



Presentation of December 2025

# *Human Rights Situation Dashboard*

# Introduction

- NHRC has the mandate to promote and protect human rights in Nigeria.
- NHRC has the powers to monitor, investigate and report human rights violations in Nigeria.
- Since January 2024, NHRC in partnership with UNDP, OHCHR and GANHRI has produced monthly dashboard on human rights situation.
- The Dashboards contain data from complaints lodged at the NHRC 38 offices across Nigeria and human rights violations monitored through NHRC Human Rights Observatory.
- Children's rights

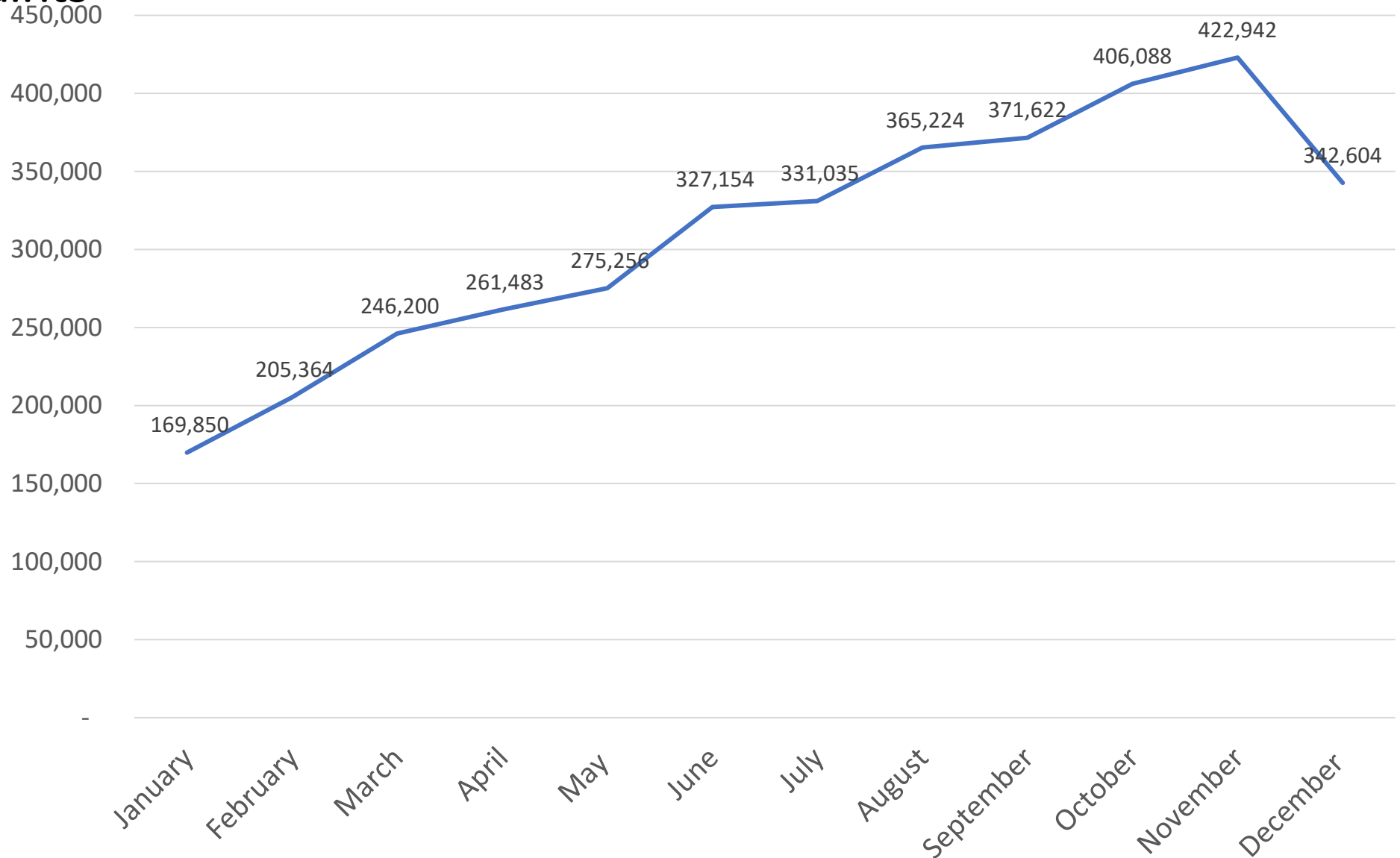
# General Human Rights Situation

- Human rights complaints to the NHRC increased marginally in the month of December.
- Mass abductions across Nigeria reached an all time high.
- Physical and Sexual Violence on Children
- Increased suicide across the country
- Extra-judicial killings on the rise
- Killings resulting from mob action and cultism
- Killings of Military, Law enforcement and security agencies.

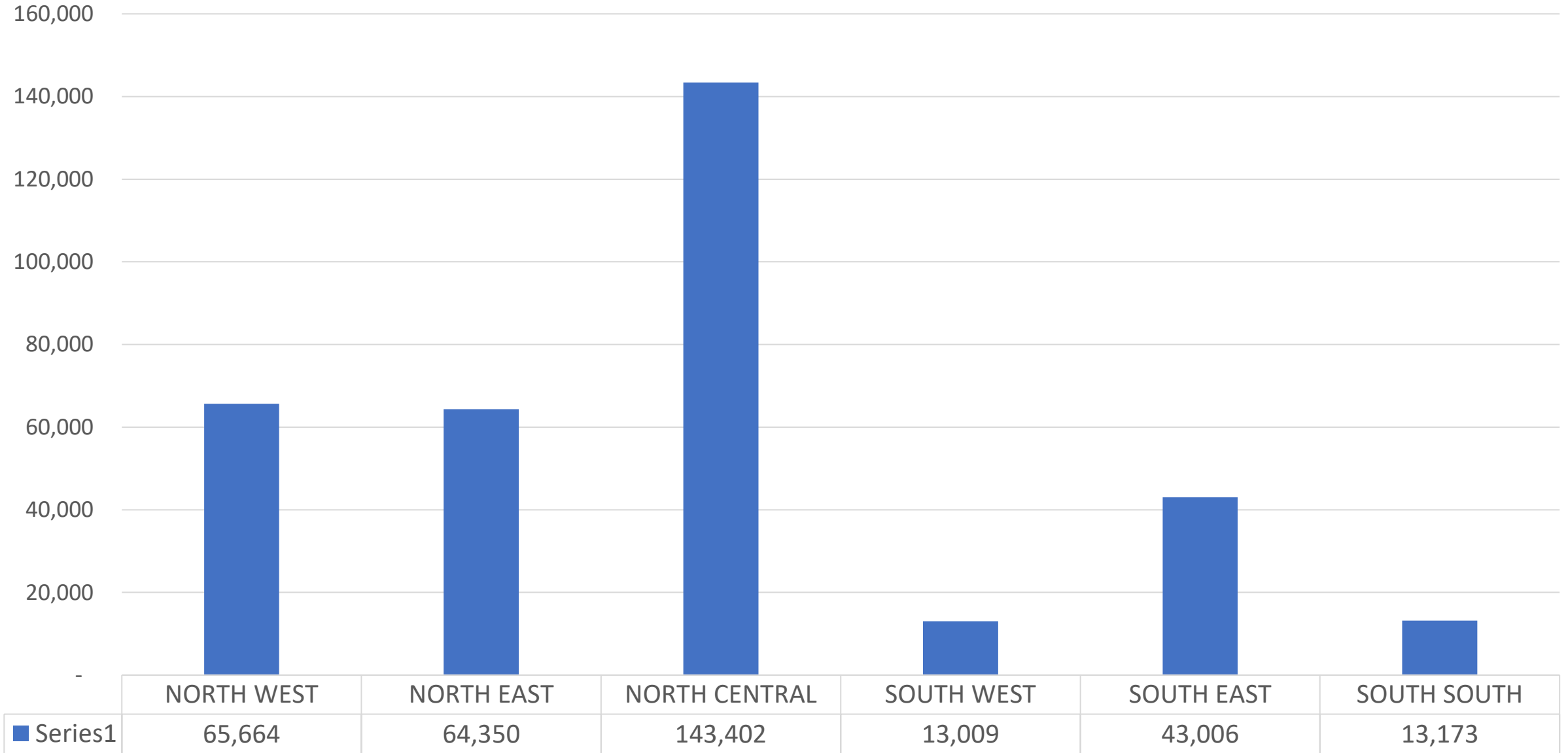
# NHRC December 2025 Human Rights Complaints

## Human Rights Complaints January - December 2025 Compared

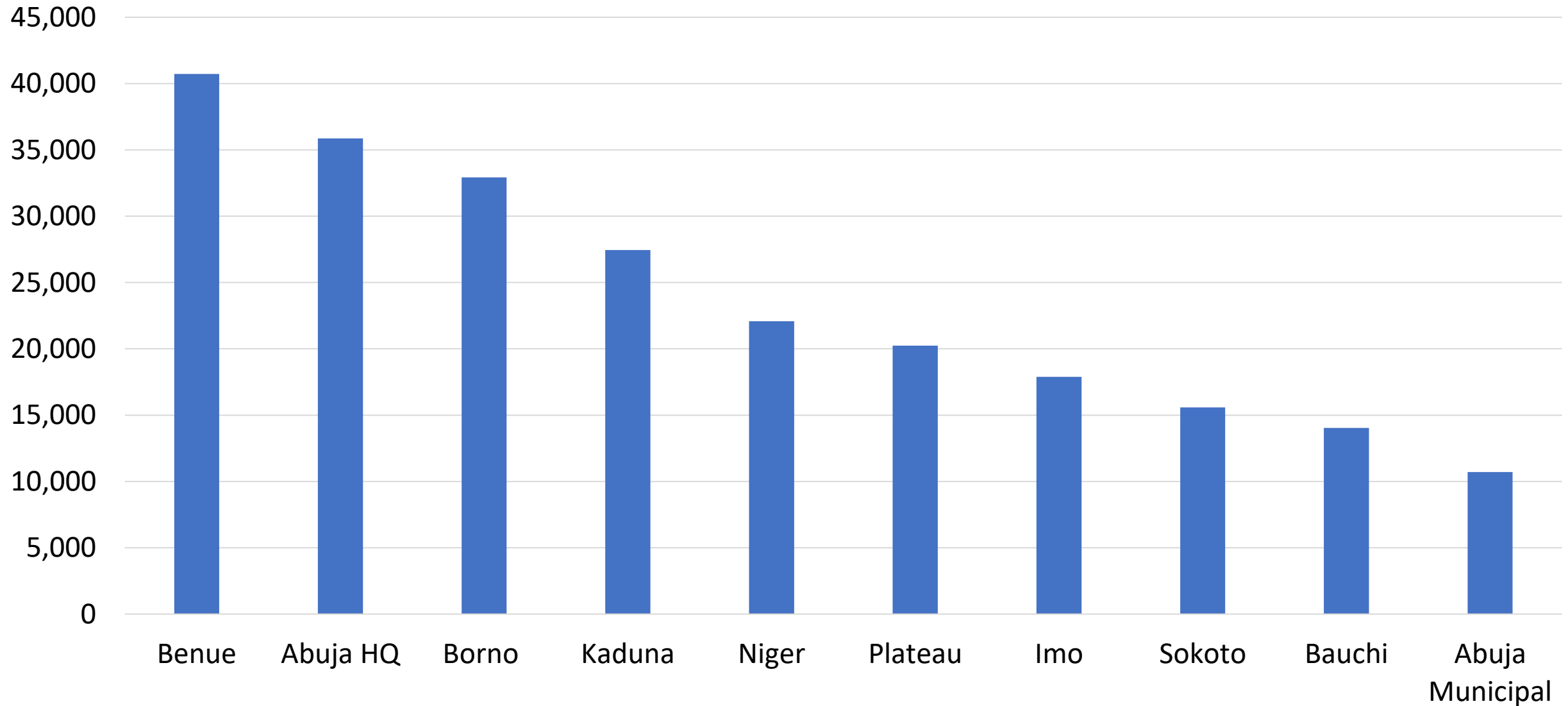
- Total Number of Complaints: **342,604**  
[A decrease of 20% compared to November 2025]



