

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

WEEK IN FOCUS:
SATURDAY, 04 APRIL – FRIDAY, 10 APRIL 2026

EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT

What Changed This Week

- FTSE Russell reclassified Nigeria to **Frontier Market status**, triggering expected global capital reallocation into equities (Apr. 7).
- Massive traffic disruptions occurred in Lagos during **Opebi–Mende–Ojota Link Bridge commissioning**, with corridor closures lasting 48 hours (Apr. 8–9).
- The Federal Government inserted **₦487.56 billion** into new rail and highway projects, including **₦170 billion for Lagos Green Line** (Apr. 10).
- The Nigeria Revenue Service assumed **full control of mineral royalty collection**, shifting compliance requirements for mining operators (Apr. 4).
- A pipeline breach on the **Trans-Niger Pipeline (Rivers)** caused temporary supply disruption to the Port Harcourt Refinery (Apr. 8).
- Security forces concluded the **trial and conviction of 386 terrorism suspects**, improving medium-term security outlook (Apr. 6–9).
- The Business Confidence Monitor declined to **101.2 points from 117.2**, reflecting slowdown amid energy and power shocks (Apr. 7).

Risk Scoring Key	Critical Risk	High Risk	Moderate Risk	Low Risk
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Incident & Trend Snapshot

Indicator	Status
Notable Security Incidents	■
Primary Hotspots	Keffi–Akwanga Corridor, Kaduna (Zaria), Lagos (Ikeja/Ojota), Enugu Axis, Rivers (TNP)
Kidnapping & Violent Crime	Increasing
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

- Kidnapping incidents increased along the **Keffi–Akwanga corridor**, with multiple ambush-style stop-and-search attacks targeting commuters and haulage trucks (Apr. 5–7).
- A major **haulage truck hijack near Zaria (Kaduna)** highlighted continued exposure for FMCG and logistics operators (Apr. 6).
- Communal clashes in **Mangu/Bokkos (Plateau)** triggered corporate site curfews and elevated agro-allied risk (Apr. 5).
- Urban violent crime remained stable but high in **Ikorodu, Ajah (Lagos)** and **Port Harcourt**, driven by robbery and cult activity (Apr. 4–10).
- Asset vandalism increased in **Enugu and Kano**, targeting solar streetlights and fiber infrastructure (Apr. 5–7).

Corporate / Infrastructure Signals

- A **Trans-Niger Pipeline breach** disrupted crude feed to Port Harcourt Refinery (Apr. 8).
- A failed abduction attempt targeted a **foreign contractor in Eket (Akwa Ibom)**, indicating rising expatriate exposure (Apr. 9).
- Corporate operations in Plateau adopted **4:00 PM curfews** following renewed insecurity (Apr. 5).
- Night-shift exposure increased in Lagos due to **aggressive policing and stop-and-search operations (10 PM–4 AM)** (Apr. 4–10).

Mobility & Travel Risk

Travel Disruptions

- The **Opebi–Mende–Ojota corridor closure** created severe gridlock across Ikorodu Road and Third Mainland Bridge, with delays exceeding **3 hours** (Apr. 8–9).
- Executive travel to MMIA increased by **~90 minutes average delay** during peak disruption periods (Apr. 8–9).
- The Abuja–Kaduna rail corridor operated under heightened surveillance, causing minor schedule delays (Apr. 7).

Regional Travel Risk Profiles

- The **Keffi–Akwanga–Lafia corridor** emerged as a “red zone” with four kidnapping attempts recorded during the week (Apr. 4–10).
- Travel risk remained elevated in the **South-East (Imo/Abia)** due to lingering sit-at-home compliance effects (Apr. 6).
- The **Gateway Airport (Iperu)** improved access to Ogun industrial zones, reducing reliance on Lagos corridors (Apr. 5).
- Port access at **Apapa/Tin Can** experienced a **12% increase in container turnaround time** due to security restrictions (Apr. 9).

POLITICAL, REGULATORY & MACRO SIGNALS

Risk Rating: ■

Political & Governance Signals

- The National Assembly approved a **₦68.3 trillion budget**, signaling aggressive infrastructure spending and fiscal expansion (Apr. 7).
- Nigeria observed **National Police Day**, with assurances of improved security following terrorism trials (Apr. 8).
- Political alignment signals emerged via **ADC leadership shifts and regional endorsements ahead of 2027 elections** (Apr. 8).

Regulatory & Compliance Watch

- The Nigeria Revenue Service assumed control of **mineral royalty collection**, requiring full transition to digital compliance systems (Apr. 4).
- The CAC sustained enforcement against **unregistered PoS operators**, with seizure risk for non-compliant terminals (Apr. 4–10).
- FTSE reclassification triggered **re-evaluation of Nigerian equities by global funds**, with implications for capital flows (Apr. 7).
- The NCAA audit regime continued to **extend airport turnaround times** (Apr. 4–10).
- The National Single Window platform rollout **signaled stricter port documentation compliance** (Apr. 4–10).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC RISK MONITOR

Risk Rating: ■

Solid Minerals & Mining

- The transition to NRS-led royalty collection created **administrative bottlenecks and syncing errors** in digital systems (Apr. 4–10).

Outlook: Non-compliant operators risk **site seal-offs and export permit suspension** (Next 1–4 Weeks).

Logistics & Transportation

- The Lagos-Ogun corridor experienced **48-hour disruption and cargo backlog**, with a **12% increase in port turnaround time** (Apr. 8–9).
- Transit theft increased along **Akwanga–Lafia routes**, targeting agro-allied shipments (Apr. 5–7).

Outlook: Freight costs are projected to increase **15–20%** due to infrastructure activity and congestion (Next 1–4 Weeks).

INCIDENT & TREND DASHBOARD

Date	Incident Type	Location	Description
April 5-7	Kidnapping	Nasarawa (Keffi–Akwanga)	Multiple ambushes targeting commuters and haulage trucks.
April 6	Logistics Hijack	Kaduna (Zaria)	FMCG truck intercepted by armed bandits.
April 7	Asset Vandalism	Enugu	Theft of 1,200m armored power cables caused blackout.
April 8-9	Mobility Disruption	Lagos (Ikeja/Ojota)	48-hour road closure for bridge commissioning.
April 8	Energy Disruption	Rivers (TNP)	Pipeline breach caused refinery feed interruption.
April 6-9	Security Action	National	Conviction of 386 terrorism suspects concluded.

WEEK OUTLOOK

Risk Rating: ■

Key Triggers

- NRS enforcement audits may trigger **site inspections and shutdown risks** in mining regions (Apr. 13).
- Lagos port congestion from this week's backlog will create **Monday–Tuesday bottlenecks** (Apr. 13–14).
- Unresolved labour picketing in **Agbara Industrial Zone** may persist (Next Week).
- Fuel price pressure may trigger **transport fare increases nationwide** (Next Week).

Weather Outlook (April 11-17, 2026)

- Southern regions will enter **peak rainy season**, with heavy thunderstorms and flash flooding risk (Apr. 14–15).
- Northern regions will sustain **42–44°C temperatures**, increasing heat stress risk (Apr. 11–17).
- Low cloud ceilings may cause **30–60 minute flight delays** at LOS and PHC (Apr. 13–15).
- Heavy rains may worsen **erosion and road degradation on Enugu–Onitsha corridor** (Apr. 11–17).

INSIGHT & SERVICE ALIGNMENT

This week reflects a convergence of **infrastructure-driven mobility disruption, regulatory realignment in mining and capital markets, and localized security escalation along North-Central transit corridors**, creating a high-friction operating environment for logistics, compliance, and executive movement (Apr. 4–10).

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