imezi Owa Autonomous community, Igwe Leo Nechi of Imezi Owa Autonomous community and Igwe Benedict Adinde of Umuagba Autonomous community in Ezeagu Council Area. The presidents-general include Samson Ike of Umuagba Owa Town Union, Remigus Ozoanya of Ezema Owa Town Union, Peter Igwebuikwe of Imezi Owa Town Union and Chief Lazarus Ejim of Ogwumike Owa Town Union. Mr. Egumgbe said that the government observed what it described as “serious acts of misconduct” bordering on security breaches in their autonomous communities. The commissioner explained that the alleged conduct was contrary to Governor Peter Mbah’s zero-tolerance policy on insecurity in Enugu State.

He added that their actions were not a good reputation for the State affirming that it undermined its investments in the protection of lives and property. He explained that the issuance of the letter of suspension was in consonance with the promulgated constitution of the Traditional rulers' laws of Enugu State 2024 and Town Union Registration and Administration Law, 2025. Mr Egumgbe, who did not give details of the offences, stressed that the effective date of the suspension was on July 15, pending the conclusion of the investigation on the matter. The commissioner added that the ministry would take further administrative actions on the suspension in line with the provisions of the law. Link: <https://gazettengr.com/enugu-suspends-three-monarchs-four-others-for-alleged-security-breaches/>

By **Intersociety's** collected data, Ezeagu Local Government Area has been under siege by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen since 2010-leading to loss of several lives and abduction of hundreds including Catholic, Anglican and Pentecostal priests; displacement of many villagers and destruction of thousands of farmlands including the popular 'Eke Abonuzu Cassava Market' and invasion and occupation of the ancient Ajali River. The situation further became compounded following complicity and partisanship of the Enugu State Police Command and 82 Division of the Nigerian Army in Enugu as well as Government of Enugu State and its affiliated Ezeagu Local Government Area, found to be deeply complicit in the ongoing jihadist activities in the area. The named authorities instead of tackling the jihadist activities and protecting the vulnerable communities blindly shifted blames to the affected communities. The above is to the extent that more than 10 dwelling houses belonging to defenseless members of the affected communities were destroyed by soldiers who also abducted scores of defenseless youths in May 2026 when they stormed the area at the alleged instance of leaders of the Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen occupying the area who first brought soldiers to be stationed and to protect them in Nov 2025.

Content Analysis:

- Killings as of July 20, 2026
 Covering July 1-July 20, 2026 (20 Days)
 Total Christian Deaths-160
 Total Muslim Deaths-70
 Total Christian Deaths in Plateau-60
 Total Christian Deaths in Benue-40
 Niger.....25
 Kaduna.....15
 Others.....20

(Daily Average of Christian Deaths-8)

Total Abducted Christians-----	90
Kaduna	30
Benue	20
Edo	12
Kogi	13

Borno	4
Others	11

(Daily Average of Abducted Christians-5)

Number of Churches Attacked or Destroyed-2

Number of Christian Priests Abducted and Killed-2

- Fulani Jihadists Massacred 30 Christians Killed In Naridon-Kaduna State:** By several media reports and survivors and eyewitnesses accounts Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen on Monday, July 27, 2026, launched deadly attacks in Naridom Community of Chawai Chiefdom, Kauaru Local Government of Southern Kaduna, massacring 30 defenseless Christians including 27 Catholics of the Catholic Diocese of Kafanchan-and three Pentecostal Church members as well as five siblings of the same family. Out of the 30 victims, 22 belonged to the same clan of the Rana Family. Eight of the total deaths were children and at least four were critically injured. The attack took place between 1.00am and 2.00am of July 27, 2026. Among those killed were: Geoffrey Monday, Maria Pius, Ladi Monday, Tabawa Monday, Guntu Balla, Enock Balla, Markus Gashi, Mariyamu Joseph, Maria Istifanus, Markus Bulus, Nuhu Bulus, Ayalla Markus, Monday Danladi, Kaka Umaru, Gundumi Umaru, Joy Ali, Dominion Danladi, Danladi Ibrahim, Mama Ibrahim, Deborah Emmanuel, Friday Emmanuel, Yusuf Emmanuel, Yunana Emmanuel, Irimiya Emmanuel, Pheobe Markus, Savior Monday, Audi Musa and Sunday Yakubu.
- Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen Killed 16 Christians In Otukpo-Benue State:** By several media reports including Sahara Reporters of July 28, 2026, at least 16 Christians were killed between 5.am and 9.am (four hours) on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 in Efeyi-Ugboju in Otukpo Local Government of Benue State, during which 12 persons were injured and scores of others went missing.
- Fulani Jihadists Killed Four Christians In Guma-Benue State:** At least four Christians were killed and several others injured on late Monday of August 3, 2026 in Abauashwa Community of Nzorov Council Ward of Guma Local Government Area in Benue State.
- Catholic Seminarian Abducted By Jihadists In Benue:** Seminarian Kelvin Ochai of the Catholic Diocese of Otukpo was abducted by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen on July 29, 2026 in Asa 111, Okukpo in Benue. He was abducted on his way to Aliade in Gwer East Local Government Area of the State. He later escaped from his jihadist captors on Friday, July 31, 2026.
- Catholic Priest Stabbed To Death In Kogi State:** Reverend Father Samuel Opeyemi of St. Paul's Parish, Ayetoro Gbede in Kogi State was stabbed and murdered and dumped his lifeless body along Church Road in Ajaokuta Local Government Area on July 29, 2026.

- **Jihadist Killed Three Christian Miners In Bokkos-Plateau State:** Three Christian miners were killed by Jihadists on Thursday, July 30, 2026 along GSS Daffo Road in Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State. The attack was reported to have taken place at about 7.15pm while they were returning from a mining site at Fubok in Daffo District. The above was according to Vanguard Newspaper report of July 31, 2026.
- **One Suspected Christian Farmer Killed And Eight Others Abducted In Danko-Wasagu-Kebbi State:** Jihadist Fulani Bandits on Friday, July 31, 2026, killed one suspected Christian farmer and abducted eight others in Tudun-Bichi Community in Danko-Wasagu Local Government Area of Kebbi State. Their attackers have stormed their farmlands in early hours of the day, targeting farmers as they went about their daily activities. The area is one of the areas with strongest concentration of indigenous Christians in Kebbi State and one of the worst hit in Jihadist Fulani Bandits' attacks in recent years.
- **A Pastor Attacked And Left To Die Alongside Two Members Of His Church In Bokkos-Plateau State:** According to Sahara Reporters of July 31, 2026, suspected Fulani terrorists on Thursday night of July 30, 2026, attacked a Christian Pastor and two members of his church and left them at the point of death. The attack occurred in Daffo Community in Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State.
- **Estimated 30 Christians Killed In Boko Haram Raids In Several Adamawa Communities:** It is our research estimate that no fewer than 30 suspected indigenous Christians in Adamawa State have lost their lives in the past weeks of July 2026 following coordinated raids and attacks in several Christian populated communities in Adamawa State. According to several media reports including Daily Sun Newspaper of July 30, 2026, fresh fears have gripped residents of Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State following another night raid by suspected Boko Haram insurgents on Zah and Mubang communities in Yadul district, days after deadly attacks on neighboring communities left scores dead and many displaced. The latest attack, which occurred on Monday night of July 27, 2026, came on the heels of similar assaults on Banga and Bitirhuya communities in Dugwaba district, where dozens of residents were reportedly killed, forcing many families to flee their homes. Community leaders lamented that the affected communities had remained under constant threat since the Boko Haram insurgency intensified in the region in 2013, resulting in the death of hundreds of residents, the abduction of many others and the destruction of homes, farmlands, and property worth billions of Naira. Confirming the latest incident in separate telephone conversations, the District Heads of Yadul and Dugwaba said the attackers were successfully repelled but warned that residents continue to live in fear of fresh invasions. The District Head of Dugwaba, who struggled to hold back tears during the conversation, made an emotional appeal to the government to take decisive action against the insurgents. "What have we done to them? When will the government put an end to this?" he lamented, expressing frustration over the repeated attacks on communities under his traditional domain.

