



January – March 2026

# 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 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.

# General Human Rights Situation in Q1 2026

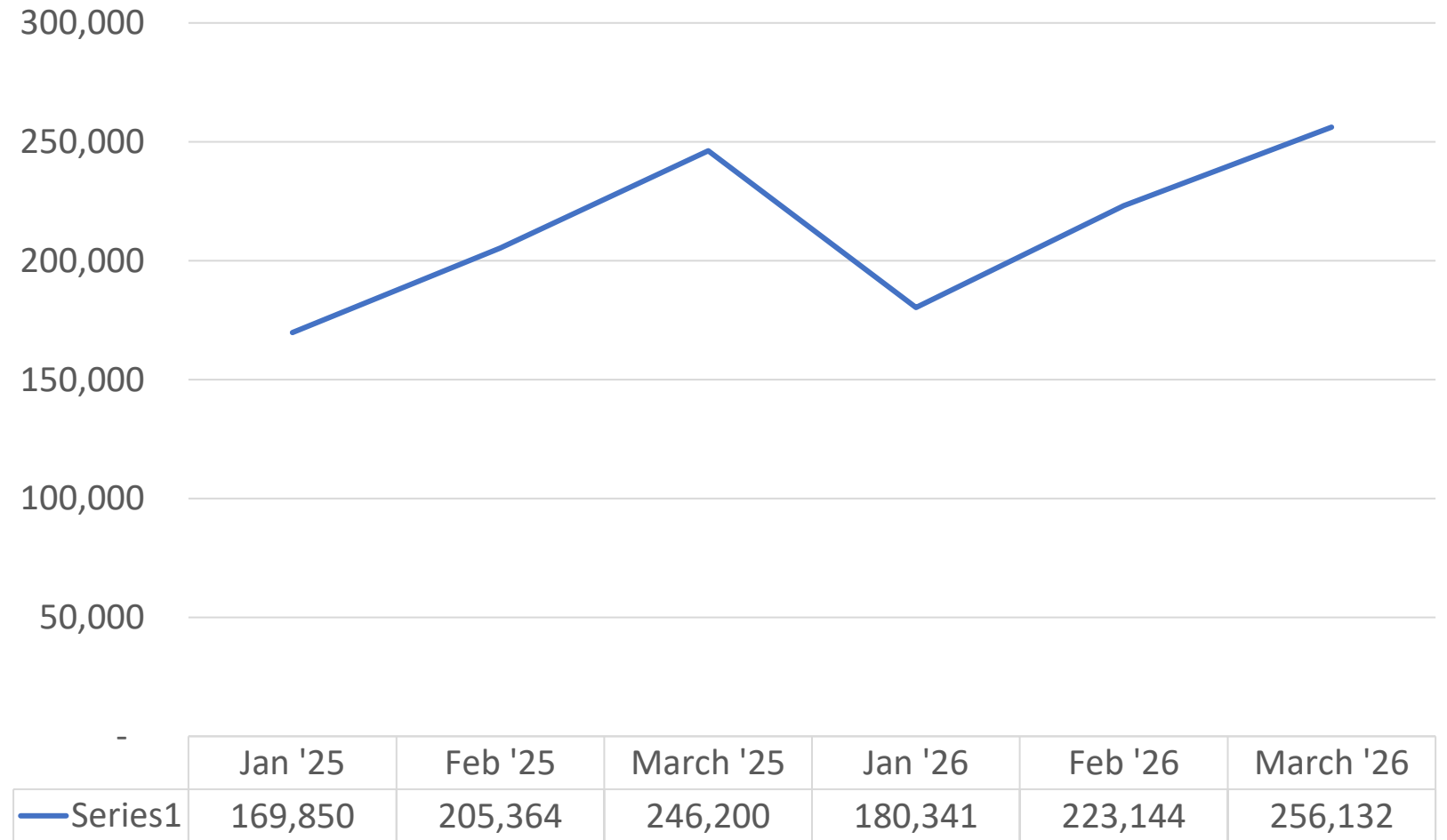
- Human rights complaints to the NHRC increased marginally in the month of December.
- Mass killings across Nigeria reached an all time high.
- Physical and Sexual Violence on Children
- Killings resulting from mob action and cultism
- Killings of Military, Law enforcement and security agencies.

# NHRC Jan-March 2026 Human Rights Complaints

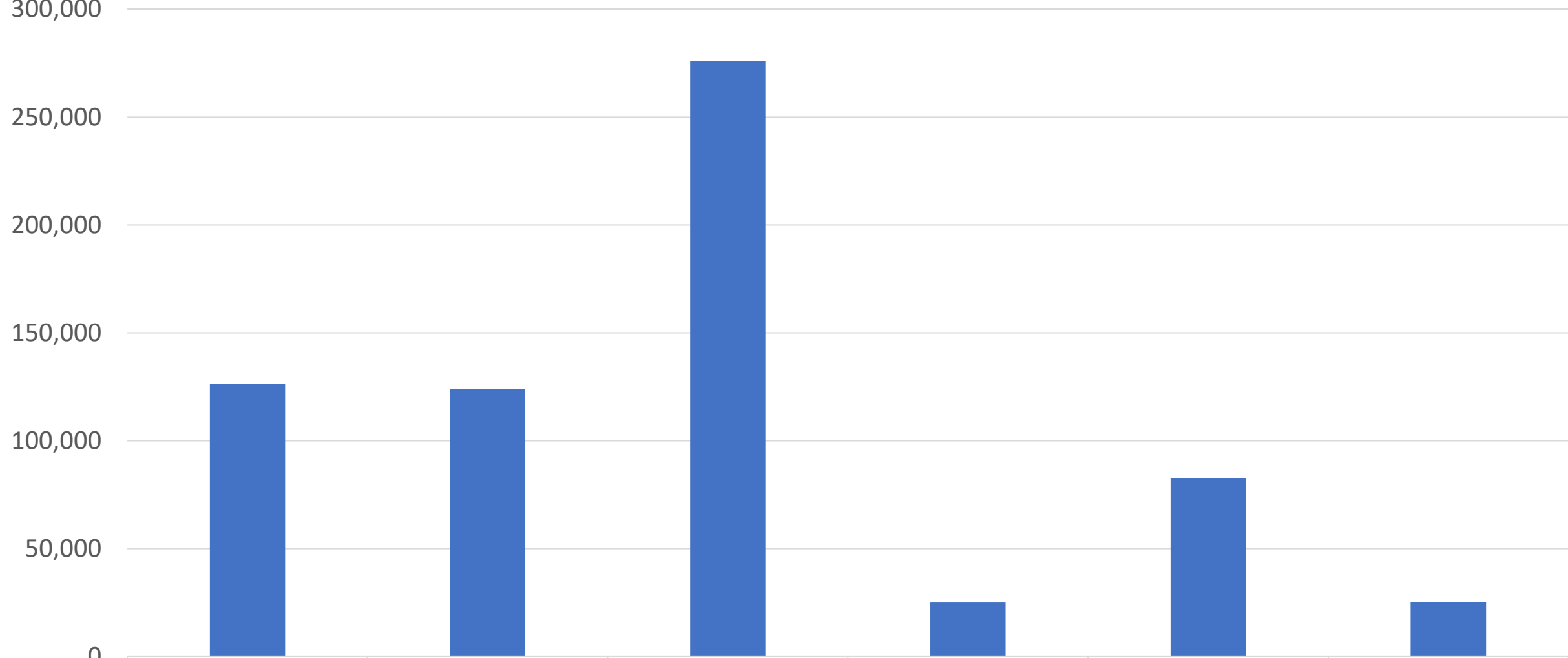
- Total Number of Complaints: **659,617**

*[An increase of 5% compared to corresponding period in 2025]*

## Human Rights Complaints January - March 2025 and 2026 Compared

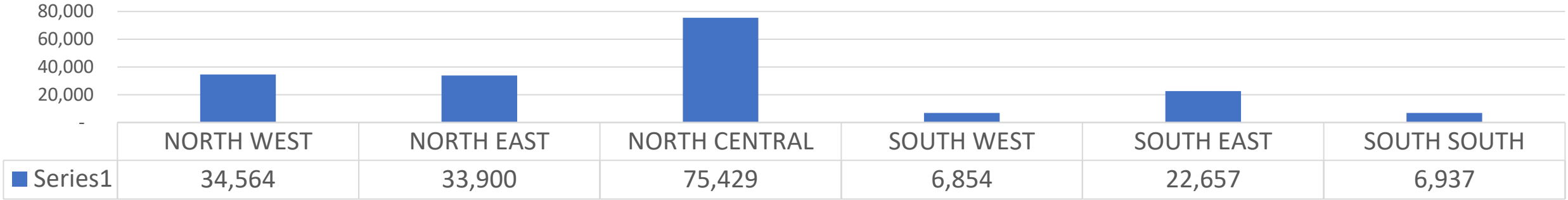


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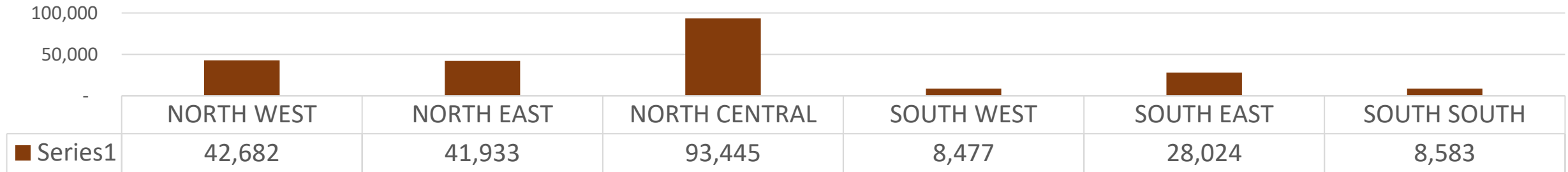