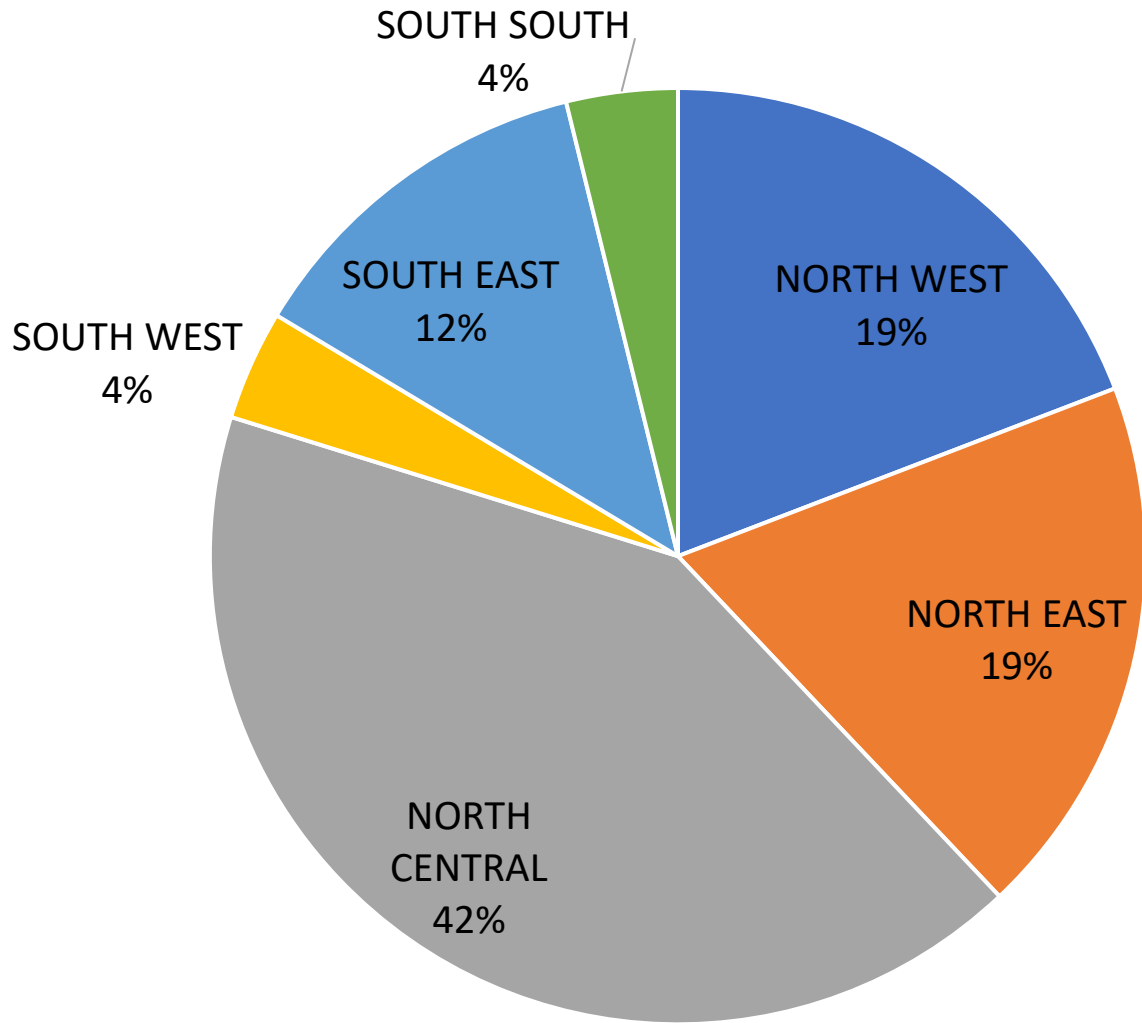
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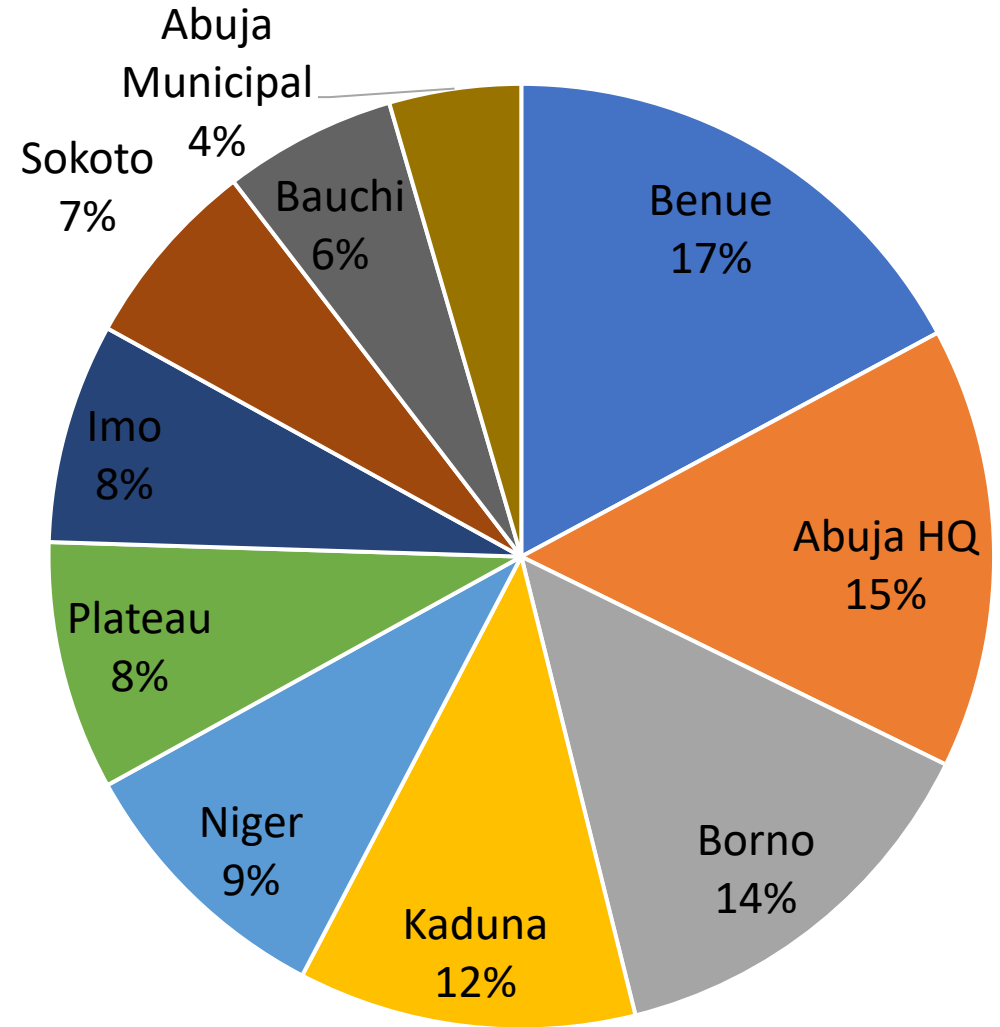
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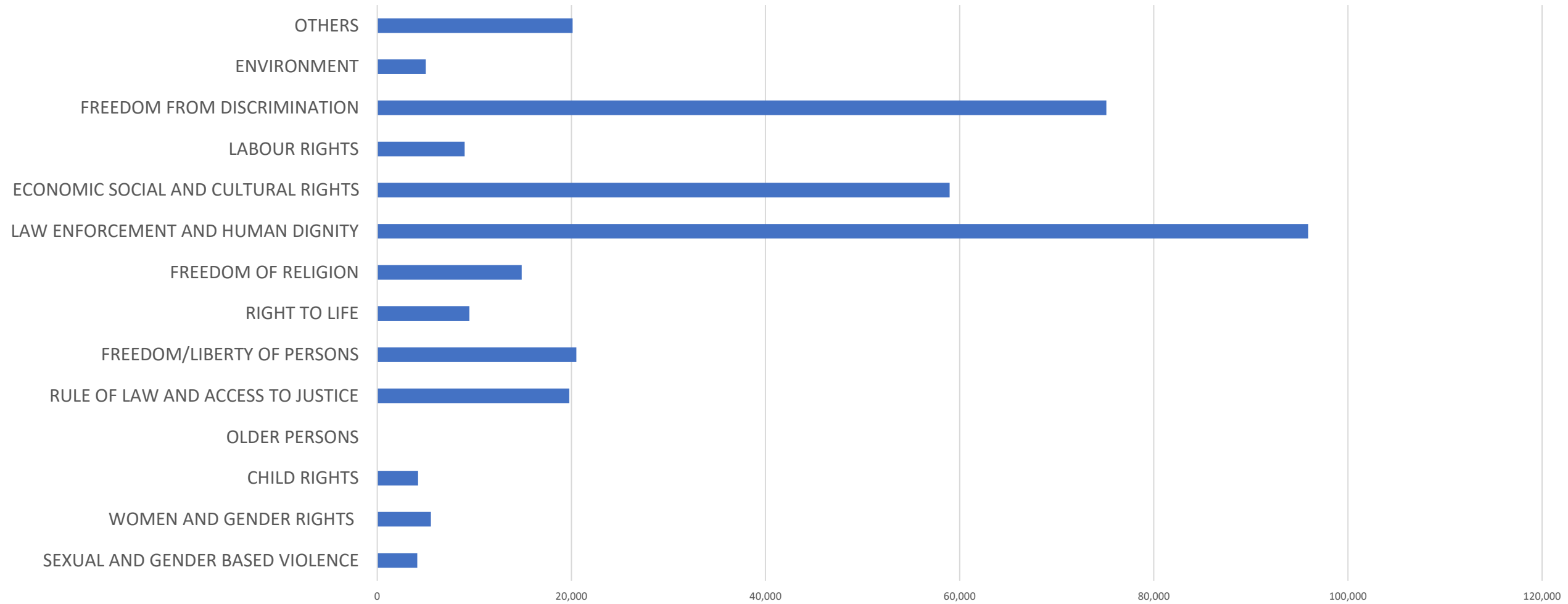
# Percentage Distribution of Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones December 2025