- **Jihadists Abduct Dozens Of Christians In Chikun Millennium City In Kaduna State:** According to media reports, estimated 30 Christians were abducted in late July of 2026 or on July 29, 2026 in Millennium City of Chikun Local Government Area of Southern Kaduna. The attack was said to have taken place at about 10:30pm and also affected Dahono 2 Village and Kyauta Community where at least five family members were abducted.
- **Jihadist Herdsmen Killed More Than Five Christians In Taraba State:** According to media reports, suspected Fulani Bandits have resurfaced, engaging in activities of kidnapping in several communities of Lau Local Government Area of Taraba State, killing five persons while also injuring several persons in different villages of the LGA. The bandits also kidnapped Jauro Tace, the village head of Garin-Magaji, at gunpoint; however, Tace was released after payment of ransom as at the time of the report. The communities from Lau LGA that are occupied by the bandits include Kunini, Jimlari, Garin-Magaji, Donnada and Garin-Dogo. The five persons were killed between 30th June and 27th July 2026 at gunpoint during kidnapping attempts. Our correspondent's visit to Lau gathered that hundreds of persons are taking refuge at Garin-Dogo, the headquarters of Garin-Dogo ward.
- Two young Plateau Christian women: Late Mrs. Patience Ishiaku and Late Mrs. Lilian Paul were on July 20, 2026, killed by suspected Fulani Jihadists backed by security forces in Nyango Ntah, Gero Community of Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State (Source: Kim Masara Usman)
- **Eight Southern Kaduna Kidnap Victims Died In Captivity After 110 Days In Captivity:** According to Sahara Reporters of July 24, 2026, at least eight persons linked to two groups of hostages abducted from Ariko and Awon in Kachia Local Government Area of Southern Kaduna have died in captivity. Seven of the deceased were those abducted from Ariko Village while the eighth was a newborn delivered by a kidnapped woman from neighboring Awon Village. The seven of them included two men, two women and three children (all Christians).
- **Fulani Jihadists Wiped Out Entire Christian Family Of Five-Killing Wife, Husband, Kids And Infant Baby Killed In Plateau:** Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen on July 23, 2026 attacked and wiped out an entire family of husband, wife, kids and an infant baby in Bokkos part of Plateau State (Source: Kim Masara Usman).
- According to **Equipping The Persecuted**, flash news and attached photos of July 28, 2026; 70 Christians were killed in Nigeria within the 48hours of July 26, 2026 and July 28, 2026

- Islamic Jihadists Killed 299 Peaceful Christians & Abducted 213 Others In July 2026:** According to the summary of statistics, tracked, collected and archived by our Researchers and Investigators, at least 299 defenceless and peaceful Christians were killed by Islamic Jihadists in Nigeria particularly in Benue, Plateau, Southern Kaduna, Adamawa, Niger, Taraba, among others; during which no fewer than 213 others were abducted. Available statistics further estimated that 150 mostly indigenous Hausa Muslims were killed in the same month. At least, six churches came under jihadist attack, two Catholic Seminarians abducted in Enugu and Kogi, one Catholic Priest killed and four Pastors killed or abducted. The breakdown showed that Benue State recorded the highest number of jihadist killings with 65 Christian deaths, during which 30 were abducted; followed by Southern part of Kaduna State where 58 Christians were killed and 70 others abducted, making it the State with the highest number of abducted Christians in July 2026. Plateau State came third with 55 Christian deaths and not less than 10 abducted Christians; followed by Adamawa State with 35 Christian deaths, Niger with 30 Christian deaths, Southern Kebbi with 6 Christian deaths and 18 abducted Christians. Southern Borno also recorded 20 abducted Christians, Kogi 20 abducted Christians and Edo 20 abducted Christians. There are also at least 40 Christian deaths arising from Jihadist attacks in other parts of the country including in the South-East. The above figures also included "dark figures of crime". Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and Jihadist Fulani Bandits are also found to have taken the lead with at least 70% culpability. In the end, our Researchers and Investigators also made findings showing that average of ten Christian deaths per day and seven abducted Christians per day were recorded.

Tracked And Collected Data For August 2026 On Christian Killings And Abductions Shocking As The Igbo Land Gateway Into North-Central And South-West Collapsed Into The Hands Of Roadway Fulani Terror Jihadists: In Two Days Of Sunday And Thursday, August 9 And 13, 2026, Over 92 Mostly Igbo Land Christian Travelers Abducted, 30 Rescued Or Escaped And 62 Untraced Or Feared Dead

-InterSociety

Enugu Nigeria: Sunday, August 16, 2026: We at International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law (InterSociety) are in possession of field statistics from several sources indicating that no fewer than 92 Eastern Christian travellers, mostly from Igbo Land South-East and South-South, traveling to South-West particularly Lagos State and North-Central particularly Abuja; are found to have been abducted in two days of Sunday, August 9 and Thursday, August 13, 2026. The attacks are also found to have taken place in at least seven separate incidents that took place in three States of Ore in Ondo State, South-West Nigeria, Otukpo in Benue State and Okene/Ofu in Kogi State in North-Central Nigeria. All the attacks, according to local residents, eyewitnesses and survivors, were carried out by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and their allied Jihadist Fulani Bandits from their hideouts in nearby forests and bushes.

60 Abducted In One Day Of Sunday, August 9: *The attacks saw at least 60 Igbo Land dominated Christian travellers abducted on Sunday, August 9, 2026 alone, including 20 abducted along Auchi-Okene Federal Expressway in Kogi State; involving Sharon 14-Seater bus conveying passengers from (Igbo) Delta to Abuja and Toyota Sienna car conveying passengers from Abuja to Delta State. According to security sources, the Sharon Bus with registration number Kogi ERE 138 AE was conveying about 11 passengers, out of which seven were abducted and four escaped while the Sienna car with registration number BB 362 MKA was carrying nine passengers with six abducted and five escaped. Estimated other 40 Igbo Land dominated Eastern Christian travelers are also found to have been abducted by Jihadist Fulani Bandits on the same Sunday of August 9, 2026, involving passengers travelling in three commercial buses (18-Seater Hummer Bus said to be belonging to Peace Mass Transit with fleet number 2838, 14-Seater Toyota Hiace Bus from the East and Eastern originated Toyota Sienna Car, carrying eight passengers) along Itobe-Achigili-Anyigba Highway located in Ofu Local Government Area of [Kogi](#) State. According to local sources, the first two separate attacks occurred within a two-hour interval on Sunday (August 9) at locations believed to be close to each other, at about 4.pm while the first attack occurred at about 6.pm.*

32 Abducted In Another Day Of Thursday, August 13: On Thursday, August 13, 2026, another set of not less than 32 Igbo Land dominated Eastern Christian travelers were abducted by forest occupied Jihadist Fulani Bandits in Ore, Ondo State, involving 18-Seater Eastern originated White Bus traveling to Lagos and another 18-Seater Eastern originated Bus reportedly belonging to Sunny Bright Mass Transit-conveying 14 passengers from Enugu to Abuja; out of which security sources said five were rescued and nine others disappeared into the bush. According to security sources and several media reports including Vanguard Newspaper of August 13, 2026, sixteen Igbo Land originated commuters traveling to the North were rescued on Monday, August 10, 2026. The sixteen rescued victims included Ngozi Stephen (Igbo female) and Joshua Daniel (male Christian).

The abandoned 18-Seater Bus also bore scars of broken glasses and vandalized parts and passengers' luggage. The sixteen rescued Eastern Christian passengers are believed to be among the estimated 40 abducted on Sunday, August 9, 2026 along the Itobe-Achigili-Anyigba Highway in Ofu Local Government Area of [Kogi](#) State. While they were abducted along Itobe-Achigili-Anyigba Highway on Sunday, August 9, sixteen of them were rescued the next day, being August 10 along Anyigba-Ajaokuta Expressway in Kogi State. Photos and videos of the abductions were posted on social media by survivors, local residents and eyewitnesses including the abandoned buses conveying the abducted passengers. In that of Ore in Ondo State, photos and videos showing the abandoned conveying 18-Seater Bus were also displayed including an Igbo girl-child seen shouting for help from local residents to assist in rescuing her father lying helpless at a distance.

