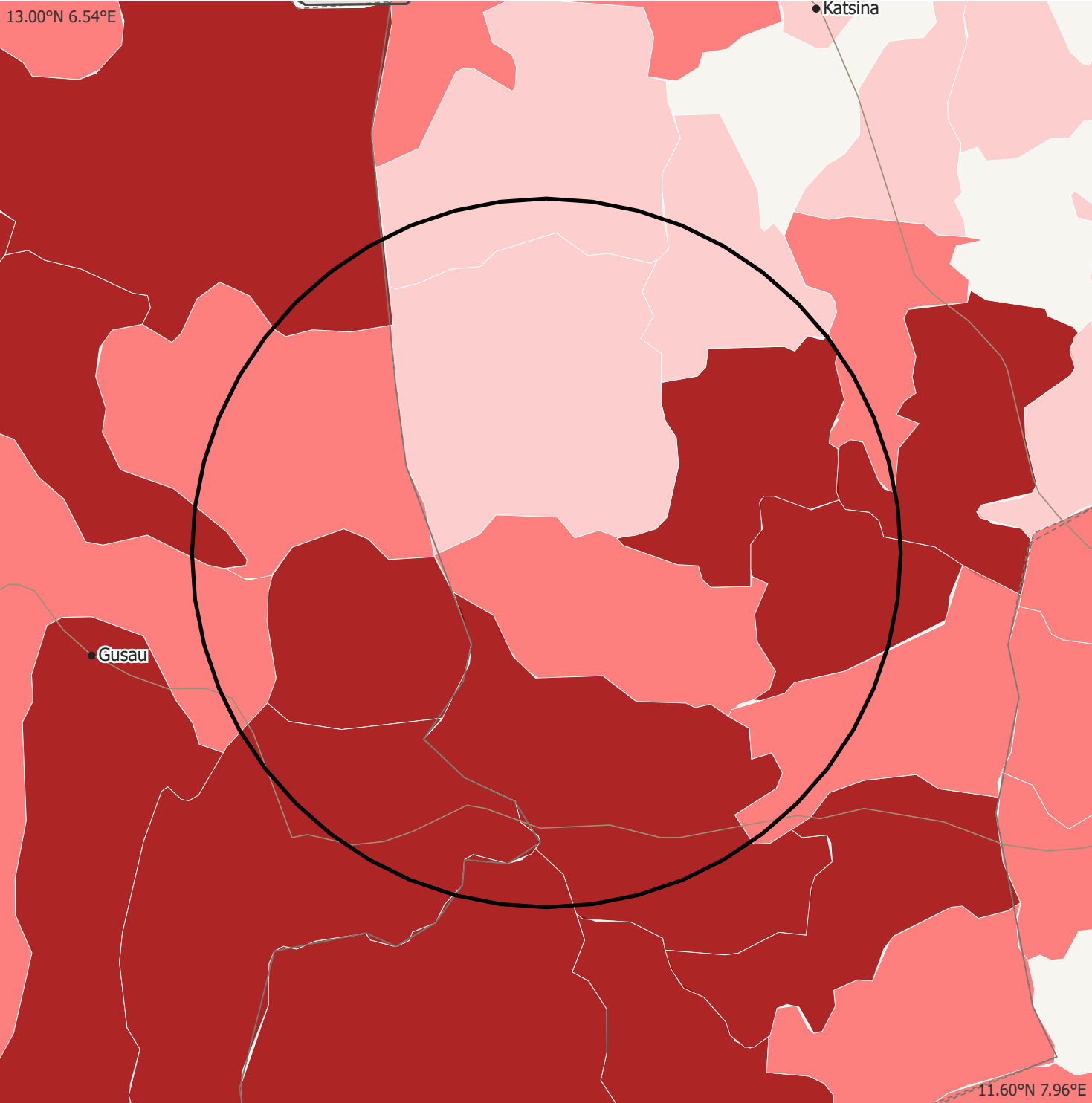


Situation report: Rugu Forest (Katsina–Zamfara)

Named danger area.

Level	Coordinates	Covers	Report date
Extreme	12°18'00"N 7°15'00"E 12.3000, 7.2500 radius ≈ 50 km	7 LGAs	2026-09-28

Forest belt across Safana, Batsari, Jibia and Danmusa used by armed groups as a base for village raids and abductions.



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)

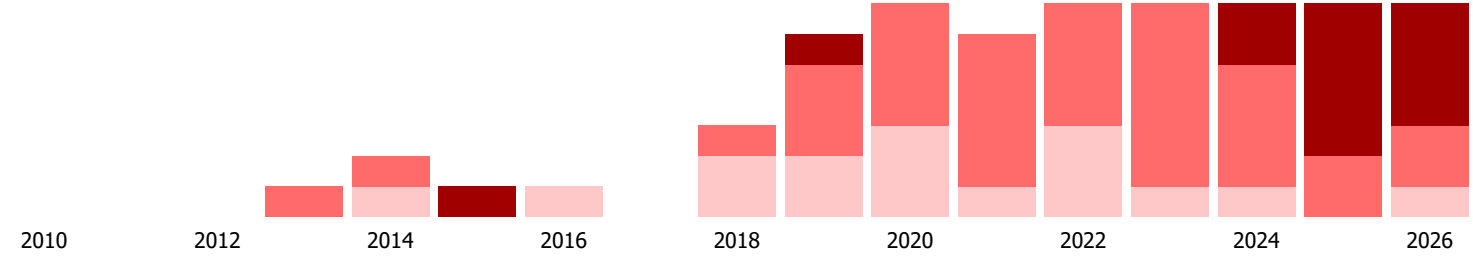
Political-violence events	329
Deaths in those events	603
Attacks on civilians	194
Civilians killed	304
LGAs at extreme	4
LGAs at high	2
LGAs at elevated	1

Where it concentrates

LGA	Level	Civ. killed	Trend
Kankara	Extreme	81	steady
Gusau	Extreme	73	falling
Matazu	Extreme	64	rising
Dutsin-Ma	Extreme	56	falling
Birnin Magaji	High	26	rising
Dan Musa	High	3	falling
Safana	Elevated	1	falling

How it developed

LGAs at each level, per year (max 7)



Archive record

7 incidents in the Dustline archive fall here, with 57 deaths recorded.

Date	Place	What happened
2026-05-20	Safana, Katsina	Troops destroy bandit camp in Safana, recovering AK-47 rifles and ammunition drums
2026-04-16	Kankara, Katsina	Police Tactical Unit ambushes kidnappers along Kankara-SHEME axis, rescuing 8 students
2026-01-12	Danmusa, Katsina	Katsina Community Watch Corps and Police repel bandit attack, rescuing 14 in Danmusa
2025-04-12	Zamfara	Military raid kills scores of Yankuzo-linked fighters, leader's son, in Zamfara
2022-10-27	Danmusa, Katsina	Nigerian security forces (against Boko Haram) — Dumburum forest, Danmusa, Katsina (2022-10-27)
2022-07-21	Safana, Katsina	Bandit groups — Damari Forest, Safana, Katsina (2022-07-21)
2020-12-11	Kankara, Katsina	Bandit groups and Nigerian security forces — Kankara, Katsina (2020-12-11)

Military installations within 150 km

NAF Base Kano	Kano	141 km
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Advisories and named areas

US travel advisory: Katsina State — Kidnapping; Zamfara State — Kidnapping (Level 4, do not travel).
Named danger areas: [Central Zamfara forests \(Tsafé-Marú-Anka\)](#)

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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