

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

WEEK IN FOCUS:
SATURDAY, 02 MAY – FRIDAY, 08 MAY 2026

EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT

What Changed This Week

- The Federal Government signed an Airbus MoU to expand aviation infrastructure and develop local MRO capabilities, reducing FX dependence for aircraft maintenance (May 4).
- Dangote advanced plans for a **20,000MW** captive power project as manufacturers intensified migration toward self-generated energy solutions (May 7).
- The Naira closed the week relatively stable at **₦1,364/\$** in the official market, reinforcing FX market confidence (May 8).
- The manufacturing performance index declined to **98.7 points**, confirming renewed sector contraction driven by financing and power constraints (May 8).
- A Meningitis outbreak in **Sokoto** caused **34 deaths and 254 infections across nine LGAs**, introducing a major regional health-security risk (May 7).
- AGHAN issued a strike ultimatum over **₦9 billion** in unpaid airline debts, threatening nationwide domestic aviation operations (May 4–6).
- Kidnapping activity persisted along the **Birnin Gwari–Kaduna corridor**, sustaining elevated transit risk across North-West routes (May 5).

RISK SCORING KEY	Critical Risk	■
	High Risk	■
	Moderate Risk	■
	Low Risk	■

Incident & Trend Snapshot

Indicator	Status
Notable Security Incidents	■
Primary Hotspots	Sokoto, Kaduna–Birnin Gwari Axis, Benue, Lagos/Ogun Industrial Zones, Port Harcourt
Kidnapping & Violent Crime	Increasing (North-West & Middle Belt)
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 remained elevated along the **Birnin Gwari–Kaduna Road**, where commuters were abducted during a convoy interception (May 5).
- Communal violence and bandit activity in **Benue (Agatu/Apa LGAs)** caused **12 fatalities**, disrupting agricultural labor and rural logistics (May 3–6).
- Localized transformer vandalism occurred in **Ikorodu, Lagos**, though no major national grid sabotage was reported during the week (May 4).

Corporate / Infrastructure Signals

- Authorities increased surveillance around transmission infrastructure linked to the **Maiduguri power restoration** project following insurgent threat intelligence (May 6).
- Commercial farms in **Benue and Nasarawa** reported incursions by armed herders, impacting agribusiness supply reliability (May 2–8).
- The Sokoto Meningitis outbreak added a major health-risk layer to existing North-West security exposure for field teams and contractors (May 7).

Staff Movement & Site Operations

- Sporadic sit-at-home enforcement activity in **Anambra** caused localized staff and logistics delays despite generally low compliance levels (May 4).

Mobility & Travel Risk

Travel Disruptions

- Military clearing operations along the **Abuja–Kaduna Expressway** caused temporary bottlenecks and longer checkpoint delays (May 6).
- Domestic airlines adjusted schedules following a **4% increase in Jet-A1 pricing** at LOS airport (May 5).

Regional Travel Risk Profiles

- Political gatherings increased in **Kano and Kaduna** after the ACF leadership split, raising flash-protest risk near government and traditional institutions (May 7).
- Security around **Onne Port access roads** tightened after cult-related activity reports disrupted movement into industrial zones (May 8).

Forward Planning Signals

- Corporate planners are advised to deploy armed escorts for inter-state travel across the North-West due to sustained highway kidnapping activity (Forward Look).
- Executives traveling to Sokoto should implement enhanced health-screening and vaccination protocols following the outbreak escalation (Forward Look).

POLITICAL, REGULATORY & MACRO SIGNALS

Risk Rating: ■

Political & Governance Signals

- NSA Nuhu Ribadu conducted a **three-day U.S. security engagement**, strengthening counterterrorism and intelligence-sharing cooperation (May 4–6).
- Bauchi Governor Bala Mohammed defected from the PDP to the APM, signaling early-stage regional political realignment ahead of future election cycles (May 3).
- The Federal Government publicly reassured investors regarding national security stability following recent international advisories (May 2–8).

Regulatory & Compliance Watch

- NUPRC released the **Q1 2026 Domestic Crude Supply Obligation** report, increasing transparency around refinery supply compliance (May 5).
- A Federal High Court in Warri ordered immediate implementation of Host Community Development Trust provisions under the PIA (May 6).
- SEC intensified enforcement under the ISA framework to curb fraudulent investment schemes (May 2–8).
- The House recommended suspension of permits for South African-linked companies, introducing potential regulatory uncertainty for affected firms (May 6).
- NERC confirmed power plants operated at only **31% generation capacity** during April, reinforcing dependence on alternative power solutions (May 8).
- The AGF warned Nigeria may reject delayed World Bank facilities if financing terms are not concluded promptly (May 8).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC RISK MONITOR

Risk Rating: ■

Aviation

- AGHAN issued a **three-day strike** notice over **₦9 billion** in unpaid airline debts, threatening nationwide domestic operations (May 4–6).
- Jet-A1 price increases and unresolved aviation debt exposure sustained operational volatility across major hubs (May 2–8).

Outlook: Domestic carriers remain exposed to service disruptions and “go-slows” if payment negotiations fail (Next 1–4 Weeks).

Telecommunications

- NESG confirmed manufacturing contraction at **98.7 points**, with Lagos, Ogun, and Kano operators heavily impacted by power and financing constraints (May 8).

Outlook: Manufacturers may implement shift reductions and temporary shutdowns in major industrial zones, particularly **Agbara and Ikorodu** (Next 1–4 Weeks).

INCIDENT & TREND DASHBOARD

Date	Incident Type	Location	Description
May 3-6	Communal Violence	Benue (Agatu/Apa)	Benue (Agatu/Apa) Violence caused 12 fatalities and labor displacement.
May 4-6	Aviation Labor Risk	National Airports	AGHAN issued strike ultimatum over ₦9bn airline debt .
May 5	Kidnapping	Kaduna (Birnin Gwari Rd)	Armed bandits abducted commuters along transit corridor.
May 6	Judicial / Regulatory	Warri, Delta	Court ordered enforcement of HCDT provisions.
May 7	Public Health	Sokoto (9 LGAs)	Meningitis outbreak: 254 cases, 34 deaths .
May 8	Manufacturing	National	NESG confirmed contraction at 98.7 points .

WEEK OUTLOOK

Risk Rating: ■

Key Triggers

- The unresolved **₦9 billion aviation debt dispute** remains the primary threat to domestic flight continuity next week (Next Week).
- Health-screening protocols are expected to intensify across **Sokoto, Kebbi, and Zamfara** following the Meningitis outbreak escalation (Next Week).
- Oil majors and host communities are expected to begin emergency engagement meetings following the Warri HCDT ruling (Next Week).
- Manufacturers may begin operational cost-cutting through reduced shifts and facility optimization measures (Next Week).

Weather Outlook (May 9–15)

- Heavy rainfall and thunderstorms are expected across **Port Harcourt, Warri, and Calabar**, increasing flood and airport-visibility risks (May 9–15).
- North-West and North-East zones may experience **40–42°C temperatures** and intermittent dust haze affecting regional aviation operations (May 9–15).
- Rainfall in Lagos may worsen congestion around **Third Mainland Bridge and Apapa access roads** (May 9–15).
- Heavy rain in rural Middle Belt areas may reduce security mobility and increase vulnerability to bandit activity on unpaved routes (May 9–15).

INSIGHT & SERVICE ALIGNMENT

This week reflected a convergence of **aviation-system stress, industrial contraction, regional health insecurity, and persistent highway criminality**, creating a more complex operating environment for executive mobility, manufacturing continuity, and workforce protection (May 2–8).

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