30 Rescued Or Escaped And 62 Remained Captive Or Feared Dead: No fewer than 62 of the not less than 92 abducted Eastern bound Christian passengers, most of whom Igbo Land Judeo-Christians, have remained captive or feared dead in the hands of Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and their allied Jihadist Fulani Bandits in their various forest hideouts following their abduction within two days of Sunday, August 9 and Thursday, August 13, 2026; out of which only about 30 escaped or rescued and returned safely to their families and legal guardians. In other words, out of no fewer than 20 abducted along Auchi-Okene Federal Highway in Kogi State on Sunday, August 9, nine escaped or were rescued and eleven others remained in captivity. In Benue State, out of 14 passengers abducted along Otukpo-Adoka Road on their way to Abuja, five escaped or were rescued and nine remained in captivity. In the Sunday, August 9 abduction of estimated 40 passengers along Itobe-Achigili-Anyigba Highway in Ofu part of Kogi State, sixteen escaped or were rescued and 24 others remained in captivity: See the Link to the August 13, 2026 Vanguard Report: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2026/08/kidnappers-spoke-igala-fulani-hausa-kogi-victims-recount-ordeal/>

Seven Most Dangerous Jihadist Abduction Locations Within And Outside Igbo Land: 1. *“Fulani Invaded and Occupied or Ceded or Procured Igbo Communal Forests, 2. Fulani Invaded and Occupied or Ceded or Procured Igbo Land Communal Bushes, 3. Fulani Invaded and Occupied or Ceded or Procured Igbo Land Communal Farmland Settlements, 4. Fulani Invaded and Occupied or Ceded or Procured Igbo Land 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. Vicinities and areas or communities close to major Military and Police Formations located in the Region-including the Army/Navy/Air Force formations in places like in Owerri, Owerre-Nta, Ogbaru, Oguta, Ohafia, Asaba, Amansea, Abakiliki, Enugu, Awkunanaw and their neighboring Elele, Asaba, Agbor, Ogoja, among others; 7. Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen Occupied Forests and Bushes located within the South-East neighbors and outside others including 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.*

- According SG Christian News International of Thursday, August 13, 2026, security forces have rescued 16 travellers (all Christians including Igbo citizens) abducted by gunmen (Jihadist Fulani Bandits) along the Ojiwo-Itobe and Ojuwo-Ajengo-Memarebo Roads in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State. The abduction took place on Sunday, August 9, 2026 and have been successfully rescued, quoting the security forces. The security sources, according to Vanguard Newspaper of August 13, 2026, were rescued on Monday, August 10, 2026 along the Ajaokuta-Anyigba Road in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State. The sixteen rescued Christians included six males, six females and four children; including Ngozi Stephen (female) and Joshua Daniel (male). For more details, see the link here: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2026/08/kidnappers-spoke-igala-fulani-hausa-kogi-victims-recount-ordeal/>

- Fulani Herdsmen On August 2-12 Killed 15 Christians In Plateau Including 3-Month-Old, 3-Year-Old And 10-Year-Old; Killed One In Nasarawa And 15 Others Killed In Late July In Benue-Morning Star News:** According to Morning Star News of the International Christian Concern, dated August 14, 2026 and titled as above, (Jihadist) Fulani Herdsmen have killed 16 Christians in Plateau State, Nigeria since Aug. 2, in addition to slaughters in two other States, totaling at least 31, sources said. The armed herdsmen overran five predominantly Christian villages in the Riyom area of Southwest of Jos over the past two weeks, they said. On Tuesday (Aug. 12), herdsmen attacked Kyeng village at about 8:30 p.m. and Gwa-Wereng Rim at about 9:30 p.m., killing two Christians identified as Bulus Mwagwong and Stephen Dachollom Kaze, area resident Lyop Gabriel said. "The Fulani herdsmen invaded the two communities, shooting residents," Gabriel told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. "In Dorong and Jol villages, the herdsmen set fire on houses and were shooting Christian residents they sighted. The attacks occurred as these Christians were sleeping in their houses." Dalyop Solomon Mwantiri, an attorney in Jos, described the attacks as "a disturbing threat to the lives, livelihoods and safety of Christian in rural communities. In Ryom County's predominantly Christian Tanjol village on Aug. 4, suspected herdsmen killed three Christians, said area resident Vincent Caleb Alamba. He identified those slain as Dachung Danjuma, 51; Victor Danjuma, 37; and Nyam Danjuma, 35.

On Aug. 2 in Ryom County's predominantly Christian villages of Torok, Kum and Wereng Camp, herdsmen killed 10 Christians, said community leader Rwang Tengwong, identifying those slain as Jennifer Yohanna, 3 months old; Peace James, 3; Celina James, 38; Yohanna James, 21; Janet Yohanna, 18; Sele James, 18; Melody James, 16; Reto James, 10; Endurance James, 8; and Daniel Danjuma Chong. Attorney Mwantiri confirmed these attacks and said a former local council legislator of Rim Ward, David Dachollom Danjuma, was also killed by "suspected armed Fulani alongside hired bandits" in Torok village. Fom Dalyop Chollom, a member of Nigeria's National Assembly, confirmed the killing of the former local council legislator. "This senseless act of terrorism is wicked, barbaric, and an attack on peace, democracy, and the sanctity of human life," Chollom in a press statement issued in Jos. "Targeting a community leader is an attempt to instill fear and destabilize our constituency." He called on security agencies to immediately apprehend the perpetrators and ensure justice. "I also urge our people to remain vigilant, peaceful, and united. We will not allow enemies of peace to defeat us," he said. "I pray that God grants the soul of the departed eternal rest and gives the family fortitude to bear this painful loss."

On Monday (Aug. 10), leaders of the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) conducted a funeral in Amaha village, Kokona County in Nasarawa State, for one its youth leaders, slain in an ambush by armed Fulani herdsmen on Aug. 6. Filibus Usman Kuje, 48, was killed as he was returning to his village after attending a church program, church leaders said. He was the church's youth leader of Ungwan Takwa District Church Council. "I send you this message with a heavy heart. We're Wishing Philibus Usman Kuje a peaceful night," Naphtali Anzason, a church member, told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News in a text message. "May we be reunited in a brighter future, where love and hope forever triumph, and may that day come soon. Good night." ECWA Angwan Takwa District Church Council leaders said in a statement, "We earnestly request that we uphold his immediate family, the Ungwan Takwa DCC, and the entire church in fervent prayers during this difficult time. May the Lord comfort and strengthen them. In Benue state, thousands of Christians from various denominations attended a funeral in Efeyi on Saturday (Aug. 8) for 15 Christians killed by suspected Fulani herdsmen on July 28, area residents said. "It was a day of tears and grief in Efeyi community, Ugboju District of Otukpo Local Government Area, as residents gathered on to bury 15 Christians killed in a suspected armed herdsmen attack," resident Odeh Great told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. "For the bereaved Christians, the funeral was a painful moment of coming to terms with the sudden loss of their loved ones.

Many family members were seen struggling to hold back their tears as the bodies of the victims were brought out for burial." Among those slain, he said, were Emmanuel Agwu, Ikpe John, Ameh Fredrick, Owogho Okpe Philip, Onche Abechi, Sunday Alechenu, Isaac's Elembi, Abogonye Ameh, Emmanuel Ejiga, Success Onche, Apem Samuel, Edache Abechi, Chinedu Ameh and Michael Abalike. "At the funeral, grief hung heavily over the community as mourners prayed for the souls of the deceased and comfort for their families," he said. The attack on Christians in Efeyi, a predominantly Christian community, occurred at about 5 a.m., when the assailants killed the Christians asleep in their homes. Area resident Orga Stephen said the pain of Christians in Efeyi is the pain of all Christians in the country.

