STARGRADE

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

WEEK IN FOCUS:
SATURDAY 24th - FRIDAY 30th, OCTOBER 2026



RISK SCORING KEY	
	Critical Risk
	High Risk
	Moderate Risk
	Low Risk

EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT

WHAT CHANGED THIS WEEK

- Nigeria confirmed its first imported **Ebola** case (**Bundibugyo strain**) from **Uganda**, and the **National Security Adviser** and **Federal Ministry of Health** ordered strict screening at international airports and land borders (Oct. 28).
- Armed gunmen on motorcycles attacked **Binnari** village in **Karim Lamido Local Government Area, Taraba State**, killing **10–20+ people** (Oct. 23–24).
- A **Nigerian Air Force** airstrike near **Pulka, Borno State** killed **15 insurgents** and foiled planned raids (Oct. 24).
- Troops repelled an attack on the **Military Training School in Yobe State**, neutralizing up to **48 insurgents** (Oct. 30).
- Police arrested **11 suspects** after a violent political clash and attack on opposition figures in **Ekiti State** (Oct. 24–25).
- The **All Progressives Congress** began campaign activities with a major gathering in **Kaduna Township**, generating heavy security presence and vehicular traffic around central corridors (Oct. 24–30).
- President **Bola Tinubu** welcomed Nigeria's delisting from the **Financial Action Task Force grey list**, and the **Central Bank of Nigeria** granted preliminary approval for **JPMorgan** to establish a merchant bank (Oct. 24–30).

INCIDENT & TREND SNAPSHOT

INDICATOR	STATUS
Notable Security Incidents	
Primary Hotspots	Binnari, Karim Lamido (Taraba State), Pulka (Borno State), Military Training School (Yobe State), Ekiti State, Otedola Bridge–Ikorodu Axis (Lagos State), Lagos and Abuja Airports
Kidnapping & Violent Crime	Elevated (Banditry Spike in Taraba State, Persistent Kidnapping Threat on Zamfara, Kaduna and Kogi Highways)
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 spiked in rural Taraba State as gunmen killed 10–20+ people in Binnari village (Oct. 23–24).
- Insurgency pressure stayed high in the Northeast, with an airstrike killing 15 insurgents near Pulka, Borno State (Oct. 24) and troops neutralizing up to 48 insurgents at the Military Training School in Yobe State (Oct. 30).
- Defense Headquarters reported neutralizing over 200 terrorists and rescuing 300+ kidnap victims nationwide during the month (Oct. 24–30).
- Kidnapping threats remained moderate-to-high and persistent on inter-state highways, particularly across Zamfara, Kaduna, and Kogi routes (Oct. 24–30).
- Political violence rose slightly as clashes in Ekiti State led to 11 arrests, while health union alliances threatened labor action (Oct. 24–30).

Corporate / Infrastructure Signals

- The **Transmission Company of Nigeria** highlighted ongoing threats to critical grid assets following recurring tower vandalism (Oct. 24–30).
- Attacks and armed robberies on rural arterial routes disrupted agricultural logistics and supply chain movements in eastern and northern states (Oct. 24–30).

Staff Movement & Site Operations

- Security forces deployed additional military units to **Kano** and northern sectors to counter rural-to-urban crime drift (Oct. 24–30).
- Heightened political rally activity required updated route planning and avoidance protocols around major stadiums and urban centers (Oct. 24–30).

MOBILITY & TRAVEL RISK

Travel Disruptions

- Dwell time rose at health desks in **Lagos Murtala Muhammed International Airport** and **Abuja Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport** due to mandatory Ebola screening and temperature checks for incoming international and regional flights (Oct. 28).
- Heavy congestion persisted along the **Lagos–Ibadan Expressway** and **Otedola Bridge** axis due to frequent heavy vehicle breakdowns and high cargo volume (Oct. 24–30).
- Political rallies in **Kaduna** caused temporary road diversions (Oct. 24–30).

Regional Travel Risk Profiles

- **Taraba, Borno, and Yobe** carry a heightened travel risk rating for non-essential road travel due to active armed group presence and military airstrike operations (Oct. 24–30).
- **Lagos** saw increased police visibility and checkpoint restructuring after the police command disbanded a tactical unit in **Ikorodu** over civil harassment (Oct. 24–30).

Forward Planning Signals

- Travelers should anticipate delays around entry ports due to intensified health screening (Forward Look).
- Logistics operators along coastal corridors should account for ongoing preliminary works on major routes such as the **Lagos–Calabar highway** (Forward Look).

POLITICAL, REGULATORY & MACRO

Risk Rating: 

Political & Governance Signals

- The **National Security Adviser** inaugurated a high-level committee to revise the **National Security Strategy**, indicating incoming structural changes in intelligence and force deployment (Oct. 24–30).
- **24 State Houses of Assembly** approved the **State Police Creation Bill**, moving Nigeria closer to decentralized policing (Oct. 24–30).
- Political campaigning increased nationwide as major parties inaugurated campaign councils and held large rallies, generating localized friction (Oct. 24–30).
- Political violence in **Ekiti State** led to the arrest of **11 suspects** following an attack on opposition figures (Oct. 24–25).

