

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

WEEK IN FOCUS:
SATURDAY, 7 MARCH – FRIDAY, 13 MARCH 2026

EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT

What Changed This Week

- Nigerian troops rescued 19 kidnap victims and killed a suspected bandit during security operations near the FCT (Mar. 7).
- The DSS arrested a suspected ESN commander and an IPOB member in Enugu following attacks on security personnel (Mar. 7).
- The U.S. Embassy in Abuja issued a terrorism advisory warning of possible threats targeting U.S. facilities and affiliated schools in Nigeria (Mar. 10).
- The Police Service Commission began screening 50,000 police recruits across all states and the FCT (Mar. 9).
- The Federal Government announced partial closure of Kara Bridge on the Lagos–Ibadan Expressway for expansion-joint repairs (Mar. 7).
- President Tinubu approved posting of 65 ambassadors-designate to diplomatic missions including the UK, France, and the UN (Mar. 7).
- The CBN confirmed 30 banks met the new minimum capital requirements ahead of the March recapitalisation deadline (Mar. 13).
- The NGX All-Share Index surpassed 132,451 points, extending a bullish market trend with over 28% year-to-date gains (Mar. 13).

Risk Scoring Key	Critical Risk	■
	High Risk	■
	Moderate Risk	■
	Low Risk	■

Incident & Trend Snapshot

Indicator	Status
Notable Security Incidents	■
Primary Hotspots	Plateau (Kanam LGA), Abuja CBD, Akure Airport Axis
Kidnapping & Violent Crime	Persistent
Infrastructure Disruption Risk	■
Mobility Impact	North-Central: ■ North-West: ■ North-East: ■ South-West: ■ South-East: ■ South-South: ■
Overall Impact Level	■ — ■

SGS Risk Scoring

Risk Domain	Status
Mobility	■
Physical Security	■
Regulatory / Compliance	■
Infrastructure	■
Political	■

SECURITY & RISK LANDSCAPE UPDATE

Risk Rating: ■

Physical Security & Public Safety

Key Developments

- A bandit ambush killed at least 20 security personnel and vigilantes in Garga, Kanam LGA, Plateau State (Mar. 13).
- Security forces rescued 20 kidnapping victims in forest camps around the Kubwa/Bwari axis of the FCT (Mar. 9).
- Gunmen abducted the Secretary of Okeluju LCDA and two others near Akure Airport during daytime transit (Mar. 9).
- Troops dismantled illegal oil refining operations in Imo and Rivers states, destroying storage tanks and illicit processing equipment (Mar. 11–13).
- Security forces cleared 11 improvised explosive devices from a road corridor near Eketutu Market in Imo State (Mar. 7–8).
- Quds Day demonstrations by the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN) prompted heavy security deployments in Abuja, Kano, and Kaduna (Mar. 13).
- Corporate / Infrastructure Signals
- The U.S. Embassy advisory warned of potential terrorist targeting of American facilities and schools (Mar. 10).
- IED clearance operations reopened abandoned roads in Imo State, restoring commercial access routes (Mar. 7–8).
- Security alerts during Quds Day demonstrations led to temporary business closures and early office shutdowns in parts of Abuja (Mar. 13).

Mobility & Travel Risk

Travel Disruptions

- The Kara Bridge outbound lane on the Lagos–Ibadan Expressway closed for repairs, creating tailbacks exceeding 5 km (Mar. 10).
- Airport gate payment system failures caused severe traffic gridlock at Abuja Airport before the government ordered a hybrid payment system (Mar. 13).
- Executive travel risk increased around Akure Airport following the kidnapping incident on the airport access road (Mar. 9).

Regional Travel Risk Profiles

- Travel risk increased across the Plateau–Bauchi corridor following the Kanam ambush (Mar. 13).
- Transit times for cargo moving out of Lagos are expected to rise 15–25% due to the Kara Bridge repair works (Mar. 10–24).

