



Presentation of October 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

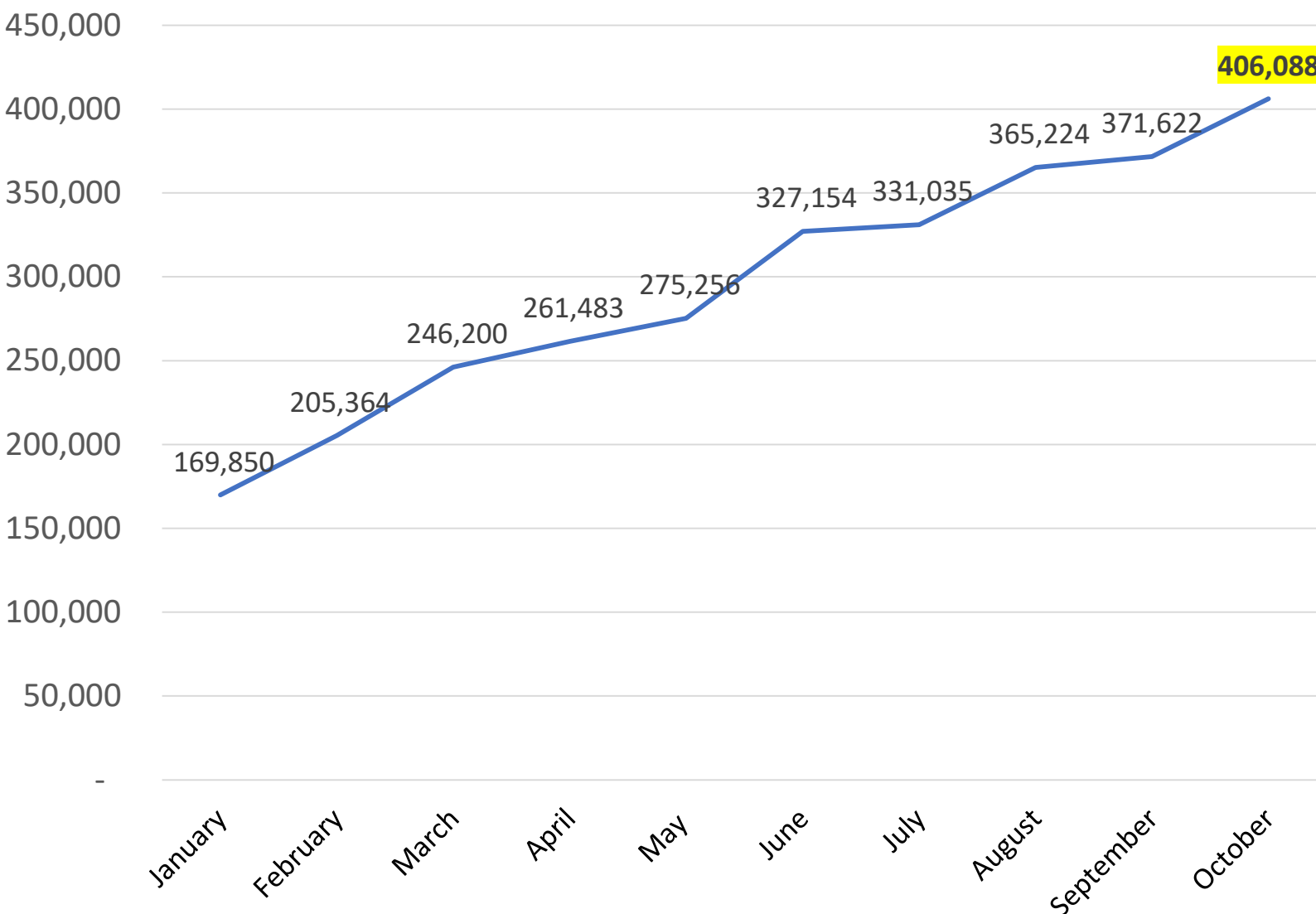
General Human Rights Situation

- Human rights complaints to the NHRC increased marginally in the month of October.
- Suicide rates across the country
- 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.