Regulatory & Compliance Watch

- The **Federal Government** enforced mandatory Ebola screening protocols for travelers arriving at **Lagos** and **Abuja** airports (Oct. 28).
- The **Nigerian Communications Commission** deployed a **Device Checker Application** to combat counterfeit and cloned mobile devices (Oct. 24–30).
- The **Nigerian Communications Commission** issued a nationwide advisory on AI-powered cyberattacks targeting telecommunications and banking infrastructure (Oct. 26–28).

- The **Central Bank of Nigeria** approved preliminary licensing steps for **JPMorgan** and reinforced strict enforcement on unreturned erroneous transfers (Oct. 24–30).
- Nigeria's delisting from the **Financial Action Task Force grey list** reduced international banking compliance friction and improved long-term cross-border financial sentiment for corporate entities (Oct. 24–30).
- **Civil Defence Headquarters** warned officers against commercial debt recovery, restricting enforcement strictly to asset protection and statutory duties (Oct. 24–30).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC RISK MONITOR

Risk Rating:

Aviation & Travel/Hospitality

- The sector faces stringent **biosecurity mandates** and screening procedures at international gateways following Ebola alerts (Oct. 28).
- Controls moved from general health monitoring to active screening and protocol enforcement across international travel hubs (Oct. 24–30).

Outlook: Flight processing delays are possible at major international terminals due to enhanced health screening protocols (Next 1–4 Weeks).

Healthcare & Life Sciences

- Tension is rising over potential union strikes linked to unpaid entitlements and salary adjustments (Oct. 24–30).

Outlook: Public health institutions face a risk of service disruption if negotiations with the allied health union **NUAHP** stall (Next 1–4 Weeks).

INCIDENT & TREND DASHBOARD

DATE	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
October 17	Bandit Attack / Mass Violence	Binnari, Karim Lamido (Taraba State)	Armed gunmen on motorcycles attacked village, killing 10–20+ people.
October 19	Military Airstrike / Counter-Terrorism	Pulka (Borno State)	Nigerian Air Force strike killed 15 insurgents, foiling planned raids.
October 19	Political Violence / Clash	Ekiti State	Violent political clash; police arrested 11 suspects.
October 20	Cybersecurity / AI Threat Alert	Nationwide / Financial Sector	Nigerian Communications Commission issued advisory on AI-powered financial cyberattacks.
October 20	Port Security / Biosecurity Alert	Lagos / Abuja Airports	Federal Government enforced mandatory Ebola screening for arriving travelers.
October 22	Insurgent Engagement	Yobe State	Troops repelled attack on Military Training School, neutralizing up to 48 insurgents.

WEEK OUTLOOK

Risk Rating:

Key Triggers

- **Political rallies** are expected to continue across state capitals, potentially causing localized traffic gridlock and civil friction (Next Week).
- **Allied health professionals** may stage warning strikes or go-slow actions if federal dialogue fails (Next Week).
- Strict **biosecurity protocols** will continue at all international entry points, potentially extending processing times for international travelers (Next Week).

Weather Outlook (October 31–November 6)

- The season shifts toward **Harmattan onset in the North**, with clearing skies and early morning haze, while **Southern and Coastal regions** see sporadic late-season convective rainfall and high humidity (Oct. 31–Nov. 6).
- **Kano, Maiduguri, Sokoto, and Abuja FCT** face reduced early morning flight visibility from dust haze and high dry temperatures (Oct. 31–Nov. 6).
- **Lagos, Port Harcourt, and Calabar** face flash urban flooding risk from brief, intense downpours on low-lying coastal roads (Oct. 31–Nov. 6).
- Early morning haze combined with poor road infrastructure increases vehicle accident risk on northern highways, while heavy southern downpours can worsen bottlenecks on key urban supply routes (Oct. 31–Nov. 6).

INSIGHT & SERVICE ALIGNMENT

This week turned on biosecurity tightening meeting persistent Northeast violence, where Nigeria's first imported Ebola case brought mandatory airport and border screening, while a Taraba attack killed 10–20+ people and troops neutralized 15 insurgents near Pulka and up to 48 in Yobe, with the Financial Action Task Force delisting offering longer-term banking relief (Oct. 24–30).

ABOUT STARGRADE



Stargrade Solutions (SGS) is an intelligence-led risk advisory and management firm and business enablement partner supporting organizations and high-profile individuals operating across complex and high-exposure environments, with a primary focus on sub-Saharan Africa.

CONTACT

Email: info@stargradegroup.com
Website: www.stargradegroup.com
Office: 27 Eric Moore Close, Surulere, Lagos. Nigeria.

DISCLAIMER:
THIS BULLETIN IS ADVISORY IN NATURE AND INTENDED SOLELY FOR SITUATIONAL AWARENESS AND EXECUTIVE PLANNING.