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| ■ Series1 | NORTH WEST | NORTH EAST | NORTH CENTRAL | SOUTH WEST | SOUTH EAST | SOUTH SOUTH |
|           | 126,313    | 123,939    | 276,099       | 25,057     | 82,839     | 25,370      |

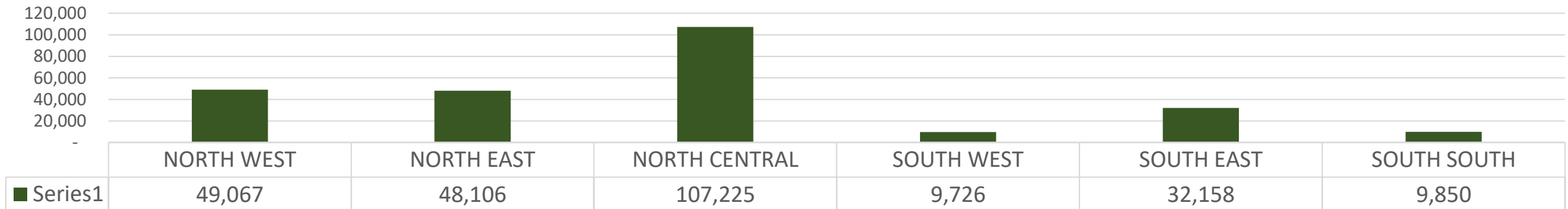
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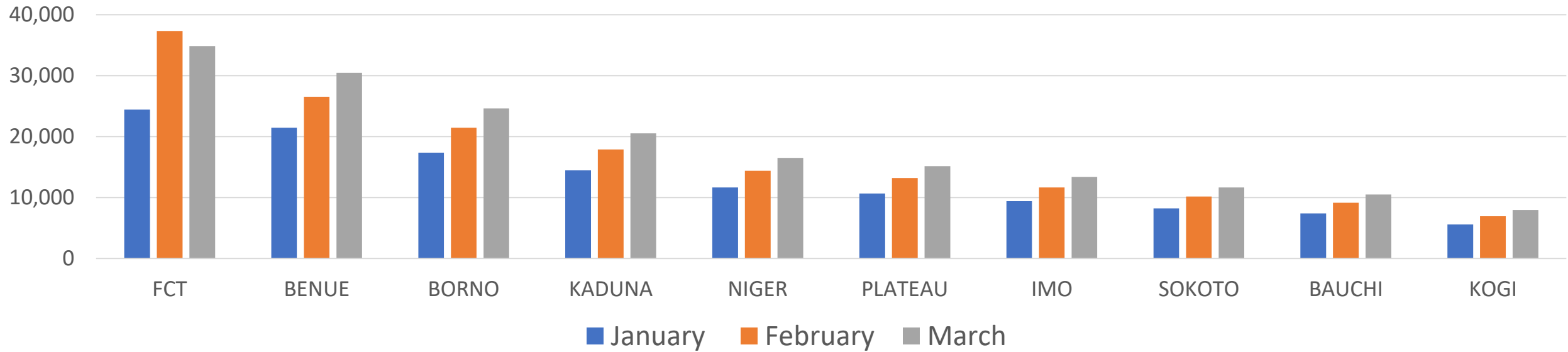
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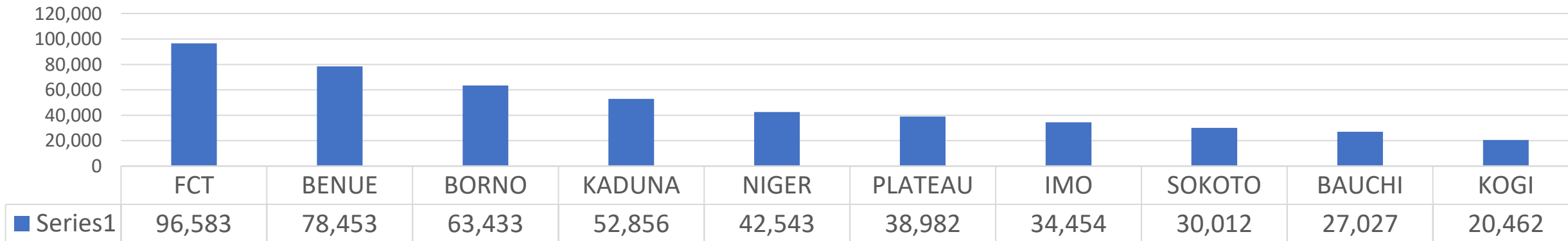
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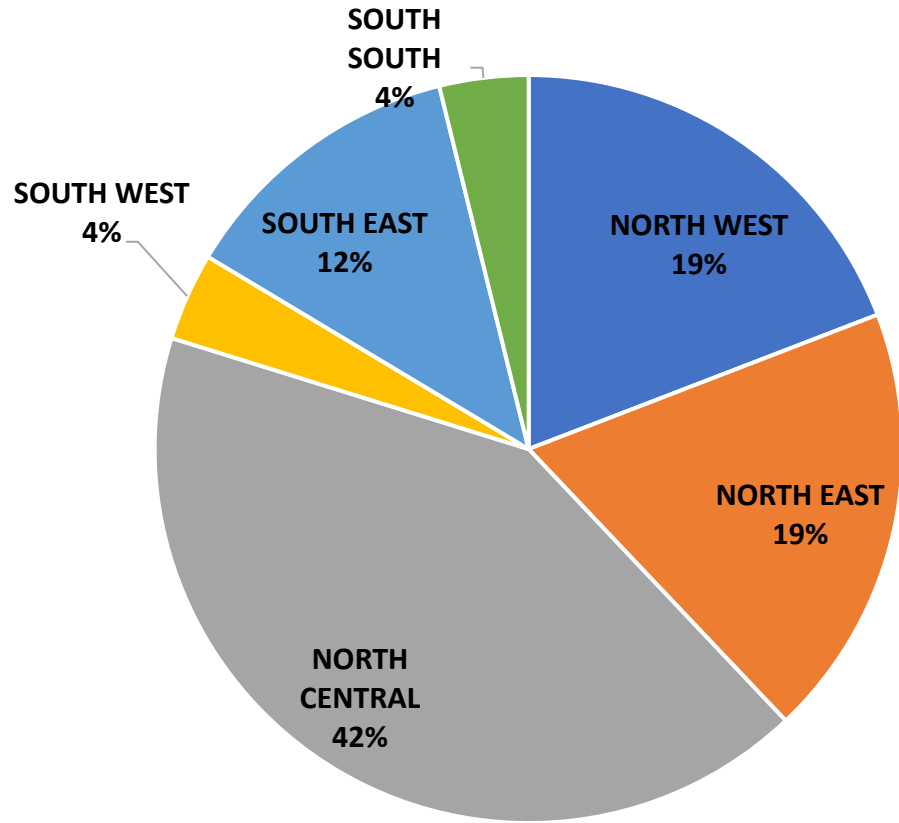
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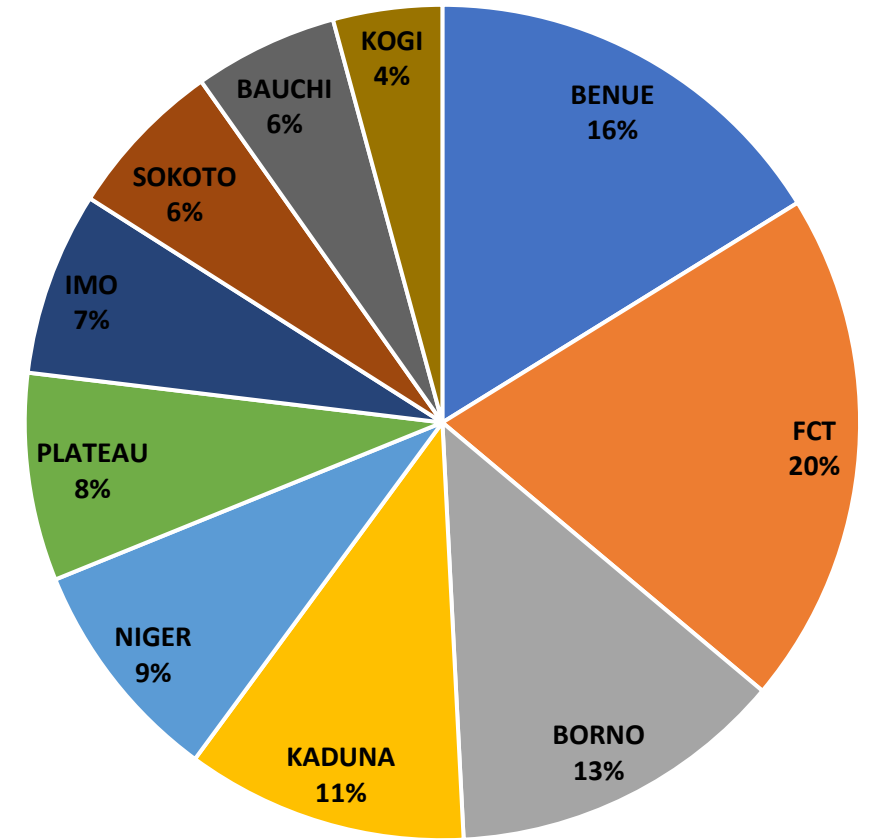
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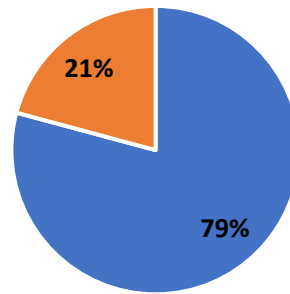
# Percentage Distribution of Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones January-March 2026