- **More Than 140 Christian Deaths In Plateau In July 2026, 70 As At August 19 Including Over 27 In Mangu And Riyom On Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 Of August-Masara Kim Usman Told CBN News.** An Award-Winning Religious Conflict Reporter, who is also a Senior Reporter at TruthNigeria's Judd Saul's Equipping The Persecuted in the United States of America, Kim Masara Usman of Riyom County of Plateau State in North-Central Nigeria had in his live interview with the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), aired live on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, told the International Christian Broadcasting outfit that attacks on Christians across the Middle-Belt especially in Plateau State have continued and escalated; leading to hacking to death of more than 140 Christians in Plateau State alone in July 2026.

He also disclosed that over 70 others have been killed between August 1 and 18, 2026, and that in the latest attacks that took place between 11pm of Monday, August 17 and early hours of Tuesday, August 18, 2026, more than 27 Christians were killed and dozens of buildings and other properties including churches burnt down. During the attacks, dozens also critically injured or went missing, with several hundreds of villagers displaced or forced to flee.

According to him, among the dead were eleven children between ages of three and ten. During the attacks, confirmed by locals, residents and eyewitnesses to have been carried out or perpetrated by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen; soldiers stationed nearby were alerted earlier enough before the attacks, but they bluntly refused to intervene and only stormed the attack scenes hours after the attacks had been perpetrated to harass and arrest victims who they labeled “Christian militias”. Respected Conflict Reporter Masara Kim also disclosed that out of the slain Christians, 25 were hacked to death in Mangu and two-four others in Riyom County part of the State. Dozens of the recovered corpses were buried between Tuesday and Wednesday, August 18 and 19, 2026. **CBN’s live interview is here:** <https://youtube.com/watch?v=0sJkmsxLqZY&si=Mbi8iBcWtx3baJkM>

Similarly, according to **the Barnabas Aid Report** of Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at least 30 people (defenseless Christians) were killed when around 100 gunmen (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) descended on a village in Nigeria’s Christian-majority Plateau State on Sunday 16 August (which seemed to have started on Sunday morning, August 16 and spread into the next two days especially between 11pm of Monday and early hours of Tuesday, August 17 and 18, 2026). Suspected Fulani Islamist militants attacked Jwak Maitumbi in Mango Local Government Area at around 7.30am, just as people were preparing for morning church services. Community youth worker Lonji Zuhumnan said several villagers were gunned down as they ran for safety. “At the end of the carnage we counted over 30 bodies,” he added. “Several others were injured.” Zuhumnan said the assault raged for several hours. “Apart from the people they slaughtered, the terrorists also burned down over 50 houses, shops, health centers, churches and food barns. “They also entered our farms and destroyed crops planted.” As the attack raged, residents made several calls for help to security services, but soldiers arrived only after the attackers had left, Zuhumnan told reporters. Plateau State is one of the areas in Nigeria’s Middle Belt worst affected by Islamist terrorist violence, which has claimed the lives of tens of thousands of Christians in recent years. **The link to the Barnabas Aid’s Report is here:** <https://www.barnabasaid.org/gb/news/thirty-killed-as-100-gunmen-attack-village-in-plateau-state-nigeria/>

- **Bodies Of 22, Out Of Over 30 Christians Slaughtered By Fulani Jihadists In Ukum, Benue State Recovered As Of Evening Of Sunday:** According to media reports including the Daily Post of Wednesday, 19 August 2026, suspected armed attackers (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) have killed more than 22 residents and several injured others after invading several communities in the Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State, with at least 22 corpses recovered as of Sunday. The attacks occurred in the early hours of Sunday, 16 August, 2026 in several communities in Mbazun Ward, including Mbaterem, Ayaba, Ikpur, Yina, Aboajio and Ukpen, according to statements by local officials and a member of the House of Representatives. The federal lawmaker representing Katsina-Ala/Ukum/Logo Federal Constituency, Solomon Wombo, disclosed that suspected armed Fulani bandits launched what appeared to be a coordinated and premeditated attack on Tiv communities in Mbazun Council Ward, as well as some Tiv communities in Taraba State, at about 1.30am. He explained that the exact number of casualties was still being established, but confirmed that 22 corpses had reportedly been recovered as of Sunday. Chairman of Ukum Local Government, Jonathan Modi, who visited the affected communities on Sunday, condemned the attacks as barbaric, senseless and unacceptable. Modi also visited hospitals where injured victims were receiving treatment and paid their medical bills.

The media reports further reminded that the latest attack adds to a series of deadly incidents recorded in Benue in recent weeks, particularly in rural communities. On July 28, 2026, suspected armed herders attacked Efeyi-Utikpi in Ugboju District of Otukpo Local Government Area, killing 15 people, including women and children, with the victims buried in a mass burial on August 9, 2026. Another attack in Otukpo-Nobi on July 12, 2026, left eight residents dead, according to earlier reports, with the victims also subsequently buried. The violence has continued despite repeated calls from residents and community leaders for stronger security measures and the protection of farming communities. The latest attacks also came days after a commercial passenger bus travelling from Enugu to Abuja was attacked along the Ankpechi-Omutele axis of Ohimini Local Government Area on August 13, 2026. Police disclosed that five passengers, including a four-year-old boy, were rescued during a security operation, while nine others remained in captivity as at the time of its statement on August 14, 2026, noting that one of the rescued victims sustained a gunshot injury. Community leaders and affected residents have repeatedly urged security agencies to increase their presence in vulnerable communities, conduct proactive operations and prevent attackers from returning after initial attacks. Wombo similarly urged authorities to strengthen security around vulnerable communities across Sankera and ensure that residents can return to their farms and homes without fear, insisting that no community should be forced to live in perpetual fear of attack or displacement. Link: <https://dailypost.ng/2026/08/19/benue-attack-22-bodies-recovered-from-ukum-communities-lawmaker/>

- According to media reports including Vanguard Newspaper of August 19, 2026, suspected Boko Haram insurgents on Monday night (August 17) attacked Gaya-Dlang community, near Fa'agaya in Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State, killing seven civilians, injured scores and abducted four women. **The seven slain victims are suspected to be defenseless Christians**. The Local Government has encountered repeated attacks by Boko Haram and Jihadist Fulani insurgents especially against Christians and their sacred places of worship in recent years including this year of 2026, resulting in hundreds of deaths and wanton destruction of their properties on yearly basis. The victim local government area, Hong is also the hometown of two former Secretaries to the Government of the Federation, Babachir Lawal and Boss Mustapha, both of them Christians. Chairman of the local government, Aliyu Sa'ad said the attackers invaded the community at night, set two houses ablaze, killed eight people including a police officer and abducted four girls. He said: "The attackers came on the night of Monday and launched a bloody attack on two houses, burnt the houses and killed one police officer and seven civilians during the attack." In similar attack that occurred in Zah Community on July 26, 2026, four persons were killed and one abducted.
- Five Christians Killed In Fresh Fulani Jihadists' Attack In Plateau State:** According to the Nigeria Times of August 27, 2026, five Christians including three members of machete-wielding local Christian community watch and two others were killed in two separate attacks in Plateau State. The killings took place within hours of the same day from about 2am on August 26, 2026 in Gwer Rim Community in Riyom Local Government Area of the State. The attack also came hours after two members of the Irigwe Community were ambushed and killed along Rekwre, Zogu Road, in Bassa Local Government Area of the State. The latest attacks brought to the number of defenseless indigenous Plateau Christians to more than 32, killed by Fulani Jihadists between August 17, August 18 and August 26, 2026. Link: https://tngtnews.com/five-killed-in-plateau-separate-attacks-as-communities-remains-vulnerable/?fbclid=IwVERTSAT8nINwZG9mBWV4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNyGMGYXBwX2lkDDM1MDY4NTUzMTcyOAABHryezJeiv8mrgWssSP8_CaTvoFd6hSwWaVR2WzA9Yv3os-reeHTaJ5Z-Csj3_aem_bv1G2K4bXPdGH3rW9T3wvYg&sfnsn=scwspmo
- Two Bus-Load Of Eastern Bound Passengers, Numbering At Least 25 Including 15 Corps Members Abducted In Kogi State:** According to media reports including Phoenix and FIJ reports of Thursday, August 27, 2026, Gunmen (suspected to be Fulani Jihadist militias) have kidnapped at least 25 passengers including 15 corps members returning from the [National Youth Service Corps \(NYSC\) Permanent Orientation Camp in Kolokuma/Opokuma Local Government Area](#) of Bayelsa State on Wednesday (August 26). One of the relatives of the kidnapped corps members who spoke with FIJ on Thursday said that the youths were abducted along the Ofu/Itobe–Onicha-Igo axis in [Ofu LGA, Kogi State](#) on their way to Abuja. The source said that his brother, Ayodele David, and 14 other corps members were kidnapped from a Peace Mass Transit bus and another bus marked '564'.

