

STATE OF PEACE IN NIGERIA

Foundation for Peace Professionals (PeacePro) commenced publication of a monthly state of peace report in Nigeria, to put searchlight on threat to peace in the 36 states of the federation, including the Federal Capital Territory.

The aim of the organization is to document manifest threat to peace in each state of the federation for ease of reference and to put peacebuilding at the forefront of national conversation with the aim of making it a centerpiece of national security.

In the development of this report, PeacePro focuses on spotlight incidences, as captured in various news reports across the federation within the period of 1 month as well as the reaction of the relevant authorities.

State of Peace (SOP) report identifies outbreak of threat to peace in each of the 36 states, determine nature of threat and give appropriate recommendation for possible solution.

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SUBJECT: STATE OF PEACE IN 36 STATES OF NIGERIA

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S/N	STATE	THREAT TO PEACE IN NIGERIA	NATURE OF THREAT	RECOMMENDATION
1	Abia	 Abia/Akwa ibom State border recurring clashes between Ikwuano Council communities and Ini and Obot Akara Council claim more lives Abia State Government donate relief materials for victims of border clash, as they make move for restoration of peace. Conflict between members of National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and Self Acquired tricycle Owners Association (SATOA) break out in Abia State capital. Government intervene to deter further escalation in NURTW/SATOA clash, warning conflicting parties. Herders and farmers crisis continue Government initiate compensation for farmers and herders to reduce tension and 	 Communal Land Social Environ mental Criminal Political Conspir acy 	 State government should facilitate intervention of federal government on Abia/Akwa Ibom border clash to resolve the cause of the reccuring crisis. Threat posed by proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and its Eastern Security Network (ESN) has grown into insurgency level and the government must create a conversation platform with the people to understand the implication of the situation. Government must also respond to all



- appease all parties
- Criminal abduction of people during Abia/Akwa Ibom border clashes
- Political Instability due to party switch by the governor and realignment in Abia State House of Assembly aswell as the state cabinet
- Government intervene to resolve crisis between the Industrialist union
- A group designated as terrorist organization, IPOB has attack herdsmen, burn their houses and killed many of their cows as tension rise in Isiukwuato area.
- Abia govt paid N100, 000 for every cow killed, to appease victims, in an attempt to end farmers-herders clash
- Abia State government also accuses some herders of kidnapping in the state. The government condemns the criminal activities of some herders, but also frown at the criminal activities of other groups as well. The government ordered security agencies to fish out the criminal element

- misunderstood issues of statehood, being canvassed by the group to gain sympathy and elevating such conversation to make violence unattractive.
- State government should set rules of engagement for herders based on practicality of their engagement and ensure compliance
- Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation



2	Adama wa	 Group takes peace awareness to Adamawa warring communities, creating sensitization for peaceful co-existence. Recurring conflicts and violence persist in some communities across the state Crisis prone local government in the state still has displaced citizens A gang known as Shila Boys in 	 Communal Humanit arian Climate change Criminal 	 State government should intensify peace awareness in troubled communities as a matter of priority Efforts should be made to curtail activities of Shila boys Active engagement with people of
		Yola North continue to pose threat • Degradation of natural resources and climate change remain a source of inter communal violence in Lamurde local government, in fierce competition for agricultural land • Adamawa is amongst the 3 states that received grant to tackle menace of out of school children from Global Partnership for Education Accelarted Funding		Lamurde for joint problem solving on agricultural land • Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
3	Akwa Ibom	 Many killed in Abia/Akwa Ibom border clash over land Akwa ibom government wade into crisis, distribute relief materials for victims. Police call for political solution to end crisis in Akwa ibom 	 Communal Land Criminal 	State government should facilitate intervention of federal government on Abia/Akwa Ibom border clash to resolve the cause of the re-occuring crisis.



		 communities Communal clash in Uko nteghe Uda and Uko Akpan Enwang communities in mbo local government over land Communal clashes in two communities, Okopedi and Ammamong of okobo local government over land dispute Clashes between Nkari and Usaka Uko community over land 		 State government should create platform for open discussion on communal clahes and intensify peace resolution in troubled communities as a matter of priority Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
4 Anra	namb	 Anambr government wade in to crisis over emergence of two traditional rulers in ogbunka, orumba South local government. Community clash over land in Aguleri, Umueri and Umuoba, as government imposes curfew Government raises reconciliation panel to resolve boundary dispute between Aguleri and Umueri communities. The two communities have been in constant dispute since 1999. Group protest alleged land grabing in Anambra by suspected agents of state housing development corporation. Minister accuse state government of fueling 	 Traditional Communal Land Social Criminal 	 Aguleri and Umuere crisis has not been given proper attention over the year due to poor political will to resolve the matter and this has led to continuous clash. Political will for solution is the key. Government should hold State housing development Corporation accountable and ensure return of landed property to beneficiaries State government