# Top 10 States for Human Rights Complaints in January-March 2026 (% Share)

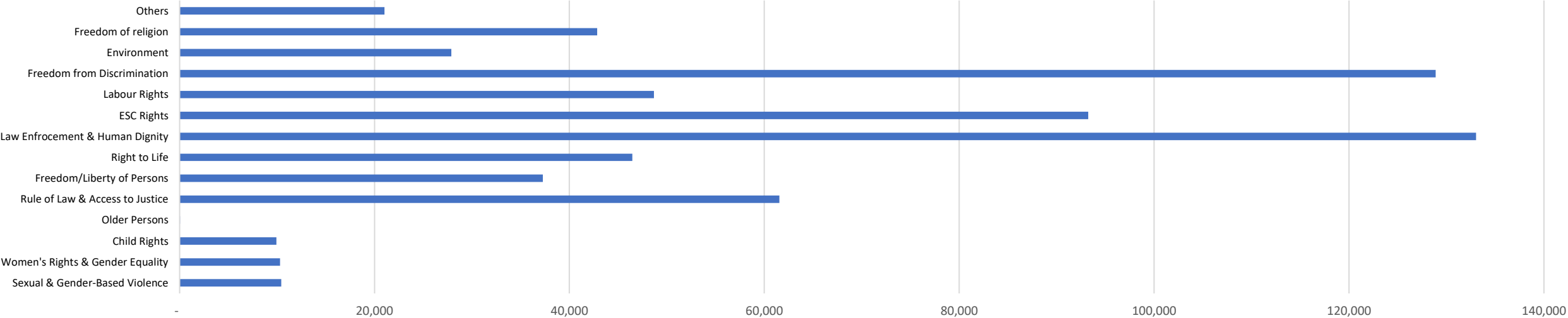


10 vs 27: Top 10 States Compared with the Rest



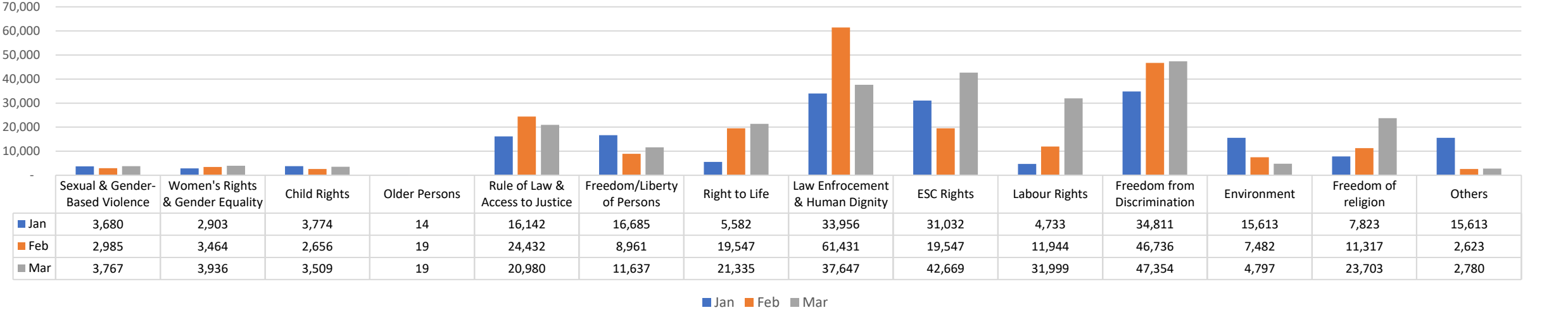
■ Top 10 States ■ Others

# January - March 2026 Thematic Human Rights Complaints (Consolidated)

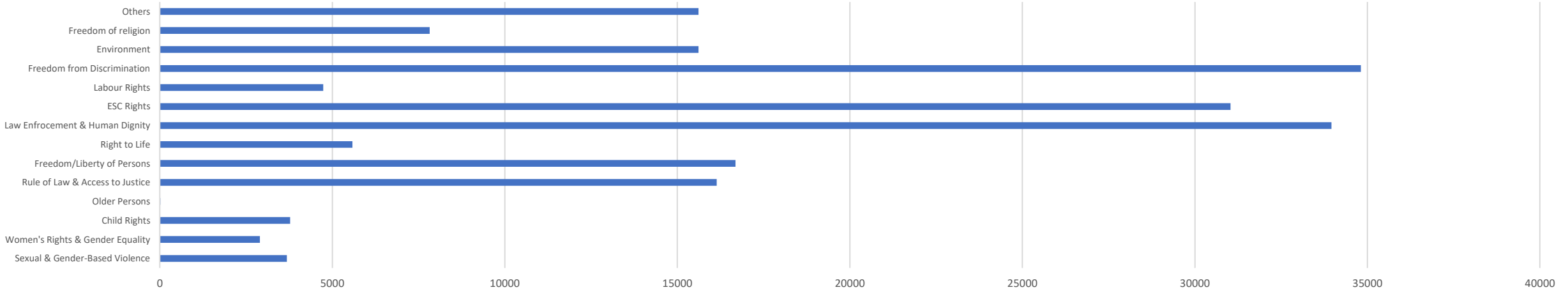


| Series1 | Sexual & Gender-Based Violence | Women's Rights & Gender Equality | Child Rights | Older Persons | Rule of Law & Access to Justice | Freedom/Liberty of Persons | Right to Life | Law Enforcement & Human Dignity | ESC Rights | Labour Rights | Freedom from Discrimination | Environment | Freedom of religion | Others |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------|
| Series1 | 10,432                         | 10,303                           | 9,939        | 52            | 61,554                          | 37,283                     | 46,464        | 133,034                         | 93,248     | 48,676        | 128,901                     | 27,892      | 42,843              | 21,016 |

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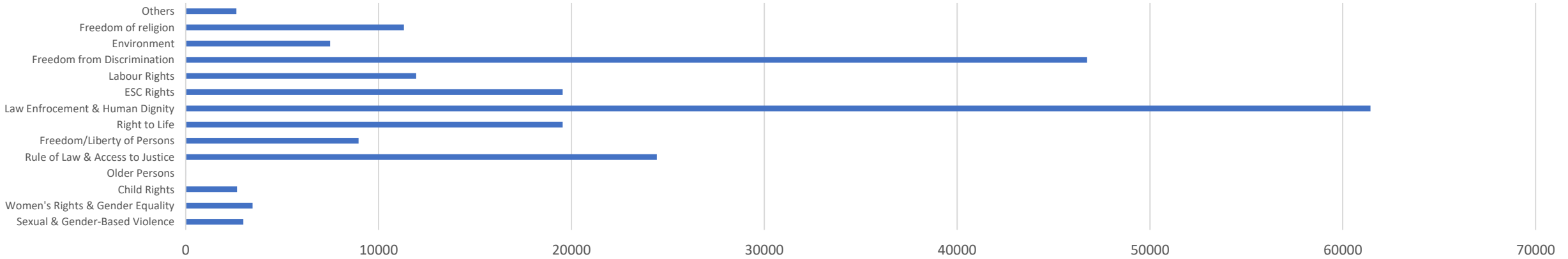


