



July 2026

Human Rights Situation Dashboard

Introduction

- NHRC has the mandate to promote and protect human rights in Nigeria.
- NHRC has the powers to monitor, investigate and report human rights violations in Nigeria.
- Since January 2024, NHRC has produced monthly dashboard on human rights situation.
- The Dashboards contain data from complaints lodged at the NHRC 38 offices across Nigeria and human rights violations monitored through NHRC Human Rights Observatory.

General Human Rights Situation in July 2026

- Human rights complaints to the NHRC increased in July 2026.
- Mass killings across Nigeria continues especially in the North Central states of Benue and Plateau.
- Physical and Sexual Violence on Children continue to rise with varied dimensions
- Mass abductions continues impacting children, communities and individuals.
- Killings of Military, Law enforcement and security agencies.



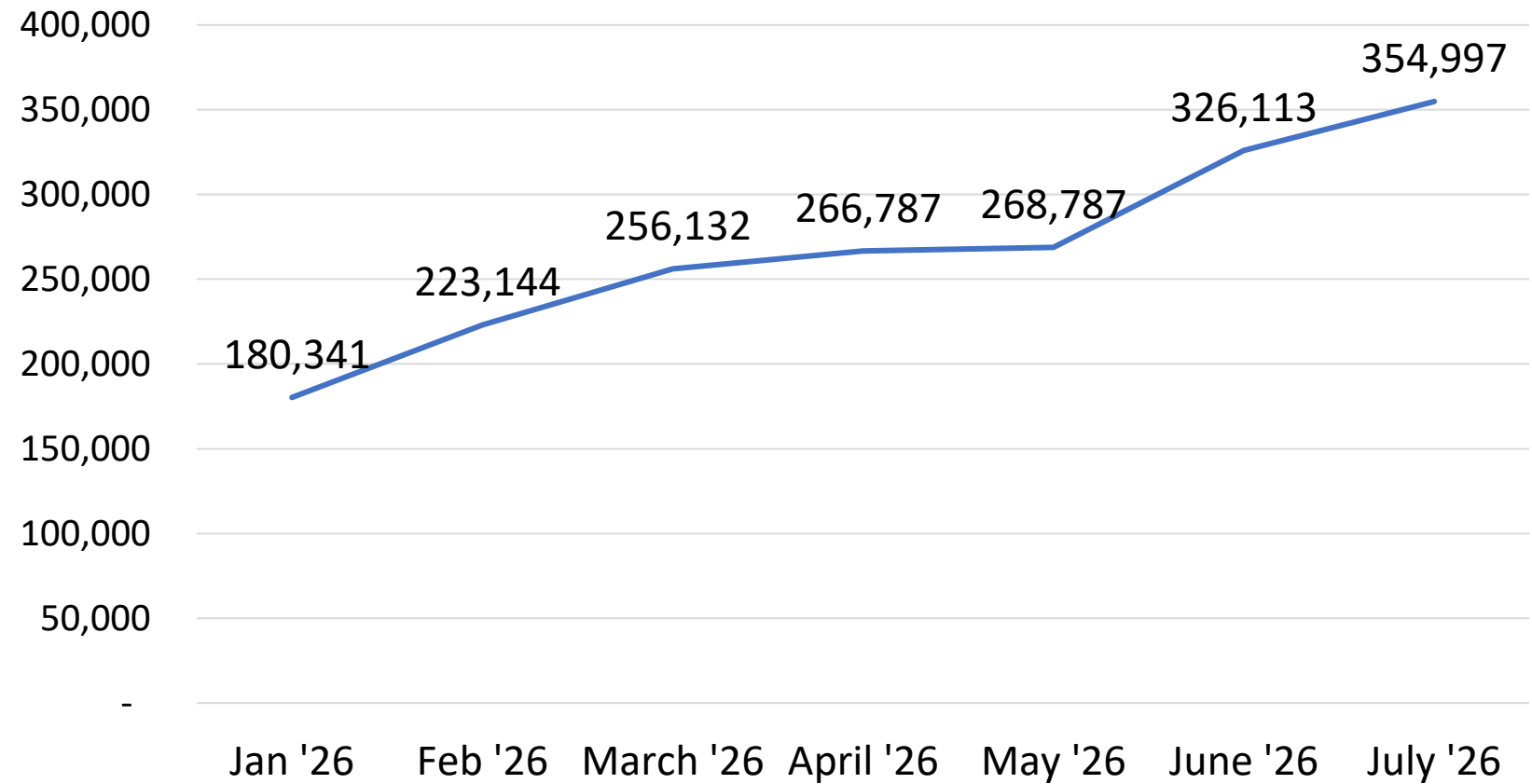
NHRC July 2026 Human Rights Complaints

- Total Number of Complaints:

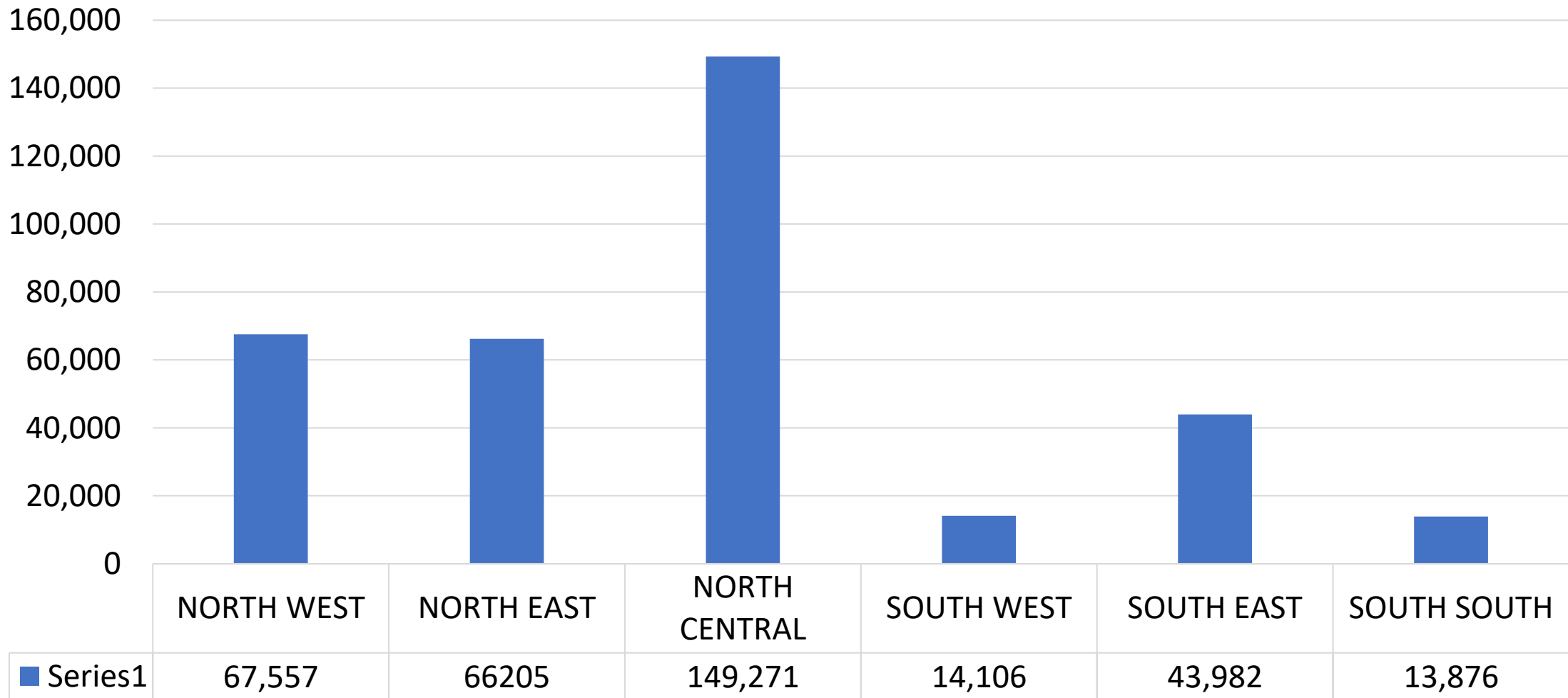
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*[An increase of 20%
compared to June 2026]*