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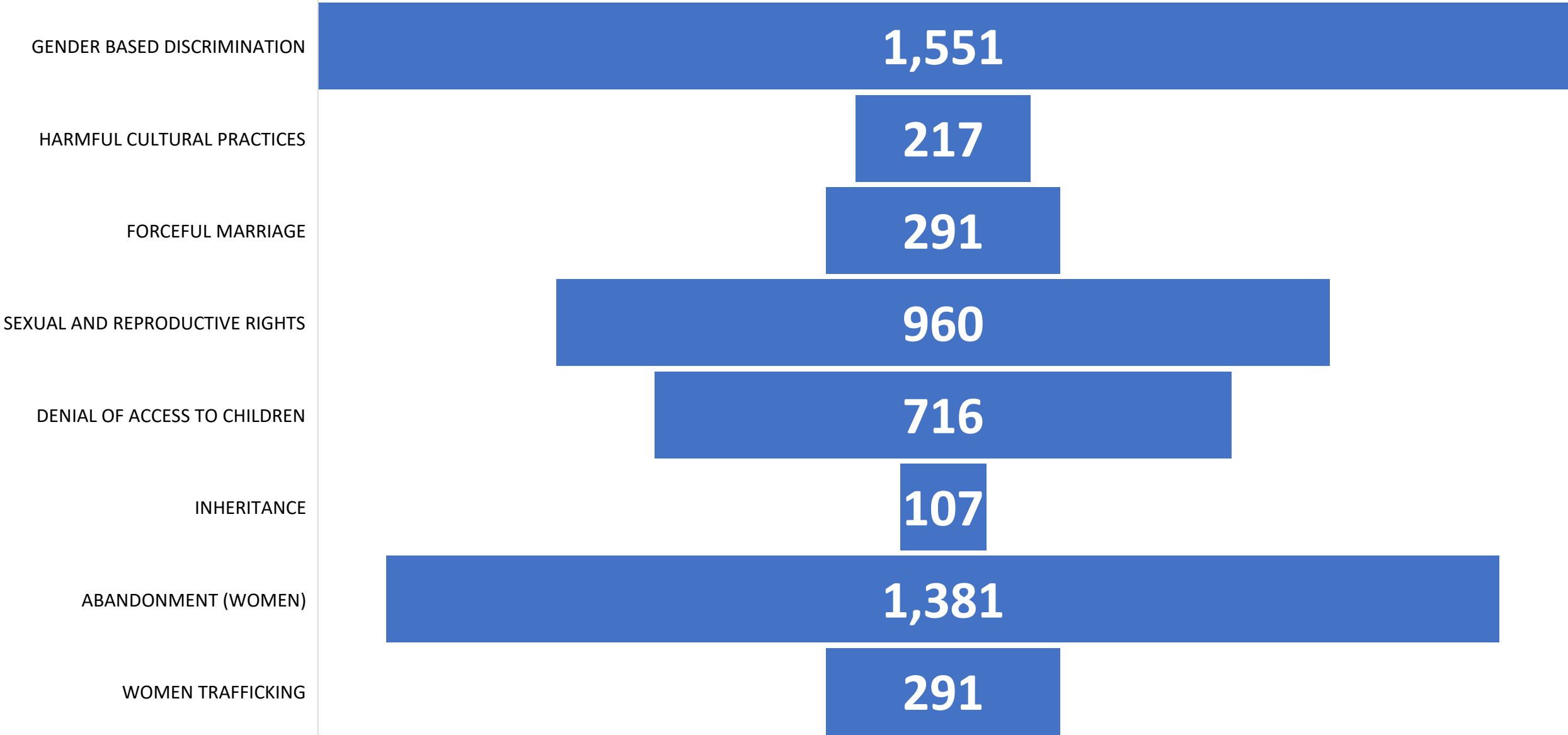


# December 2025 Thematic Human Rights Complaints

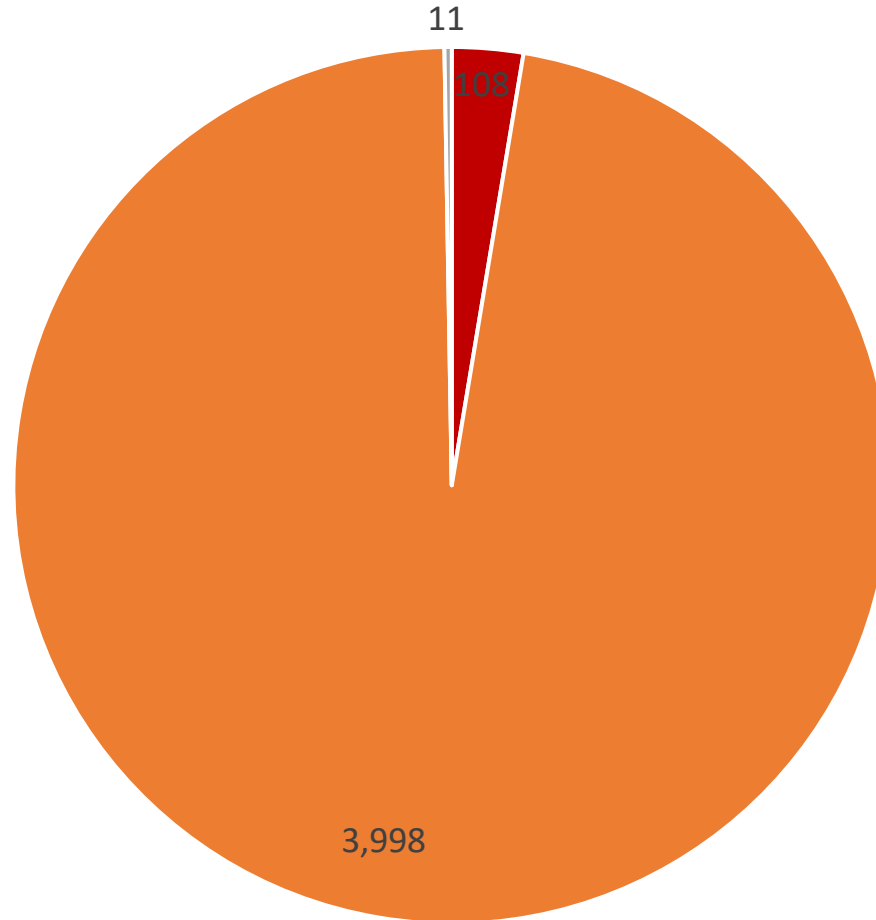


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# Complaints on Violation of Womens' Rights December 2025

