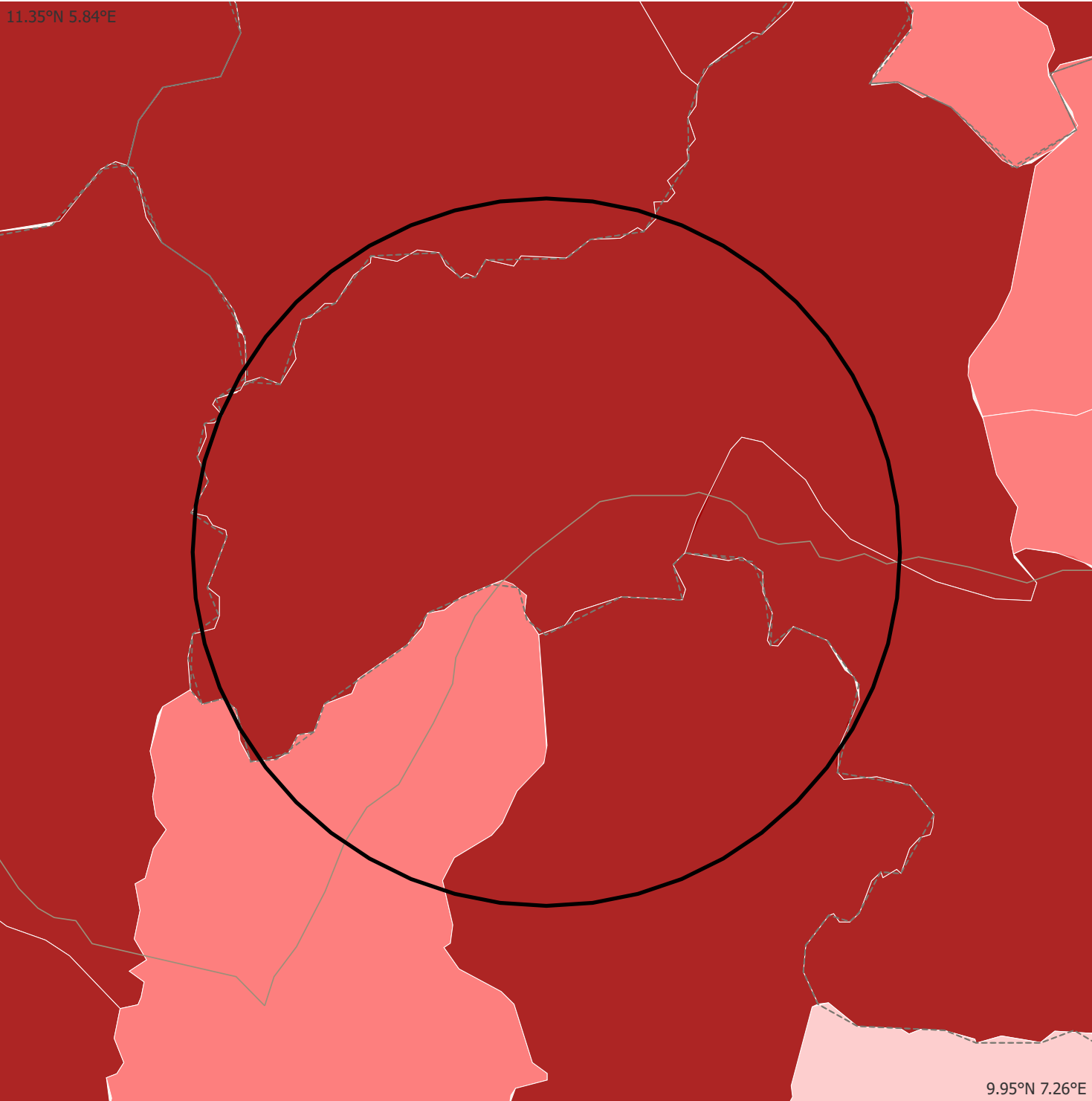


Situation report: Birnin Gwari and Kamuku forest (Kaduna)

Named danger area.