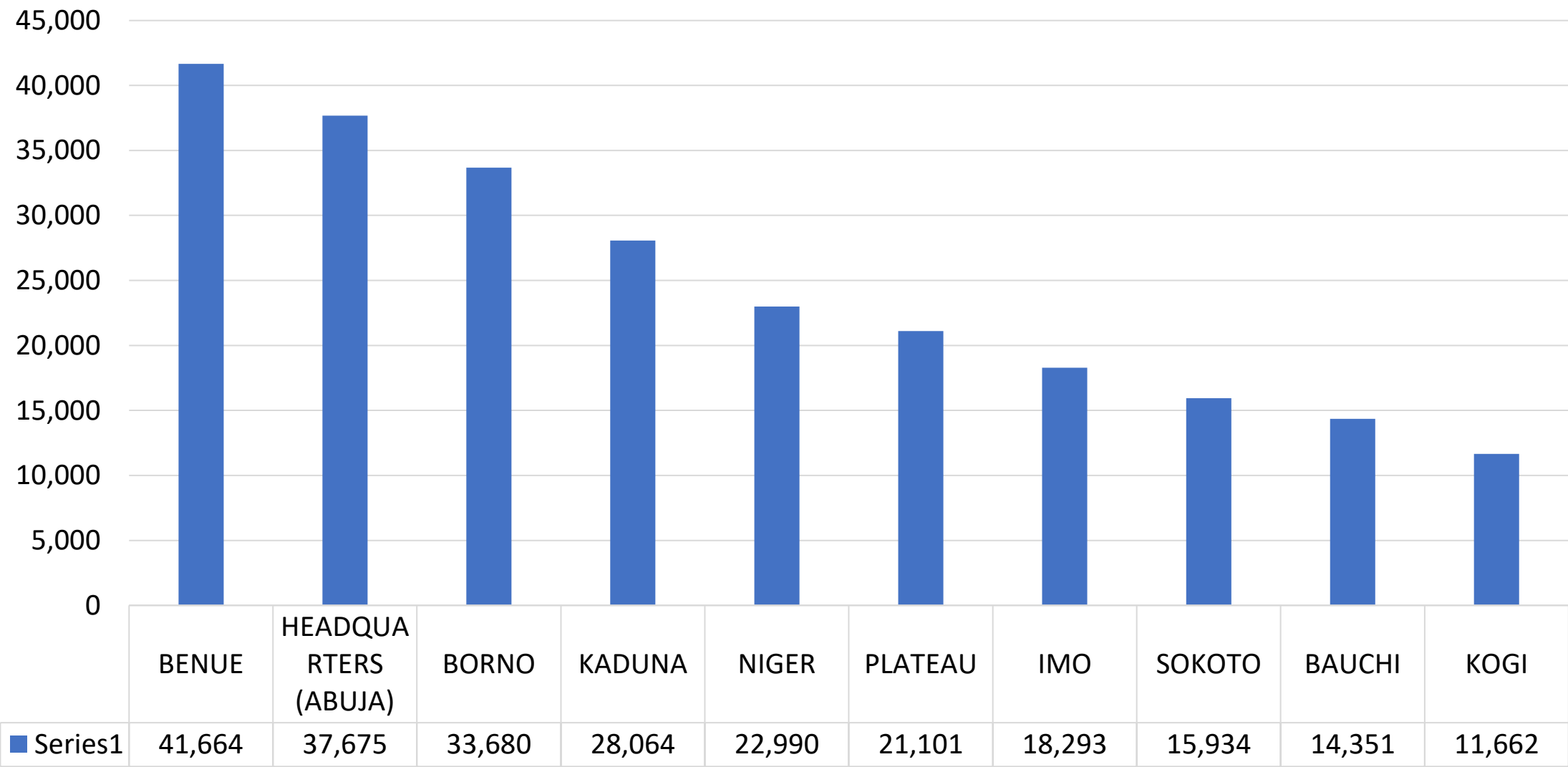
Human Rights Complaints January - July 2026 Compared



