SUMMARY

The situation report, which provides a bi-weekly update on armed violence incidents and casualties in Nigeria, documented multiple security threats including banditry, kidnapping, cult clashes, terrorist-related attacks, communal clashes including farmer/herder clash and land disputes as well as sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), particularly rape in the reporting period.

Within the reporting period, a total of 93 armed violence incidents were recorded with 120 injuries and 271 fatalities including 12 women, 9 children & 18 security personnel. The North-West had the highest number of fatalities with 108, while the North-Central and South-South recorded 56 and 35 deaths respectively. Also, the South-East and North-East accounted for 28 and 25 fatalities, while the South-West recorded the lowest fatality of 19. The period under review recorded an increase in fatalities (271) compared to the period of January 16-31, 2023, with 224 recorded fatalities. Non-state armed actors are not included in the statistics of recorded fatalities.

The WANEP NEWS also recorded 23 incidents of kidnapping across 12 States with 161 people abducted in the reporting period. Out of the 161 kidnapped victims, 37 were women, 2 children and 1 security personnel. Further analysis reveals that the North-West accounted for the highest number with 100, while the South-East, North-Central and South-South recorded 32, 19 and 10 kidnapped victims respectively. The North-East and South-West recorded no kidnap cases in the reporting period.