

Situation report: Kaduna State

State.

Level

Extreme

Coordinates

10°15'25"N 7°51'32"E
10.2570, 7.8590

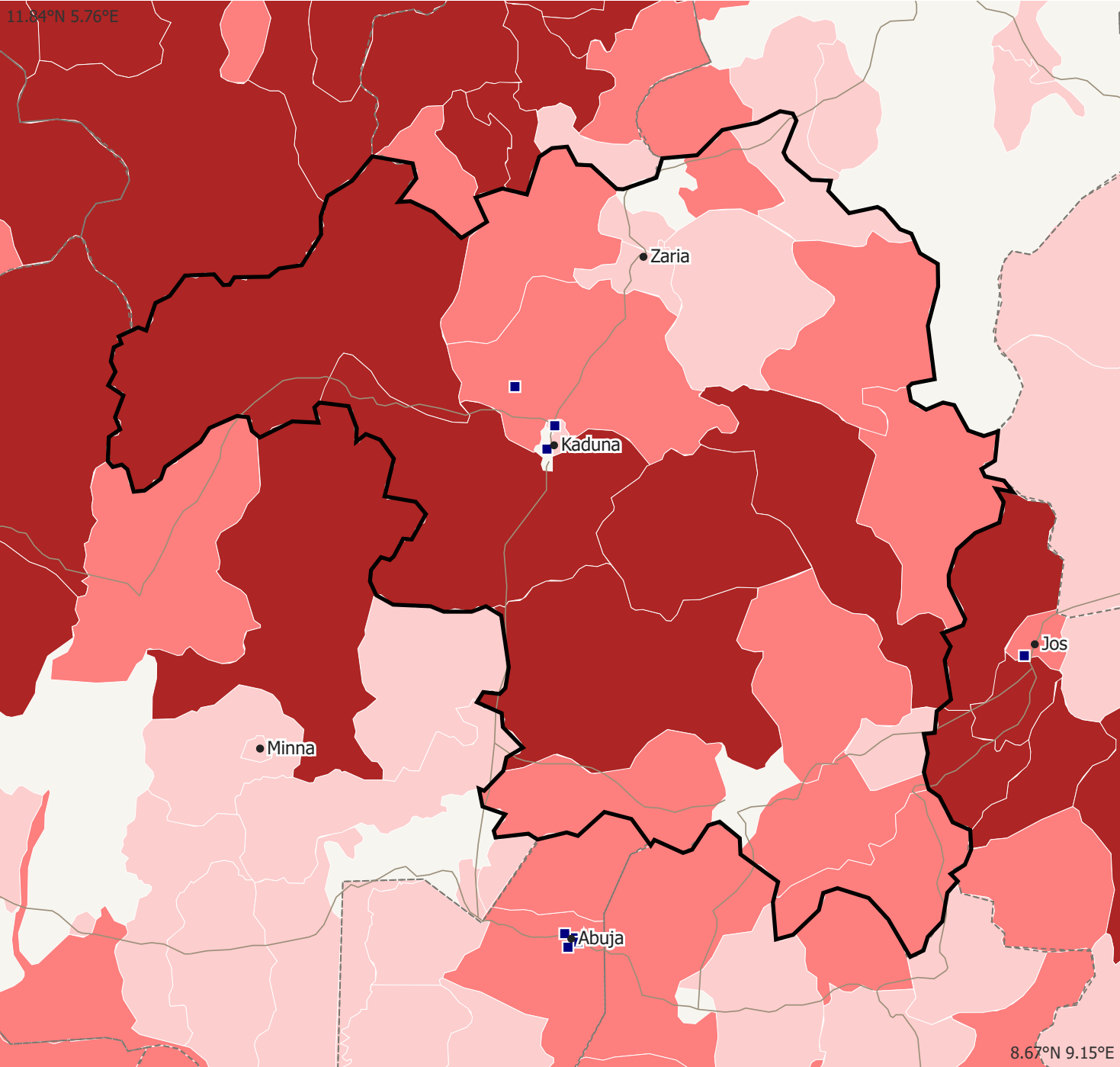
Covers

23 LGAs

Report date

2026-09-28

Under a US Level 4 advisory: Kidnapping.