July 2026 Human Rights Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones

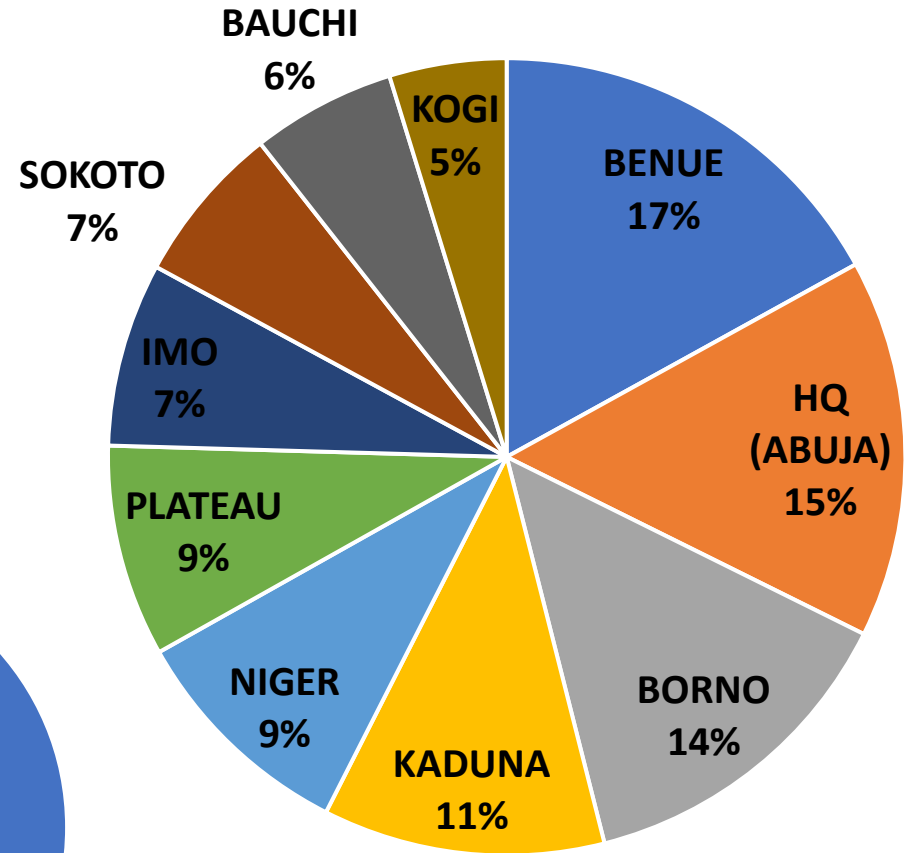
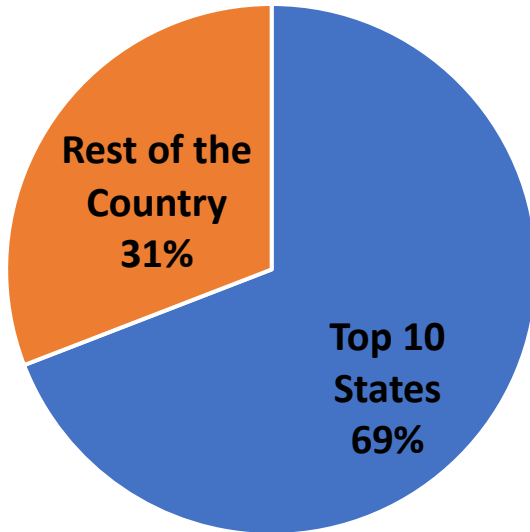
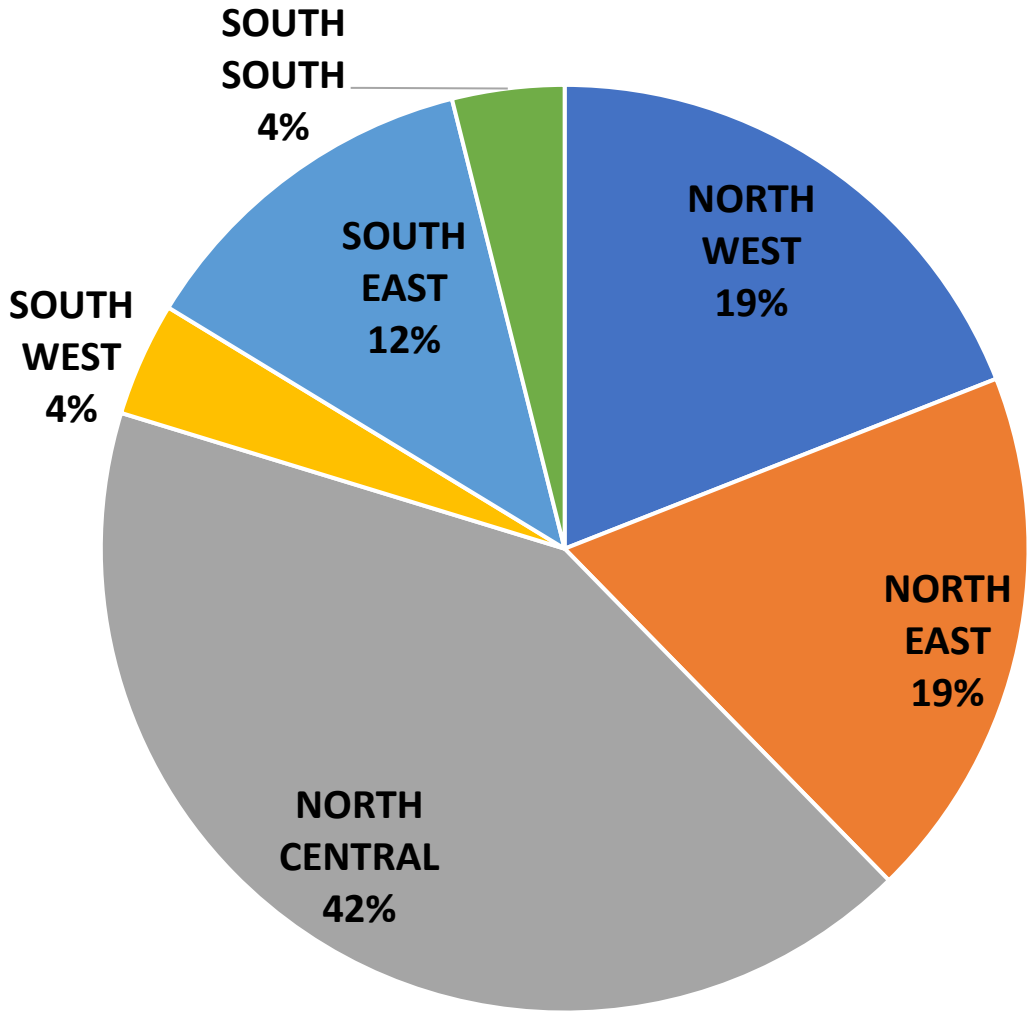


Top 10 States Human Rights Complaints July 2026

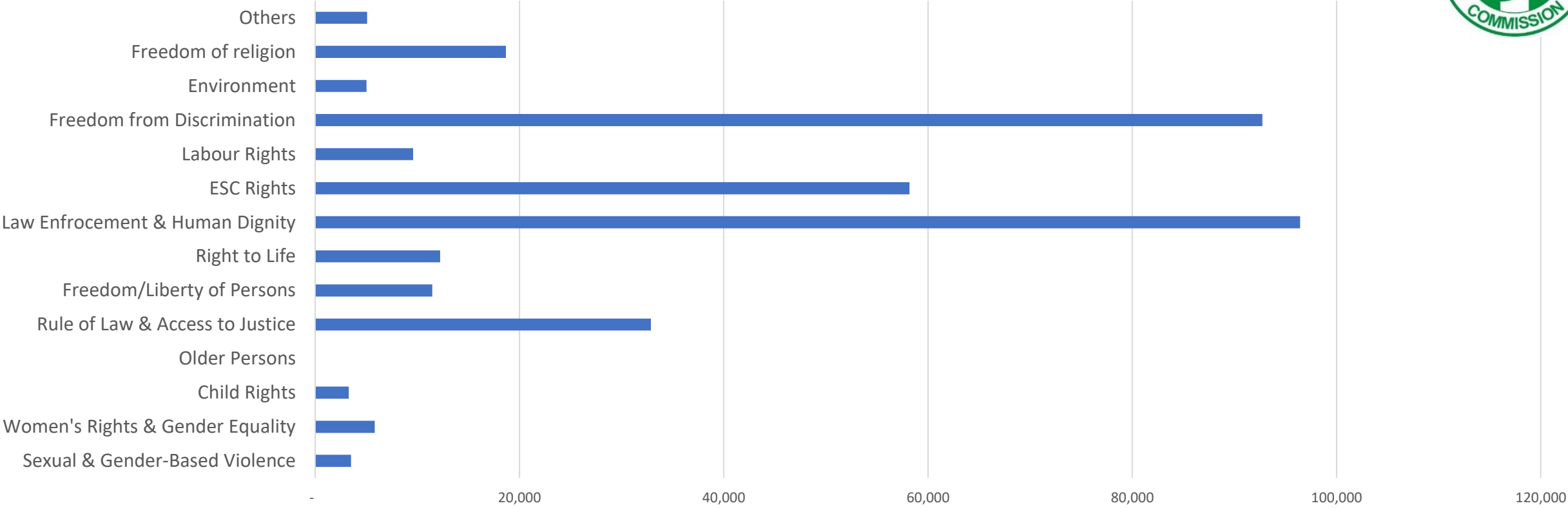


Percentage Distribution of Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones July 2026