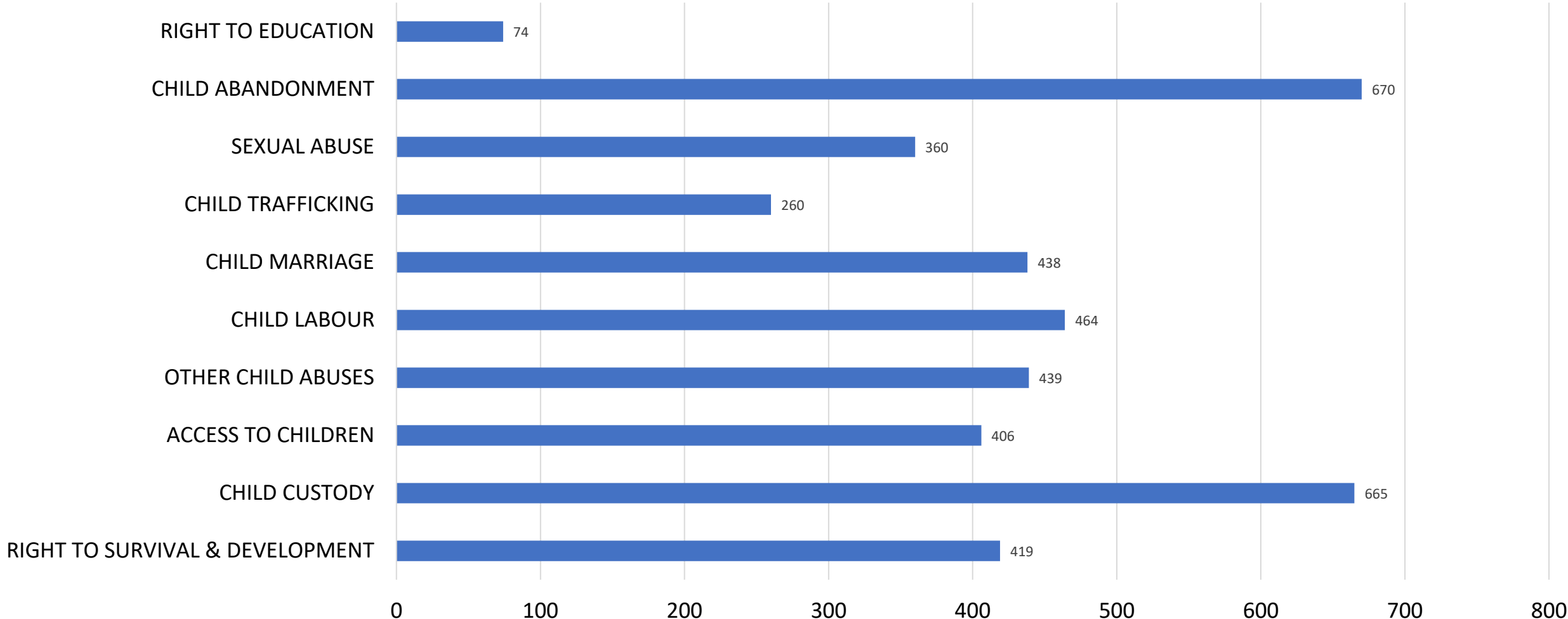


## December 2025 Sexual and Gender Based Violence



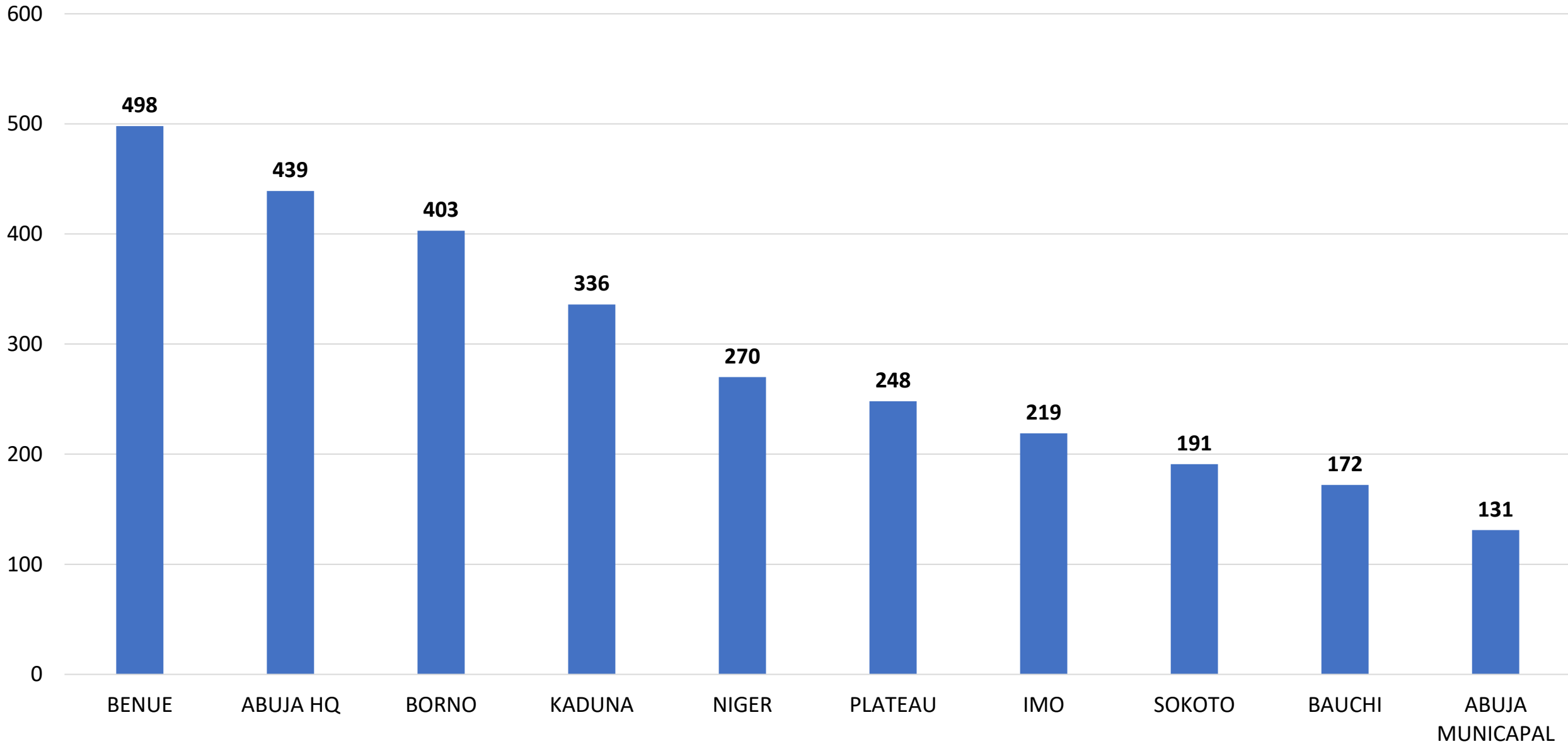
■ SEXUAL VIOLENCE ■ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ■ RAPE

# December 2025 Violation of Children's Rights

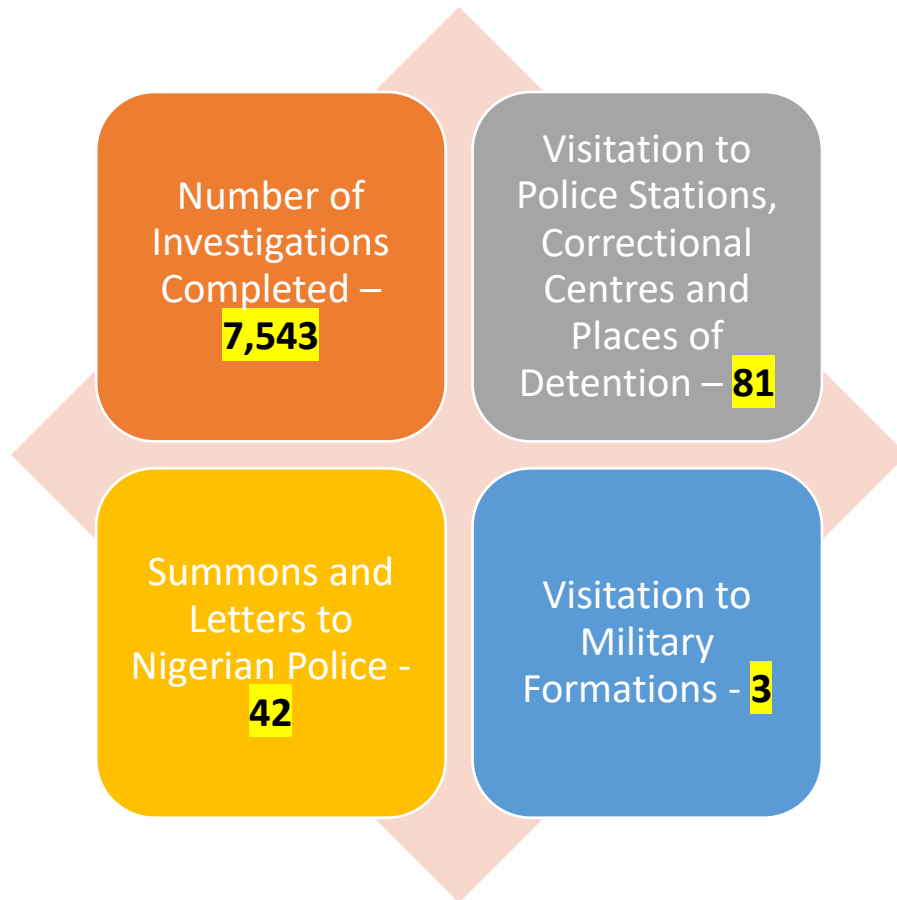


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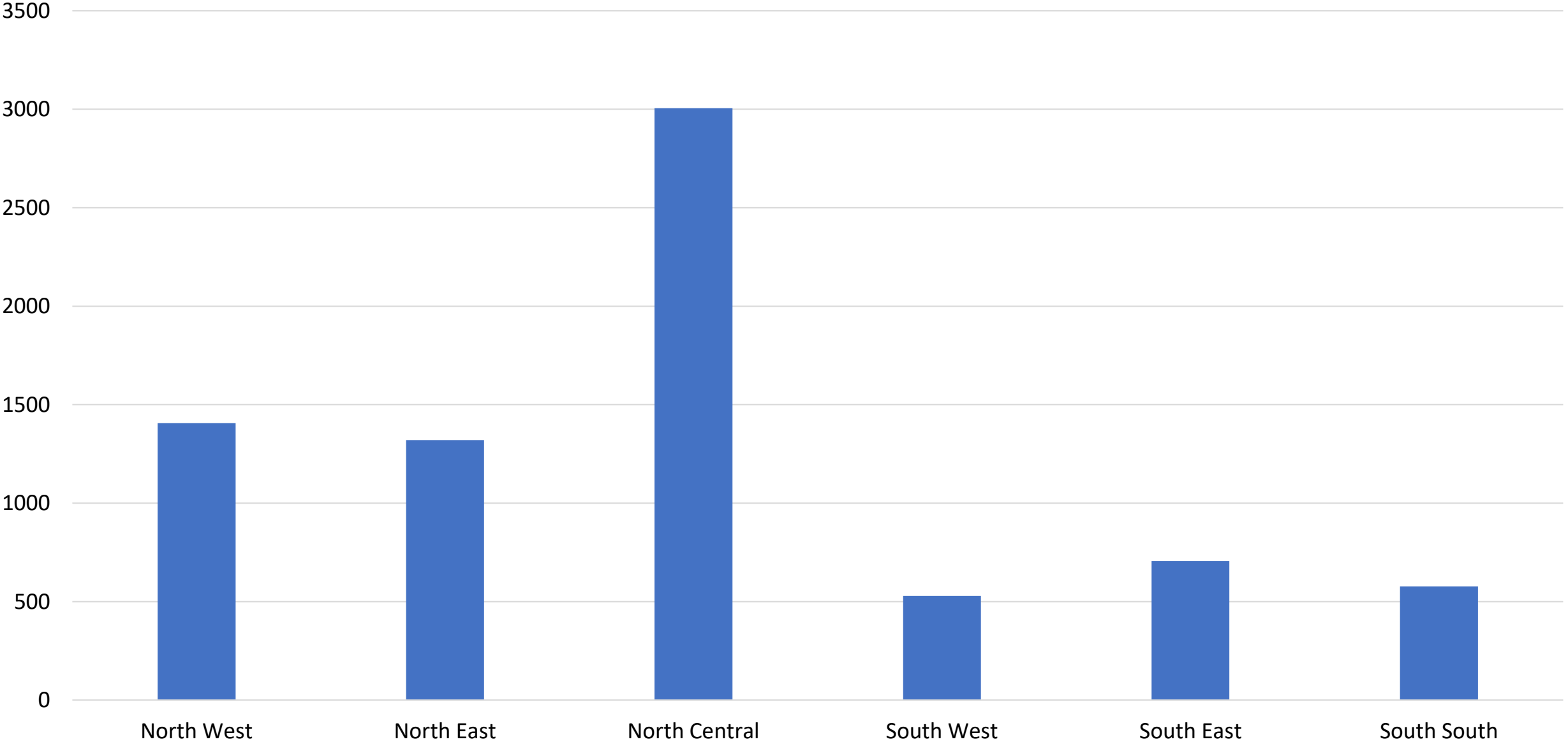
## Top 10 States in Violation of Child Rights December 2025