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

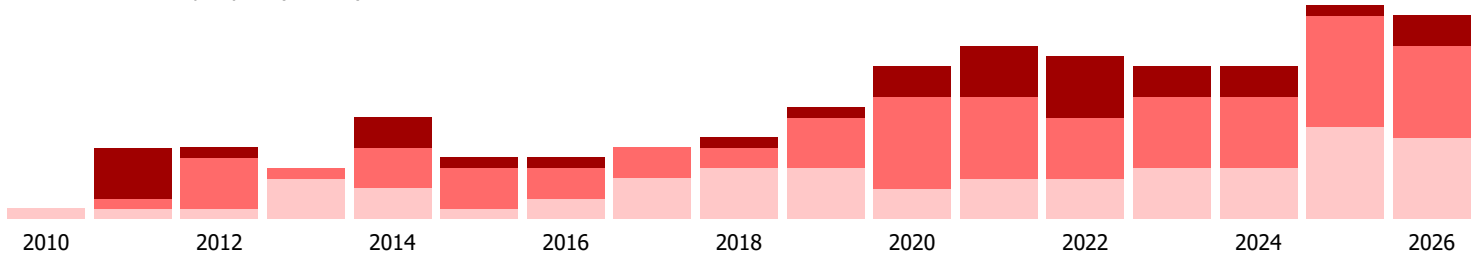
Conflict intensity, last twelve months (ACLED)		Where it concentrates		
Political-violence events	443	LGA	Level	Civ. killed Trend

Deaths in those events	547
Attacks on civilians	304
Civilians killed	313
LGAs at extreme	5
LGAs at high	9
LGAs at elevated	6

Kajuru	Extreme	72	steady
Birnin-Gwari	Extreme	58	rising
Kachia	Extreme	32	steady
Kauru	Extreme	20	rising
Chikun	Extreme	8	rising
Kagarko	High	42	rising
Giwa	High	17	rising
Lere	High	11	rising
Igabi	High	9	rising
Zango-Kataf	High	8	steady
Markafi	High	6	rising
Sanga	High	6	rising
Kubau	High	5	rising
Jema'a	High	2	rising
Kaura	Elevated	7	rising

How it developed

LGAs at each level, per year (max 21)



Archive record

18 incidents in the Dustline archive fall here, with 484 deaths recorded.

Date	Place	What happened
2026-08-09	Birnin Gwari, Kaduna	Troops eliminate senior bandit commander 'Kachalla' along Kaduna–Birnin Gwari highway
2026-06-04	Kajuru, Kaduna	Troops rescue 11 abducted farm workers following encounter in Maro forest in Kajuru
2026-04-22	Chikun, Kaduna	Joint security raid dismantles kidnappers' transit camp in Gwagwada forest
2026-03-19	Giwa, Kaduna	Troops storm bandit enclave in Kidandan forest, liberating 16 kidnapped victims
2026-01-19	Birnin Gwari, Kaduna	Troops ambush bandit cattle rustling column along Birnin Gwari-Funtua corridor
2022-07-13	Birnin-G, Kaduna	Bandit groups — Damari, Birnin-G, Kaduna (2022-07-13)
2020-02-06	Birnin-G, Kaduna	Bandit groups and Nigerian security forces — Birnin-G, Kaduna (2020-02-06)
2020-02-05	Birnin-G, Kaduna	Bandit groups and Nigerian security forces — Kuduru Forest, Birnin-G, Kaduna (2020-02-05)
2018-10-14		Boko Haram — an unspecified location, Nigeria (2018-10-14)
2017-08-30		Nigerian security forces (against Boko Haram) — an unspecified location, Nigeria (2017-08-30)

Military installations within 150 km

1 Division	Kaduna	56 km
Nigerian Defence Academy	Kaduna	58 km
Air Training Command / NAF Base Kaduna	Kaduna	77 km
3 Armoured Division	Jos	117 km
Army Headquarters	Abuja	139 km
Defence Headquarters	Abuja	139 km
Naval Headquarters	Abuja	140 km

Advisories and named areas

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

Named danger areas: [Birnin Gwari and Kamuku forest \(Kaduna\)](#), [Abuja–Kaduna highway and rail corridor](#), [Southern Kaduna \(Kauru–Zangon Kataf\)](#).

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.

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.