He said they were alerted to the incident by Adeji Joshua, a police officer from the Kogi State Police Command. “According to a police officer who contacted us later that night, the incident occurred around Ofu Local Government Area, Kogi State, along the Ofu/Itobe–Onicha-Igo axis. The officer said he obtained our next-of-kin contact from the passengers’ manifest left behind,” he told FIJ.

“The victims were travelling in vehicles including a Peace Mass Transit bus and a yellow Toyota bus marked 564. Photos of the vehicles are attached for identification. “My brother is among the affected corps members, and our family is deeply worried about his safety, along with that of the other young Nigerians who have been taken.” Joshua confirmed the incident when FIJ called on Thursday afternoon. The police officer said the driver of the bus was left behind by the abductors but was badly injured. He said he described the identity of the abductors as a mix of people who spoke Fulfulde, Hausa and English. He explained that there were two buses on the scene and the passengers of the other bus were allowed to go because most of them had babies. He stated that only four people were taken from the vehicle.

“From the explanation of the driver, who was badly injured, fifteen passengers were kidnapped even though 16 people were listed on the manifest. For the last corps member, the driver told her the bus was full and said he could not add one more passenger, so he had to transfer her to another vehicle,” Joshua told FIJ. “But the rest of them in that bus, which is Peace Mass number 2826, were kidnapped. Meanwhile, the driver was badly injured, and we had to rush him to the hospital immediately. But as of this morning, he is better now. “On the identity of the kidnappers, we are hearing that they spoke Fulfulde, Hausa and English. We can’t really identify them yet. But we decided to contact their parents so we can inform them of the incident.

A [video clip](#) from the scene of the incident shows that the abductors shot at the victims before taking them. For a reaction to the abduction of the corps members, FIJ called Caroline Embu, NYSC’s Director of Information and Public Relations, who first asked if our reporter had called Samuel Amaramiro Pepple, the scheme’s Bayelsa State coordinator. When our reporter said they needed his contact details, she said, “Let me find out.” She asked, “What do you need to know?” When our reporter told her and asked when to call her back, she repeated, “Let me find out.” FIJ called Pepple via a phone number listed as his on Google, but it was busy all three times our reporter dialled it. The kidnapped corps members were members of the 2026 Batch ‘B’ Stream II, which just concluded camp exercises on Wednesday.

Names of the abducted 15 young university graduates who are members of the Nigeria's National Youth Service Corps members were given as: Eke Onyinye (F), David Ayodele (M), Johnson Samuel (M), Okuagba Chimerie (F), Ann Odinaka (F), Obiseson Opeyemi (M), Nwoba Chinedu (M), Yusuf Mariam (F), Ruth Abiola (F), Nwaegbuna Favor (F), Rita Arogbonla (F), Sunday Chisom Sandra (F), Alimi Kasim (M), Egbo Innocent (M), Ngwu Charles (M) and Eze Chidinma (F). Among them were at least ten indigenous Igbo Land Christians. **Photos of the two affected buses: Peace Mass Transit and Romchi Mass Transit, are attached here:** <https://phoenix-browser.com/J1QAAWVz25a>

- **Controversies And Contradictions Trail Security Forces Reports On Abduction And Release Of 15 National Youth Corps Members:** According to Truth-Nigeria report of Tuesday, September 2, 2026, conflicting updates from the police concerning the status of 15 National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members kidnapped by suspected Fulani Ethnic Militia in Kogi State and the testimonies of the rescued victims have raised questions about the operational efficiency of the Nigerian Policing establishments. Whereas the Nigerian police claims that the abducted NYSC members were rescued by security operatives, one of the victims, a corps member named David Ayodele, reported to friends that he and the abducted corps members escaped from the kidnappers den, according to [a report](#) by Foundation for Investigative Journalism (FIJ).

From the angle of the eyewitnesses and survivors: “After escaping from the kidnappers, they ran to the nearby villages where they contacted each of their parents with one of the villagers’ phones,” the report by FIJ stated. “Their parents then forwarded the phone numbers of the soldiers they had been in contact with, and they went in numbers to their location,” the report added. The corps members were traveling to Abuja from the NYSC orientation camp in Bayelsa state on 26 August, 2026, when they were ambushed by gunmen suspected to be Fulani Ethnic Militia along the Aloma–Egane Expressway in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State. An eye witness to the abduction [reportedly said](#) the attackers included people speaking Fulfulde, Hausa and English.

From the angle of the Police, the Kogi State Police Command had on Sunday 29 August, 2026, [stated that](#) its operatives in collaboration with other security agencies had rescued 11 out of the 15 abducted NYSC members, but later clarified that only one corps member was rescued. Some hours later, on Monday, 31 August, 2026, the Commissioner of Police in Kogi State, Naziru Bello [told journalists](#) in Lokoja that 6 of the 15 Corps members had been rescued. But the same day, (Monday 31 August, 2026), the Kogi state command spokesperson, Saliu Oyiza Afusat, [stated that](#) 10 members of the Corps members who were abducted in the state had been rescued.

More Confusions coming From the Nigerian Army: At the monthly briefing of Defence Correspondents on ongoing military operations against insurgent activities in the various theatres of operations across the six geo-political zones of the country, the Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj. Gen. Michael Onoja, [stated that](#) the 15 NYSC members kidnapped in Kogi State on 26 August, 2026 had all been rescued. “The Armed Forces of Nigeria is also happy to announce that a total of 21 victims, comprising eight males and 13 females—15 of them being National Youth Service Corps members—have just been rescued within Egume and Ochaja forest stretch in 2 Division area of operation,” Onoja said. The claim made by Onoja and the reports made by the police prompted the Students’ Union Government (SUG) of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), to [call for clarity](#) over the reported rescue. “Families are still seeking answers. Victims are still being accounted for. Yet reports suggesting that everyone has been released continue to circulate without resolving these questions,” the union stated. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/09/controversies-trail-police-report-on-rescue-of-nysc-members-kidnapped-in-kogi/>

- **Family Of Abducted Sandra Sunday, An Igbo Christian Corper, Launched N35m Online Appeal To Secure Release Of Their Daughter:** Added to the confusions and controversies was the recent online appeal by the family of Mrs. Chisom Sandra Sunday, a serving member of the National Youth Corp from Nri and married to Enugu-Ukwu in Anambra State who was among those abducted by Fulani Jihadists on August 26. Her family had launched a N35m ransom demand appeal for the urgent release of their daughter/mother of children. InterSociety saw and studied the flyers on verified social media account; thereby confirming confusions into the kidnap saga and security forces conflicting claims.

In a related development and according to Linda ikeji Blog (LIB) and Daily Post of August 30, 2026, gunmen who abducted members of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) have demanded N20m ransom each. LIB reported that the 15 corps members travelling from Bayelsa State to Abuja after completing their three-week orientation exercise were abducted along the Aloma-Egane Expressway in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State. A family member of one of the victims told Daily Trust that the abductors had contacted them to make known their ransom demand. “One of our daughters who was kidnapped on her way from Bayelsa State to Abuja after completing three weeks’ orientation camp. The kidnappers are requesting N20 million naira,” the family source said. The development comes after the Kogi State Police Command confirmed the abduction of some passengers, including NYSC members, along the route.

