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WEEK IN FOCUS:
SATURDAY 14th, - FRIDAY 20th, NOVEMBER 2026



RISK SCORING KEY	
	Critical Risk
	High Risk
	Moderate Risk
	Low Risk

EXECUTIVE SNAPSHOT

WHAT CHANGED THIS WEEK

- President **Bola Tinubu** received the **State Police Constitution Alteration Bill** for legal review and assent after approval by **all 36 State Houses of Assembly** (Nov. 18), while the Presidential Working Group submitted a draft **National Policing Bill** to the **Federal Ministry of Justice** (Nov. 14–20).
- The **Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission** launched its digital portal and opened registration for the **2026 Licensing Round**, offering **40 oil and gas blocks** across onshore (17), shallow water (14), and deep offshore (9) terrains (Nov. 20).
- Four major transmission lines, starting with the **Omotosho–Ikeja West** line at 12:34 p.m., tripped within **16 minutes**, dropping generation to **781 MW** and causing widespread load losses in **Lagos** and other regions before the **Nigerian Independent System Operator** restored the lines by 2:49 p.m. and supply recovered to **2,568 MW** by 5:00 p.m. (Nov. 20).
- Clashes between armed gangs and local militias in **Zamfara State** killed **over 50 people** (Nov. 14), and bandit raids in **Igabi, Kaduna State** killed **at least 11 residents** (Nov. 16).
- Mass abductions were recorded in **Mariga, Niger State** (14 kidnapped, 1 police officer killed) (Nov. 18), **Esan South-East, Edo State** (8 abducted) (Nov. 17), and **Oredo, Edo State** (14 abducted) (Nov. 20).
- A passenger boat accident in **Southern Ijaw, Bayelsa State** caused multiple fatalities, and **President Tinubu** directed federal rescue support (Nov. 20).
- **Afreximbank** and the **Export-Import Bank of Nigeria** announced a **US$30 million** facility for Nigerian small businesses and exporters (Nov. 19), and the **Nigeria Immigration Service** began construction of a **National Passport Booklet Manufacturing Centre** (Nov. 20).

INCIDENT & TREND SNAPSHOT

INDICATOR	STATUS
Notable Security Incidents	
Primary Hotspots	Kaduna and Zamfara States, Edo State (Esan South-East, Oredo), Lagos Metro (Ikeja, Lekki)
Kidnapping & Violent Crime	Elevated (Kidnapping for Ransom in Kaduna, Niger, Edo, Ondo and Benue States, Mass-Casualty Banditry in Zamfara and Kaduna States)
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

PHYSICAL SECURITY & PUBLIC SAFETY

Risk Rating:

Key Developments

- Lethal violence spiked in the Northwest, with **over 50 killed** in gang and militia clashes in **Zamfara State** (Nov. 14), **11 killed** in **Igabi, Kaduna State** (Nov. 16), and **3 vigilantes killed** in **Chikun, Kaduna State** (Nov. 17), alongside fatal raids across **Kachia, Kajuru, Zangon Kataf, and Giwa** (Nov. 14–20).
- Kidnapping for ransom rose across Kaduna (**20+ victims**) (Nov. 14–20), **Niger State** (**14 kidnapped**, 1 police officer killed in Mariga) (Nov. 18), **Edo State** (**22 abducted** across two incidents) (Nov. 17, 20), **Ondo State** (**9 abducted** in Ose) (Nov. 14), and **Benue State** (**5 tax officials** abducted in Vandeikya) (Nov. 16).

- The **Nigerian Air Force** neutralized an estimated **10 Boko Haram militants** in **Gwoza, Borno State** (Nov. 14) and **17 bandits** in **Danmusa, Katsina State** (Nov. 18), while troops killed **21 ISWAP fighters** and **26 terrorists and family members** surrendered in Borno (Nov. 14–20).
- Localized unrest included an accidental fatal police shooting during protest crowd control in **Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State** (Nov. 20), community demonstrations over prolonged outages in **Lekki, Lagos** (Nov. 14–20), and a mob incident targeting a political singer at an **Abuja** mosque (Nov. 14–20).

