

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

WEEK IN FOCUS:
SATURDAY, 18 APRIL – FRIDAY, 24 APRIL 2026

EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT

What Changed This Week

- Critical infrastructure sabotage increased, with pipeline-manifold interference and copper theft at industrial sites in the **Niger Delta and Ogun**, indicating a shift to high-value asset targeting (Apr. 18–24).
- Multiple fiber-optic cuts along the **Lagos–Benin corridor** caused severe corporate data latency and VPN disruption (Apr. 23).
- The NCC mandated **bi-annual data-link verification**, while the NUPRC introduced new environmental escrow requirements, tightening compliance obligations (Apr. 22).
- Flight operations at **Murtala Muhammed International Airport (LOS)** recorded ~2-hour delays due to unscheduled radar maintenance (Apr. 22).
- The Senate initiated an inquiry into **FX allocations**, while the NMDPRA sealed fuel depots, disrupting downstream supply chains (Apr. 22–24).
- Kidnapping incidents increased across **Kaduna–Niger–Zamfara feeder roads**, elevating logistics re-routing requirements (Apr. 18–24).
- NLC/TUC signaled **nationwide May 1 rallies**, triggering early-stage movement and security contingency planning (Apr. 24).

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	Niger Delta, Ogun Industrial Axis, Lagos–Benin Corridor, Kaduna/Niger/Zamfara, Port Harcourt
Kidnapping & Violent Crime	Increasing (North-Central/North-West)
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 activity increased across **North-West and North-Central border axes (Kaduna, Niger, Zamfara)**, particularly along rural feeder roads (Apr. 18–24).
- Violent crime remained stable in major urban centers, while localized protests over electricity tariffs occurred in **Lagos and Ibadan** (Apr. 20–22).
- Infrastructure sabotage escalated, including attempted interference **with a pipeline manifold in the Niger Delta** and copper theft at an **industrial park in Ogun** (Apr. 18–23).

Corporate / Infrastructure Signals

- Heightened military clearance operations in the **North-East** increased the risk of retaliatory roadblocks along rural logistics routes (Apr. 18–24).
- Urban staff movement in Lagos experienced periodic delays due to intensified **police stop-and-search operations** following unrest intelligence (Apr. 18–24).

Mobility & Travel Risk

Travel Disruptions

- LOS airport operations recorded **~2-hour delays** due to radar maintenance disruptions (Apr. 22).
- The **Lagos-Ibadan Expressway** and **Abuja-Kaduna Highway** remained high-risk corridors due to congestion and intermittent bandit activity (Apr. 18–24).

Regional Travel Risk Profiles

- Executive travel risk increased in **Port Harcourt** due to heightened political activity, motorcade movements, and gridlock (Apr. 18–24).
- The **Lagos–Benin corridor** faced combined disruption from fiber cuts and security checks, impacting logistics timelines (Apr. 23).

Forward Planning Signals

- Expected pre-holiday movement ahead of **May 1** will increase congestion across airports and interstate corridors from April 29 (Forward Look).

POLITICAL, REGULATORY & MACRO SIGNALS

Risk Rating: ■

Political & Governance Signals

- The Federal Government formalized the **National Integrated Security Strategy (NISS)**, strengthening DSS–military coordination for asset protection (Apr. 21).
- State governments in the South-West began enforcing strict **no-parking policies** on arterial roads to reduce traffic-linked vulnerabilities (Apr. 18–24).
- A Senate inquiry into **FX allocations for manufacturing imports** increased uncertainty around capital repatriation frameworks (Apr. 22).
- Political tensions rose in the **North-Central** over land-use reforms, creating localized administrative friction (Apr. 18–24).
- The Police Service Commission announced a mandatory audit of **private security companies (PSCs)** starting next month (Apr. 24).

Regulatory & Compliance Watch

- The NCC mandated **bi-annual verification of corporate data links**, with bandwidth throttling penalties for non-compliance (Apr. 22).
- The NUPRC introduced new **Environmental Remediation Fund escrow requirements**, increasing financial obligations for upstream operators (Apr. 22).
- The NMDPRA sealed **three private fuel depots** for price-fixing violations, causing localized supply disruptions in Abuja (Apr. 23–24).
- The NCAA issued a safety alert on **bird-strike risks** at regional airports including Enugu and Owerri (Apr. 22).
- NDPC audit cycles for data-intensive firms are scheduled to commence **May 1**, increasing near-term compliance pressure (Forward Look).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC RISK MONITOR

Risk Rating: ■

Energy (Upstream & Midstream)

- Pipeline-manifold sabotage attempts and depot closures increased operational exposure, while new escrow requirements elevated financial liabilities for upstream operators (Apr. 18–24).

Outlook: Operators face increased fiscal pressure and potential localized fuel shortages as compliance requirements tighten (Next 1–4 Weeks).

Telecommunications

- Fiber-optic cuts along the Lagos–Benin corridor caused widespread corporate data latency, while NCC directives raised compliance urgency for dedicated data links (Apr. 23).

Outlook: Firms failing to complete data-link verification risk service degradation and bandwidth throttling before month-end (Next 1–4 Weeks).

INCIDENT & TREND DASHBOARD

Date	Incident Type	Location	Description
April 18 - 23	Sabotage/THeft	Niger Delta/Ogun	Pipeline interference and industrial copper theft recorded.
April 23	Telecom Disruption	Lagos–Benin Corridor	Fiber cuts caused corporate data latency.
April 22	Aviation Disruption	Lagos (LOS)	Radar maintenance caused ~2-hour delays.
April 23 - 24	Regulatory Enforcement	Abuja	NMDPRA sealed fuel depots for price-fixing.
April 20 -22	Civil Unrest	Lagos / Ibadan	Local protests over electricity tariffs.
April 18 - 24	Criminality	Kaduna / Niger / Zamfara	Increased kidnappings along rural feeder routes.

WEEK OUTLOOK

Risk Rating: ■

Key Triggers

- Workers' Day (**May 1**) will drive nationwide rallies, with expected disruptions in **Lagos (Ikeja), Abuja (Eagle Square)**, and state capitals (Apr. 29–May 1).
- Continued NCC enforcement and NDPC audit cycles will intensify corporate compliance pressure (Next Week).
- Kidnapping risk along **North-Central transit corridors** is expected to remain elevated (Next Week).

Weather Outlook (Next Week)

- Southern regions will experience heavy rainfall and thunderstorms, increasing **flash-flood risk in Lagos, Port Harcourt, and Warri** (Next Week).
- Northern regions will sustain **40°C+ temperatures**, with dust storms affecting visibility in **Kano and Maiduguri** (Next Week).
- Heavy rainfall may degrade road conditions along the **Lagos–Benin corridor**, increasing breakdown and crime exposure risks (Next Week).

INSIGHT & SERVICE ALIGNMENT

This week reflects a shift from policy-driven risk to active infrastructure fragility, with sabotage, telecom disruption, and regulatory tightening converging to increase operational complexity across logistics, energy, and corporate networks (Apr. 18–24).

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