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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

WEEK IN FOCUS:
SATURDAY 7th, - FRIDAY 13th, NOVEMBER 2026



EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT

RISK SCORING KEY	
	Critical Risk
	High Risk
	Moderate Risk
	Low Risk

WHAT CHANGED THIS WEEK

- The **Federal Government** flagged off the **Bakassi Deep Seaport** project in **Cross River State**, aimed at decongesting Lagos ports, which currently handle most of Nigeria's foreign trade (Nov. 13).
- **President Bola Tinubu** ordered security agencies to crack down on political thuggery after supporters and journalists were attacked at a rally in **Lagos State** (Nov. 13).
- Bandits raided and burned homes in **Maradun, Zamfara State**, killing a **family of 12** and abducting **7 residents** (Nov. 7).
- The **Nigerian Senate** directed its **Committee on Aviation** to engage the **Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority**, **Nigerian Airspace Management Agency**, **Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria**, and **Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau** within **two weeks** over safety hazards and commercial flight delays caused by airport restrictions for VIP movements (Nov. 12).
- **Médecins Sans Frontières** warned of treatment shortages as cumulative 2026 diphtheria figures reached **37,529 suspected cases**, **28,151 confirmed infections**, and **1,126 deaths** (Nov. 7).
- The **Digital Nigeria Conference** in **Abuja** drove heightened executive movement and security cordons (Nov. 10–13).
- The **Federal Ministry of Finance** released the **Draft Nigeria Economic Policy Framework** for public and private sector comment (Nov. 7–13).

INCIDENT & TREND SNAPSHOT

INDICATOR	STATUS
Notable Security Incidents	
Primary Hotspots	Maradun Axis (Zamfara State), Campaign and Rally Corridors (Lagos State), Abuja and Lagos International Airports
Kidnapping & Violent Crime	Elevated (Mass-Casualty Banditry and Kidnapping in Zamfara State, Political Thuggery in Lagos State)
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

- Banditry remained a **High Risk** in the Northwest, as a lethal raid in **Maradun, Zamfara State** killed **12 people** and led to **7 kidnappings**, showing the sustained capability of armed groups to conduct mass-casualty attacks (Nov. 7).
- Political thuggery and civil unrest escalated, with physical attacks on supporters and journalists at a rally in **Lagos State** (Nov. 13), and localised protests and public discontent surfaced around executive movements in **Abuja** (Nov. 7–13).
- Military clearance operations continued along northern and **Niger–Kwara** border corridors amid high composite conflict threat levels in the **North East** and **North Central** (Nov. 7–13).

Corporate / Infrastructure Signals

- Renewed tensions around expatriate negotiations and community levies affected **Host Communities Development Trust** operations in the **Niger Delta** (Nov. 7–13).
- Attacks on journalists and attendees at public gatherings in **Lagos State** highlighted collateral exposure for corporate and media events near political venues (Nov. 13).

Staff Movement & Site Operations

- Organisations operating in **Lagos**, **Ogun**, and **Abuja** must strictly avoid political rallies, court complexes hosting election petitions, and major Friday prayer hubs during high-profile VIP visits (Nov. 7–13).

MOBILITY & TRAVEL RISK

Travel Disruptions

- Commercial flights at **Abuja Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport** and **Lagos Murtala Muhammed International Airport** faced schedule disruptions and holding delays from airspace and apron closures for VIP movements, prompting a formal Senate investigation, while Ebola port-health screening protocols remained active (Nov. 12).
- Localized gridlock and security cordons affected **Abuja** during the Digital Nigeria Conference (Nov. 10–13) and **Lagos** due to campaign rallies and **ART X Lagos 2026** (Nov. 7–13).

Regional Travel Risk Profiles

- **North-West (Zamfara/Kebbi/Sokoto):** Physical and kidnapping risk is **High**, and intercity road travel remains strictly discouraged without armed security escorts (Nov. 7–13).
- **South-West (Lagos/Ogun):** Civil unrest risk is **High** around political gatherings and legal dispute venues (Nov. 7–13).
- **South-South (Cross River/Niger Delta):** Risk is **Moderate**, with heightened security presence in **Cross River** for the Bakassi flag-off and localized community agitation in the Niger Delta (Nov. 13).

Forward Planning Signals

- Executives should expect continued last-minute flight delays at Abuja and Lagos terminals until Senate-mandated regulatory adjustments take effect (Next 1–4 Weeks).
- Aviation agencies are expected to report back to the Senate Committee on Aviation by late November (Next 1–4 Weeks).