# NHRC in Numbers – December 2025

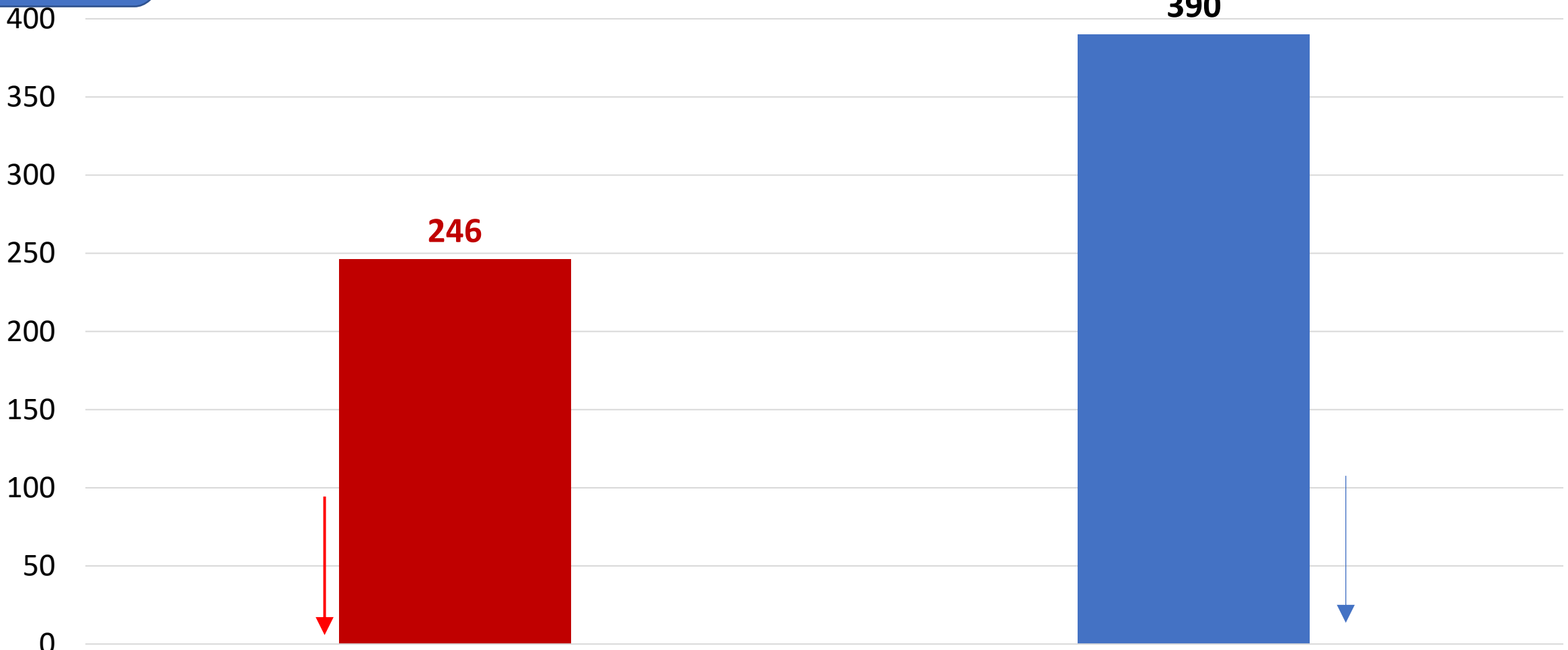


# Completed Investigations in December 2025 Across Zones



Killings and Kidnappings December 2025

Deaths by Road Accident  
35

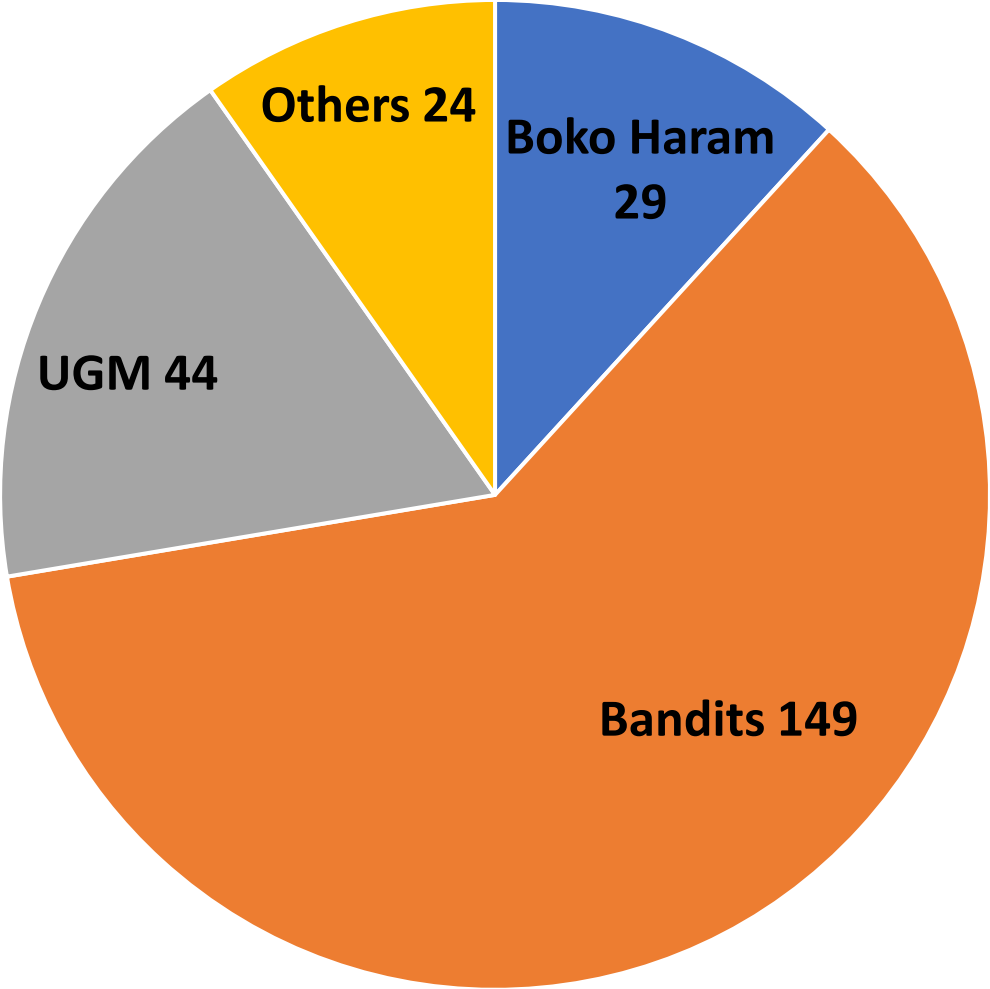


Killings

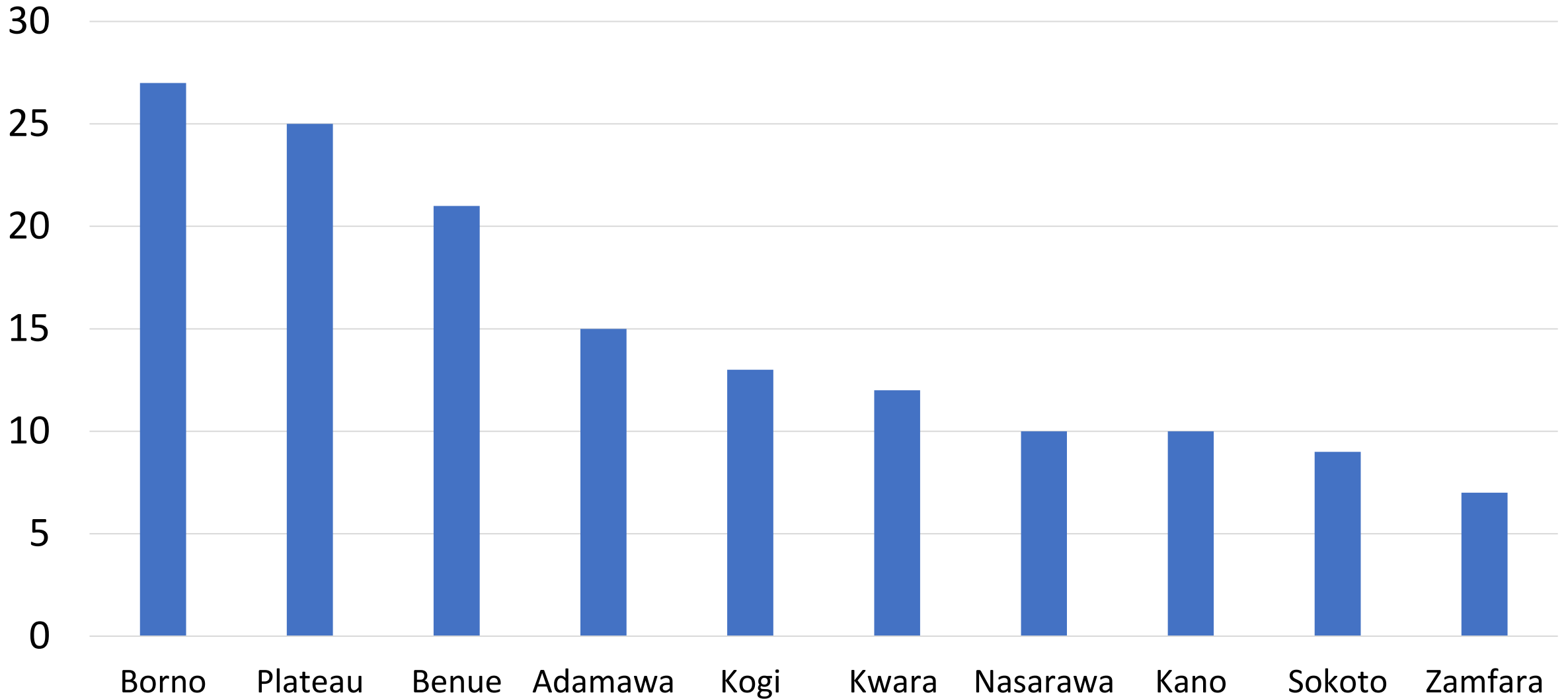
Kidnappings

Killings increased by 15% and Kidnapping decreased by 250% respectively from November 2025

# Perpetrators of Killings in December 2025



## Top 10 States in Killings in December 2025



# Human Rights Report – December 2025

## Cultural Rights:

- Nasarawa: Three killed and Nine injured as gunmen attack community during a traditional wedding
- Nasarawa: Three trucks rammed into a crowd during an annual Eggon festival and carnival in Eggon, killing 4 and injuring 7.
- Sokoto: Bandit abducts 30 women and girls, including a bride and her bridesmaids in Wurno

# Human Rights Report – December 2025 – Rights of Children

**Benue: Gboko – Infanticide** - A woman kills her newborn baby immediately after birth

## Sexual Violence

- Delta:
  - Man rapes and impregnates his 13-year-old stepdaughter, gets her pregnant, and purchases abortion pills for her
  - Man impregnates his 14-year-old step-daughter
- Edo – Twins Abducted after the murder of their father in Eysako
- Borno - Man raped 5-year-old pupil on her way to school
- Ekiti - 14-year-old deaf and dumb girl defiled.
- Imo: 43 year old man defiled his sister's 7 year old daughter

**Violence: Kogi: Gunmen abduct 3 children and their mother in Igah Ikeje-Olamaboro**

# Human Rights Report – December 2025 – Freedom of Religion

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Borno: 5 worshippers killed and 35 injured in suicide IED attack on Maiduguri mosque

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Sokoto: Bandits attack mosque, killing two, including the imam, and abducting 10 worshipers in Sabo-Birnin

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FCT: Three worshipers were stabbed to death while waiting for early morning prayers in a mosque

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Imo: Gunmen Shot Assistant Parish Priest of saint kelvin catholic church in Owerri

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Nasarawa: Bandits attack two catholic Priests in Mararaba.

# Human Rights Report – December 2025 – Family Related Violations

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Man beats his relative to death over N1000

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Imo – Ngor-Okpala – Domestic violence results in the death of a women

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Benue: Son hacked father to death with machete during heated argument

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Ogun: Man kills his stepmother over 4000 debts in Odeda

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Anambra: A man and his father beat cousin to death over phone charger in Ihiala

# Human Rights Report – December 2025

## Torture, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment

- Thugs stripped naked a veteran film maker, Don Pedro Obaseki

## Abuse of Power:

- Councillor Abdulrahman Abubakar Sherif, representing Shamaki Ward was brutally assaulted by a Senior Special Assistant (SSA) to Governor Inuwa Yahaya, allegedly in retaliation for the councillor's criticism of the governor's Chief of Staff.
- Lagos: Woman and 9 month baby unlawfully arrested and detained in lieu of her husband (a journalist) in Ikorodu
- Plateau: NSCDC officials shoot 5 traders in Jos

## Harmful Traditional Practices

- Jigawa: 50 year old woman beaten to death over allegations of witchcraft, 2 of her sons were also injured

## Freedom of Assembly

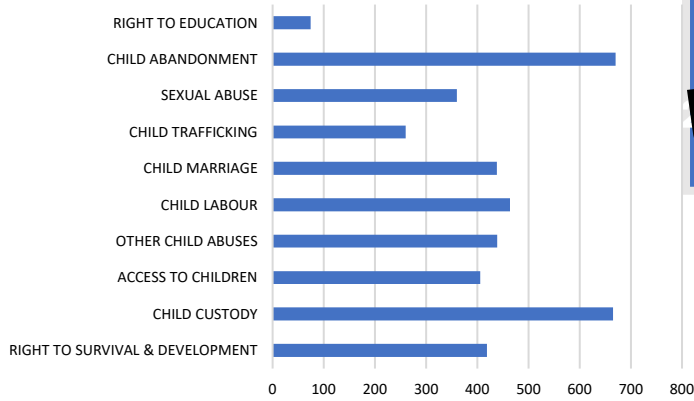
- Kogi: 4 killed as police, youth protesters clash in community after bandits attack in Yagba East
- Kwara: Thugs attack women protesting at the Kwara government house
- Adamawa: Seven female protesters killed while 11 others were injured during a protest in Lamurde. This was allegedly caused by military shots fired into the crowd.



