

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

WEEK IN FOCUS:
SATURDAY, 25 APRIL – FRIDAY, 1 MAY 2026

EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT

What Changed This Week

- The FEC approved **\$2.99 billion** for Lagos Green Line, Kano Metro, and Kaduna Light Rail, accelerating national rail expansion (Apr. 30).
- The House approved a **\$516 million** loan for the Sokoto–Badagry Super-Highway, strengthening a key North–South logistics corridor (Apr. 28).
- NGX extended trading hours to **9:00 AM–4:00 PM**, increasing liquidity and global alignment (Apr. 27).
- Jet A1 prices surged to **₦3,300/litre**, driving widespread flight cancellations and pricing volatility (Apr. 28).
- A mass abduction in **Ekiti (15 victims; ₦1 billion ransom demand)** signaled escalation of high-impact kidnapping into South-West zones (Apr. 30).
- Police intercepted **60 tonnes of stolen railway assets (₦400 million)** in Nasarawa, exposing systemic infrastructure theft networks (Apr. 27).
- NCC and NUPRC enforcement intensified, introducing **data-link verification mandates** and stricter upstream escrow requirements (Apr. 25–30).

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

Incident & Trend Snapshot

Indicator	Status
Notable Security Incidents	■
Primary Hotspots	Ekiti, Nasarawa (Akwanga), Lagos/Abuja Aviation Hubs, Kaduna–Niger–Zamfara Corridors
Kidnapping & Violent Crime	Increasing (South-West & North-Central)
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 surged into the **South-West**, with 15 abducted in **Ekiti State** and a **₦1 billion ransom demand**, marking a shift toward high-value mass-target incidents (Apr. 30).
- Kidnapping remained elevated across **Kaduna–Niger–Zamfara feeder corridors**, sustaining high logistics exposure (Apr. 25–May 1).
- Infrastructure vandalism intensified, with recovery of **₦400 million railway assets in Akwanga**, highlighting organized theft networks targeting transport systems (Apr. 27).
- Urban crime remained stable in major cities, with **one-chance robbery syndicates disrupted in Abuja** (Apr. 26).
- Insurgency risk remained elevated in the North-East following **Boko Haram ultimatum activity (416 captives)** (Apr. 24–27).

Corporate / Infrastructure Signals

- Telecom operators reported **nationwide delays in fiber and 5G rollout** due to persistent vandalism and insecurity (May 1).
- Rail infrastructure remains exposed, particularly along **Bauchi-origin corridors**, due to systematic theft and vandalism networks (Apr. 25–30).
- Staff movement risk increased in rural South-West, with authorities advising **restriction of evening travel and gatherings** (Apr. 30).

Mobility & Travel Risk

Travel Disruptions

- An **Air Peace B777 bird strike** forced grounding of the London–Lagos route, disrupting international executive travel (May 1).
- Domestic aviation recorded widespread **delays and cancellations** due to Jet A1 fuel reaching **₦3,300/litre** (Apr. 28).
- High traffic volumes and security risks persisted on the **Abuja–Kano and Lagos–Ibadan corridors** (Apr. 25–May 1).

Regional Travel Risk Profiles

- Increased **military checkpoints** along Abuja–Kaduna extended travel times despite improved interdiction activity (Apr. 26–30).
- Construction activity linked to the **Sokoto–Badagry Super-Highway** caused localized movement delays (Apr. 28–30).

Forward Planning Signals

- Pre–May 1 movement created early congestion spikes, with **major airports and corridors expected to remain pressured into next week** (Apr. 29–May 1).

POLITICAL, REGULATORY & MACRO SIGNALS

Risk Rating:

Political & Governance Signals

- The Federal Government progressed implementation of the **₦68.32 trillion 2026 budget**, activating **₦32.2 trillion capital expenditure** (Apr. 25–May 1).
- The FEC approval of **\$2.99 billion rail projects** reinforced infrastructure-led economic strategy (Apr. 30).
- The nomination of **Rabiu Abdullahi Umar as NMDPRA CEO** signaled downstream regulatory stabilization intent (Apr. 29).
- Workers' Day (May 1) was declared a public holiday, with official messaging focused on economic recovery and social protection (May 1).

Regulatory & Compliance Watch

- The NCC enforced **Automatic Compensation Policy**, requiring telecom operators to compensate users for service failures (Apr. 25–30).
- TowerCos face **₦12.4 billion penalty exposure** tied to infrastructure failure remediation (Apr. 25–30).
- The NUPRC board resumed operations, enforcing **"Drill or Drop" provisions** under the PIA (Apr. 28).
- FRCN mandated use of the **National Audit Register**, requiring firms to validate auditor compliance (Apr. 25–30).
- A Federal High Court ruling restricted **Police/FRSC third-party insurance enforcement without court order**, reducing checkpoint-related compliance risk (Apr. 25).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC RISK MONITOR

Risk Rating:

Aviation

- Jet A1 fuel reached **₦3,300/litre**, triggering widespread cancellations and operational volatility across Lagos, Abuja, and Kano hubs (Apr. 28).
- The **Air Peace B777 bird strike incident** exposed ongoing aerodrome safety vulnerabilities affecting international routes (May 1).

Outlook: Domestic fares may rise **20–35%**, with continued cancellations on secondary routes due to fuel constraints (Next 1–4 Weeks).

Telecommunications

- Fiber and infrastructure vandalism increased operational risk, while NCC compensation enforcement created **real-time revenue exposure** for service failures (Apr. 25–30).

Outlook: Operators face urgent CAPEX requirements for infrastructure hardening under the **₦12.4 billion penalty framework** (Next 1–4 Weeks).

INCIDENT & TREND DASHBOARD

Date	Incident Type	Location	Description
April 27	Infrastructure Theft	Akwanga, Nasarawa	Recovery of 60 tonnes railway assets (₦400m) .
April 30	Kidnapping	Ekiti State	15 abducted; ₦1bn ransom demand.
May 1	Aviation Disruption	Lagos/London Route	Air Peace B777 grounded after bird strike.
April 28	Aviation Cost Shock	National	Jet A1 reached ₦3,300/litre , causing cancellations.
April 25 - 30	Telecom Disruption	National	Fiber vandalism slowed 5G rollout and enterprise connectivity.
April 25 - 30	Insurgency	North-East	Boko Haram ultimatum activity sustained threat posture.

WEEK OUTLOOK

Risk Rating:

Key Triggers

- Post-Workers' Day return traffic will drive congestion across **Lagos, Abuja, and interstate corridors** (May 4–5).
- Federal High Court proceedings on alleged coup plot begin **May 4–5**, increasing security sensitivity in Abuja (May 4).
- Aviation instability will persist due to **fuel pricing and maintenance disruptions** (Next Week).
- Telecom and data compliance enforcement will continue under NCC and NDPC frameworks (Next Week).

Weather Outlook (May 2–8)

- Southern regions will experience **frequent thunderstorms and high humidity (60–88%)**, increasing flood risk in Lagos and Port Harcourt (May 2–8).
- North-Central zones may face storm-related disruptions, particularly around **Jos–Abuja corridors** (May 5).
- Rainfall may degrade already compromised infrastructure, especially **railway embankments and Lagos–Benin roads** (May 2–8).

INSIGHT & SERVICE ALIGNMENT

This week reflects a convergence of **infrastructure sabotage, aviation system stress, and intensified regulatory enforcement**, materially increasing operational friction across logistics, travel, and telecom-dependent business functions (Apr. 25–May 1).

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