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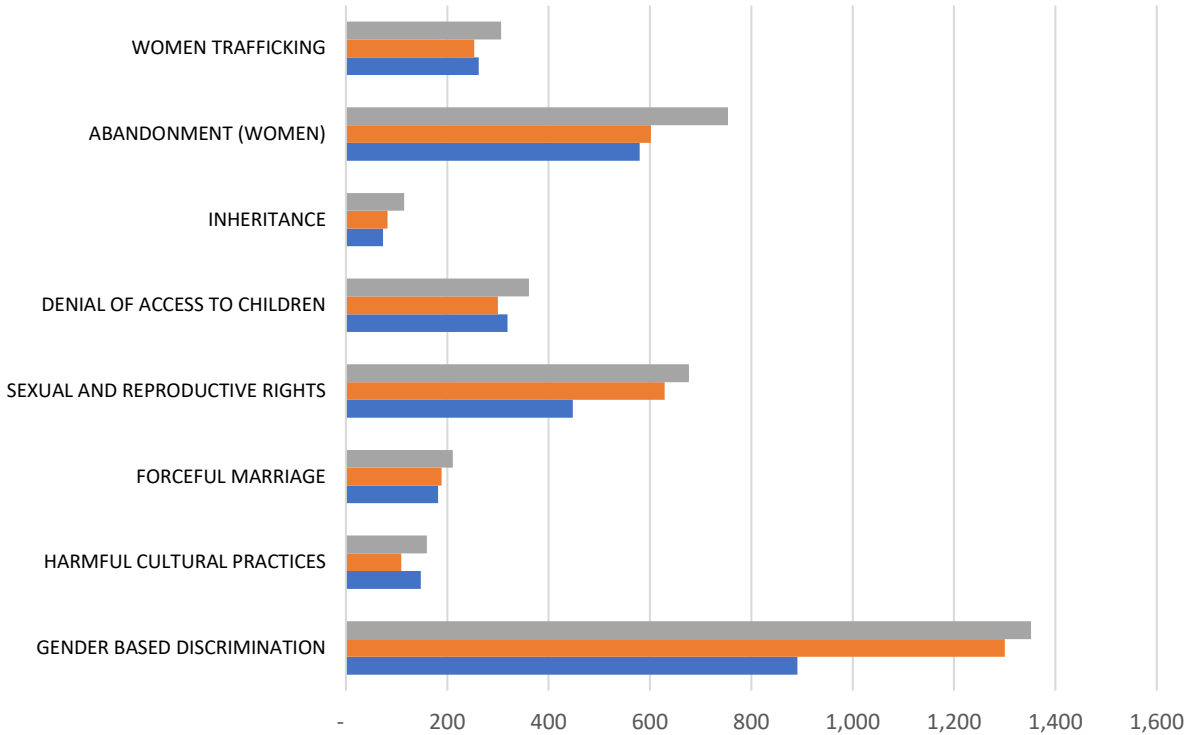
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| ■ Series1 | 3680                           | 2903                             | 3774         | 14            | 16142                           | 16685                      | 5582          | 33956                           | 31032      | 4733          | 34811                       | 15613       | 7823                | 15613  |

## February 2026 Thematic Human Rights Complaints



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| ■ Series1 | 2985                           | 3464                             | 2656         | 19            | 24432                           | 8961                       | 19547         | 61431                           | 19547      | 11944         | 46736                       | 7482        | 11317               | 2623   |

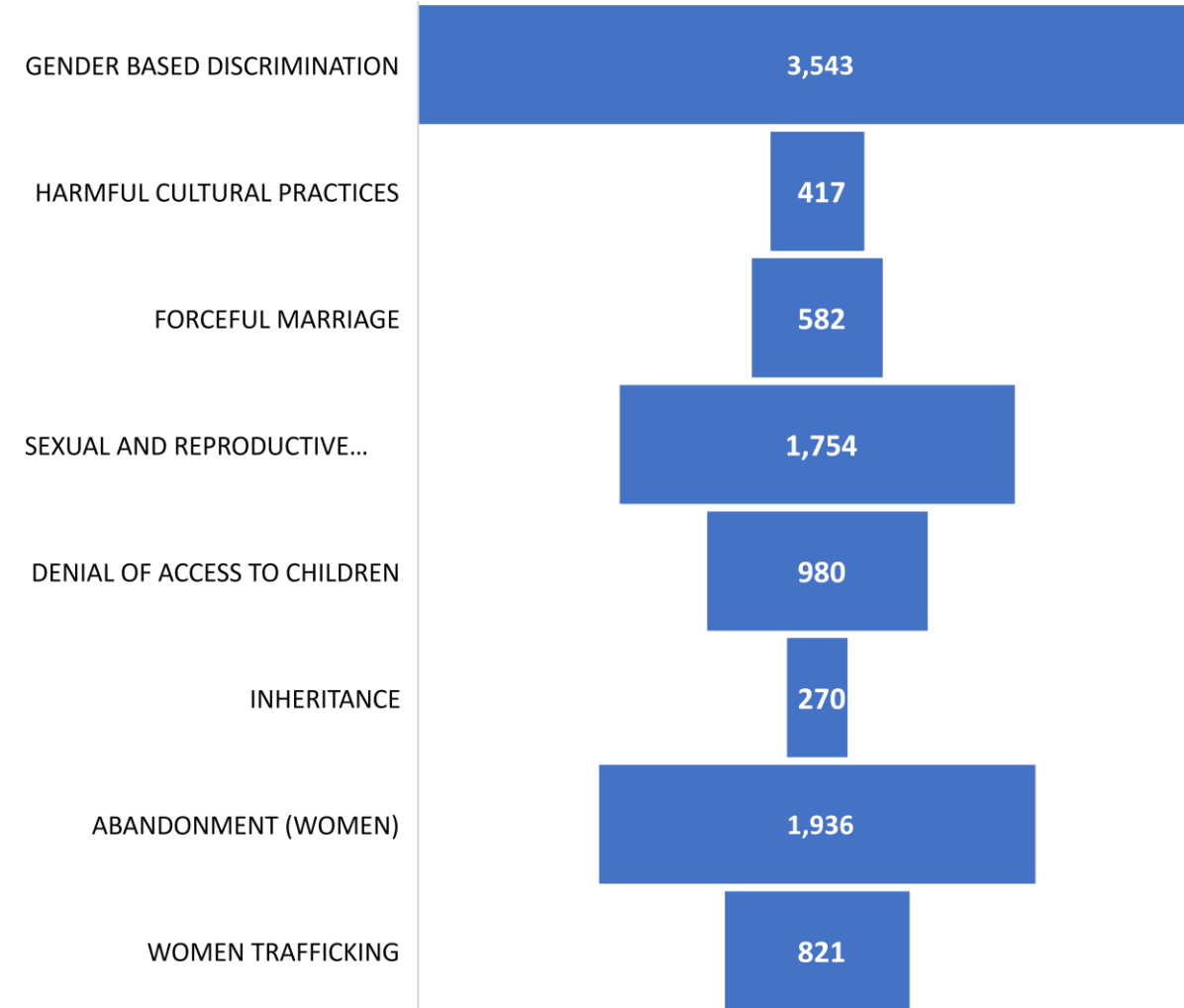
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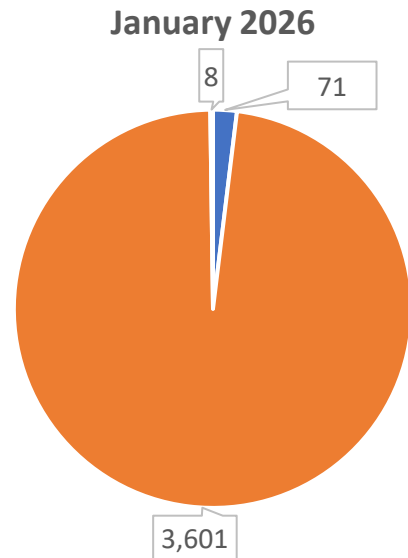
|       | GENDER BASED DISCRIMINATION | HARMFUL CULTURAL PRACTICES | FORCEFUL MARRIAGE | SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS | DENIAL OF ACCESS TO CHILDREN | INHERITANCE | ABANDONMENT (WOMEN) | WOMEN TRAFFICKING |
|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| ■ Mar | 1,352                       | 160                        | 211               | 677                            | 361                          | 115         | 754                 | 306               |
| ■ Feb | 1,300                       | 109                        | 189               | 629                            | 300                          | 82          | 602                 | 253               |
| ■ Jan | 891                         | 148                        | 182               | 448                            | 319                          | 73          | 580                 | 262               |