		communal clashes in Alor community of idemili south local government for political reasons		should not be seen as aiding one party over the other, it engage Alor and idemili community to clarify its role and facilitate more corporation. • Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
5	Bauchi	Police in Bauchi parade criminal elements disturbing various communities in the state	• Criminal	 State Government should remain steadfast on its path of decreasing criminality and building peace for sustainable development Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation Retrain of Danga Security of Criminal trend and other Security aid Groups
6	Bayelsa	 Protest rock Bayelsa, as women protest against herdsmen in Epie/Atissa communities in Yanagoa Lives lost as rival cult clash in 	Envirom entalCultismCommu nal	 State government should set rules of engagement for herders based on practicality of their



		Bayelsa community of Lobia, in Southern Ijaw Tension as several communities prepare to ward of herdsmen Navy, military vow strong action against attack on oil facilities, as certain groups are reportedly planning renewed hostility in Niger Delta. Crisis loom as youth leadership tussle get messier in Azikoro community Gun men attack riverside town of peremabiri in southern ijaw local government, destroying properties worth millions of naira.	• Social • Criminal	engagement and ensure compliance. Government must see cultism as a serious threat that should be accorded the status of conflict instigator and set out policy to address underlying security threat State government should lead de- escalation of militancy threat Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
7	Benue	 Many feared dead as Benue communal clash in Ibilla and ukpa communities resurface Ukpa and ibilla Community clash in Benue, military step in Benue government raises alarm over plots to incite Nigerians against governor, accuse northern governors of incitement over herdsmen Herdsmen-farmers clash continue, as gunmen invade benue community of Sankera and Ado forest, as government 	 Communal Environ mental Criminal 	 State government should set rules of engagement for herders based on practicality of their engagement and ensure compliance. Communal engagement with warring communities Reduce hostility with federal government and security agencies for more corporation



		declare dusk to dawn curfew in certain axis, ban motorbikes • Benue governor seek arrest of Fulani spokesman over comment on Benue killings • Benue governor accuses president Buhari of one sidedness • Tension in Benue as armed herders invade Agatu and guma local government area, as state goes on red alert.		Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
8	Borno	 Boko Haram insurgency still a major threat Armed group capture military base in Borno town of Marte in the lake chad area overnight as government troops and hundreds of resident flee Borno State government reaching children in conflict zones with routine immunization services Nigerian army regain Marte military base from insurgent Borno state is amongst the 3 states that got grant to handle out of school children from Global Education Fund Unicef gives phychological aid to 50,000 Borno residents 	 Insurgen cy Humanit arian Criminal Conspir acy Insurrect ion 	 State and federal government should sustain ongoing counter insurgency efforts Security agencies should intensify ongoing efforts and improve its tempo Government should improve humanitarian support for victims Government should win over community and mobilize citizens support behind its efforts to isolate insurgent groups



		 Nigerian Army takes over last Boko haram strong hold in Timnuktu triangle, as they kill several insurgents Maiduguri city in darkness after Boko haram terrorists blew up transmission lines in the third such attack in a January. Displacement and Humanitariam crisis persist in Borno 		 Improved sensitization, economic opportunities and youth engagement Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
9	Cross River	 Employment crisis in Cross river pit civil servants and labor union against government European Union and ECOWAs began destruction of 260 arms and 5510 weapons in calabar, defunct Bakassi strike force surrender 33 illegal routes for smugglers discovered in the state, as arm smugglers were proliferating the state Land dispute claim lives in Abakang and Alok in central cross river 	 Economic Criminal Communal Land 	 Government should partner to create more private sector oriented enterprising to increase sustainable job creation that would limit reliance on government employment Illegal smuggling routes should be monitored and protected against arm proliferation Communal engagement with warring communities Support for security



				agencies to deal with criminal situation
10	Delta	 Politicians and herdsmen are top causes of insecurity in the state Community leaders worry about herdsmen incursion Infighting and Political instability in the All Progressive Congress Delta monarchs canvass state of emergency over igbide and emede crisis over land Crisis loom in delta community as union, community development committee approach court over sack of Leadership. Delta community petition police over looming land crisis in ogbeodogwu community Crisis brew in delta and edo state oil producing community as exmilitant parade self as monarch 	 Political Envirom ental Commu nal Traditio nal Criminal 	 Political leadership should be held to higher account Communal engagement with warring communities Purposeful Resolution of land disputes General security improvement Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
11	Ebonyi	 Ebonyi state National Union of Road Transport Workers (nurtw) crisis surface over Leadership Police parade 55 suspects ver ebonyi communal crisis in effium and eza Police arrest youth leader of 	 Social Criminal Communal Political 	 Communal engagement with warring communities Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation Political will to resolve communal