Level	Coordinates	Covers	Report date
Extreme	10°39'00"N 6°33'00"E 10.6500, 6.5500 radius ≈ 50 km	1 LGA	2026-09-28

Forest and highway belt west of Kaduna, one of the oldest kidnapping zones in the north-west.



Map: LGAs shaded by twelve-month ACLED intensity (2025-10 to 2026-09); black outline = this named danger area; dashed = state lines; squares = military installations (town level).

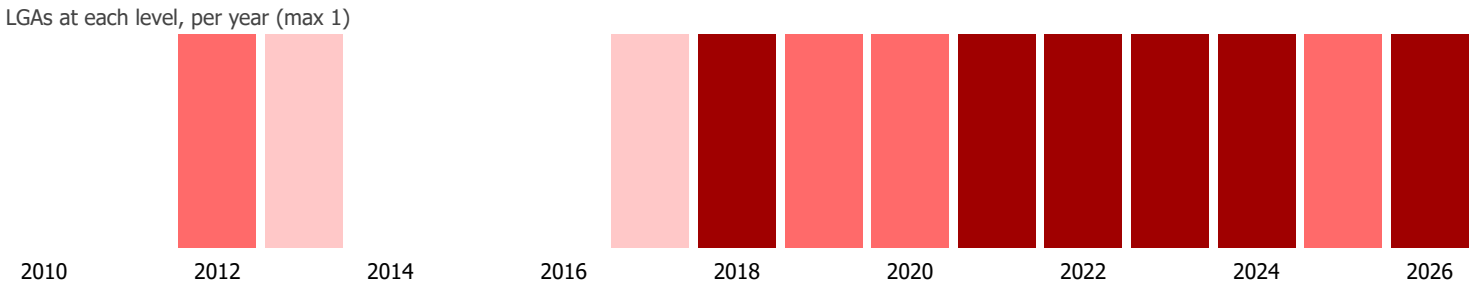
Conflict intensity, last twelve months (ACLED)

Political-violence events	56
Deaths in those events	93
Attacks on civilians	37
Civilians killed	58
LGAs at extreme	1
LGAs at high	0
LGAs at elevated	0

Where it concentrates

LGA	Level	Civ. killed	Trend
Birnin-Gwari	Extreme	58	rising

How it developed



Archive record

2 incidents in the Dustline archive fall here, with 9 deaths recorded.

Date	Place	What happened
2026-08-09	Birnin Gwari, Kaduna	Troops eliminate senior bandit commander 'Kachalla' along Kaduna–Birnin Gwari highway
2026-01-19	Birnin Gwari, Kaduna	Troops ambush bandit cattle rustling column along Birnin Gwari-Funtua corridor

Military installations within 150 km

Air Training Command / NAF Base Kaduna	Kaduna	84 km
1 Division	Kaduna	96 km
Nigerian Defence Academy	Kaduna	98 km

Advisories and named areas

US travel advisory: Kaduna State — Kidnapping (Level 4, do not travel).

Limits

- ACLED counts recorded events. Rural violence is under-reported everywhere, and more so where journalists cannot go.
- Levels summarise twelve months; a road can change within days. Current advisories and local security briefings outrank this report.
- Approximate extent drawn as a circle around a well-known location. It marks where danger is concentrated, not a line inside which it begins; the areas around it are not implied to be safe.

Sources: Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED), www.acleddata.com — aggregates via HDX, as of 25 September 2026. Boundaries: OCHA COD-AB Nigeria (CC BY-IGO). Map base: Natural Earth (public domain), naturalearthdata.com; state boundaries OCHA COD-AB Nigeria (CC BY-IGO). Archive: Dustline snapshot of grayzonemap.online, 22 September 2026. Advisory: US Department of State.