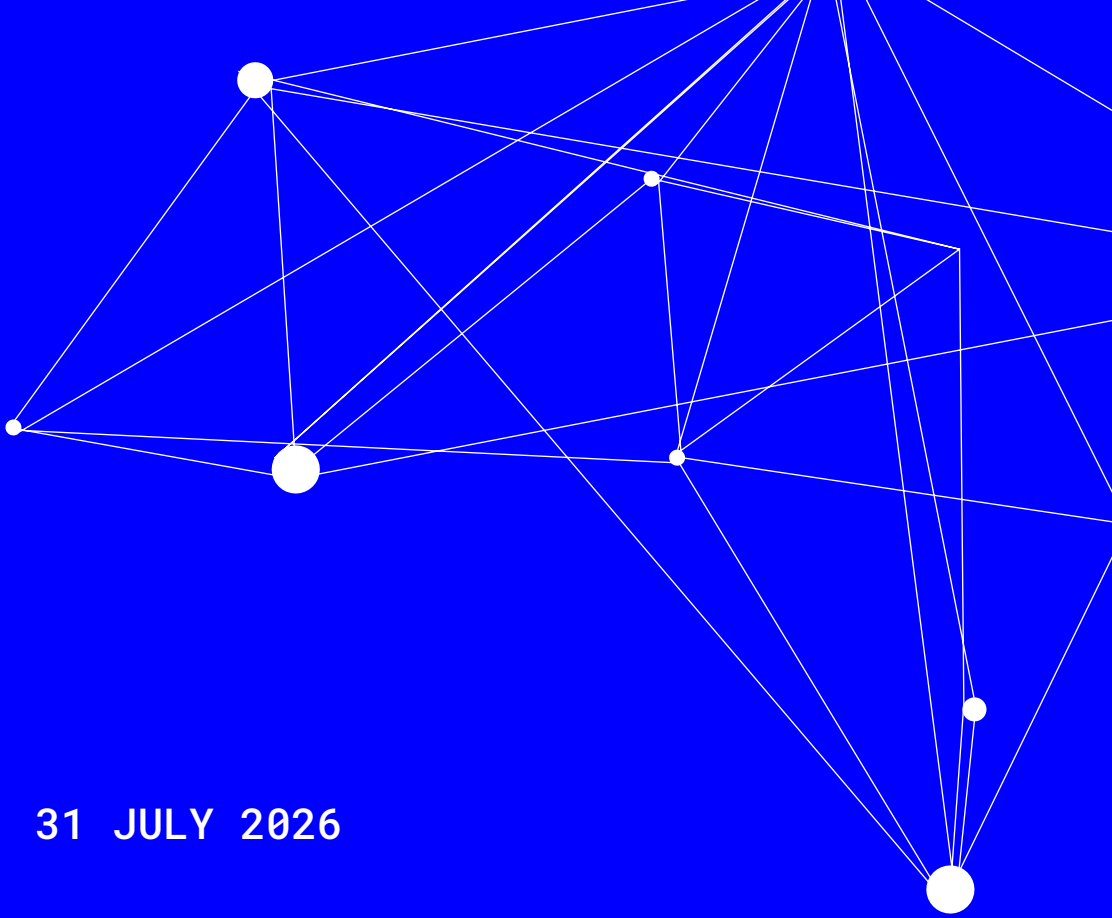


WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

WEEK IN FOCUS: SATURDAY, 25 JULY – FRIDAY, 31 JULY 2026



EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT

What Changed This Week

- The Department of State Services issued a high terror alert warning of coordinated Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) plots targeting Ondo and Kogi states, forcing corporate logistics into stricter journey management (July 25–31).
- A severe landslide collapsed a major section of Anansa Street (Diamond Hill) in Calabar, Cross River State, leaving the corridor completely impassable and cutting local transit networks (July 25–31).
- The Abia State Government introduced political campaign advertising permit fees reaching ₦200 million in Umuahia ahead of elections, drawing criticism from corporate advertising stakeholders (July 25–31).
- Police arrested 35 suspects over violent industrial unrest that destroyed sections of a corporate facility in Benin City, Edo State (July 25–31).
- Joint security operations rescued 24 kidnapped victims in Zamfara State and 4 in Rivers State, while military forces neutralized 102 terrorists and bandits over the month (July 25–31).
- The Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) enacted a joint rule requiring a Letter of No Objection from the NCC before any share transfer or ownership change of 10% or more is registered (July 25–31).
- Gubernatorial candidates signed an election peace accord in Osogbo, Osun State, ahead of the August 15 election (July 25–31).