The command had said 11 abducted persons, including the drivers of the two vehicles involved, were rescued following a joint operation by security personnel, while efforts were ongoing to locate and rescue those still in captivity. Families of some of the victims have since appealed to the Federal Government, the NYSC and security agencies to intensify efforts to secure the release of those still being. Link: <https://dailypost.ng/2026/08/30/kogi-abduction-gunmen-demand-n20m-ransom-per-nysc-member/>

- **4-Month-Old Baby Among 7 Christians Abducted By Fulani Militants In Imo State:**

According to Truth-Nigeria report of Friday, August 21, 2026, A four-month-old baby was among seven Christians abducted by armed Fulani militants in southeastern Nigeria, where survivors [say](#) they were held for three days without food or water, beaten with machetes and sticks, and forced to sleep on forest grass in the rain until relatives paid a ₦7 million (\$5,000) ransom. The victims, including a couple and their infant, were seized on August 9 while inspecting a real-estate property in Ndegwu community, Owerri-West, by gunmen wearing military uniforms and carrying AK-47 rifles. Ten days after their release, police have issued no public statement, fueling concerns about expanding Fulani militia operations and worsening security across the region. In [a video](#) shared online by a Human Rights Activist, Mr. Chinonso Uba, on 17 August, 2026, the eye witness who identified himself as Chimezie Aladoro, disclosed that the terrorists abducted him and the other victims while they were inspecting a real estate property in Ndegwu. He spoke in Igbo language. Aladoro said the gunmen emerged from the bush wearing military uniforms and carrying AK-47 rifles. “They fired gunshots in the air and ordered us to lie down after which they tied our hands behind our backs,” he said. He said the group—including his brother, his wife, and their four-month-old baby—was forced to trek for hours.

“We slept on the grass without any shelter while they lay on mats and used umbrellas to cover their bodies from the rain,” Aladoro said. The militants beat them with machetes and sticks and demanded ₦50 million (\$35, 800) from the Imo natives and ₦20 million (\$14,300) from the two men from Rivers State. “They gave us no food or water for three days,” Aladoro said. “They drank from puddles and used it to cook rice and spaghetti.” He said the captors released them only after relatives delivered ₦7 million (\$5,000) in cash, along with milk, malt drinks, and sack bags. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/08/4-month-old-baby-among-7-christians-abducted-by-fulani-militants-in-imo-state/>

- **Jihadist Fulani Terror Through RUGA/Ranching: Killed 5, 987 NKST Church Members In Benue Alone, Destroyed 753 Of Their churches:** According to media reports including Daily Post of August 24, 2026, The Universal Reformed Christian Church, popularly known as NKST, has rejected the Federal Government’s proposed pilot ranching program in Benue State, saying the government should prioritize the return and resettlement of displaced communities before considering ranching projects.

The church said 5,987 of its members had been killed and 753 worship centers destroyed in attacks blamed on armed herdsmen in Benue and neighboring states. NKST stated its position in a statement by the General Secretary of its Synod Executive Committee, Rev. Ta Targba. Targba said the church was not opposed to peaceful livestock farming or efforts by the Federal Government to find a lasting solution to the recurring conflict between farmers and herders.

He, however, said selecting Benue as a pilot state for a ranching program was unacceptable, **considering** the scale of killings, displacement and destruction suffered by communities in the state. According to him, thousands of displaced people are still unable to return to their ancestral communities, making their restoration and resettlement a more urgent priority. "Benue is not merely a geographical space available for government experimentation. The state is predominantly an agrarian society. Its land is the ancestral inheritance, economic foundation and livelihood of millions of people," Targba said. He noted that generations of Benue people had cultivated their ancestral lands and built homes, churches, schools, hospitals, markets and other institutions on them. The cleric argued that any government policy involving the allocation, acquisition or conversion of land must take into account the ancestral rights, livelihoods, property rights and constitutional interests of affected communities. Targba also questioned the decision to consider Benue for the pilot scheme after years of violence that had forced residents out of several communities. "The NKST Church therefore asks: Why should a state whose people have suffered displacement and destruction because of violent conflict now be selected as a laboratory for a policy involving land allocation for the same livestock economy that has been at the centre of these conflicts? "The answer cannot be merely administrative. The people of Benue deserve to be heard," he said.

The NKST General Secretary said the church's opposition was informed by the impact of the prolonged security crisis on its members and institutions. "Over 5,987 of our members have been killed; 753 of our worship centers were destroyed by these marauders," he alleged. The church called on the federal government to make the restoration and resettlement of displaced communities the foundation of any agricultural intervention in Benue State. It also demanded adequate security to guarantee the safe and voluntary return of displaced persons to their communities. According to NKST, the government should support the reconstruction of homes, schools, healthcare centers, markets, roads, water facilities and churches destroyed during attacks. The church further called for a comprehensive inventory of public and faith-based institutions destroyed in affected communities. It insisted that no ranch should be established on land belonging to communities whose inhabitants had been violently displaced. The link to the report: <https://dailypost.ng/2026/08/24/suspected-herdsmen-reportedly-kill-5987-nkst-members-destroy-753-churches-in-benue/>

- **Pastor Found Dead Hours After Abduction In Plateau; Four Others Killed In Coordinated Night Attacks:** According to verified Facebook posts including those of Masara Kim Usman and Daylop Solomon Mwantiri, Plateau State woke to tragedy on Saturday, August 29, 2026 after coordinated attacks across three local government areas left five defenseless Christians dead. Among the victims is Pastor Hills Emmanuel, a Ghanaian-Nigerian cleric and founder of The Wonderful Grace of God Evangelical Ministry in Bokkos. The former Dunamis Church pastor was abducted on Friday, August 28, alongside his colleague, Pastor Gabriel Joseph Dipak of Christ Apostolic Church, while traveling from Jos to Bokkos. According to witnesses, armed men identified as Fulani militants mounted a roadblock along the Barkin Ladi-Bokkos road — less than a mile from military checkpoints on both sides — and stopped a commercial minivan carrying nine passengers.

The attackers dragged the two pastors out, seized phones and cash from the remaining passengers, and then released them. Police later recovered all the stolen items at the scene. Emmanuel's body was found early Saturday morning, August 29, near the abduction site. In separate attacks around 9 p.m. on the same night, about 10 to 20 miles away: One woman was killed in Fang village, Bachi District, Riyom LGA. Two people were killed in Radura village, Fann District, Barkin Ladi LGA. At least one person was injured in Chakfem village, Mangu LGA. Five incidents. One night. Same suspected perpetrators. As of noon on Saturday, the abductors had contacted the family of Pastor Dipak. Their demands were yet to be ascertained at press time.

- **Fulani Jihadists Abduct Six Teenage Wood Farmers And An Adult In Edo State:** According to media reports, Fulani Jihadists on Monday, August 24, 2026, abducted six teenage wood farmers and an elderly man (Alfred Kupa) in Istukwi agrarian community of Etsako East of Edo State. While Mr. Alfred Kupa ran into them on his way to his farm, the six teenagers were ambushed and rounded up while heading into the forest to retrieve sawn wood for a timber contractor resident in the community. President of the Itsukwi Youths in the area, Mr. Sule Abako, also confirmed that “he was with Afatiafu Salufu, Alfred Kupa’s elder brother when the Fulani abductors called and spoke briefly, saying that Alfred was badly injured and was bleeding profusely”. He was most likely not going to survive.
- **Fulani Bandits Kill Two (Christians, Abduct Two Others In Southern Kaduna Community:** According to Daily Post of Sunday, August 23, 2026, Fulani Bandits invaded Abu-Fadan, Fadan Ninzo Chiefdom, Sanga Local Government Area of Southern Kaduna in Kaduna State, on Saturday night (August 22, 2026), killing two people and abducting two others, all Christians. A statement by Aminu A. Abdullahi, the Secretary of the Fadan Ninzo Traditional Council, said the bandits stormed the community between 8 pm and 9 pm on Saturday.