■ Mar ■ Feb ■ Jan

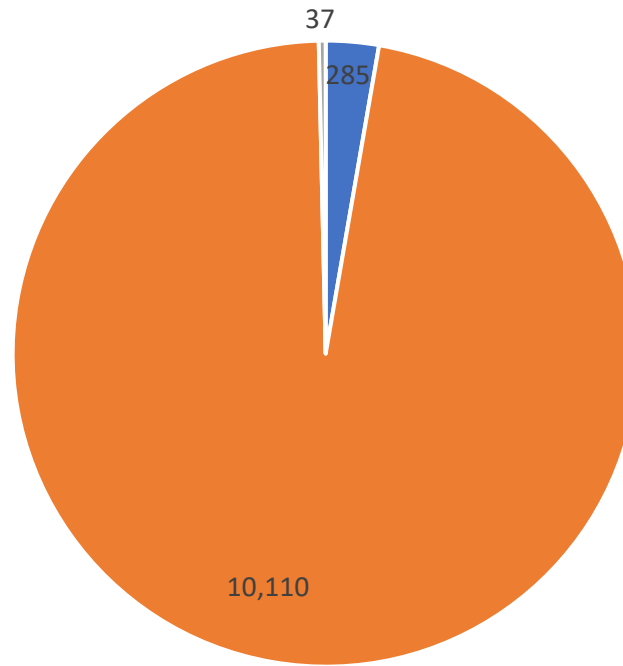
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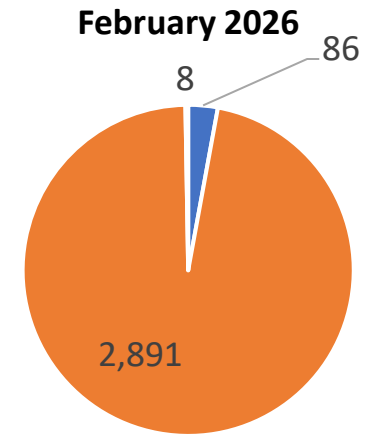
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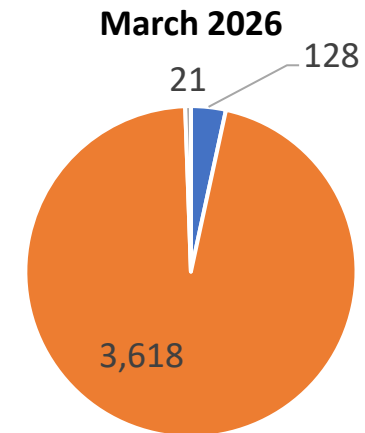
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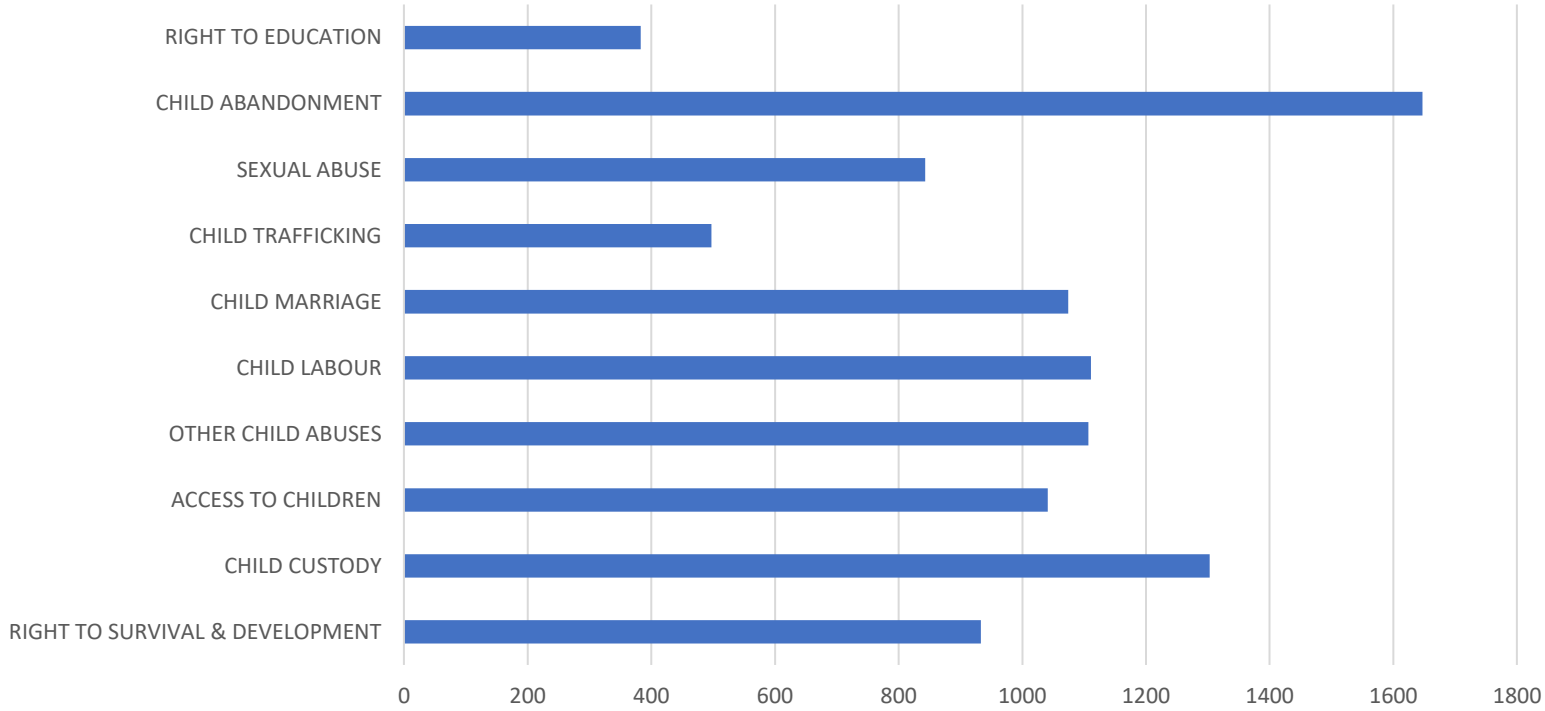


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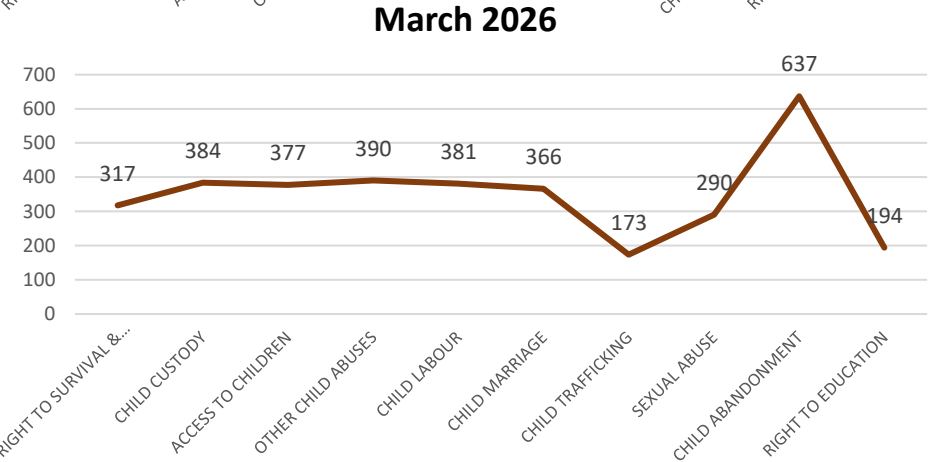
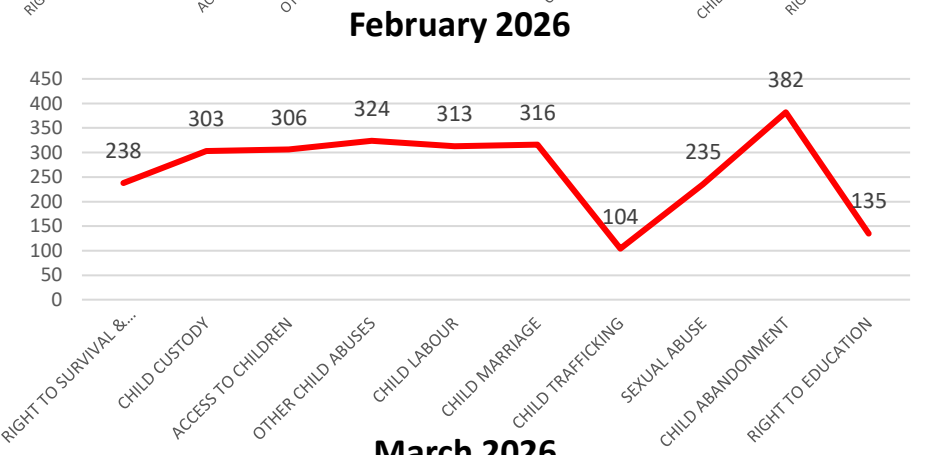
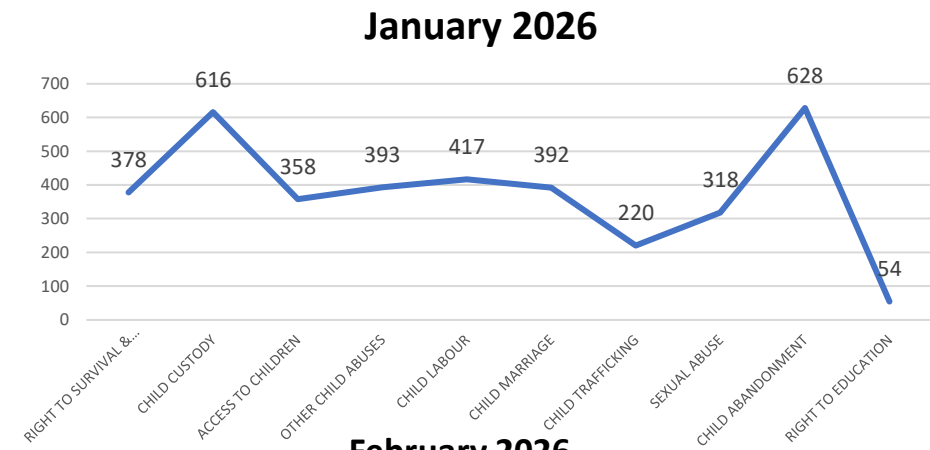