POLITICAL, REGULATORY & MACRO

Risk Rating: 

Political & Governance Signals

- **President Tinubu** issued a direct mandate ordering security forces to suppress political violence ahead of the 2027 elections (Nov. 13).
- Opposition petitions challenging party tickets and candidate eligibility reached the **National Judicial Council**, the **United Nations**, and the **European Union**, while U.S. Congressional scrutiny over religious freedom and security in Nigeria renewed diplomatic pressure (Nov. 7–13).
- Alliance negotiations among major opposition figures, including **Atiku Abubakar**, **Peter Obi**, and state governors, signaled shifting political alignments (Nov. 7–13).
- A high-level presidential visit to **Plateau State** pledged federal security and development interventions ahead of 2027 (Nov. 13).

Regulatory & Compliance Watch

- The **Senate Committee on Aviation** was mandated to review airside VIP movement protocols with aviation regulators and report back by late November (Nov. 12).
- The **Federal Ministry of Finance** released the **Draft Nigeria Economic Policy Framework** for public and private sector consultation, aiming to standardize regulatory review and tax incentive accountability (Nov. 7–13).
- The **Securities and Exchange Commission** unveiled a capital market masterplan targeting **N750 trillion** in market capitalization (Nov. 7–13).
- **J.P. Morgan's** expanding operational footprint in Nigeria continued to shape corporate treasury planning (Nov. 7–13).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC RISK MONITOR

Risk Rating:

Aviation & Executive Travel

- The sector was directly affected by unscheduled commercial flight delays caused by VIP airside restrictions (Nov. 12).
- Persistent entry-point health screening requirements remained in place at international gateways (Nov. 7–13).

Outlook: Executives face continued risk of last-minute flight delays at Abuja and Lagos terminals until Senate-mandated regulatory adjustments take effect (Next 1–4 Weeks).

Oil, Gas & Extractives

- The sector is exposed to community relations friction and levy disputes involving **Host Communities Development Trust** frameworks and expatriate personnel negotiations (Nov. 7–13).

Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals

- The sector is strained by severe diphtheria treatment shortages highlighted by **Médecins Sans Frontières**, prompting industry calls for prioritized local drug manufacturing and health security (Nov. 7).

INCIDENT & TREND DASHBOARD

DATE	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
November 7	Bandit Raid / Arson & Kidnapping	Maradun (Zamfara State)	Armed bandits killed a family of 12 in an arson attack and abducted 7 residents.
November 7	Public Health Surveillance	Nationwide (North Focus)	Cumulative 2026 diphtheria toll reached 28,151 confirmed cases and 1,126 deaths; Médecins Sans Frontières warned of drug shortages.
November 10-13	Major Conference / Traffic	Abuja (FCT)	Digital Nigeria Conference generated heightened executive movement and security cordons.
November 12	Aviation Regulatory Probe	Abuja / National Airports	Nigerian Senate directed aviation agencies to address flight delays caused by VIP movements.
November 13	Political Rally Violence	Lagos State	Supporters and journalists attacked during campaign events; President Tinubu ordered a crackdown on thuggery.
November 13	Maritime Infrastructure Launch	Bakassi (Cross River State)	Federal Government flagged off the Bakassi Deep Seaport to decongest Lagos maritime trade.

WEEK OUTLOOK

Risk Rating:

Key Triggers

- Continued political mobilization in **North Central** and **South West** states following high-level visits and court rulings on gubernatorial and presidential tickets may trigger localized protests or street clashes (Nov. 14–20).
- Increased police and tactical deployments are expected in **Lagos** and major urban centers following presidential orders against political thuggery (Nov. 14–20).
- Public and industry submissions on the **Draft Nigeria Economic Policy Framework** and aviation agency engagements with the **Senate Committee on Aviation** are expected (Nov. 14–20).
- Rising input costs and inflation pressures, evidenced by acute production pressures in consumer staples such as baking, require agile vendor and pricing reviews (Next 1–4 Weeks).

Weather Outlook (November 14–20)

- Hot daytime conditions are expected nationwide, with average temperatures of **26°C–32°C (78°F–89°F)** and moderate breezes averaging **10–11 mph** (Nov. 14–20).
- **Northern states** are expected to see dry, dusty morning Harmattan haze with clear hot afternoons, while **Southern and Coastal regions**, including **Lagos** and **Cross River**, face patchy light rain and isolated afternoon showers (Nov. 14–20).
- Early morning Harmattan dust haze in northern air corridors (**Kano, Sokoto, Maiduguri, Abuja**) may compound existing VIP-related flight delays, while reduced visibility on northern highways heightens transit accident risk (Nov. 14–20).

INSIGHT & SERVICE ALIGNMENT

This week shifted from emergency biosecurity measures to judicial and compliance enforcement, with 791 new terrorism convictions confirmed (Nov. 4), sanctions asset freezes ordered (Oct. 27, initially unverified), and stricter device and data localization rules (Oct. 31–Nov. 6), while kinetic operations in Borno State (Oct. 27, initially unverified) and a deadly Plateau State attack (Oct. 29–30, initially unverified) kept northern risk high.

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