The statement identified those abducted as Ezekiel, from Gwantu, who owns a private clinic near the residence of the late District Head of Abu District, and the wife of Mr. Audu Galadima, the late Christian District Head of Abu. The statement said, “The two people killed were walking along the road near the clinic when the hoodlums, who were hiding in a plantation behind the facility, flashed a torchlight at them, and were shot after asking who was flashing the light.

- According to Tribune Online of Saturday, August 29, 2026, at least three persons have been killed while nine others (mainly local Christian traders) were abducted after gunmen (Jihadist Fulani militants) attacked passengers travelling along the Ankpa–Adoka–Makurdi Federal Highway in Ankpa Local Government Area of Kogi State on Friday evening (August 27). The victims, predominantly traders from Ajobe community in Ojoku District, were reportedly returning from the popular Nkwo Idoko market in Awo (a popular Indigenous Kogi Igbo native local market) when their vehicle encountered the armed assailants. The passengers were travelling in a pickup van when the gunmen reportedly launched the attack.

Some of those in the vehicle jumped out and attempted to escape into the surrounding area. However, the attackers allegedly opened fire on the fleeing passengers, killing three people instantly and injuring several others. A resident, Yakubu Ishyaku, said nine members of Ajobe community were also taken away by the gunmen. Among those abducted, he said, was the wife of his late elder brother. He further disclosed that the kidnappers contacted a family member of one of the victims in the neighboring Okaba community on Friday evening. The abductors allegedly demanded a ransom of N20 million for each of the kidnapped victims before abruptly switching off the phone used to make the call. “Since then we have not been able to reach them through that line,” Ishyaku said. Meanwhile, Mrs Achenetu Akubo, whose sister was among those abducted, appealed to the kidnappers to release the victims unharmed. Akubo said her sister, Mariam, was kidnapped alongside her daughter during the attack, adding that the abductors demanded N40 million for their release. She expressed concern over Mariam’s health, saying she was undergoing treatment and had gone to the market without her medication. “My sister did not go to the market with her drugs and we fear that her condition will get worse if she is not released on time,” she said.

- **Jihadist Fulani Bandits Sack 245 Southern Kaduna Communities, Force Others Into Negotiations:** According to media reports including Punch Newspaper of Saturday, August 29, 2026, No fewer than 100 communities in Kaduna State have been displaced following incessant attacks by bandits, Saturday PUNCH has learnt. The affected communities cut across six local government areas of Shiroro, Kachia, Kajuru, Kagarko, Chikun, and Birnin Gwari. Findings by Saturday PUNCH revealed that the hardest hit communities by banditry include: Aduwa, Ankuro, Akama 1, Gidan Baba Mai Mota, Gidan Yaya, Gidan Waje, Impi Kuturmi, Iriyo, Idebit, Katon Bisa, Kigwali, Kintaro, Kukah, Kurmin Aja, Kurmin Taba, Maigarma, Maraba Barga, Pangyada, Akwana, Tsakiya, Unguwan Alle, Gidan Obere, Dandoka, Tosnin Dodo, Urumo, Takalafiya, Kushinda, Apele and Palapala.

Others are: Ungwan Kuka, Ungwan Pah, Attara, Kurmin Jah, Ankuro, Kurmin Zaki, Ikubiya, Ungwan Lalle, Ungwan Alewa, Dutse, Kigwale, Ariko Village and Ungwan Toka, Baba Maimota, Tsonin Dodo, Gidan Dandoka, Gidan Zamani, Gidan Doigara and Kurmin Taba. While the National President of the Southern Kaduna Peoples' Union, Tabara Kato, said more than 100 communities had been displaced, the former spokesman of the association, Luka Binniyat, put the number of affected communities at 245. Kato disclosed that a total of 35,402 residents had been displaced across the State. The most recent attack happened on July 26 in Naridon Village in Kamaru Ward, Kauru Local Government Area of the state, where terrorists killed at least 30 villagers, including eight children, during a three-hour raid. Speaking with Saturday PUNCH, Kato said land grabbing and resource control were responsible for the terror acts. He alleged that the attacks were carried out by armed attackers sponsored by individuals seeking to force indigenous communities out of their lands and take over areas believed to be rich in mineral deposits. According to him, several communities had been overrun by the attackers, with some allegedly renamed and now occupied by strangers after residents were displaced. "So far, more than 100 communities have been displaced. Some of the victims are now living in Internally Displaced Peoples camps. They are living from hand to mouth and at the mercy of the weather, and human and natural hazards. "The major cause of these attacks is land grabbing. Every other thing is just secondary to it. The attackers are being sponsored by people with the aim of driving the original settlers away and grabbing their land.

"There are some communities that have been occupied by invaders. The violence is just a cover to chase people away from their communities because of mineral deposits and forcefully take over the communities. Some of these communities have been renamed and are now being occupied by strangers," he said. Kato urged the Federal Government and security agencies to intensify investigations into the attacks to uncover those financing the violence, insisting that arresting suspects without exposing their sponsors would not end the crisis. "If the government is serious, they can zero in on these sponsors. Security agencies are best positioned to unravel them through thorough investigations. I just wish the government will have the political will to go after the source of this terrorism so that normalcy and peace can be restored to our communities," he added.

On his part, Binniyat lamented that the prolonged displacement of thousands of residents had created "a dangerous security vacuum now serving as a haven for terrorists and kidnappers." Binniyat, who is also the spokesman for the Middle Belt Forum, expressed concern over the worsening humanitarian crisis in the region, saying the number of Internally Displaced Persons in Southern Kaduna alone had risen to about 150,000. He said, "As of June 2026, about 245 communities have been sacked by the Fulani ethnic militia across Southern Kaduna. The most affected are communities in Kachia, Kajuru, Kagarko and Chikun Local Government Areas, including some Gbagyi villages in Birnin Gwari.

“When these displaced communities are joined with the boundary communities in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State that have also been displaced, they form a contiguous land mass of about 6,000 square kilometers. That is larger than Anambra State and even bigger than Imo State. “These are now open, ungovernable spaces holding hundreds of Fulani terrorist camps and swelling with hostages.” Binniyat called on the Federal Government and security agencies to launch a coordinated operation to reclaim the occupied communities, dismantle the camps of armed groups and facilitate the safe return of displaced residents.

He also urged both the Federal and Kaduna State governments to prioritize the rehabilitation and reconstruction of destroyed communities, warning that continued occupation of the affected areas could worsen insecurity across the North-West and North-Central regions. Peace deal with terrorists Meanwhile, investigations by Saturday PUNCH revealed that several communities across Kachia Local Government Area of the state have been forced to enter into informal “peace” arrangements with armed groups. Residents who spoke with one of our correspondents said the arrangements, reached under intense pressure following repeated attacks, have gradually transformed into systems of control in which villagers are compelled to comply with conditions imposed by the (Jihadist) armed groups.

Communities identified by residents as having entered into such arrangements include: Gidan Dogo, Ungwan Luka, Maikasuwa, Item, Maidorafi, Maidokufai, Mai-Goro, Gizago, Pachi, Ungwan Ranapachi, Akuru, Gidan Hassan, Gidan Ali, Aburon, Kabaude, Potai, Gidan Gaskiya, Gidan Audi, Banikanwa, Gabaciwa, Gidan Akau, Inugu, Gidan Gajere, Atufa, Gidan Burgs, Impi Kadara, Impi Kuturmi, Sabo Vida and Ungwan Gimba. The residents said the conditions attached to the arrangements differ from one community to another, but many described recurring demands for money, restrictions on movement, compulsory labour and other forms of coercion. Speaking with Saturday PUNCH, a resident of Mai-Ido Kufai, Jessy Francis, said the worsening insecurity forced some community leaders and residents to go into negotiation with the armed groups with the hope that normalcy would be restored in the communities. Link to the Punch Newspaper’s Special Report is here: <https://punchng.com/bandits-sack-100-southern-kaduna-communities-force-others-into-negotiations/>

- **Five Christians Killed In Riyom-Plateau State In Eight Days:** According to Facebook post by Masara Kim Usman, a Jos-based award winning Religious Conflict Reporter at TruthNigeria, dated Sept 2, 2026, two Christians were killed when suspected Jihadist Fulani Militants killed two young Christians in Rim community, Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State. The attack took place on Tuesday, night of Sept 1, 2026 when jihadists launched a random and an instant attack, described as coordinated, tech-aided and suspiciously launched from a close-by military formation. Local residents also alleged that the attackers shouted “Allah Akbar”. The Religious Conflict reporters in the area also reported similar attack on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 in the community during which three Christians were killed.