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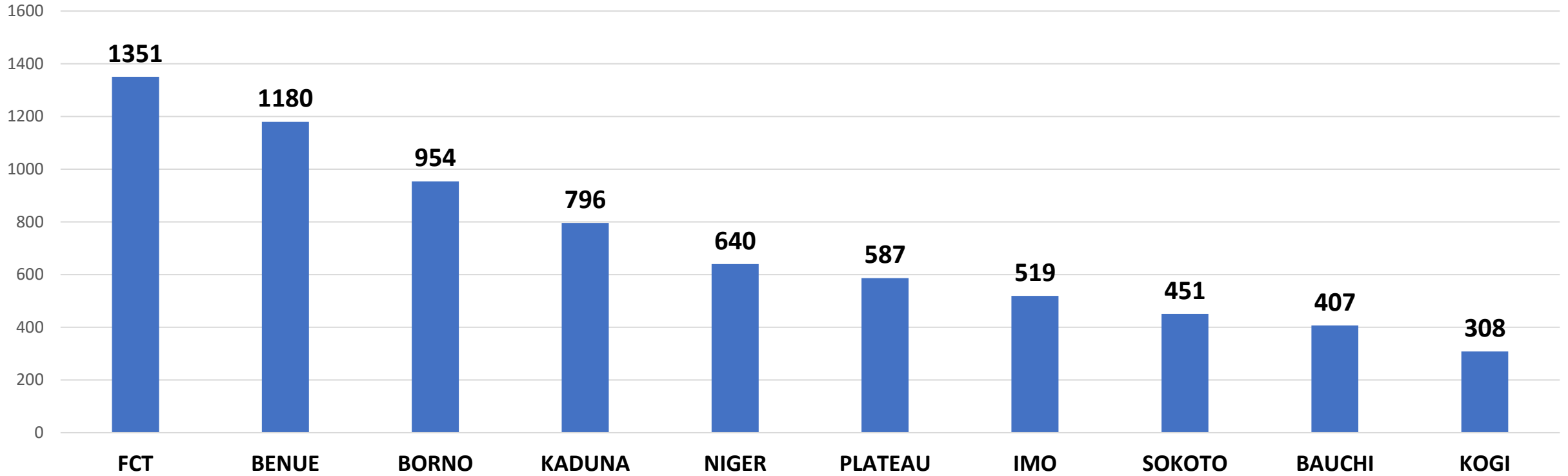
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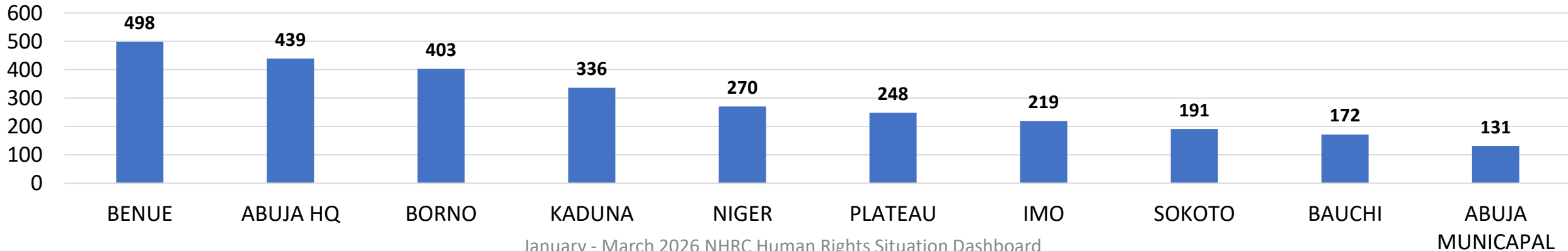
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|---------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Series1 | 933                             | 1303          | 1041               | 1107               | 1111         | 1074           | 497               | 843          | 1647              | 383                |



## Top 10 States in Violation of Child Rights January - March 2026



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





# NHRC in Numbers – January – March 2026

Number of Investigations Completed – **5,804**

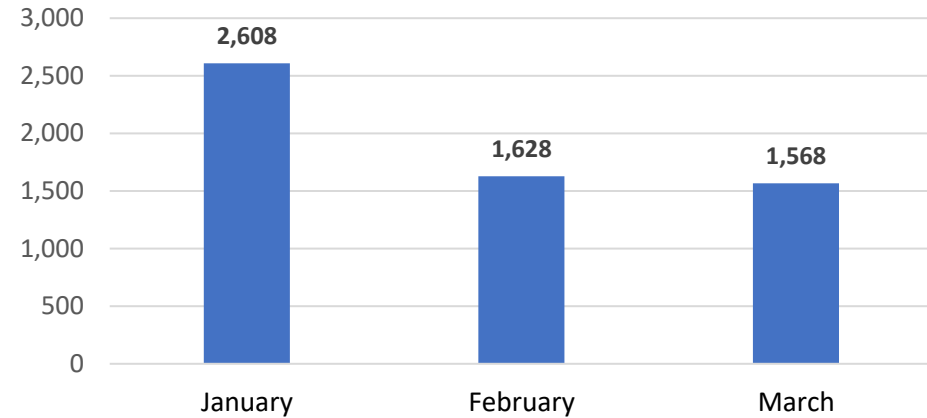
Visitation to Police Stations, Correctional Centres and Places of Detention – **228**

Summons and Letters to Nigerian Police - **63**

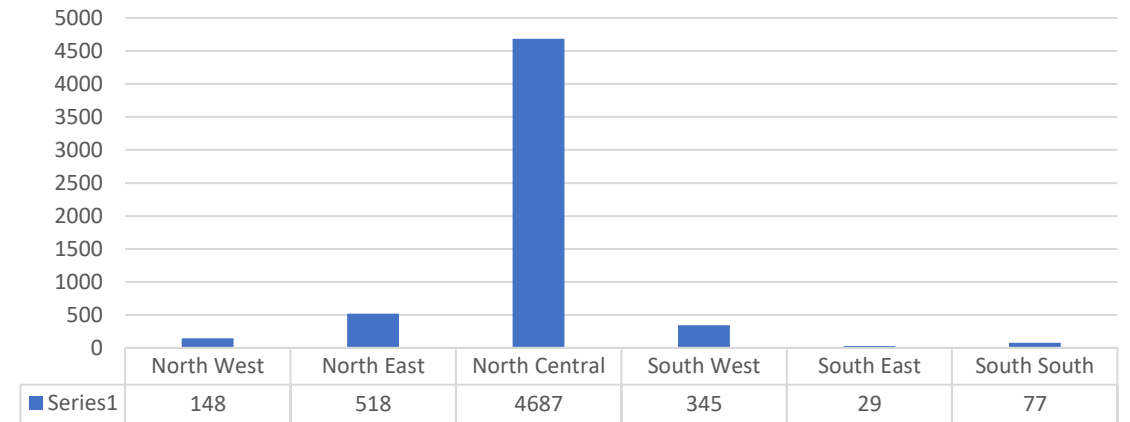
Visitation to Military Formations - **16**



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NHRC Concluded Investigations