# NHRC December 2025 Human Rights Situation Dashboard

## December 2025 Violation of Children's Rights

December 2025



**Kidnappings**  
**390**

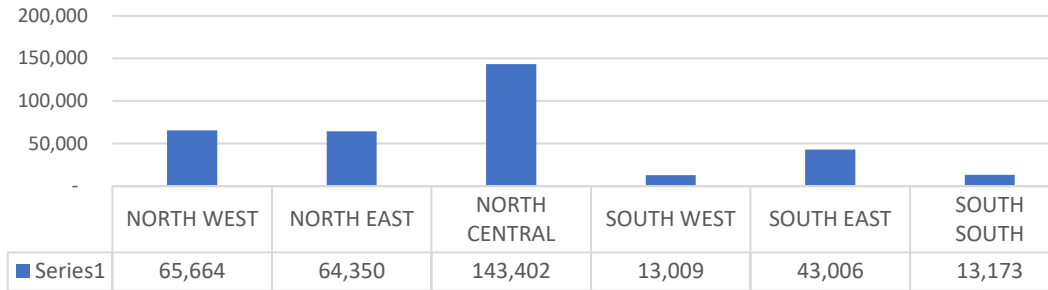
**Killings**  
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**Child Abandonment**  
**670**

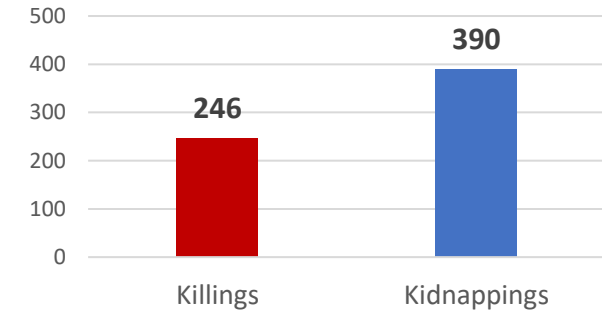
**Killing of Armed Forces & Law Enforcement**  
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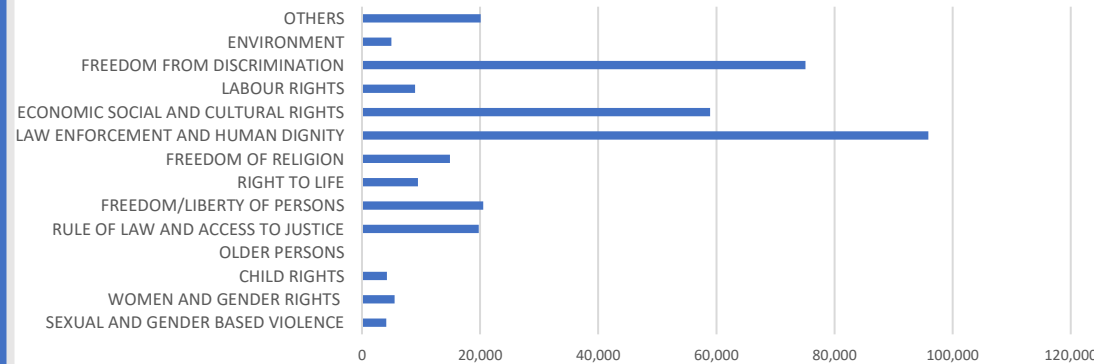


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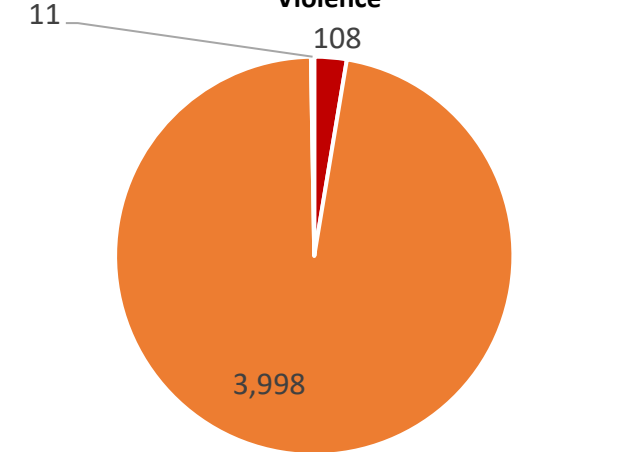
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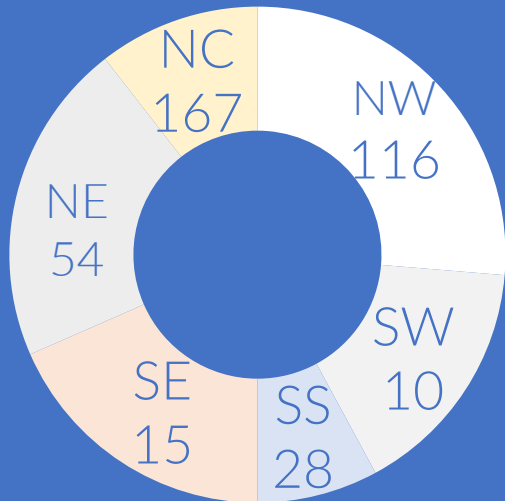


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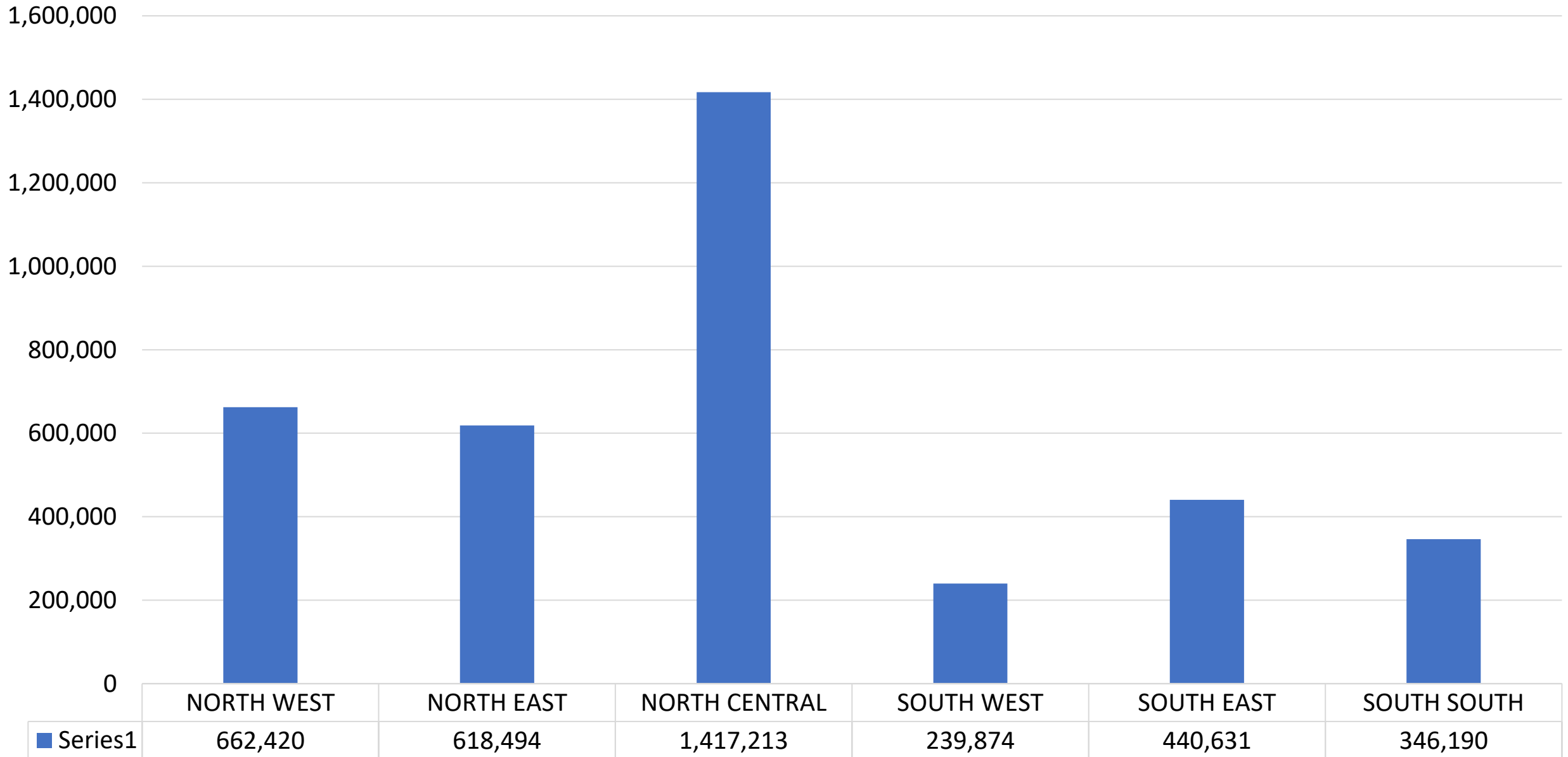
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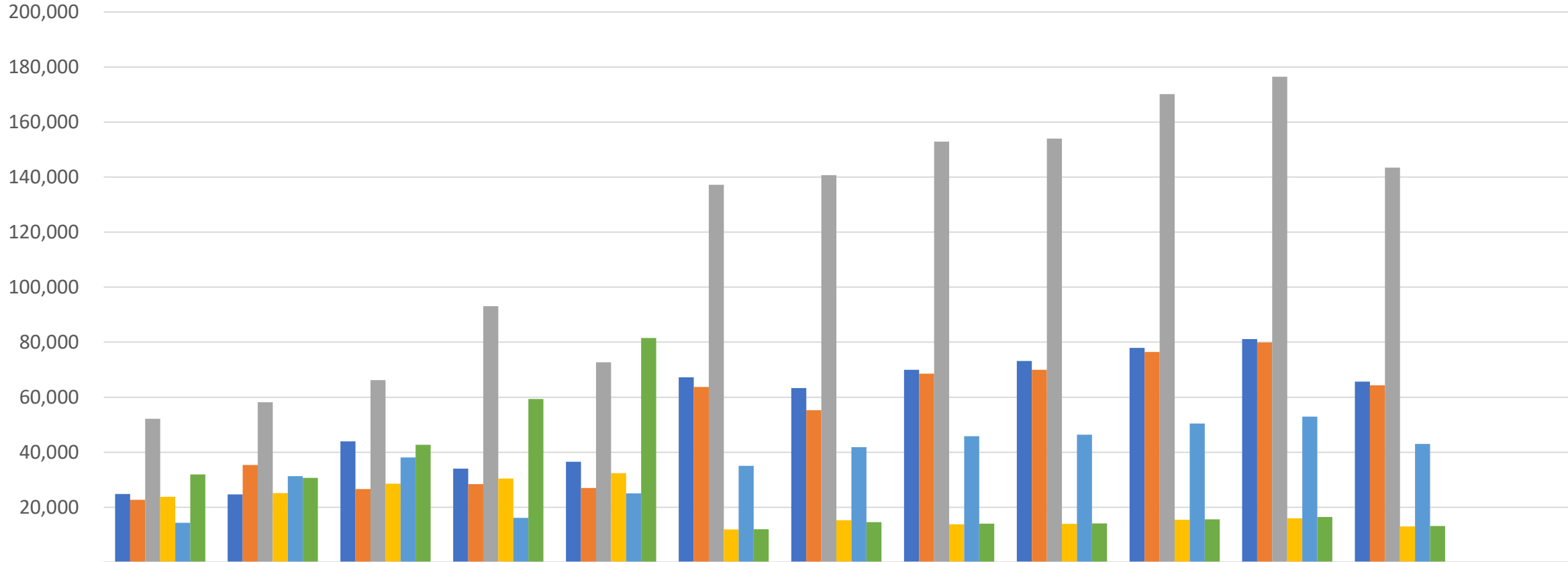