Top 10 States for Human Rights Complaints in July 2026 (% Share)

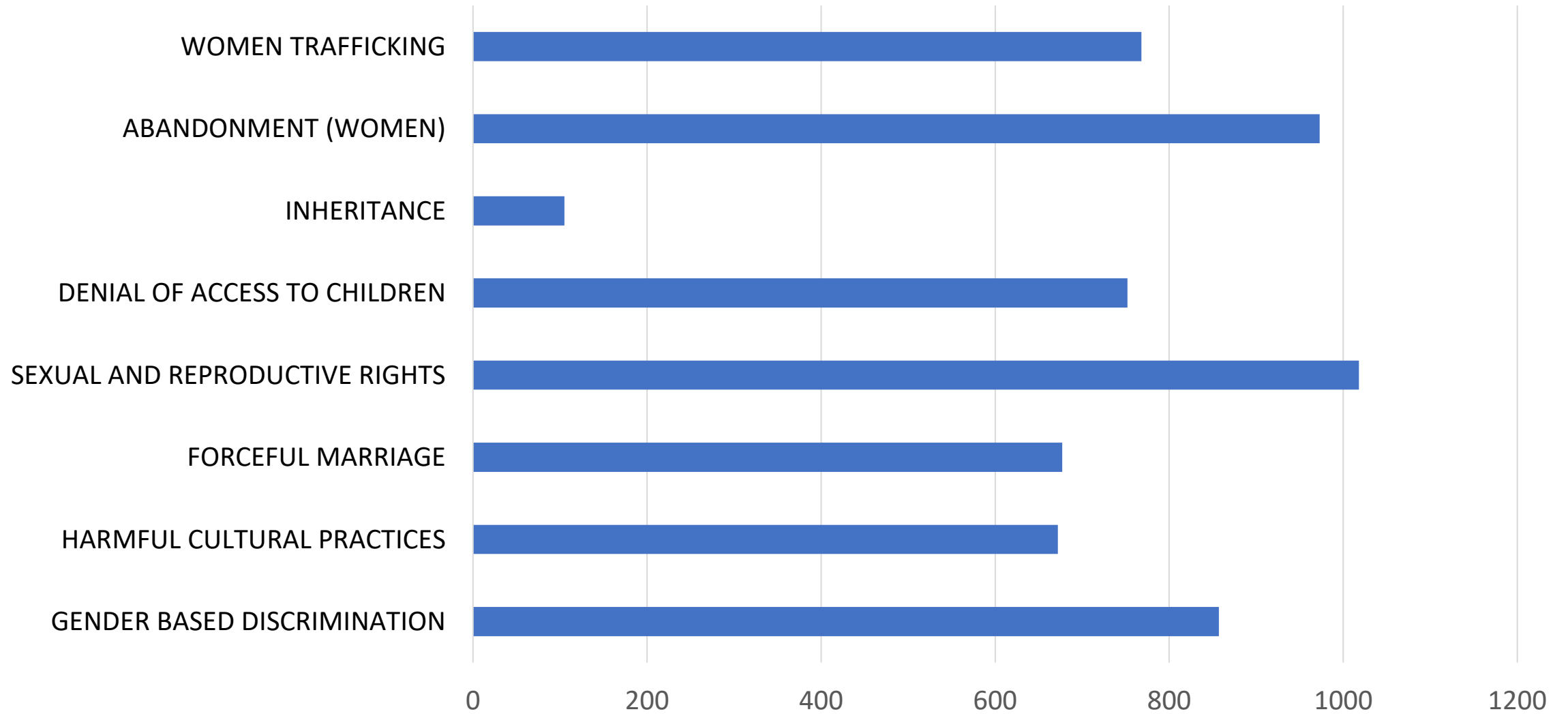


July 2026 Thematic Human Rights Complaints

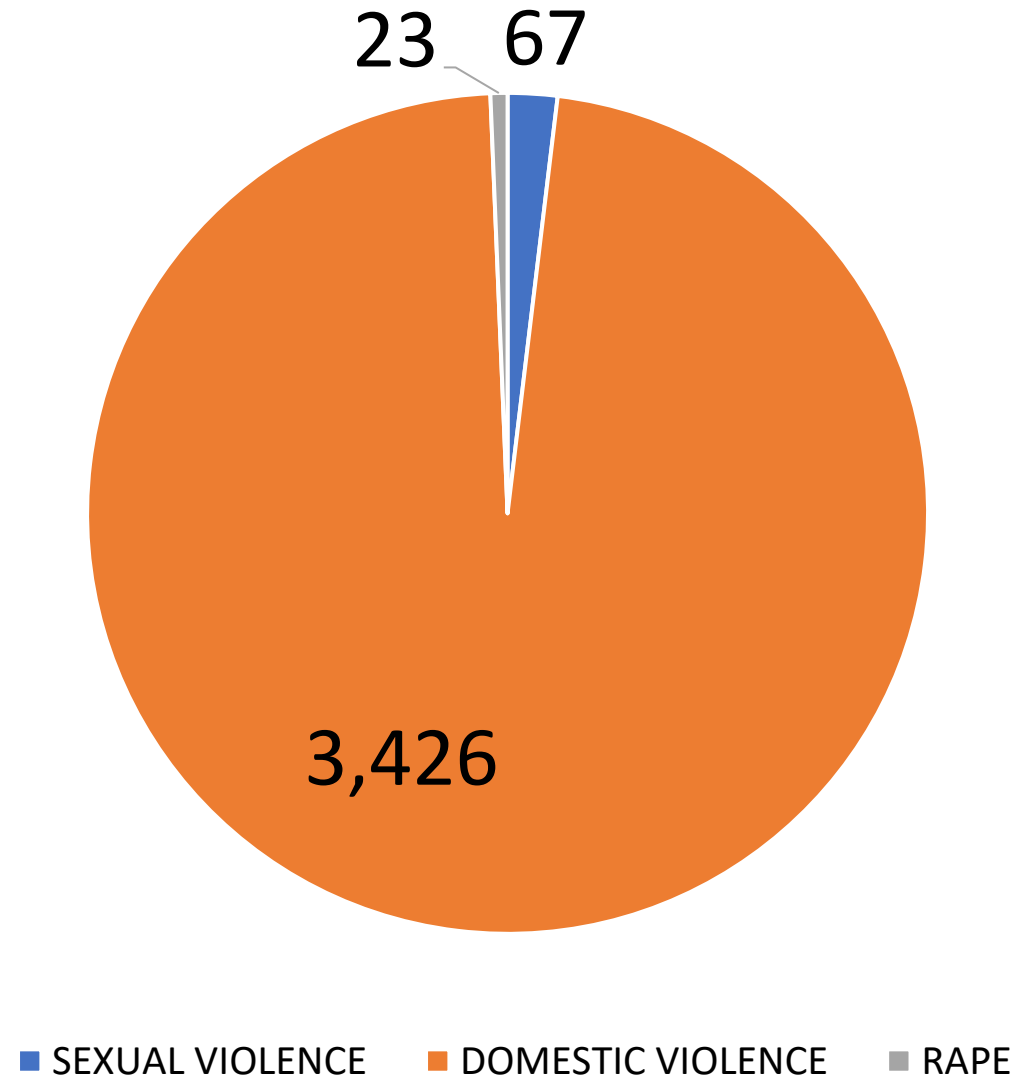


	Sexual & Gender-Based Violence	Women's Rights & Gender Equality	Child Rights	Older Persons	Rule of Law & Access to Justice	Freedom/Liberty of