Corporate / Infrastructure Signals

- The transmission line trips caused sharp industrial and commercial load shedding across **Lagos** and other hubs, forcing prolonged reliance on backup diesel and gas generation (Nov. 20).
- The abduction of **5 tax officials** in Benue State (Nov. 16) and armed robberies and abductions along **Edo** and **Ondo** highways elevate risks for field staff and logistics convoys (Nov. 14–20).
- Two condemned inmates escaped from a custodial center in **Kwara State**, prompting internal correctional service disciplinary probes (Nov. 19).

Staff Movement & Site Operations

- Organizations must enforce daytime-only travel and armed escorts for essential transit across **Kaduna, Niger, Zamfara, Katsina**, and rural **Edo** and **Ondo** corridors (Nov. 14–20).
- Corporate personnel using **Niger Delta** waterways must strictly verify vessel mechanical fitness, passenger limits, and life-jacket compliance following the fatal boat accident in **Southern Ijaw, Bayelsa State** (Nov. 20).

MOBILITY & TRAVEL RISK

Travel Disruptions

- **Abuja Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport** experienced elevated VIP and international delegate traffic due to the **World Public Relations Forum** (Nov. 15–22) and the **Nigeria Internet Governance Forum** (Nov. 15–19).
- Traffic congestion built around **Transcorp Hilton** and **Maitama/Mbora** in Abuja during the international conferences (Nov. 15–22).
- Lagos authorities announced traffic diversions for major **Ikeja** corridors, including Billings Way, Kudirat Abiola Way, Opebi Link Bridge, Adeniyi Jones, and Oba Akran Road, ahead of the Capital City Race (Nov. 20).

Regional Travel Risk Profiles

- **North-West (Kaduna/Zamfara/Katsina):** High kinetic and abduction risk, with heightened air and ground military operations (Nov. 14–20).
- **South-South (Edo/Bayelsa):** Risk is **High** due to highway abductions in Edo State and maritime safety hazards in Bayelsa waterways (Nov. 14–20).
- **South-West (Lagos/Ondo/Oyo):** Risk is **Moderate**, with border highway kidnapping in Ose, Ondo State, urban power outage protests in Lagos, and heightened political rally security in Oyo State (Nov. 14–20).

Forward Planning Signals

- Travelers should plan around Ikeja road diversions for the Capital City Race starting at 7:00 a.m. (Nov. 21).
- Heightened security deployments are expected in **Ibadan, Oyo State** for the APC campaign rally (Nov. 21).

POLITICAL, REGULATORY & MACRO

Risk Rating: 

Political & Governance Signals

- **President Tinubu** began reviewing the **State Police Constitution Alteration Bill** with the **Attorney-General** ahead of a formal signing ceremony, while the draft **National Policing Bill** entered legislative drafting validation at the **Federal Ministry of Justice** (Nov. 18–20).
- The **Independent National Electoral Commission** published polling unit lists for its **November 28** nationwide mock accreditation exercise and extended ad-hoc staff recruitment (Nov. 19).
- Courts sacked governorship and senatorial candidates in **Adamawa** (Nov. 20) and **Imo East** (Nov. 13, initially unverified) and rejected fresh opposition evidence in presidential election litigation (Nov. 14–20).
- **APC** presidential campaign activities continued across **Oyo** and **Ondo States**, and **President Tinubu** ordered a scaled-down, low-key rally in Ibadan out of respect for the Bayelsa boat accident victims (Nov. 20).

- **President Tinubu** approved **₦758 billion** to clear federal pension backlogs (Nov. 14–20).