12	Edo	security agencies disperse warring groups Group demand urgent deployment of military to ebonyi over communal clashes Beople die following a communal clash in ebonyi, which is over leadership of a local workers union in ohaukwu area No killing of herdsmen in edo, leader of arewa community declares Protest rock edo over herdsmen	Envirom entalCriminal	 Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation State government
		 peoples democratic party and others for breaking into party secretariat 20 guns and other offensive weapons were recovered during effium and ezza crisis Government set up panel to investigate communal clashes in effium and ezza Government deploys relief material to victims of nurtw and community crisis 3 police officers dead, 10 others injured during effium and ezza crisis Political crisis in peoples democratic party escalate, as security agencies disperse 		issues



		 crisis Edo state governor backtrack over plan to provide land for herders Edo community want probe of alleged killing of community head in oredo One killed as egbean village calls for intervention over invasion of community by armed thugs Cultism still a major threat 		should set rules of engagement for herders based on practicality of their engagement and ensure compliance • Come up with plan to reduce cultism
13	Ekiti	 We will expose criminals and collaborators amongs us, herders body in Ekiti o, Miyetti Allah vow Miyetti Allah and Hausa community backs Ekiti State government on herders registration Ekiti begin implementation of anti grazing law 	SocialCriminal	 The approach of Ekiti State government has been impressive. Such effort should be sustained. Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
14	Enugu	 Crisis brew in Enugu community of Achara in Nsukka local government over claims of village seniority Oruku crisis lingers, as government set up panel to investigate issues Police deploys armoured personnel carriers and 	 Social Criminal Communal Environ mental 	 Communal engagement with warring communities Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation State government should facilitate intervention of



		detachment of police officers to quell crisis in Enugu community of Oruku Death of traditional ruler in Oruku community instigated crisis Enugu water crisis lingers, as residents urges government to find solution Oruku community seek federal government intervention in communal clashes Enugu government vow to deal with land speculators defacing natural heritage Woman accused Police of likely being paid to kill enugu monarch in Oruku Committee seek sensitization on Enugu and Ebonyi land dispute Ohanaeze warns against inciting comments, condemns herdsmens lawlessness		federal government to resolve communal clashes
15	Gombe	 Federal government moves to end crude oil ownership crisis in gombe Gombe Chief Justice crisis heat up the polity, as FIDA petition National Judicial Council, Chief Jusice of Nigeria Frequent rape of children in 	SocialCriminalHumanit ariam	 Gombe State government should lead advocacy against rape Government should facilitate full integration of Internally Displaced



		 Gombe state takes center stage Displacement from insurgency crisis still a major issue in gombe 		Persons • Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
16	Imo	 Orlu crisis: market, schools, churches and other places shutdown over attack on orlu community Police meets imo monarchs and hausa Fulani community over herdsmen crisis Ipob gang clash with army, houses, vehicles burnt, as many feared dead Igbo council urges federal government and imo state government to withdraw soldiers from orlu Imo State governor declares curfew in 10 local government Youths condemn violence in Orlu, warned those behind violence to cease fire in their own interest or face wrath of the people. 	Criminal Communal	 Threat posed by proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and its Eastern Security Network (ESN) has grown into insurgency level and the government must create a conversation platform with the people to understand the implication of the situation. Government must also respond to all misunderstood issues of statehood, being canvassed by the group to gain sympathy and elevating such conversation to make violence unattractive. State government should set rules of engagement for



