

# WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

WEEK IN FOCUS:  
SATURDAY, 09 MAY – FRIDAY, 15 MAY 2026

## EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT

### What Changed This Week

- Air Peace's Lagos–London service was forced to return mid-flight following regional African airspace denials, exposing rising geopolitical aviation friction (May 13).
- The NUPRC enforced the new **2026 Decommissioning & Abandonment Regulations**, disrupting upstream asset-transfer timelines and financing activity (May 9–15).
- Operation FANSAN YAMMA intensified across **Katsina and Zamfara**, dispersing armed groups into rural transit corridors and increasing ambush exposure (May 9–15).
- Demonstrators staged flash protests at the **MTN headquarters in Abuja** over tariffs and connectivity complaints, creating direct corporate asset exposure (May 12).
- The NCAA launched its mandatory drone-registration portal, exposing unregistered corporate unmanned aircraft to grounding and seizure risk (May 14).
- Nigeria Customs intensified baggage profiling and physical cash-tracking operations at **Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport** (May 11–15).
- An EFCC intervention at the **University of Uyo Teaching Hospital** disrupted medical operations and regional healthcare logistics (May 10).

RISK SCORING KEY	Critical Risk	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
	High Risk	<span style="color: orange;">■</span>
	Moderate Risk	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>
	Low Risk	<span style="color: green;">■</span>

### Incident & Trend Snapshot

Indicator	Status
Notable Security Incidents	<span style="color: orange;">■</span>
Primary Hotspots	Abuja CBD, Katsina–Zamfara Axis, Kano Airport, Lagos–London Air Corridor, Akwa Ibom
Kidnapping & Violent Crime	Increasing (North-West)
Infrastructure Disruption Risk	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> – <span style="color: orange;">■</span>
Mobility Impact	North-Central: <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> North-West: <span style="color: orange;">■</span> North-East: <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> South-West: <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> South-East: <span style="color: green;">■</span> South-South: <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>
Overall Impact Level	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>

### SGS Risk Scoring

Risk Domain	Status
Mobility	<span style="color: orange;">■</span>
Physical Security	<span style="color: orange;">■</span>
Regulatory / Compliance	<span style="color: orange;">■</span>
Infrastructure	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> – <span style="color: orange;">■</span>
Political	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>

## SECURITY & RISK LANDSCAPE UPDATE

Risk Rating: ■

### Physical Security & Public Safety

#### Key Developments

- Banditry and kidnapping increased across **Katsina and Zamfara** despite ongoing military offensives under Operation FANSAN YAMMA (May 9–15).
- Consumer protesters stormed the **MTN headquarters in Abuja** over tariffs and network-service concerns, increasing exposure for telecom infrastructure and personnel (May 12).
- An EFCC raid at the **University of Uyo Teaching Hospital** disrupted hospital operations and temporarily detained medical personnel (May 10).

#### Corporate / Infrastructure Signals

- Military clearing operations in Katsina dispersed armed factions onto rural feeder roads, increasing opportunistic ambush exposure for logistics operators (May 9–15).
- Federal anti-graft enforcement activity increased risk exposure around financial, public, and healthcare infrastructure (May 9–15).

#### Staff Movement & Site Operations

- Corporate movement risk remained elevated across the **Turare–Yantumaki** axis due to ongoing military engagements and unstable roadside conditions (May 9–15).

### Mobility & Travel Risk

#### Travel Disruptions

- Air Peace's **Lagos–London** flight aborted and returned to Lagos after sudden regional airspace denials during transit (May 13).
- Ground mobility on the **Turare–Yantumaki Road (Katsina)** was disrupted by active military operations and tactical clearance activity (May 11–15).

#### Regional Travel Risk Profiles

- Kano transitioned into a high-scrutiny travel environment following intensified Customs profiling and cash-monitoring procedures at MAKIA (May 11–15).
- Abuja is expected to experience severe local delays tied to infrastructure construction, scheduled power outages, and traffic diversions (Forward Look).

#### Forward Planning Signals

- Organizations are advised to verify international airspace clearances before departure and maintain contingency flight-routing protocols (Forward Look).
- Armed escorts remain strongly recommended for all land-based North-West movements (Forward Look).