Persons	Right to Life	Law Enforcement & Human Dignity	ESC Rights	Labour Rights	Freedom from Discrimination	Environm ent	Freedom of religion	Others
■ Series1	3,516	5,822	3,286	45	32,869	11,455	12,240	96,441	58,196	9,593	92,747	5,018	18,681	5,088

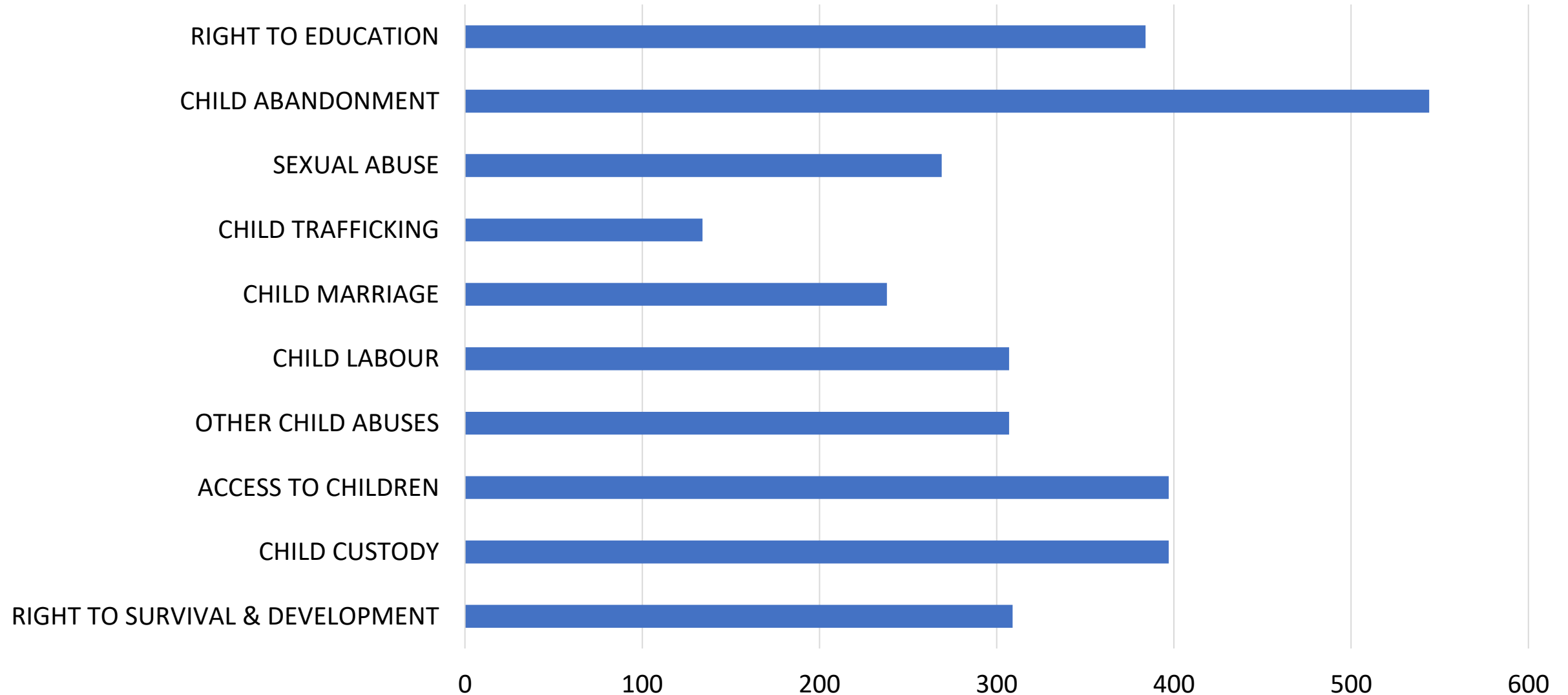
Complaints on Violation of Women's Rights July 2026



