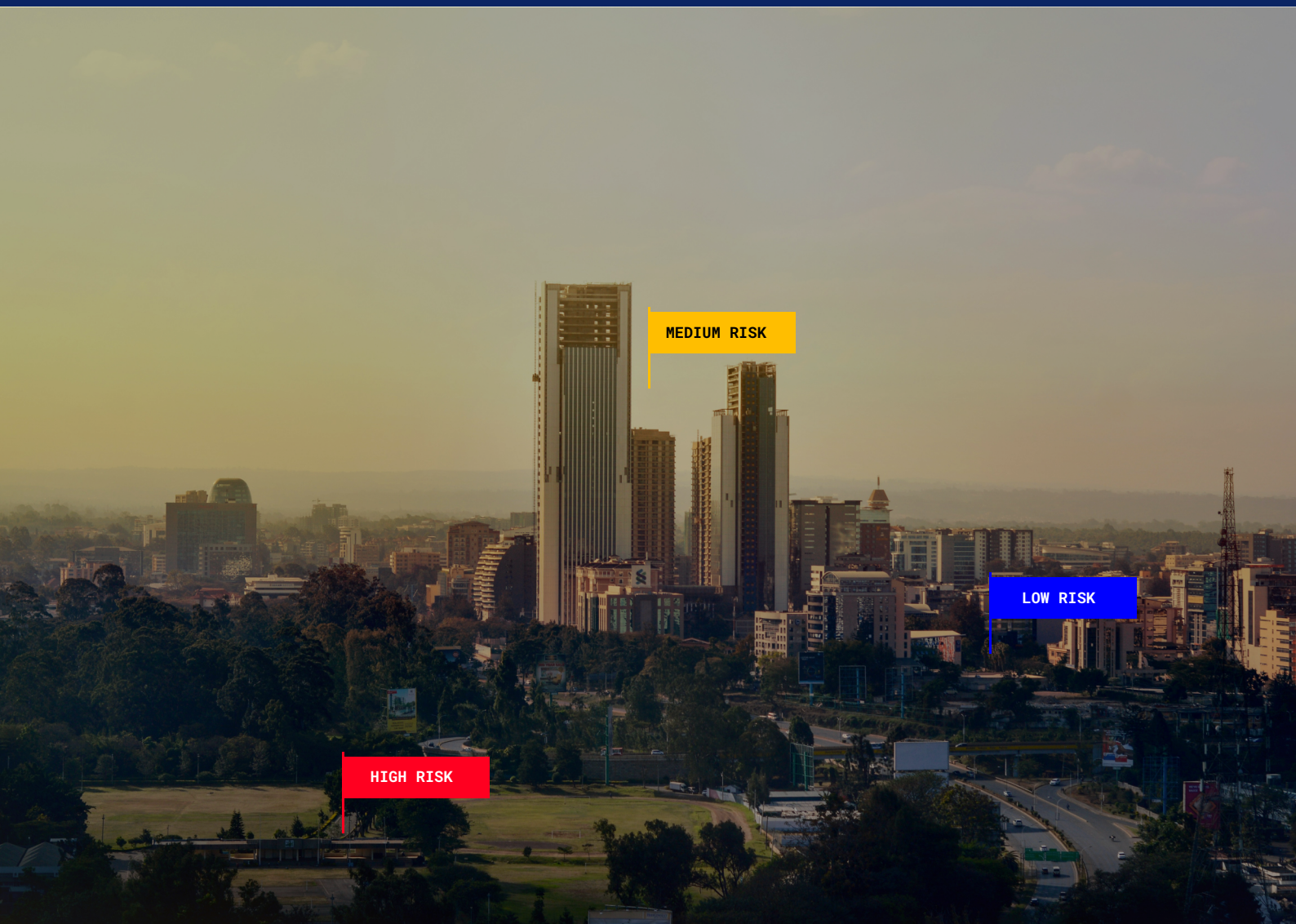
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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

WEEK IN FOCUS:

SATURDAY 19th - FRIDAY 25th, SEPTEMBER 2026



RISK SCORING KEY	
	Critical Risk
	High Risk
	Moderate Risk
	Low Risk

EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT

WHAT CHANGED THIS WEEK

- The **Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency** triggered a **7-day riverine flood** emergency across **15 states**, including Lagos and Rivers, threatening thousands of trade facilities and schools (Sept. 19–25).
- The **Lagos State Government** issued a mandatory evacuation directive forcing immediate relocation from low-lying zones, heavily affecting **Eti-Osa, Ajah, and Kirikiri Seaport** (Sept. 21).
- The **Nigeria Labour Congress Delta State Council** declared a complete indefinite strike across all public divisions following the controversial death of a Deputy Director (Sept. 25).
- The **Dangote Refinery** cut its ex-gantry petrol rate by **₦25 per litre**, dropping from ~~₦~~1,350 to **~~₦~~1,325 per litre** (September 19–25).
- The **National Drug Law Enforcement Agency** arraigned **3 international traffickers** at the Federal High Court in **Lagos** over **184.5 kilograms** of cocaine bound for the United Kingdom (September 19–25).
- Intense river overflows completely submerged the **Amaegbu Village riverbank hub in Ebonyi State**, destroying houses and commercial agricultural storage units (September 19–25).
- Severe water runoff flooded **over 1,000 corporate and agricultural households** in **Kogi State,** prompting emergency field assessments (September 19–25).

INCIDENT & TREND SNAPSHOT

INDICATOR	STATUS
Notable Security Incidents	
Primary Hotspots	Lagos Coastal Strip (Eti-Osa, Ajah, Kirikiri), Delta State Municipal Zones, Ebonyi Riverbank Belt, Asaba–Warri Expressway (Delta State), Ogun River Downstream Paths (Lagos Fringe)
Kidnapping & Violent Crime	Stable but Embedded (Rural Borders, Strikes and Flood Displacement Rising)
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 stable but embedded at rural borders, with state security relying strictly on tactical kinetic rescue operations (September 19–25).
- Protests and strikes spiked in administrative hubs, moving rapidly into an un-negotiated total labor shutdown in the **Niger Delta** (September 19–25).
- Climate flooding against assets rose to a peak seasonal threat level, directly submerging key warehouses, transport corridors, and riverbank real estate (September 19–25).

Corporate / Infrastructure Signals

- Shipping operations and maritime handling terminals encountered severe physical vulnerabilities, as the listing of the **Kirikiri Sea Port and Ilaje Waterfront Jetty** zones as high-risk evacuation corridors forced operators to move heavy logistics containers inland, altering standard delivery commitments (September 19–25).
- The **National Emergency Management Agency** deployed rapid disaster response personnel across **Kogi** and neighboring states to run first-hand operational damage metrics (September 19–25).

Staff Movement & Site Operations

- Field security operations must account for localized administrative vacuums, as the sudden **Delta State labor strike** means public law enforcement distribution around corporate assets may face gridlock or delays while picketers block access to critical government buildings (Sept. 25).

MOBILITY & TRAVEL RISK

Travel Disruptions

- I**sheri North, Kara, and Majidun roads** along the Ogun River downstream settlement paths on the Lagos fringe experienced partial blockages and rising water hazards (September 19–25).
- **Ebonyi riverbank logistics arteries** are completely choked or washed out near major agricultural hubs due to catastrophic regional flooding (September 19–25).

Regional Travel Risk Profiles

- The **Asaba–Warri Expressway transit corridors in Delta State** are highly unstable, with a serious threat of spontaneous union road blocks and labor protests (September 19–25).
- Travel risk within the **Lagos Island, Eti-Osa, and Ajah business corridors** rose significantly, with executives facing severe delays as municipal emergency teams rushed to clear low-lying roads before water tables peaked (September 19–25).

Forward Planning Signals

- Journey management teams must enforce a strict ban on early morning travel across water-adjacent routes, as heavy runoff flowing downstream from the upper **Ogun River** means vehicles attempting cross-state transit without specialized clearance risk getting trapped on submerged highways (Forward Look).
- Port deliveries and heavy industrial haulage schedules in **Lagos** will experience severe delays as ships and trucks reroute around saturated docks (Forward Look).

POLITICAL, REGULATORY & MACRO

Risk Rating: 

Political & Governance Signals

- The **Lagos State Government,** acting through Commissioner **Tokunbo Wahab,** implemented sweeping emergency measures instructing all commercial property occupants in low-lying river areas to evacuate immediately to higher ground to prevent a mass casualty event (Sept. 21).
- Predictability for macro-fiscal planning saw increased debate as **Atiku Abubakar** formally pressed the administration to leverage competitive market advice to lower high fuel costs, generating political noise ahead of coming cycles (September 19–25).
- The federal court system showed a highly aggressive posture against high-level narcotics operations, refusing immediate bail for international smuggling syndicates intercepted with **184.5 kilograms of contraband** (September 19–25).
- The **Delta State Government** faces immediate pressure to negotiate a resolution with the striking labor council to restore public administrative function (September 19–25).

