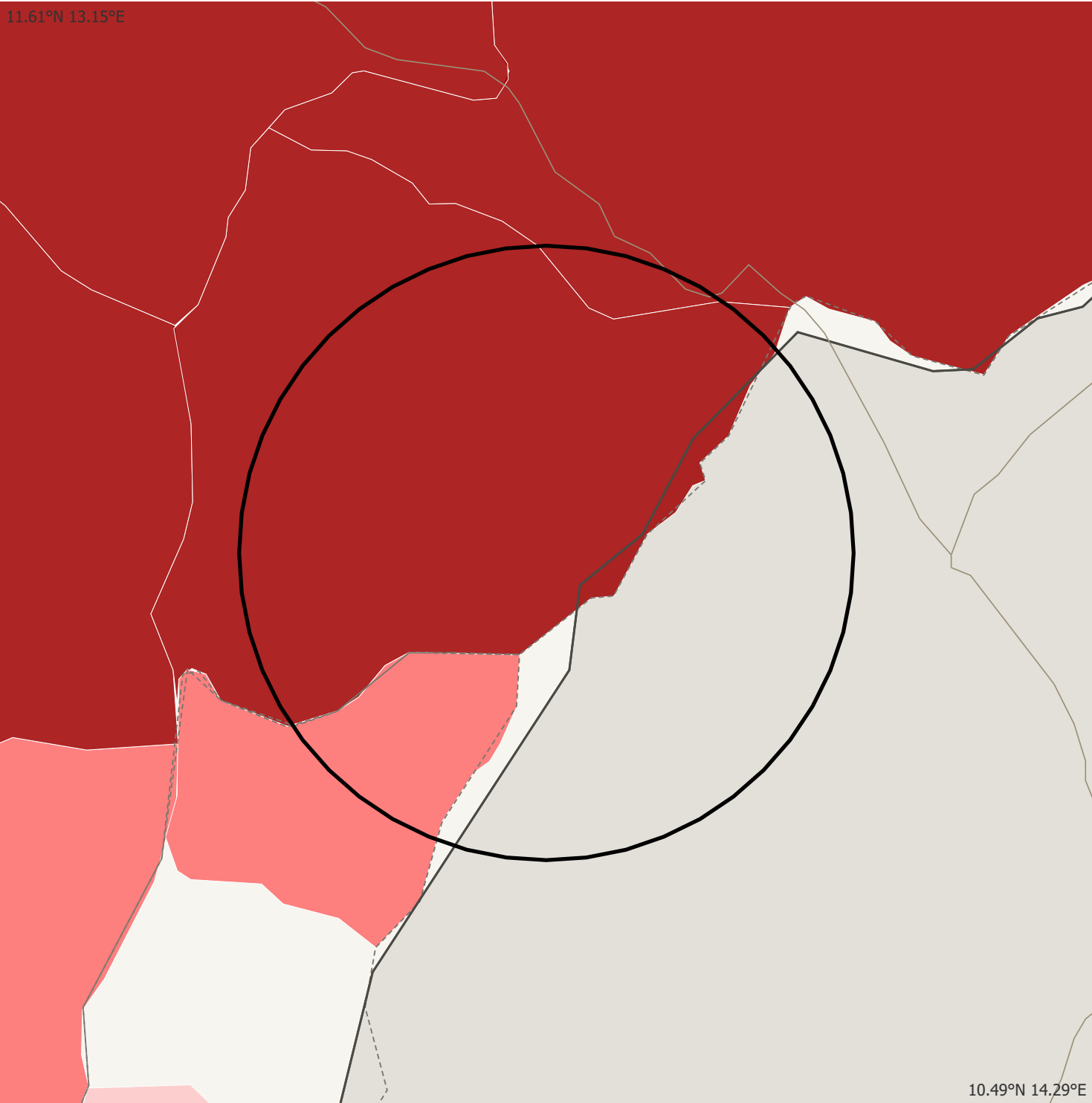


Situation report: Gwoza hills and Mandara Mountains

Named danger area.