17	Jigawa	Political instability within ruling government	SocialCriminal	herders based on practicality of their engagement and ensure compliance • Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation • Political leadership should be held
				 accountable Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
18	Kaduna	 Bandits kill over 23 people in 24 hours in Kaduna Troops kill over a dozen bandits in kaduna, after 23 people were killed in 24 hours Africa center for strategic studies calls for applying lessons on boko haram, including the need for community outreach and adapting the use of joint military task force to unique local threat Leaders of Coalition for northern Groups have been picked up in kaduna by security officials, over plan to cause ethno religious crisis in the state. Sheikh Ahmed Gumi has 	 Criminal Social Environ mental 	 State government should develop community based approach to address banditry Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation Create a platform for public engagement to contextualize security situation Build synergy amongst various communities and security agencies



		 accused Nigerian Army of contributing to insecurity, fingered military in conflict profiteering 4000 herdsmen evicted from southern Nigeria now in kaduna 		
19	Kano	 Embattled herdsmen from oyo, Enugu, Niger and others heads to Kano Court discharge, acquits minor of blasphemy, sets aide death sentence against kano singer We will not allow religious extremist in Kano, governor vow, as he bans cleric for inciteful preaching, shutdown mosque 	SocialCriminal	 The approach of Kano State government has been effective and needs to be sustained Create a platform for public engagement to contextualize religious and security issues Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
20	Katsina	 Katsina is still the epicenter of banditry in Nigeria 344 abducted school boys returned to katsina following alleged Boko Haram kidnapping Katsina enact law on 3 tier security to check insecurity Katsina communities vow to be involved in the issues of security as govt enact New law 	Criminalsocial	 Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation State government should develop community based approach to address banditry Reward based solution on banditry is not sustainable.



21	Kebbi	Kebbi State governor approved death sentence for kidnappers	Criminal	Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
22	Kogi	 Kogi government fumes over covid 19 travel warning to Kogi state, alleges NCDC of scaring investors away Kogi governor storm military camp in forest area to boost their moral Criminality still an issue 	SocialCriminal	 State government should engage NCDC to create understanding, because undue hostility will create negative impression State government should sustain approach on security
23	Kwara	 Oyo crisis led Seriki Fulani to Kwara, as residents raise alarm over possible herders threat Kidnapping still a threat in Ilorin Political instability in ruling party escalate Federal government and Kwara government meet to resolve communal clashes between Wara Oja community and Christian neighbors 	SocialCriminalPolitical	 State government should create closer tie with communities with herders for closer monitoring of situation Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation Political leadership should be held to higher account
24	Lagos	Lagos state government is strugling to cater for covid 19 patients, as numbers keep growing with possibility of overwhelming medical	SocialTraditionalCriminal	State government should seek more private sector support for better covid 19 response



		 Crisis within National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) persists Crisis averted after another fuel tanker falls at Alapere Ogudu area of lagos Conflict in Iba community, over traditional stool. Criminality is still a major threat in Lagos Community of Orile and Fadeyi Issue of Okada riders plighting the highways, causing accidents and obstructing the BRT bus lane. Truck Pushers dumping refuse on drainage channel causing environmental hazards is still a serious cause of conflict. 	• Environ mental	 Government should also seek support from donor agencies, development partners and federal government Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation Create self sustaining ADR institution for traditional and communal dispute resolution Government should enforce State traffic laws to restor Order. Government should make use of state law enforcement agencies to curb the abnormalities of refuse dumping in drainage.
25	Nasara wa	 Armed men sighted in Nasarawa border with Benue Nasarawa state efforts on food production hit center stage, set to become food basket of Nigeria Opposition Peoples Democratic party hit up the polity with 	CriminalPolitical	 Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation Political leadership to be held to higher account Social and Economic



		internal crisis		approach should sustained
26	Niger	Banditry still a major issue in Niger, as govt prepare plan to respond to crisis	• Criminal	 Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation State government should develop community based approach to address banditry
27	Ogun	 Farmers and herders clash is a major issue, as government orders investigation Soldiers storm Ogun village over farmers and herders clash Government lift ban on National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) Protest against herders as tension rise 	 Environ mental Criminal Social 	 State government should set rules of engagement for herders based on practicality of their engagement and ensure compliance Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation Create a platform for public engagement to contextualize issues
28	Ondo	 Kidnapping rise in Ondo, as residents raise alarm Ondo Assembly in financial crisis as court freezes account Herders given quit notice from Ondo forest 	CriminalEnviron mental	 State government should de-escalate tension over herders situation Create a platform for public engagement to contextualize issues



29	Osun	Ondo government threatens to deal with criminal herdsmen Violence in erin osun and Hobu	Commu	and improve understanding • State government should set rules of engagement for herders based on practicality of their engagement and ensure compliance • Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
29	Osun	 Violence in erin osun and Ilobu communites over land dispute Kidnapping rise in osun Tension in Ede polytechnic over internal staff disagreement Farmers-herders crisis still lingers 	 Communal Criminal social 	 Address underly9ing causes of communal clashes Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation Create a platform for public engagement to contextualize issues and improve understanding State government should set rules of engagement for herders based on practicality of their engagement and ensure compliance