- **Suspected Abduction Of Christians By Jihadist Fulani Militants Grip Enugu-Ezike And Environs In Enugu State:** According to verified recent Facebook posts, abductions suspected to have been carried out by security forces protected Fulani Jihadists have taken over Igogoro and Amaja communities of Enugu-Ezike in Enugu State. This is to the extent that in few days of late August 2026, not less than six local indigenes were abducted. The kidnappers were said to have abducted three persons in a particular day, ransomed and freed them the next day and abducted two more persons a day after attacking the home of Native Doctor Okwudili in Igogoro. They had earlier abducted one person in Igogoro, freed him and abducted two more days after. They also abducted three persons in Amaja. The above was according to Anyika TV.
- **Nigerian Government Escalates Jihadist Fulani Land Grabbing And Attacks On Christians, Designates Five States And FCT For Fulani Ranching:** According to Nigerian Government's National Orientation Agency, Federal Government of Nigeria has selected Five States and FCT for Pilot (Fulani) Ranching or Permanent Settlement Program. The Federal Government has selected Benue, Plateau, Nasarawa, Kaduna and Adamawa States, alongside the FCT, for the pilot implementation of its National Ranching Policy. The Minister of (Fulani)Livestock Development, Alhaji Idi Maiha, disclosed this recently after briefing President Bola Tinubu in Abuja. The pilot will begin at the Wase Grazing Reserve in Plateau State as a test of the government's new ranching model. The initiative will encourage pastoralists to keep livestock in designated locations instead of moving long distances in search of pasture and water. The Ministry is also engaging pastoral organizations and promoting fodder cultivation to support the transition to ranching and help reduce farmer-herder conflicts. The initiative is also expected to tackle cattle rustling, improve livestock management and create a national livestock database. The government is expanding veterinary services, dairy development, modern abattoirs and fodder production, with seven model veterinary clinics already established and plans to establish at least one model veterinary hospital in every State.
- **Nigeria's Middle Belt Forum Rejects Government Land Allocation For Fulani Cattle Ranching:** According to media reports including Vanguard Newspaper of August 17, 2026, the Middle Belt Forum (MBF), a socio-cultural and political organization representing minority ethnic nationalities in Nigeria's central region, has rejected any form of compulsory land allocation for cattle ranching in the Middle Belt. The forum also urged National Assembly members from affected states to summon the Minister of Livestock Development, Alhaji Idi Mukhtar Maiha, to explain the policy and its implications to communities in the region. In a statement issued on Monday by its spokesman, Luka Binniyat, the MBF said it had studied the Federal Government's renewed cattle ranching policy and was opposed to the proposed allocation of land for ranching and what it described as the establishment of permanent settlements for pastoralists. The forum described the policy as a potential land acquisition scheme under the guise of livestock development and said it could generate tension if implemented without the consent of affected communities.

It said Adamawa, Plateau, Kaduna, Benue, Taraba and the Federal Capital Territory had experienced severe violence and displacement in recent years, arguing that communities in the region remained apprehensive about policies involving the allocation of large tracts of land for cattle ranching. The statement said, “The Middle Belt Forum (MBF), after carefully studying the Federal Government’s renewed cattle ranching policy, unequivocally rejects the proposed allocation of Middle Belt lands for ranching and the disguised establishment of settlements for Fulani pastoralists.” The forum questioned the rationale for selecting states in the Middle Belt for the pilot programme, while arguing that some northern states had large areas of sparsely populated land. It also expressed concern over changes to the proposed locations for the programme, noting that Kano State, which it said was initially listed among the six proposed locations announced in January 2026, had reportedly been replaced by Nasarawa State. According to the MBF, the development had heightened concerns among communities in the region over the objectives and implementation of the policy. The forum further argued that the government should prioritise the return and protection of communities displaced by insecurity rather than allocate additional land for cattle settlements.

It said any policy involving land acquisition should be based on broad consultations with affected communities and adequate security guarantees. “The MBF will not stand by while our ancestral land is taken from their owners,” the statement said. The forum also expressed opposition to what it described as the promotion of the Wase model in Plateau State, claiming that sections of the farming community and other stakeholders had raised concerns over the proposal. It warned that imposing a land policy without the genuine consent of affected stakeholders could worsen tensions and create further conflict. The MBF called on President Bola Tinubu to reconsider the policy, warning that its implementation could have political implications ahead of the 2027 general elections. It demanded the immediate suspension and cancellation of what it described as the “provocative policy” in the Middle Belt. The organisation also called on affected communities to use lawful and constitutional means to challenge any implementation they considered unlawful.

It urged lawyers across the Middle Belt to mobilise and challenge in court any alleged unlawful acquisition or allocation of community land. The forum further called on National Assembly members from affected states to defend the interests of their constituents and summon the livestock development minister to explain the policy and listen to concerns from the region. It also warned governors against allocating ancestral or community lands without the consent of the people. “Electoralates should therefore use every lawful democratic means, including the ballot, to reject the re-election of any governor who allocates community lands without genuine consent of the people,” the statement said. The MBF said the Middle Belt had “been bled, displaced and dispossessed enough” and urged the Federal Government to prioritize security, consultation and the protection of communities in implementing its livestock development policies.

The Benue State Government and several socio-religious groups across the State as well as the leadership of the Christian Association of Nigeria, among others also added their voices in their various statements reported in several media in August 2026, strongly opposing the Nigerian Government policy.

Link:<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2026/08/middle-belt-forum-rejects-land-allocation-for-cattle-ranching/amp/>

- **Under Wukari Catholic Diocese Of Taraba State, Jihadists Destroyed 217-230 Churches Since Sept 2025, Sacked More Than 100,000 Worshippers And 200 Communities, Forced 16 Catholic Priests To Flee And Razed Parish Houses Of Eight Catholic Priests:** General updates assessed by local and international religious freedom voices have indicated that as much as 230 churches must have been destroyed by the combined forces of Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and Jihadist Fulani Bandits under Wukari Diocese of the Catholic Church in Taraba State, during which no fewer than 100,000 Catholic Parishioners have been uprooted and forced to flee and 200 Christian communities sacked and their local indigenes displaced. At least 16 Catholic Priests were also forced to flee and Parish Houses of at least eight Catholic Priests razed or burned down. According to the Communique of the Diocese issued in May 2026, “217 churches belonging to Catholic Church and other churches have been destroyed by Islamic militias since Sept 2025, during which more than 90,000 parishioners were forced to flee, 200 communities sacked, eight Parish Houses of the Catholic Priests razed and 16 Priests forced to flee their pastoral duties”. The attacks also forced Catholic Priests and nuns to stage rare street protests and processions.

Apart from the published attacks not including those that took place in Jalingo Catholic Diocese and other parts of Taraba State, the attacks have further recorded an exponential increase between May and Sept 2026, with independent estimates of 13 more churches attacked, over 10,000 worshippers and more Christian villages or communities sacked and dozens of Catholic priests and nuns and their Pentecostal and Anglican counterparts threatened. The number of defenseless Christians killed in the area has also increased from no fewer than 80 as of April 2026 to not less than 140 since May to early Sept 2026. There have also been suspected jihadist arson targeted at the Church facilities in the area. For instance, on March 4, 2026, fire severely damaged the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Wukari. The attacks have also clustered in Chanchanji District in Takum, and in Ussa and Donga, hitting rural farming Christian communities; forcing members of the Diocesan Clergy from Wukari and Jalingo Catholic Dioceses to embark street protests and processions on February 12, 2026 and publicly demanded that their own government step in and stop the killings, the kidnappings, and destruction of their Church Facilities.

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