July 2026 Sexual and Gender Based Violence



July 2026 Violation of Children's Rights



NHRC in Numbers – July 2026

Number of
Investigations
Completed –
10,084

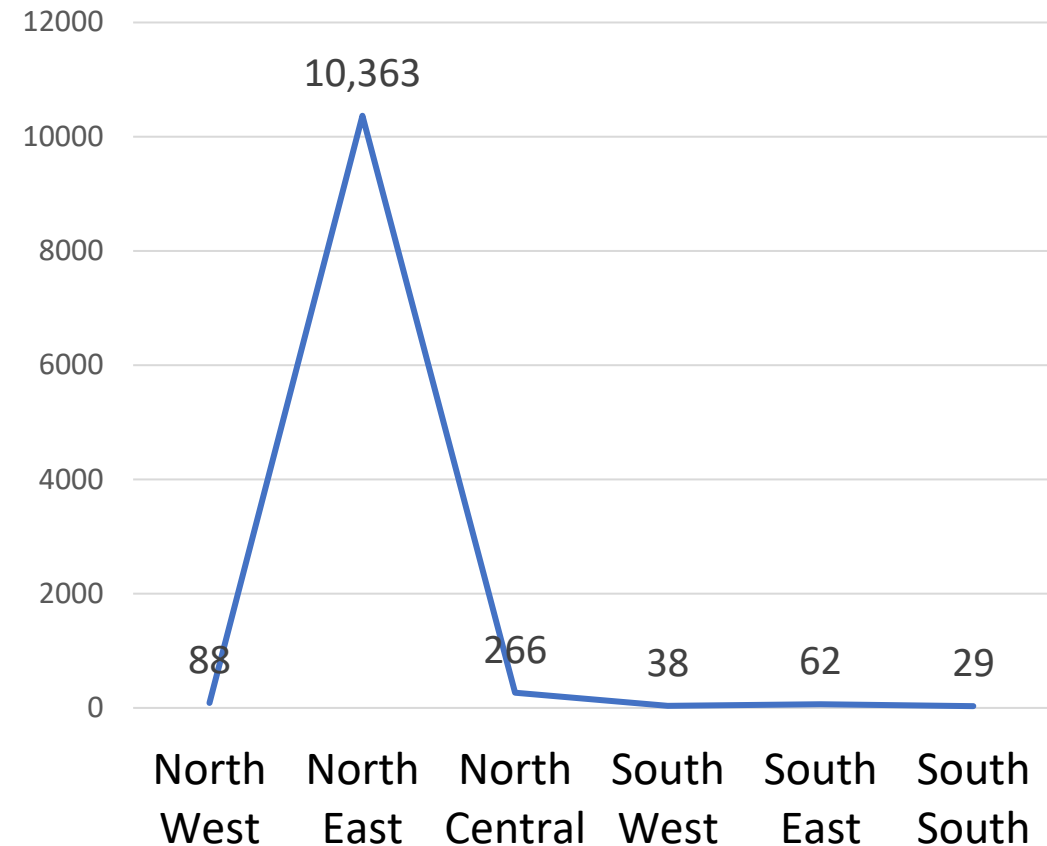


Summons and
Letters to
Nigerian Police -
26

Visitation to
Police Stations,
Correctional
Centres and
Places of
Detention – **124**

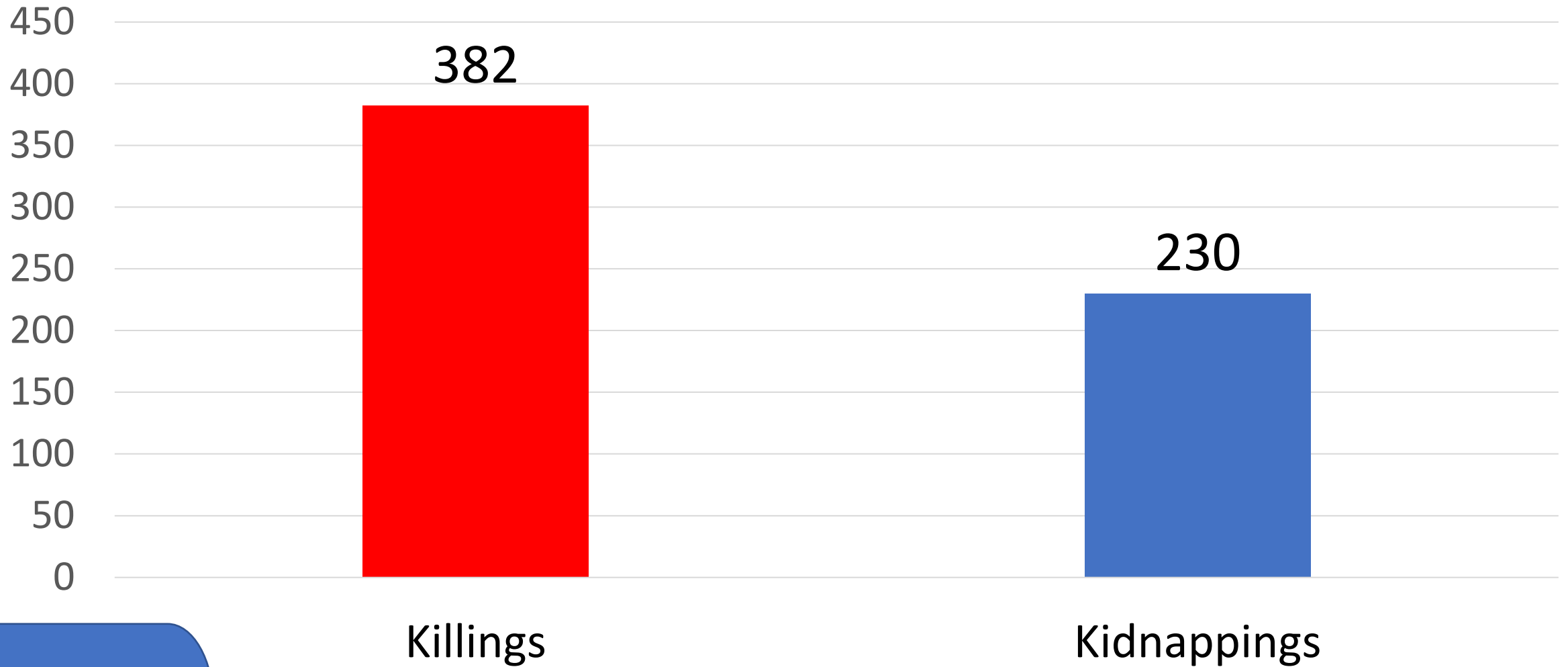
Visitation to
Military
Formations - **10**

Completed Investigations in July 2026 Across Zones



Human Rights Situation in July 2026

Killings and Kidnappings July 2026



**Deaths by Road
Accidents 43**

Human Rights Concerns

- **Infanticide:**

- **Kwara:** Woman arrested for strangling her co-wife's three-year-old daughter to death
- Bauchi: 20-year-old woman poured hot water on her co-wife during a dispute, which also led to the death of her newborn baby (Infanticide)

- **Kidnapping of Corpse**

- Gunmen kidnap the corpse of FRSC deputy commander while on its way to be buried, demanding Ransom in Kogi

- **Kidnapping of IDPs**

- **Sokoto:** Bandits abduct 20 IDPs in Sokoto in Tambuwal

Human Rights Concerns

- **Gruesome Murders (Mutilated and Headless Bodies):**
 - **Ondo:** A woman was been found dead with her head severed, with many parts of her body mutilated in Ondo West
 - **Plateau:** Headless body of a middle-aged man was discovered on a farmland in UNIJOS premises
 - **Plateau:** Beheaded woman's body found in refuse dump in Barkin Ladi

Human Rights Concerns

- **Attack on Cultural Rights**
 - **Killings at Burials:** Eight killed as assailants attack Nobi after burial of an Octogenarian in Oturkpo
 - Benue: 3 siblings reportedly kidnapped while travelling from Abuja to Benue to bury their Mother in Ohimini.
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Attacks on the Right to Food and Food Security in July 2026

- **Ondo**: Gunmen abducts two farmers while working on their farms in Akoko South-East
- **Zamfara**: Bandits killed 23 farmers Talata Mararafa
- **FCT**: A farmer was killed in a farmer-herder clash in Kwali
- **Sokoto**: Bandits killed 3 farmers in Tsamaye village in Sabon Birni
- **Plateau**: 60 year old Bulus Turu was macheted to death on his way from the farm in Bokkos.
- **Kaduna**: Bandits kill 9 farmers in Kakangi village, Birnin Gwari
- **Niger**: 18 killed in farmers-Herders clash in villages around Rafi
- **Benue**: Bandits attacked the Akpachi community, killing two farmers
- **Kwara**: A farmer was killed with hands tied behind and dumped in farm in Isanlu.