Level	Coordinates	Covers	Report date
■ Extreme	11°03'00"N 13°43'12"E 11.0500, 13.7200 radius ≈ 35 km	1 LGA	2026-09-28

Cross-border hill terrain along the Cameroon frontier, a long-running insurgent refuge and raiding corridor.



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).

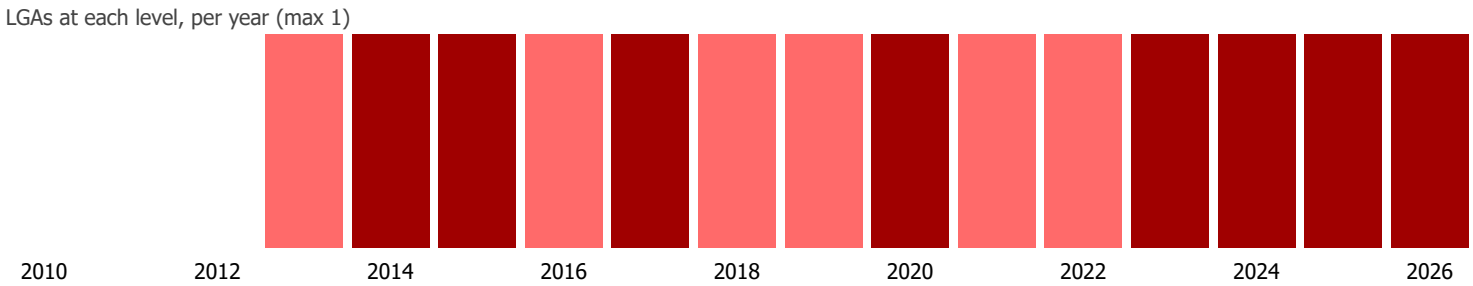
Conflict intensity, last twelve months (ACLED)

Political-violence events	185
Deaths in those events	974
Attacks on civilians	27
Civilians killed	124
LGAs at extreme	1
LGAs at high	0
LGAs at elevated	0

Where it concentrates

LGA	Level	Civ. killed	Trend
Gwoza	Extreme	124	rising

How it developed



Archive record

220 incidents in the Dustline archive fall here, with 3,332 deaths recorded.

Date	Place	What happened
2026-09-10	Gwoza, Borno	82 Div Task Force Battalion rescues mother and daughter after escaping Mandara Mountains terrorist camp
2026-08-30	Gwoza, Borno	Troops intercept and neutralize female suicide bomber before reaching Pulka market in Gwoza
2026-03-03	Gwoza, Borno	ISWAP-JAS attack overruns Ngoshe, killing over 100 and abducting hundreds
2026-02-16	Gwoza, Borno	Troops kill Boko Haram commander, recover 37 million naira in Pulka counter-operation
2023-06-11	Gwoza, Borno	Nigerian security forces (against Boko Haram) — Grazah and Wa-Jahoda, Gwoza, Borno (2023-06-11)
2023-04-09	Gwoza, Borno	Nigerian security forces (against Boko Haram) — Gwoza, Borno (2023-04-09)
2023-04-09	Gwoza, Borno	Nigerian security forces (against Boko Haram) — Gwoza, Borno (2023-04-09)
2023-02-25	Gwoza, Borno	Boko Haram — Gwoza, Borno (2023-02-25)
2023-02-04	Gwoza, Borno	Nigerian security forces (against Boko Haram) — Gwoza, Borno (2023-02-04)
2022-11-21	Gwoza, Borno	Boko Haram — Chillaria, Gwoza, Borno (2022-11-21)

Military installations within 150 km

Theatre Command, Operation Hadin Kai	Maiduguri	107 km
7 Division	Maiduguri	110 km
NAF Base Maiduguri	Maiduguri	113 km

Advisories and named areas

US travel advisory: Borno State — Terrorism and kidnapping (Level 4, do not travel).
Named danger areas: [Sambisa Forest](#)

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.

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