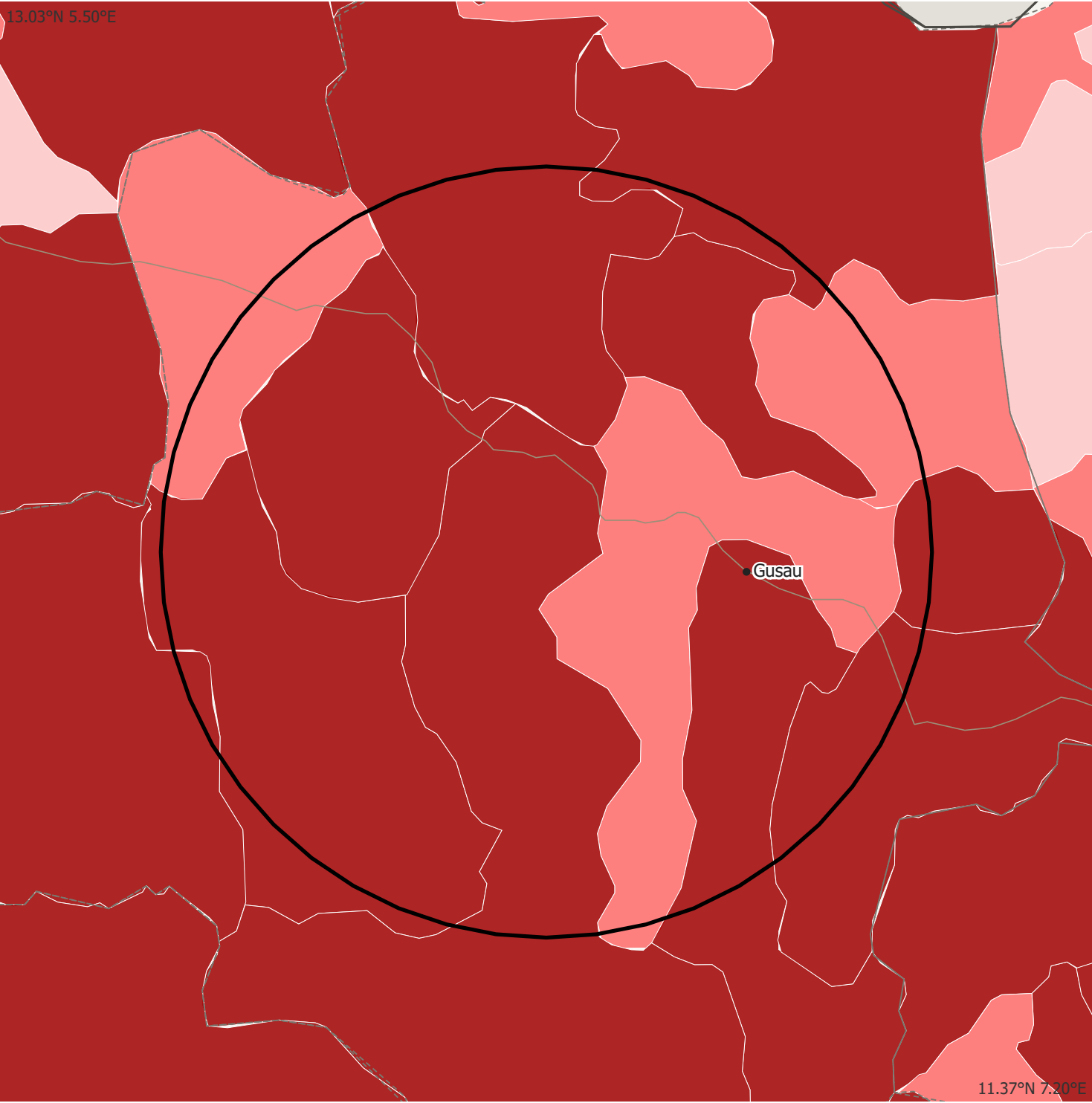


Situation report: Central Zamfara forests (Tsafe–Maru–Anka)

Named danger area.

Level	Coordinates	Covers	Report date
Extreme	12°12'00"N 6°21'00"E 12.2000, 6.3500 radius ≈ 65 km	7 LGAs	2026-09-28

The densest concentration of armed-group camps in the north-west, with mass abductions and levies imposed on villages.



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)

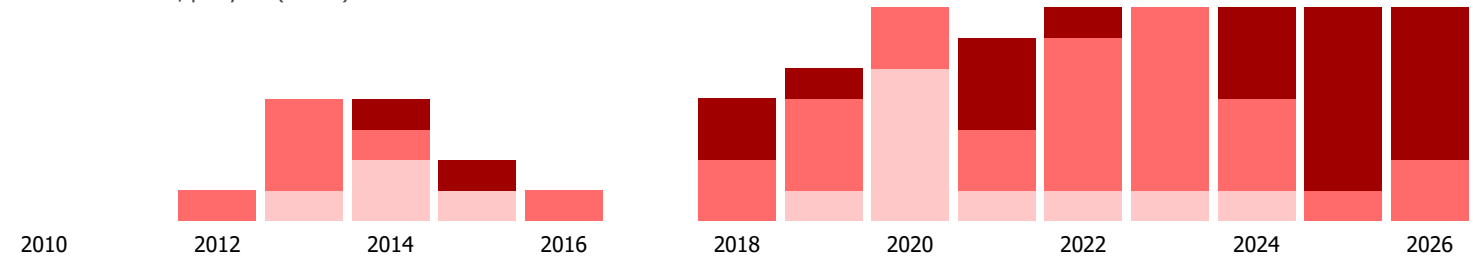
Political-violence events	395
Deaths in those events	843
Attacks on civilians	254
Civilians killed	475
LGAs at extreme	5
LGAs at high	2
LGAs at elevated	0

Where it concentrates

LGA	Level	Civ. killed	Trend
Anka	Extreme	161	steady
Talata Mafara	Extreme	104	steady
Maru	Extreme	73	steady
Maradun	Extreme	47	falling
Kaura Namoda	Extreme	39	falling
Birnin Magaji	High	26	rising
Bungudu	High	25	steady

How it developed

LGAs at each level, per year (max 7)



Archive record

5 incidents in the Dustline archive fall here, with 36 deaths recorded.

Date	Place	What happened
2026-08-21	Gusau, Zamfara	Security forces intercept transit truck loaded with 5,000 rounds of live ammunition in Gusau
2026-07-09	Anka, Zamfara	Troops repel massed bandit assault on Bagega mining community in Anka
2026-06-16	Maradun, Zamfara	Operation Fansan Yamma raids bandit logistics suppliers in Maradun corridor
2026-02-09	Maru, Zamfara	NAF air strikes destroy bandit kingpin logistics enclave in Bingi forest
2026-01-05	Anka, Zamfara	Troops of Operation Hadarin Daji neutralise 8 armed bandits in Wuya forest sweep

Military installations within 150 km

8 Division	Sokoto	149 km
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Advisories and named areas

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

Named danger areas: [Rugu Forest \(Katsina–Zamfara\)](#)

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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