Regulatory & Compliance Watch

- The **Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency** issued National Flood Advisory NFA-2026-2022, legally placing **33 states** on high alert status (September 19–25).
- **NNPC Limited updated** its formal fuel price list across its networks, placing retail rates at **₦1,385 per litre** in Lagos and **₦1,430 in Abuja**, keeping retail numbers high despite the refinery ex-gantry drop (September 19–25).

- Legal and human resources divisions in the South-South face immense compliance friction, as the complete shutdown of the **Delta State civil service** means processing tax documentation, state permits, or local certifications will face absolute administrative gridlock (Sept. 25).
- Private corporations requiring state-level signatures or regulatory clearances in the Delta hub face a total operational standstill for the duration of the labor strike (September 19–25).
- The downstream petroleum industry faced immediate supply contract renegotiations following the ex-gantry price adjustment (September 19–25).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC RISK MONITOR

Risk Rating:

Maritime Shipping & Port Logistics

- The sector was exposed heavily to emergency weather threats across vital southern outlets like the **Kirikiri Sea Port and Ajah Waterfront Jetties,** forcing cargo handlers to rapidly pivot away from low-lying delivery hubs (September 19–25).
- Operators moved heavy logistics containers inland as evacuation corridors were designated, altering standard delivery commitments (September 19–25).

Outlook: Port deliveries and heavy industrial haulage schedules in Lagos will experience severe delays as ships and trucks reroute around saturated docks (Next 1–4 Weeks).

Public Administration & Civil Services

- The sector was completely frozen in **Delta State** by a rapid, unnegotiated strike that paralyzed state ministry coordination, including secondary education and logistics divisions (Sept. 25).

Outlook: Private corporations requiring state-level signatures or regulatory clearances in the Delta hub face a total operational standstill for the duration of the labor strike (Next 1–4 Weeks).

INCIDENT & TREND DASHBOARD

DATE	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
September 19-25	National Climate Emergency	15 States Nationwide	7-day riverine flood warning triggered forced evacuations in Lagos.
September 21	Mandatory Evacuation Order	Eti-Osa, Ajah & Kirikiri (Lagos State)	Government forced relocation from low-lying commercial zones.
September 25	Total State Labor Strike	Delta State	Labour Congress launched an indefinite civil service strike.
September 19-25	Major Narcotics Prosecution	Federal High Court, Lagos	3 traffickers arraigned over a foiled 184.5 kg cocaine shipment.
September 19-25	Refinery Pricing Adjustment	Nationwide	Dangote lowered its ex-gantry petrol rate by ₦25 to ₦1,325 per litre.
September 19-25	Catastrophic Community Washout	Amaegbu Community (Ebonyi State)	River overflows submerged the village, displacing hundreds of households.

WEEK OUTLOOK

Risk Rating:

Key Triggers

- Legal teams must track the **bail hearing decisions** at the Federal High Court in Lagos regarding the 184.5 kilogram cocaine trafficking suspects (Next Week).
- Initial macro policy updates require watching as the federal government ramps up institutional preparations for **Nigeria's October 1 Independence Day celebrations** (Next Week).
- Escalating labor picketing and public rallies are expected across the South-South if the **Delta State Government** fails to immediately negotiate a resolution with the striking labor council (Next Week).
- Unpredictable fuel price alignments will carry forward, as independent filling stations shave pump rates to stay competitive while **NNPC and MRS stations** hold steady at **₦1,395 per litre** (Next Week).

Weather Outlook (September 26 – October 2)

- The **Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet)** predicts sustained tropical storm systems and high-density downpours, generating poor visibility across flight runways and extremely hazardous, slippery road conditions for interstate logistics (September 26 – October 2).
- High-risk flash flooding and heavy structural runoff will remain concentrated across **Lagos, Rivers, Delta, Kogi, Ebonyi, and Taraba states** (September 26 – October 2).
- Continued torrential rains will compound existing structural issues on major roads downstream of the **Ogun and Niger river systems** (September 26 – October 2).
- Flooded transit arteries will trap corporate vehicle fleets in stationary bottlenecks, increasing vulnerability to opportunistic roadside crime, cargo theft, and mechanical breakdown during late evening hours (September 26 – October 2).

INSIGHT & SERVICE ALIGNMENT

This week revealed a water-and-standstill pattern, where a 7-day riverine flood emergency across 15 states forced evacuations at the Lagos coastal ports and washed out Ebonyi riverbank arteries, while an indefinite Delta State civil service strike froze permits and certifications, and a ₦25 ex-gantry cut failed to move retail pump prices holding near ₦1,385 in Lagos (September 19–25).

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