RISK SCORING KEY	Critical Risk	
	High Risk	
	Moderate Risk	
	Low Risk	

Incident & Trend Snapshot

Indicator	Status
Notable Security Incidents	
Primary Hotspots	Kogi–Ondo Transit Corridor, Calabar Urban Roads (Cross River State), Edo State Industrial Layouts, Southern Tanker Transit Corridors (Delta State), Zamfara Rural Belts
Kidnapping & Violent Crime	Steady Plateau (North-West Rural Belts, South-South Rescue Gains)
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

- The Department of State Services issued a high terror alert on coordinated ISWAP plots targeting **Ondo and Kogi states**, escalating defense cover around corporate assets in previously stable transit zones (July 25–31).
- Kidnapping remained intense across rural belts, with military forces neutralizing 102 terrorists and bandits over the month and joint operations rescuing **24 hostages in Zamfara State** and 4 in Rivers State, alongside foiled attempts and arrests in Nasarawa and Enugu states (July 25–31).
- Police arrested **35 suspects** after severe industrial violence destroyed parts of a corporate facility in **Benin City, Edo State** (July 25–31).

Corporate / Infrastructure Signals

- The Edo State facility required direct police intervention to suppress the unrest and secure property boundaries, exposing industrial installations to internal labor threats (July 25–31).
- Asset vandalism held stable but dangerous, with an attempted power cable theft ending in a fatal electrocution, while protest activity rose around judicial actions through solidarity rallies outside the Federal High Court in **Abuja** (July 25–31).

Staff Movement & Site Operations

- The unsealing of a leaked Department of State Services memo on planned ISWAP incursions into **Ondo and Kogi** requires stricter journey management rules for corporate logistics across the western and middle-belt corridors (July 25–31).

Mobility & Travel Risk

Travel Disruptions

- Anansa Street (Diamond Hill) in Calabar, Cross River State**, is completely impassable after a severe landslide swallowed chunks of the asphalt corridor (July 25–31).
- Ondo–Kogi interstate intersections** are subject to sudden security checkpoints and military search-and-seizure operations following the high terror alert (July 25–31).

Regional Travel Risk Profiles

- Southern tanker transit corridors** carry high localized risk of spontaneous fuel scooping by residents after a fuel tanker leak in **Delta State** created massive explosion hazards (July 25–31).
- Regional travel to **Osun State** improved slightly after political candidates signed an election peace accord, though local INEC collection centers remain high-traffic and prone to dynamic crowd friction (July 25–31).

Forward Planning Signals

- Security coordinators must alter route itineraries for heavy logistics vehicles, as political advertising crackdowns and structural permit inspections in **Abia State** may delay or trigger confiscation of company branded distribution trucks lacking permits (Forward Look).
- Corporate journey managers must plan for expanded military deployments and checkpoint density along the **Ondo and Kogi borders** as forces move to neutralize the reported ISWAP threat (Forward Look).

POLITICAL, REGULATORY & MACRO SIGNALS

Risk Rating:

Political & Governance Signals

- President Bola Ahmed Tinubu dissolved the **Presidential Implementation Committee on the Alienation of Federal Government Properties**, halting or shifting ongoing real estate and asset disposal processes that affect corporate property acquisitions (July 25–31).
- President Tinubu ruled out any future ransom payments to kidnappers, signaling that state security operations will rely solely on kinetic force and tactical sweeps to resolve abductions (July 25–31).
- The **Abia State Government** enacted unexpected permit fees for political campaign advertising of up to **₦200 million**, reducing operational predictability for eastern market cycles and drawing fierce criticism from corporate advertising stakeholders (July 25–31).
- Gubernatorial candidates signed a security and election peace accord in **Osogbo, Osun State**, ahead of the August 15 governorship election (July 25–31).