# Revisiting 2025 Human Rights Situation

# 2025 Human Rights Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones



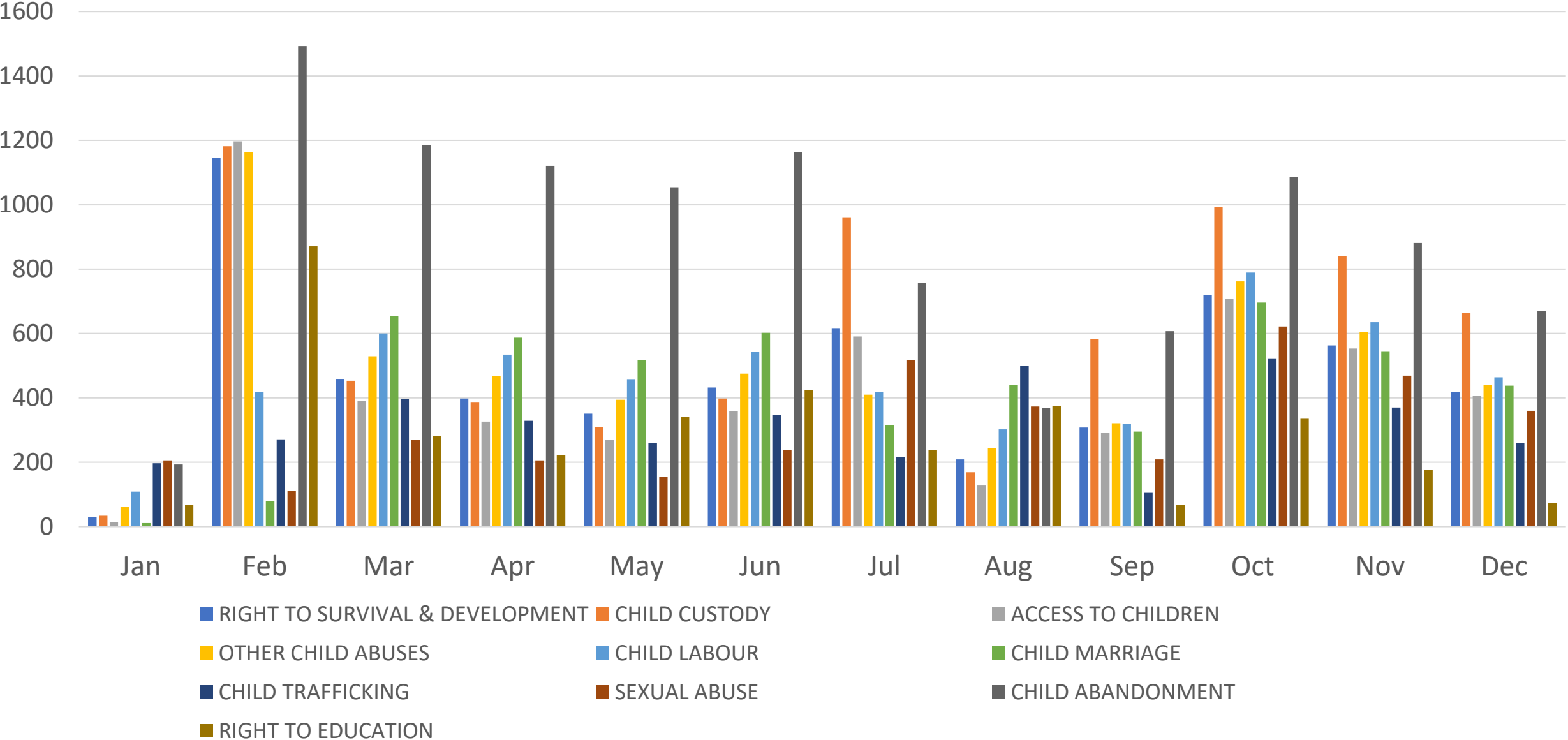
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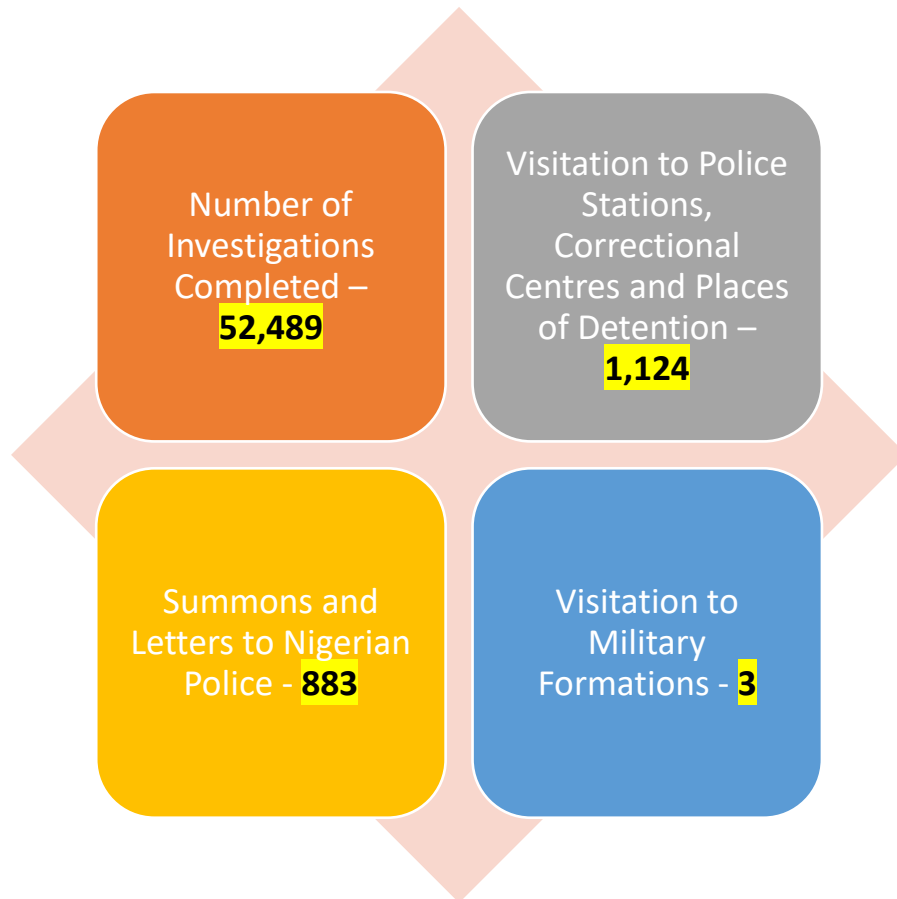
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
■ NORTH WEST	24,875	24,663	43,934	34,051	36,545	67,220	63,296	70,002	73,167	77,899	81,104	65,664
■ NORTH EAST	22,697	35,394	26,618	28,417	27,052	63,743	55,287	68,598	69,973	76,478	79,887	64,350
■ NORTH CENTRAL	52,189	58,207	66,219	93,091	72,710	137,179	140,707	152,870	153,967	170,173	176,499	143,402
■ SOUTH WEST	23,816	25,136	28,622	30,420	32,384	11,929	15,280	13,864	13,962	15,440	16,012	13,009
■ SOUTH EAST	14,353	31,299	38,121	16,192	25,070	35,040	41,895	45,849	46,409	50,469	52,928	43,006
■ SOUTH SOUTH	31,920	30,665	42,686	59,312	81,495	12,043	14,570	14,041	14,144	15,629	16,512	13,173