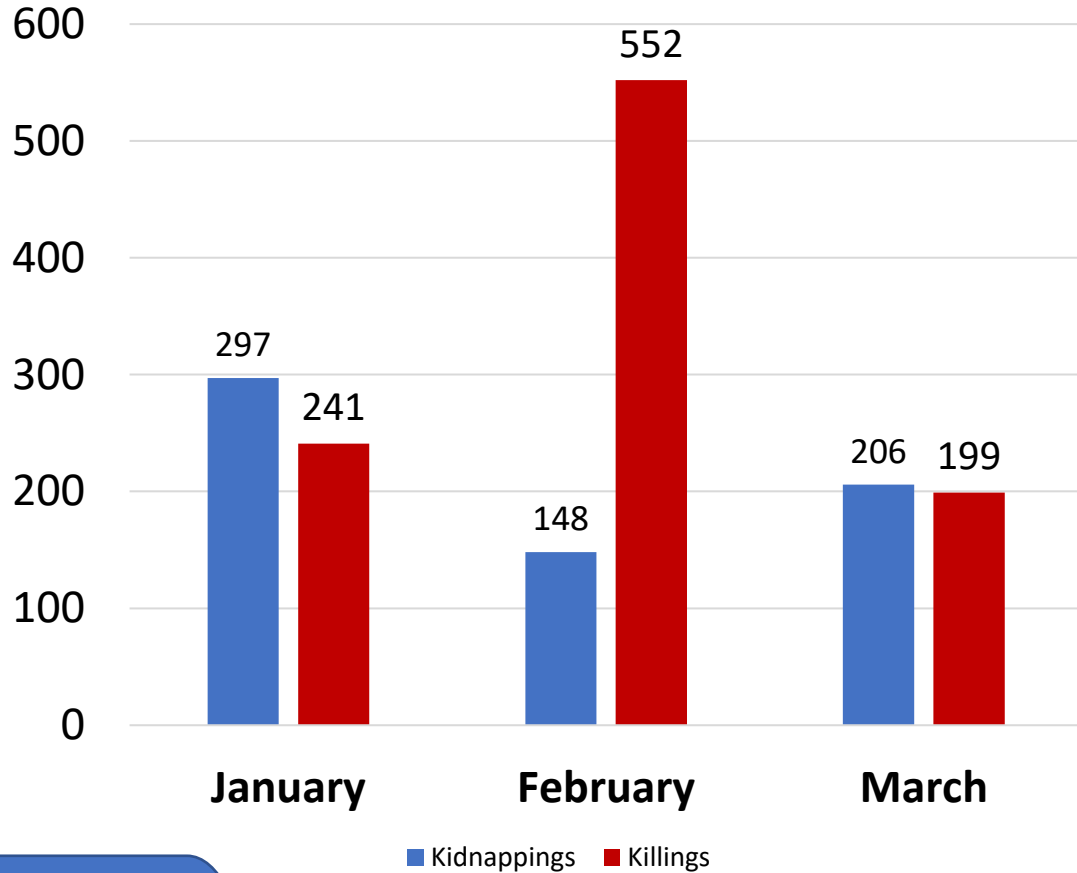


Completed Investigations in January-March 2026  
Across Zones

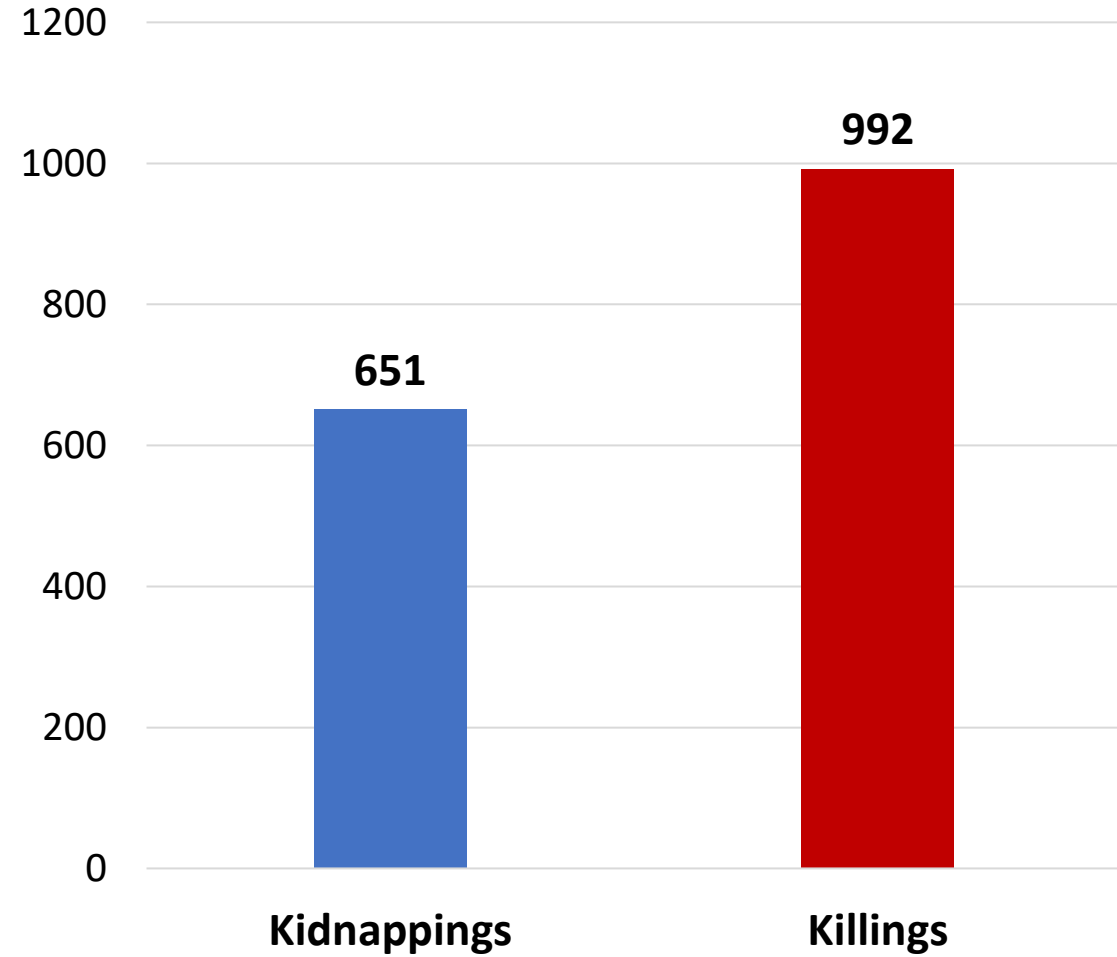


# Human Rights Situation in Q1 2026

**Killings and Kidnappings January-March 2026**

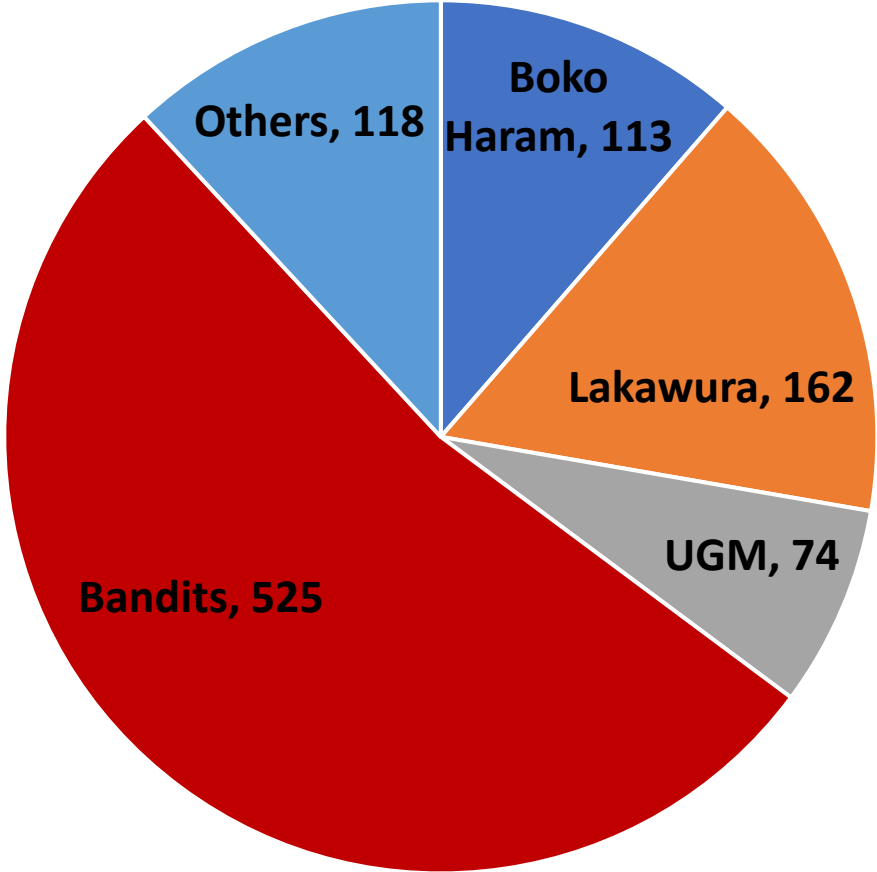


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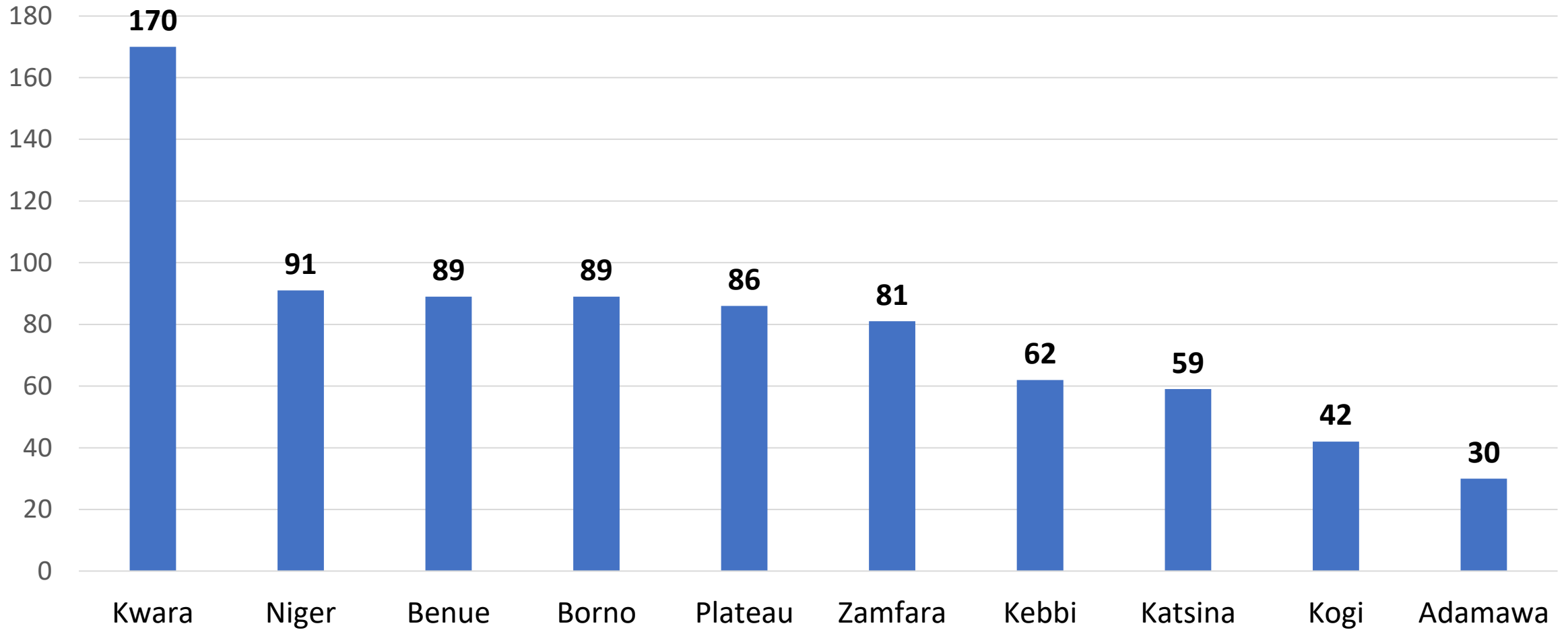



**Deaths by  
Road Accident  
197**

# Perpetrators of Killings in January-March 2026



# Top 10 States in Killings in January-March 2026






# Human Rights Report – Q1 2026 – Mass Killings in Q1 2025

- **Kwara:** Lakurawa attacked Woro and Nuku communities in Kaiama LGA, killing 162 people, setting homes and shoppes ablaze
- Katsina:
  - Bandits killed 20 people in Doma A and Doma B communities
- **Kebbi:** Lakurawa terrorists attack Kebbi communities, kill 35 in coordinated raids across 8 communities
- **Zamfara:**
  - 50 people killed by terrorists on a bike in Tungan Duste Village
  - 30 killed by bandits on motor bikes in Dutsin Dan Ajiya
- **Plateau:** Security patrol team, soldiers and local vigilante members were ambushed and killed by armed bandits in Kanam.
- *Notes:*
  - *February recorded the highest killings.*
  - *Kwara and Zamfara hold the tally*



# Human Rights Report – Q1 2026 Major Abductions in Q1 2026



- **Kaduna**: 172 people were abducted in separate attacks during church service at ECWA and Seraphim-Cherubim churches in Kurmin Wali, Kajuru LGA.
  - **Kogi**: 50 Abducted in Kabba
  - **Zamfara**: Bandits kidnap 23 people in Tashar Kuturu community in Jangebe, Talata Mafara LGA.
  - **Borno**: ISWAP terrorists attack an IDP center and abduct about a 100 internally displaced persons in Gwoza
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# Human Rights Report – Q1 2026 Freedom of Religion

- **Kaduna:**
  - 172 worshippers were abducted in separate attacks during church service at ECWA and Seraphim-Cherubim churches.