POLITICAL, REGULATORY & MACRO SIGNALS

Risk Rating:

Political & Governance Signals

- President Tinubu approved deployment of 65 ambassadors-designate to foreign missions (Mar. 7).
- An 11-member committee chaired by Femi Gbajabamila was inaugurated to establish the Grid Asset Management Company Limited (GAMCO) (Mar. 7).
- FCT authorities ordered demolition of illegal structures encroaching on land allocated to embassies in Katampe Extension (Mar. 13).
- The Presidency urged Nigerians to hold state and local governments accountable for fiscal spending (Mar. 7).

Regulatory & Compliance Watch

- The CBN confirmed 30 banks met recapitalisation requirements ahead of the March deadline (Mar. 7–13).
- The NUPRC warned that dormant oil licenses may be revoked, signaling stronger enforcement of inactive assets (Mar. 13).
- The NCAA continued enforcement of its Zero Debt Strategy, requiring airlines to provide advance payment guarantees (Mar. 7–13).
- The NCC mandated a 14-day notice period before SIM deactivation, tightening regulatory oversight on telecom operators (Mar. 7).
- Under the revised Internet Code of Practice 2026, telecom operators must notify customers of any data breach within 48 hours (Mar. 7).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC RISK MONITOR

Risk Rating:

Banking & Financial Services

- The CBN recapitalisation exercise entered final verification, leaving several smaller banks exposed to merger or exit risk (Mar. 7–13).
- Liquidity pressure increased for banks outside the cleared group, driving higher inter-bank borrowing costs (Mar. 7–13).

Outlook: Final regulatory audits before the March 2026 deadline may trigger consolidation or system integration disruptions (Next Weeks).

Oil & Gas / Extractive Sector

- Security forces dismantled illegal refining sites in Imo and Rivers states, targeting crude theft networks (Mar. 11–13).
- NUPRC warned inactive OPLs and marginal fields could face license revocation under the new enforcement regime (Mar. 13).

Outlook: Legal challenges from license holders and administrative delays linked to the direct remittance revenue model may affect near-term JV funding cycles (Next Weeks).

INCIDENT & TREND DASHBOARD

Date	Incident Type	Location	Description
March 7	IED Clearance	Imo (Eketutu Market axis)	Security forces removed 11 explosive devices from an abandoned corridor.
March 9	Kidnapping	Ondo (Akure Airport Rd)	LCDA secretary and two others abducted during daytime movement.
March 9	Rescue Operation	FCT (Kubwa/Bwari)	Security forces rescued 20 kidnapping victims.
March 10	Logistics Disruption	Lagos/Ogun	Kara Bridge closure caused 5 km traffic congestion.
March 11	Asset Vandalism	Imo (Oguta/Ohaji-Egbema)	Troops dismantled three illegal refining sites.
March 13	Violent Ambush	Plateau (Kanam LGA)	20 security personnel/vigilantes killed by bandits.
March 13	Civil Unrest	Abuja/Kano/Kaduna	Quds Day marches triggered embassy security alert.
March 13	Asset Vandalism	Rivers (Degema/Abua-Odual)	Security forces deactivated two illegal pipeline tapping points.

WEEK OUTLOOK

Risk Rating:

Key Triggers

- A special court session scheduled in Abuja may trigger heavier security deployments near federal courts (Mar. 16).
- Residual monitoring continues after Quds Day demonstrations in northern urban centers (Mar. 14 onward).
- Bank recapitalisation pressure will intensify as institutions approach the March 2026 compliance deadline (Next Weeks).

Weather Outlook(7-13, March 2026)

- Northern states may experience extreme temperatures between 41–42°C, raising heat stress risks (Mar. 16–20).
- Southern cities including Benin City and Port Harcourt have a 35% chance of thunderstorms, raising flash-flood risk (Mar. 18).
- Dust haze in the Kano–Kaduna corridor may affect short-haul flight visibility (Mar. 16–20).
- High humidity and UV index above 10 in Lagos may strain power demand and outdoor workforce safety (Mar. 16–20).

INSIGHT & SERVICE ALIGNMENT

- This week's signals reflect a convergence of heightened bandit activity, regulatory enforcement across banking and telecom sectors, and logistics disruption from major infrastructure repairs. (Mar. 7–13).
- Strategic priorities include route-risk monitoring, logistics planning, regulatory readiness, and enhanced travel security for executives operating across volatile corridors (Mar. 7–13).

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