Mob Attack

- **Plateau**: Mob attack and beat young man mistaken for Fulani in Rantiya community in Jos South. He died from injuries sustained
- **Kano**: Mob lynches man over alleged motorcycle theft in Balare, Kano
- **Kaduna**: Angry mob beat and kill 2 travellers mistaken for criminals in Birnin Yero
- **Jigawa**: Man accused of motorcycle theft was beaten and burnt to death by mob after escaping from hospital bed in Birnin Kudu
- **Bauchi**: 30-year-old woman accused of witchcraft was hacked to death by 3 men in Garin Malam, Gamawa LGA.

Violence against Children

- **Plateau**: Nine family members, including a two-month-old baby, were killed by Bandits in Kum, Riyom LGA
- **Ogun**: Woman in Abeokuta used razor blade to cut the toe of a child living with her for stealing N600
- **Ondo**: Father burns his daughter's private part for bedwetting in Owo.
- **Kebbi**: Infant abandoned by undisclosed person rescued by HISBAH in Birnin Kebbi
- **Bauchi**: 20-year-old woman poured hot water on her co-wife during a dispute, which also led to the death of her newborn baby (foeticide)
- **Kwara**: Woman arrested for strangling her co-wife's three-year-old daughter to death in Kaiama (Infanticide)
- **Niger**: Two arrested for allegedly stealing four-week-old baby in Minna

Violence against Children

- **FCT**: Woman arrested for assaulting her sister's 5-year-old daughter and inflicting grievous bodily harm on her in Lugbe
- **Enugu**: Woman arrested for cutting off the toe of an 8-year-old for breaking a plate in Coal Camp Area
- **Enugu**: Woman paraded for force-feeding human faeces to a child in her care in Ugwuoba
- Abduction of Children in Wurno (Sokoto), in Ekpoma (Edo), Owerri (Imo)
- **Benue**: 11 year old severely beaten and tied to a bench by her elder sister's husband over N1000 theft
- **Benue**: Woman sets boyfriend's house on fire killing his two daughters in Zaki Biam

Freedom of Religion

- **Kaduna**: Terrorists killed Catholic catechist and 5 others who were among 32 abducted during the February 9, 2026 bandit attack on Kutaho and Kugir communities, despite months of ransom negotiations and payments by members of the affected communities.
- **Bauchi**: Bandits kill 2 Quranic students, abduct 3 in Ningi.
- **Bauchi**: Thugs killed Islamiyyah teacher in Bauchi Metropolis
- **Delta**: Woman stabbed to death on her way to morning mass, a month after her wedding in Agbor
- **Imo**: Man kills his wife inside the church, absconds with their two children in Owerri
- **Zamfara**: Hisbah arrests woman in Gusau over allegations of witchcraft, following complaints from community leaders about alleged spiritual practices at her residence
- **Sokoto**: Boko Haram abducted the wife of a pastor and her three children in Damasak
- **Benue**: Bandits attack Catholic Bishop's residence, abduct seminarian in Oturkpo

Sexual Violence

- **Niger**: Assistant Superintendent of Police and two others were arrested for sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl in Minna
- **Anambra**: Father arrested for defiling his 14-years-old daughter in Aguluzoigbo, Anaocha
- **Rivers**: 50-year-old man arrested for defiling two minors (11 & 13) in Eleme
- **Kwara**: 36-year-old man allegedly sexually assaulted a 14-year-old girl in Ilorin
- **Imo**: 45 year old man caught defiling his wife's teenage niece in Owerri
- **Abia**: 19 year old boy raped 2 sisters aged 11 and 6
- **Plateau**: Man sexually assaults 5-years-old in Jos North
- **Gombe**: Class Teacher sexually assaulted a female student in Gombe.
- **Yobe**:
 - Man arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting an eight-year-old girl inside an uncompleted building in Busari
 - 24 year old man arrested for for allegedly luring and raping a seven-year-old girl in Busari

Sexual Violence

- **The Peculiar Case of Bauchi:**

- 23-years old man rapes a 13-year-old girl at knifepoint in Dass
- 45-year-old man allegedly defiled his neighbour's 8-year-old daughter in Yelwa
- 27 year old man sexually assaulted a minor in Wutin Dada
- 28 year old man sexually assaulted a minor in Ungwar Dakomazo
- 35 year old man sexually assaulted a minor in Shira
- 18 year old allegedly sexually assaulted a minor in Gulmo village, in Itas Gadau
- 50-year-old man arrested for defiling 9-years old hawker in Katagum
- NDLEA official defiled an 8-year-old

Gender Based Violence

- **Enugu**: Man beat, sexually assaulted his wife (34 year old mother of 6) and incited others to do same over domestic issues in Aninri
- **Nasarawa**: 30 year old man beats his 20-years-old wife over her refusal to cook in Obi.
- **Oyo**: 30 year old man beats his 20-years-old wife over her refusal to cook in Igboyaye community.

Right to Education

- Oyo: Gunmen abduct 60-year-old headmaster, demand 30m ransom in Itesiwaju
- Kogi: Bandits invade Government Secondary School and abducted 6 including 4 students, school principal and a NECO staff during ongoing NECO examination in Dekina.



Mass Killings

- **Kaduna**: Gunmen attack Kauru LGA, killing 30 people, including five siblings
- **Zamfara**: Bandits killed 23 farmers in Ruwan Gora community in Talata Mararafa
- **Benue**:
 - Herdsmen kill 15 people in Otukpo LGA
 - Bandits attacked Efeyi Community, killing 13 people
 - 10 people killed as gunmen open fire on Saai community
 - Armed herdsmen attacked Nobi community shooting sporadically and killing 16 people.

Mass Abductions

- **Sokoto**: Bandits abduct over 50 residents of Garin Idi community in Sabo Birni
- **Sokoto**: Bandits invaded community, abducted 14 in Makuwana, Sabon Birni
- **Sokoto**: Bandits abduct 20 IDPs in Sokoto in Tambuwal
- **Kano**: Bandits abduct 13 passengers on Jos-Kano Highway