  - Bandits killed islamic cleric in Birnin Gwari
  - Chief Imam of Central Mosque in Jangala Community, Kagarko was abducted
  - Catholic Priest abducted with others in Karku
- Bandits abduct a pastor and his three daughters in Tudun Basa Chikun
- **Kebbi:** Lakurawa attacked a mosque at night, killing 5 people in reprisal attack including a Corps member.
- **Kogi:** Bandits kill pastor, the Secretary of CAN in Ejigba, Yagba West
- **Ondo:** Gunmen abduct six worshipers during night service in Owo
- **Kwara:** Bandits abducted 8 members of the ECWA church congregation during Sunday service in Ifelodun.
- **Plateau:** Gunmen abduct ECWA BoT Chairman in Farin Gada community.

# Human Rights Report – Q1 2026

## Sexual Assault of Minors in Niger State

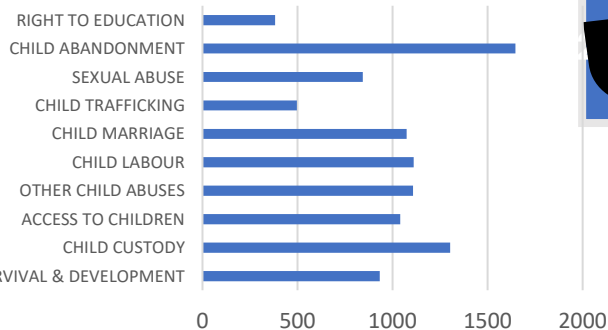
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- 18 years old man raped a 3 years old girl in an uncompleted building
  - 15 years old man raped a 3 years old girl
  - 59 years old man raped a 10 years old girl in his room
  - 20 years old man trespassed into a house, took a 12 years old girl, beat her and raped her in his room
  - 19 years old man sexually assaulted a 13 years old girl with his fingers in a medical store
  - 22 years old man raped a 3-year-old girl in his room
  - A 19 years old man raped two girls, both 5 and 4 years old
  - 50 years old man arrested for sodomising a 12 years old boy
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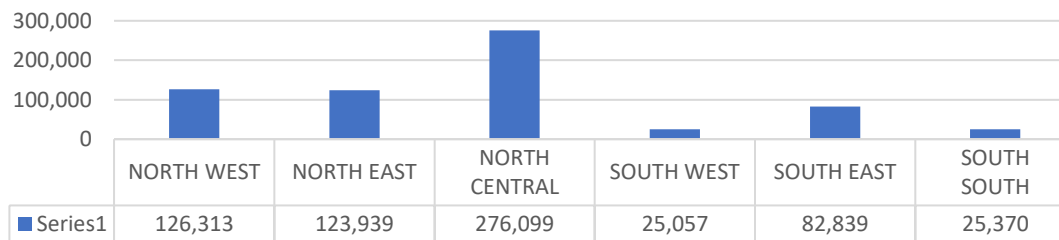
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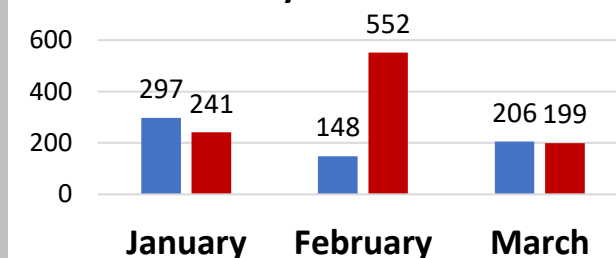
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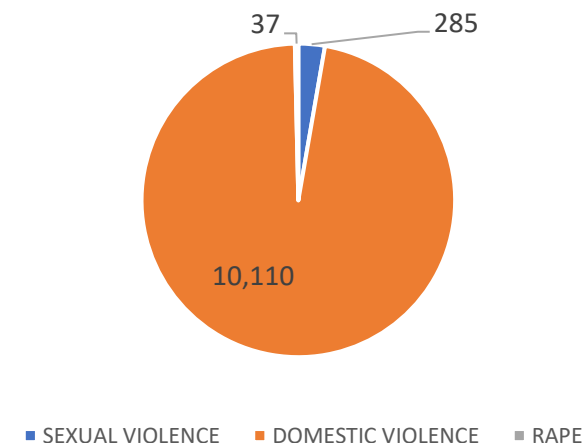


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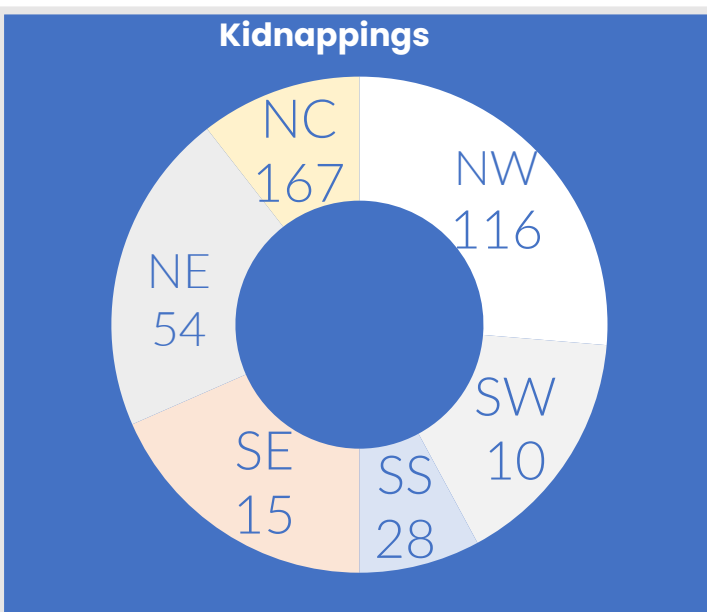
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