# POLITICAL, REGULATORY & MACRO SIGNALS

Risk Rating:

## Political & Governance Signals

- The Federal Government accelerated security-sector adjustments under the newly inaugurated NUPRC Board leadership, increasing focus on energy-asset protection (May 9–15).
- Lagos and Abuja expanded static deployments around major corporate facilities to prevent flash demonstrations linked to economic grievances (May 9–15).
- Operational predictability declined following rising bilateral friction over African airspace rights and increasing anti-corruption enforcement actions (May 9–15).
- Operation FANSAN YAMMA signaled a shift toward sustained kinetic operations against decentralized bandit networks in the North-West (May 9–15).

## Regulatory & Compliance Watch

- The NUPRC issued the **Nigerian Upstream Decommissioning and Abandonment Regulations 2026**, replacing the 2023 framework and tightening fund-domiciliation timelines (May 9–15).
- The NCAA launched its digital RPAS/UAS portal, making registration mandatory for corporate drone operations (May 14).
- The NCC warned telecom operators over deteriorating network quality, signaling possible enforcement escalation (May 9–15).
- NUPRC increased pressure on gas-to-power suppliers over infrastructure deficiencies and compliance failures (May 9–15).
- Unregistered corporate drone operators now face immediate grounding and seizure exposure under the new NCAA compliance regime (May 14).

# SECTOR-SPECIFIC RISK MONITOR

Risk Rating:

## Aviation

- International aviation routes experienced severe disruption after the forced Air Peace mid-flight turnaround caused by regional airspace denials (May 13).
- The NCAA's drone-registration portal introduced immediate compliance pressure across unmanned aviation operations (May 14).

**Outlook:** International scheduling instability, cargo backlog risk, and operational cost escalation are expected to persist across affected corridors (Next 1–4 Weeks).

## Energy

- The NUPRC's 2026 decommissioning framework created immediate compliance friction for mergers, farm-outs, and asset-transfer processes (May 9–15).

**Outlook:** Upstream transactions and financing approvals may face delays as operators adjust to stricter abandonment-funding requirements (Next 1–4 Weeks).

# INCIDENT & TREND DASHBOARD

Date	Incident Type	Location	Description
May 3-6	Civil Unrest	Abuja	Protesters stormed MTN headquarters over tariffs and connectivity.
May 4-6	Aviation Disruption	Lagos–London Corridor	Air Peace flight aborted after airspace denial.
May 5	Enforcement/Operational	Akwa Ibom	EFCC raid disrupted UUTH medical logistics.
May 6	Military Operations	Katsina / Zamfara	FANSAN YAMMA dispersed armed factions onto feeder roads.
May 7	Customs Enforcement	Kano Airport	Aggressive baggage profiling and cash checks intensified.
May 8	Regulatory Compliance	National	NCAA launched mandatory drone-registration portal.

# WEEK OUTLOOK

Risk Rating:

## Key Triggers

- Democracy Day preparatory activities and associated political mobilization may compress administrative responsiveness and increase security deployments (Next Week).
- Localized consumer protests may continue around telecom and financial-service infrastructure in Abuja and Lagos (Next Week).
- Operation FANSAN YAMMA is expected to sustain elevated asymmetric-security risk across rural North-West corridors (Next Week).
- Implementation of the NUPRC 2026 framework will continue delaying upstream asset-transfer approvals and financing processes (Next Week).

## Weather Outlook (May 16–22)

- Heavy rainfall and thunderstorms are expected across **Lagos, Port Harcourt, and Delta State**, increasing flash-flood exposure and reducing urban mobility (May 16–22).
- Kano, Maiduguri, and Sokoto may experience localized dust storms and temporary visibility degradation affecting aviation operations (May 16–22).
- Heavy rainfall may worsen road failures and increase opportunistic criminal exposure across Southern transit corridors (May 16–22).
- Extreme Northern temperatures (41°C–44°C) may elevate cooling-failure risk for telecom and backup-power infrastructure (May 16–22).

# INSIGHT & SERVICE ALIGNMENT

This week reflected a convergence of aggressive regulatory enforcement, kinetic military operations, and unpredictable sovereign aviation friction, materially increasing exposure to sudden operational disruption beyond traditional physical-security threats (May 9–15).

## About Stargrade

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