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30	Oyo	• Tension in Igangan over threat to	• Environ	• State government
		eject Fulani community	mental	should set rules of
		Herders body, Miyatti Allah	 Social 	engagement for
		seek arrest of community war	 Criminal 	herders based on
		lord, Sunday Igboho		practicality of their
		Governor deploy Amotekun in		engagement and
		Iparapa, Oke ogun to check		ensure compliance
		insecurity		 Create a platform for
		 Seriki Fulani attacked by 		public engagement to
		indigenius community over		contextualize issues
		insecurity, houses and vehicles		and improve
		burnt		understanding
		Kidnapping gives government		 Support for security
		headache		agencies to deal with
		Farmer herders clash persists		criminal situation
		Turner nerders erasir persists		
31	Plateau	Government set up peace	• Commu	• Support for security
		Council to heal Plateau of ethno	nal	agencies to deal with
		religious crisis	Conflict	criminal situation
		Communal clashes reduces in	S	State government
		Plateau	 Criminal 	should sustain
		Criminality in Plateau still a		ongoing efforts to
		major cause of crisis		reduce communal
		Rise of Thuggery within slumps		clashes
		areas of Jos North Local		 Need to fasten the
		Government and lack of		inauguration of the
				Multi-door
		prosecution of culbrit or suspects		Width door
		prosecution of culprit or suspects		Courtroom for
		prosecution of culprit or suspects		
		prosecution of culprit or suspects		Courtroom for



				heal the Victims
32	Rivers	 Chief Justice appointment raises dust in River State Criminality still a major threat 	SocialCriminal	Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
33	Sokoto	 Tension in Sokoto, as youth threatens Christian Bishop Kukah over political commentary Sultan meet Miyatti Allah over herders crisis across the country Bandits evade military arrest due to sabotage from security agencies in Sokoto No harm must befall Kukah, Christian Association of Nigeria warns Banditry still an issue in Sokoto 	SocialCriminal	 Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation State government should develop community based approach to address banditry
34	Taraba	 Tiv and Jukun crisis resurface, as police men get killed in Chachenji village Federal Government should intervene in communal clashes between Tiv and Jukun Military frustrated anti grazing law in taraba state to end herders-farmers crisis, governor alleges Government put in place strategy to end farmers, herders clashes to forestall reoccurrence 	 Communal Criminal ity 	 State government should address underlying causes of reccuring communal crisis between Jukun and Tiv to gradually build confidence and peaceful resolution Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation State government should set rules of



				engagement for herders based on practicality of their engagement and ensure compliance
35	Yobe	 Humanitarian crisis from insurgency still persists Yobe gets support to educate out of school children Military takes on Boko haram last strong hold in Yobe axis of Timbuktu triangle, killing several insurgents Boko Haram insurgency still a threat Criminality still persists 	 Social Insurgen cy Criminal Conspir acy 	 State government should improve its humanitarian assistance to Internally Displaced persons State government should sustain ongoing efforts against insurgency in partnership with federal government Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation Government should win over community and mobilize citizens support behind its efforts to isolate insurgent groups Improved sensitization, economic opportunities and



				youth engagement
36	Zamfar	 Political instability in Zamfara's former ruling party near resolution Crisis in Zamfara is insurgency, criminality and banditry joined together, as residents, vigilante and armed group continue faceoff Federal government order response to banditry in Zamfara State Islamic cleric, Sheikh Gumi on peace mission in herders and banditry forest Killing, looting and abduction reduces in Zamfara 	 Political Criminal Insurgen cy Conspir acy 	 Political leadership to be held to higher account Banditry should be seen and treated as insurgency. not just criminality Improved sensitization, economic opportunities and youth engagement Support for security agencies to deal with criminal situation
37	Abuja	 Tension in Abuja, as kidnapping and criminality rises, particularly in Abaji axis of Abuja-Kogi Express way. rate of robbery within the FCT, especially within the subeb area is a serious concern because the increasing criminality is overwhelming security architecture despite Abuja being the Federal Capital. Ethnic intolerance between Nigerians of eastern extraction and northern indigents in Apo, as 	 Criminal Social Ethnic Intolera nce 	 Criminality in Abuja has taken an alarming turn and there is need for government to aggressively decriminalize the federal capital. Urgent need for increase surveillance. Security agents and other relevant traditional institutions are expected to meet



	their are noticeable threat on	with traders in Apo
	daily basis among the traders.	area to unravelled the
		underlining factors
		responsible for the
		tension between the
		different ethnic
		groups in the
		environment in order
		to engender peace.