Regulatory & Compliance Watch

- The **Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission** launched the 2026 Licensing Round Portal, opening pre-qualification registration for 40 blocks under the **Petroleum Industry Act** fiscal framework, with registration closing **January 15, 2027** and a Lagos pre-bid conference set for **December 16, 2026** (Nov. 20).
- The **Nigerian Independent System Operator** refuted grid collapse claims and confirmed restoration within three hours, while **NNPC Gas Infrastructure Company** denied gas transportation bottlenecks and called for a joint technical audit of power plant readiness and commercial gas supply (Nov. 20).
- The **Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission** sealed **Meridian Park Estate** in Lagos over a **₦28.5 million** consumer dispute (Nov. 19).
- The **Nigeria Customs Service** seized **₦3.52 billion** worth of smuggled goods in **Ogun State** and suspended recruit training amid a **Federal Character Commission** probe (Nov. 14–20).
- Defence leadership confirmed active monitoring of terrorist and bandit use of **Starlink** and cryptocurrency networks, while industry warnings highlighted escalating AI-driven cyberattacks targeting Nigerian fintechs and election infrastructure (Nov. 14–20).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC RISK MONITOR

Risk Rating:

Power & Industrial Manufacturing

- The sector was directly disrupted by the transmission line trips that dropped national supply to **781 MW** (Nov. 20), alongside ongoing disputes between distribution companies, the **Transmission Company of Nigeria**, and gas suppliers over generation shortfalls (Nov. 14–20).

Outlook: Businesses in Lagos and other commercial centers should maintain contingency fuel reserves and surge protection due to recurring transmission line trips (Next 1–4 Weeks).

Oil & Gas (Upstream & Midstream)

- The sector entered a high-activity regulatory window with the launch of the **40-block licensing round** (Nov. 20), alongside ongoing scrutiny over rising petrol imports despite local refining capacity (Nov. 14–20).

Outlook: Energy firms in the licensing round must prepare beneficial ownership disclosures, technical and financial documentation, and data-room licensing ahead of the December 16 Lagos pre-bid conference (Next 1–4 Weeks).

Financial Services & Fintech

- The sector faces heightened AI-driven cyber threat alerts and active security scrutiny over crypto-enabled illicit financing (Nov. 14–20).
- The Nigerian Exchange lost **₦2.267 trillion** in market value (Nov. 18) before rebounding by **₦141 billion** (Nov. 14–20).

INCIDENT & TREND DASHBOARD

DATE	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
November 14	Armed Gang / Militia Clash	Zamfara State	Clashes between armed gangs and local militias killed over 50 people, including nine militia fighters.
November 14	Kidnapping / Transit Attack	Ose (Ondo State)	Armed kidnappers abducted nine travelers along a rural corridor.
November 15-22	International Forum / Traffic	Abuja (FCT)	World Public Relations Forum at Transcorp Hilton heightened VIP movement and security presence.
November 16	Bandit Raid / Mass Casualties	Igabi (Kaduna State)	Armed bandits attacked communities, killing at least 11 residents.

November 18	Bandit Ambush & Kidnapping	|Mariga (Niger State)	Bandits killed one police officer and abducted 14 residents during a raid.
November 18	Military Airstrike / Counter-Terrorism	Danmusa (Katsina State)	Nigerian Air Force airstrikes killed 17 bandits in coordinated clearance operations.
November 19	Regulatory Enforcement	Lagos State	Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission sealed Meridian Park Estate Ltd. over an unresolved ₦28.5 million property dispute.
November 20	Power Grid Disturbance	Lagos / National Grid	Four transmission lines tripped within 16 minutes, dropping supply to 781 MW before restoration by 2:49 p.m.
November 20	Maritime Accident	Southern Ijaw (Bayelsa State)	Passenger boat capsized near Ukubie/Oweikorogha, resulting in multiple fatalities.
November 20	Upstream Oil Licensing	Nationwide / Abuja	Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission launched the 2026 Licensing Round portal for 40 oil and gas blocks.

WEEK OUTLOOK

Risk Rating:

Key Triggers

- Continued political mobilisation in **North Central** and **South West** states following high-level visits and court rulings on gubernatorial and presidential tickets may trigger localised 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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