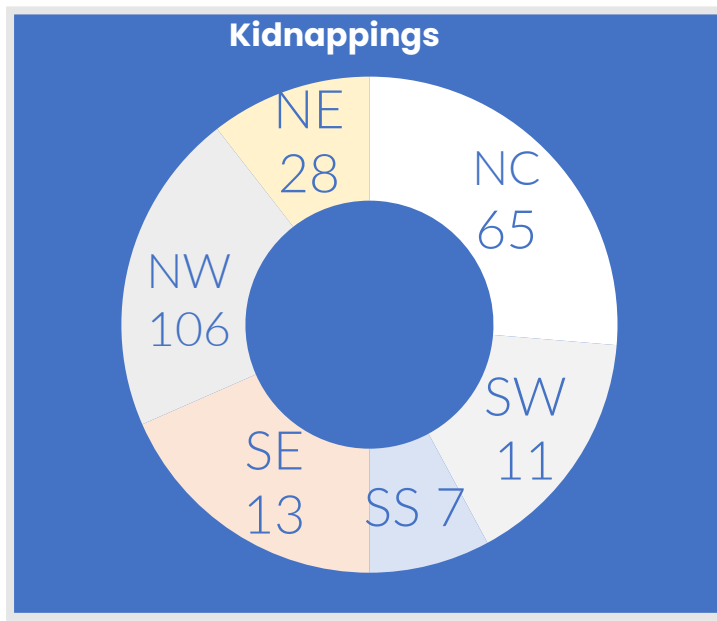
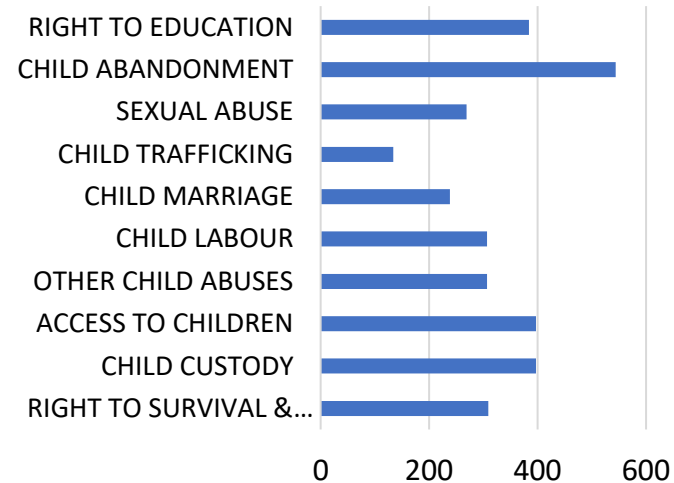
Killing of Vigilante

- **Plateau:**
 - Two killed by gunmen while on Community patrol in Barkin Ladi
 - 3 Vigilantes killed in a night attack by gunmen in Sabon Layi, Barkin Ladi
 - Gunmen kill community security guard in Riyom
- **Rivers:** Gunmen kill commander of local security outfit OSPAC and 3 women in Ogba Egbema
- **Katsina:** 4 civilian JTF personnel killed by bandits in Bakori
- **Sokoto:** Bandits attack Maikujera village, killing seven people, including two community guards in Rabah.
- **Ebonyi:** Gunmen kill Ebonyi neighbourhood watch operative in Abakaliki

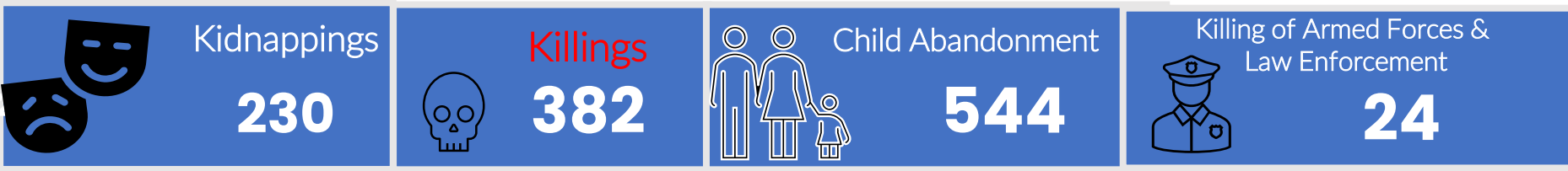


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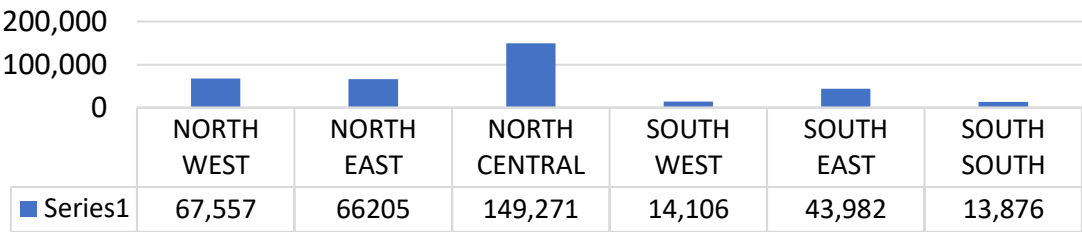
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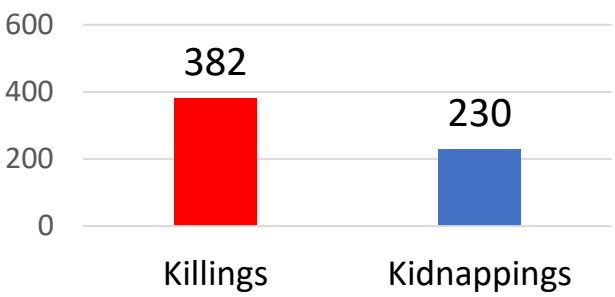
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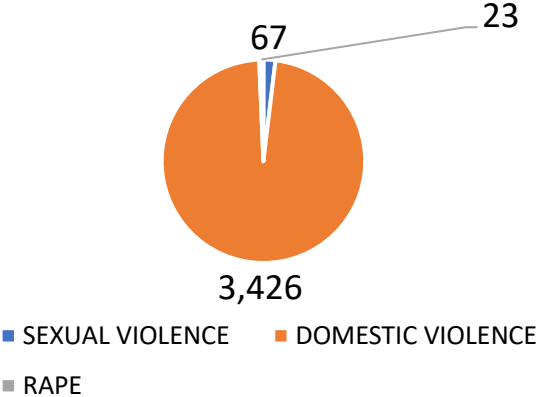
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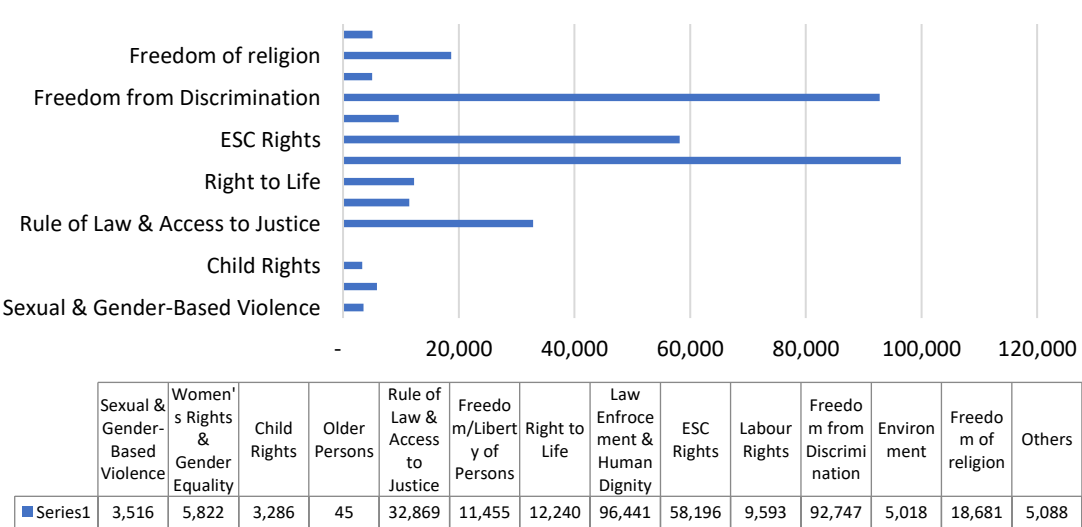
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Thank You