Regulatory & Compliance Watch

- The **Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)** formally enacted a rule requiring communications companies to obtain a Letter of No Objection from the NCC before registering any share transfer or ownership change of 10% or more (July 25–31).
- The **Nigeria Police Force** expanded inter-agency intelligence operations with the **Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU)** to enforce targeted financial sanctions against terrorist financiers (July 25–31).
- Stakeholders moved to the Court of Appeal to contest jurisdictional overlap disputes between the NCC and the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC) over mobile credit regulations (July 25–31).
- Legal and mergers and acquisitions departments handling corporate restructuring or equity sales must budget an additional **14 to 30 days** for transactional compliance to clear mandatory NCC anti-monopoly and ownership validation checks (July 25–31).
- Telecoms and digital infrastructure firms face intensified regulatory scrutiny as the joint NCC–CAC directive takes full effect nationwide (July 25–31).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC RISK MONITOR

Risk Rating:

Telecommunications & Digital Services

- The sector confronted sudden compliance shifts as the joint NCC–CAC decree took full effect nationwide, adding an ownership validation gate to every equity change of 10% or more (July 25–31).
- Corporate financial reports highlight extreme reliance on data growth to offset massive operational costs, as exemplified by **MTN Nigeria** (July 25–31).

Outlook: Mergers and acquisitions in technology and communications will face administrative standstills if they fail to secure prior regulatory approvals, with casual investment updates stalled by joint NCC and CAC enforcement (Next 1–4 Weeks).

Logistics & Road Transportation

- The sector was severely impacted by environmental degradation from the Calabar landslide, physical security alerts over ISWAP targets in Kogi and Ondo, and dangerous fuel scooping incidents in **Delta State** (July 25–31).

Outlook: Freight forwarders can expect multi-day detours around **Cross River State** as landslide risk expands through the peak rainy season (Next 1–4 Weeks).

INCIDENT & TREND DASHBOARD

Date	Incident Type	Location	Description
July 25–31	Terrorist Plot Alert	Ondo & Kogi States	DSS warned of imminent ISWAP targeted attacks across both states.
July 25–31	Industrial Violence	Benin City (Edo State)	35 workers and outsiders arrested after severe corporate site destruction.
July 25–31	Environmental Disaster	Anansa Street, Calabar (Cross River State)	Landslide destroyed a significant section of the road corridor.
July 25–31	Kidnapping & Tactical Rescue	Zamfara & Rivers States	Joint operations rescued 24 hostages in Zamfara and 4 victims in Rivers.
July 25–31	Foiled Abduction	Nasarawa & Enugu States	Security operations foiled kidnapping attempts and made arrests.
July 25–31	Hazardous Material Incident	Delta State	Fuel tanker leak triggered civilian fuel scooping and explosion hazards.

WEEK OUTLOOK

Risk Rating:

Key Triggers

- Compliance teams must track implementation of the new **Abia State** outdoor advertising fees, which reach ₦200 million and expose branded assets to permit enforcement (Next Week).
- High-intensity political rallies are expected in **Osun State** as the three-day permanent voter card collection extension concludes ahead of the **August 15 election** (Next Week).
- Localized judicial protests are likely in **Abuja** following high-profile trials and anti-terrorism arraignments at the Federal High Court (Next Week).
- Joint NCC and CAC enforcement on equity changes will stall casual investment updates, while expanded military deployments are expected along the **Ondo and Kogi borders** to neutralize the reported ISWAP threat (Next Week).

Weather Outlook (August 1–7)

- The **Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet)** issued an urgent high surface-runoff and flash flood risk alert for the final dekad of the month, with low visibility and flooded runways expected to disrupt flight schedules across major airports (July 25–31).
- The highest risk of severe flash flooding and infrastructural runoff is concentrated across **Adamawa, Nasarawa, Taraba, Benue, Cross River, Rivers, and Akwa Ibom states** (Aug. 1–7).
- Heavy rain will further saturate soil structures in the south-south, threatening to trigger more landslides similar to the Calabar disaster (Aug. 1–7).
- Flooded highways will force vehicles to slow down, creating stationary targets for opportunistic highway robbers and kidnappers along vulnerable transport routes (Aug. 1–7).

INSIGHT & SERVICE ALIGNMENT

This week revealed a structural fortification pattern, where a sweeping expansion of national security architecture and digital regulatory frameworks converged with intensified kinetic operations against energy sabotage and school terror attacks, elevating both defensive posture and short-term compliance friction across corporate operations nationwide (July 18–24).

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