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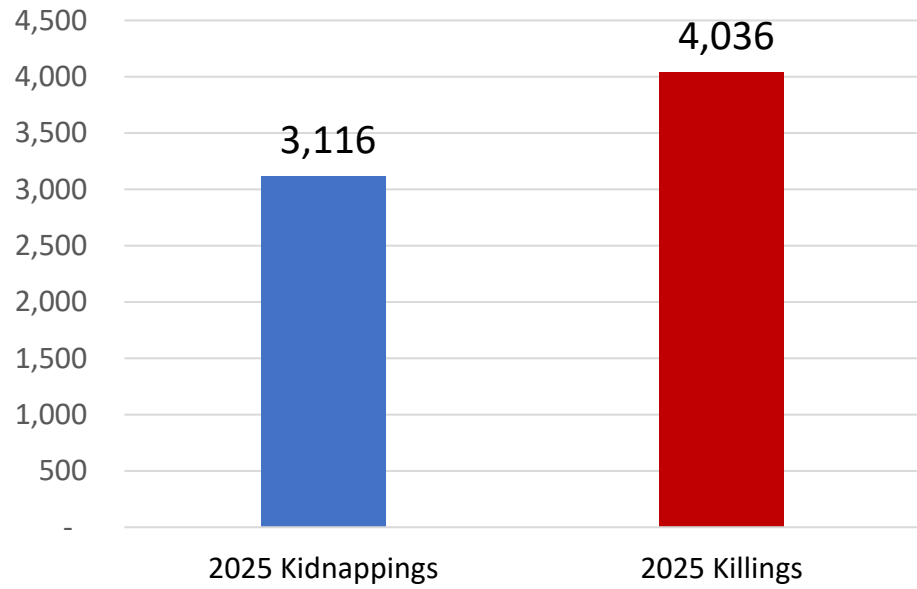
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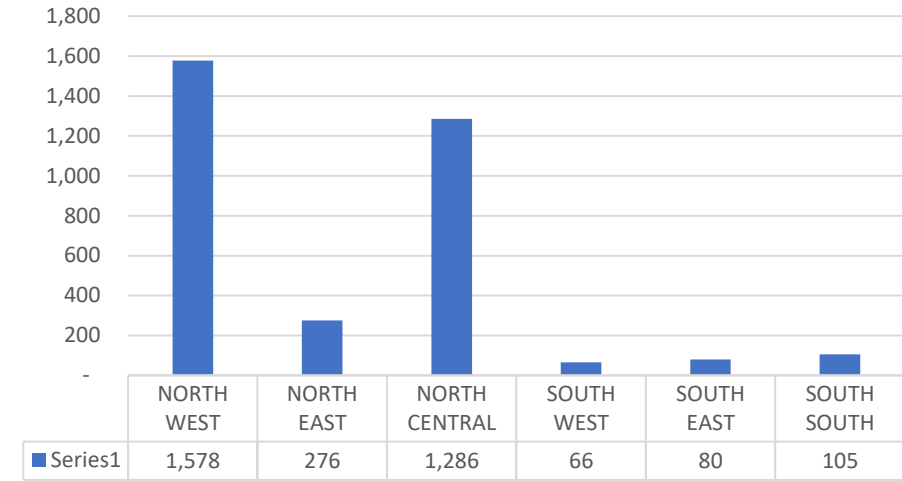
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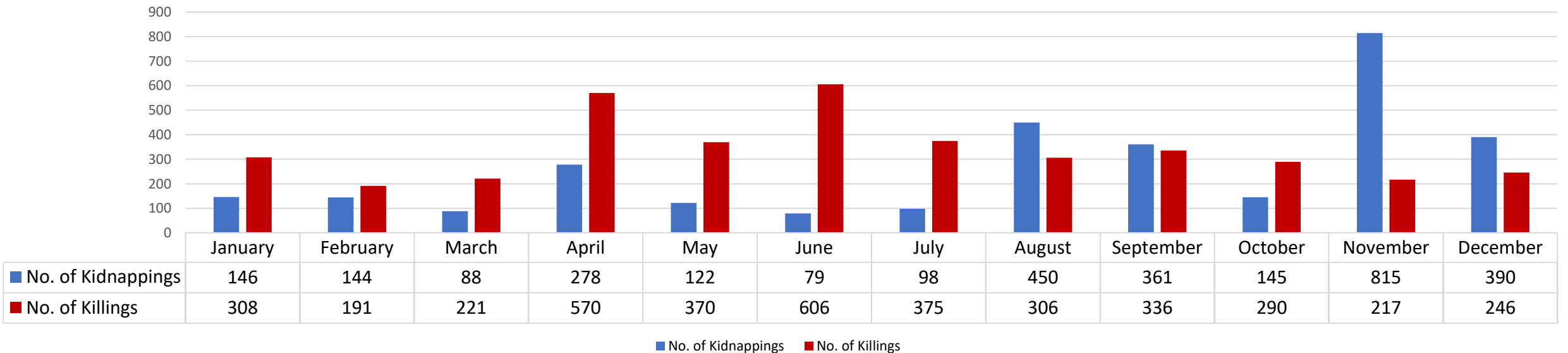
### 2025 Killings and Kidnappings



### Kidnapping Across Geopolitical Zones in 2025



### Killings and Kidnappings January – December 2025





# Revisiting Human Rights Incidents in 2025

Key Moments in Violations

# 2025 Child Rights Violations Revisited

Askira Uba, Borno State:  
ISWAP abducted 13 female  
teenagers between the ages  
of 15 and 20 (Nov. 2025)

Rivers State: Nanny stabs 7  
year old girl to death, slit her  
own throat afterwards

Sokoto: Gunmen kill two  
people, abduct 15 others in  
Sokoto community  
(including four nursing  
mothers, their babies and  
five teenagers. ) (Sept. 2025)

Borno State – Maduguri - 3  
children kidnapped and  
found dead in their Father's  
car. (Sept. 2025)

16 children killed in Islamic  
school in Zamfara (Feb.  
2025)



# 2025 Attacks on Children and the Right to Education

- **Kebbi State: Maga:** Bandits attack Government Girls Comprehensive Senior Secondary School, killing the vice principal and abducting 25 female students.
- **Niger: Papiiri:** Terrorists invade Catholic School in Niger, abduct students and 12 teachers
- **Rivers**
  - Abduction of 10 school children in Degema (May 2025)
- **Zamfara** – A pregnant woman was abducted by bandits and gave birth to twins while in captivity. The bandits fed the newborns to dogs.
- **Borno** – ISWAP kill 6 children in Kala- Barge

# 2025 Human Rights Violations Revisited

- Abductions of travellers in Benue, Kaduna
- Attack on farmers in Kwara, Edo, Plateau, Benue
- **Vigilante kill 16 travellers in Uromi, Edo state (March 2025)**
- 39 Deaths of Armed Forces and Law enforcement in March
  - 12 soldiers from the MNJTF in Borno State by BH
  - 2 Soldiers killed in Benue state by Herders

# Violations of Freedom of Religion (July 2025)

Edo State - Gunmen attack Immaculate Conception Minor Seminary, killing a security guard and abducting 3 seminarians

Plateau State - Gunmen killed 2 evangelists and a 59-year-old man

Kaduna State - Five worshipers killed as bandits attack church meeting

Niger State - Bandits kidnap pastor in Borgu.

Benue State - Church leader and three others killed by herders in an attack, 3 abducted in Gwer East LGA.

# Violations of Freedom of Religion (July 2025)

## Malumfashi, Katsina

- **50 worshippers killed by bandits in early morning attack**
- **Bandits kill 13 in Malumfashi in retaliatory attack**

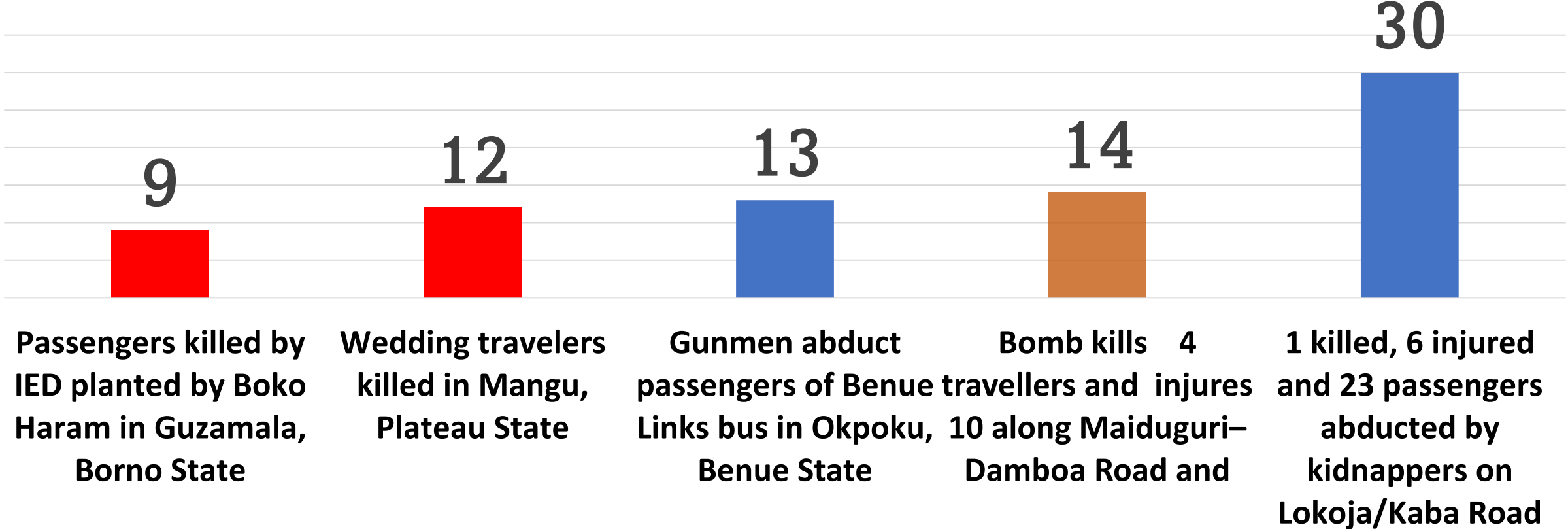
## Zamfara State – Tsafe LGA

- 43 worshippers reportedly abducted during dawn prayers in Gidan Turbe village
- 8 worshippers killed during early morning prayers in Yandoto village

**Niger State – Mariga - woman set ablaze over an alleged blasphemous remark**

**Niger State - Gunmen killed 22 villagers during Baptism in Tillaberi**

# Attack on the Freedom of Movement & Association in June 2025



# 2026 Human Rights Outlook for Nigeria

# Security and Rule of Law

## Risks:

- Continued insurgency, banditry, and communal conflicts pose a persistent threat to the right to life and security. Recent government declarations of security emergencies reflect the severity of the situation.

## Strategies:

- Strengthen community policing and local security architecture with human rights oversight.
- Revise security policies to incorporate human rights training and accountability mechanisms for security forces.
- Roll out early warning systems in conflict-prone areas to prevent violence against civilians.
- Approve the National Policy on Protection of Civilians in Conflict.

# Social and Gender Rights

## Risks:

- GBV and violations against women and children may escalate without targeted social protection and enforcement of existing laws.

## Strategies:

- Scale up support for GBV survivors — shelters, legal aid, psychosocial services, and community awareness campaigns.
- Implement child protection frameworks in partnership with Ministries of Education and Social Welfare.
- Increased social protection and antipoverty programmes at local levels
- Enhance enforcement of laws against harmful practices such as child marriage.

# Civil and Political Rights

## Risks:

- Restrictions on freedoms of expression and assembly could undermine democratic space amid political tensions and anticipated elections in 2027.

## Strategies:

- Advocate for legal reforms protecting civic space, freedom of media, and anti-discrimination.
- Train law enforcement on rights-based approaches to protests and public order management.
- Support civic education initiatives promoting constitutional rights awareness.
- Electoral Reforms to enhance political plurality and citizens participation

# Economic and Social Rights

## Risks:

- Economic reforms and fiscal pressures could deepen inequality, food insecurity, and social exclusion — negatively affecting the right to an adequate standard of living and access to essential services.

## Strategies:

- Monitor the human rights impact of economic policies, including tax reforms and subsidy changes.
- Collaborate with the Ministries of Health, Education, and Agriculture to ensure equitable access to healthcare, education, and food security.
- Promote decent work and social protection schemes for vulnerable populations.

# Institutional Strengthening and Accountability

## Risks:

- Weak accountability for human rights violations encourages persistent abuses.

## Strategies:

- Support judicial reforms to expedite human rights cases and ensure justice for victims.
- Institutionalize independent oversight bodies for police, military, and other state agents.
- Strengthen the NHRC Regional Offices for rapid response and data collection.

# Strategic Actions for NHRC and Government (2026)

Priority Area	Actionable Strategies
Prevention & Protection	Rapid response teams; conflict-sensitive early warning mechanisms; community peacebuilding programs
Justice and Accountability	Legal reforms for speedy justice; human rights courts; prosecution of rights violators
Social Support Systems	Comprehensive services for GBV survivors; child protection; disability-inclusive programs
Economic & Social Rights Monitoring	Policy impact assessments; advocacy for inclusive economic reforms
Electoral Reforms & Citizens' Participation	Promote and protect right to participation; engage in citizens' awareness programs on the right to vote; advocacy and policy advisories on hate speech, electoral malpractices and violence
Data & Research	Strengthen human rights observatories and dashboards; qualitative research on violations and impacts
Partnership & Collaboration	National dialogue platforms; partnerships with civil society, traditional leaders, and international bodies

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