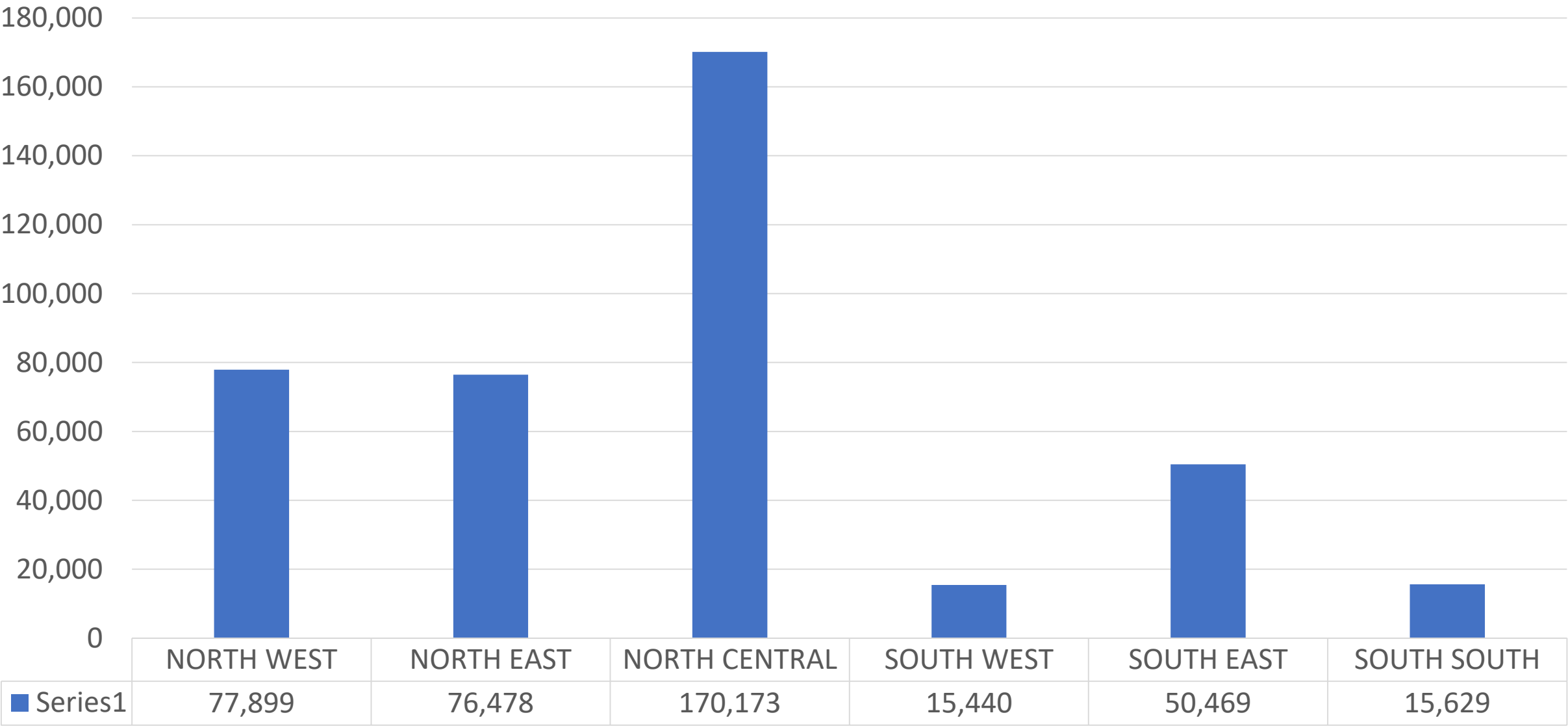
NHRC October 2025 Human Rights Complaints

- Total Number of Complaints: **406,088**
[An increase of 8% compared to September 2025]

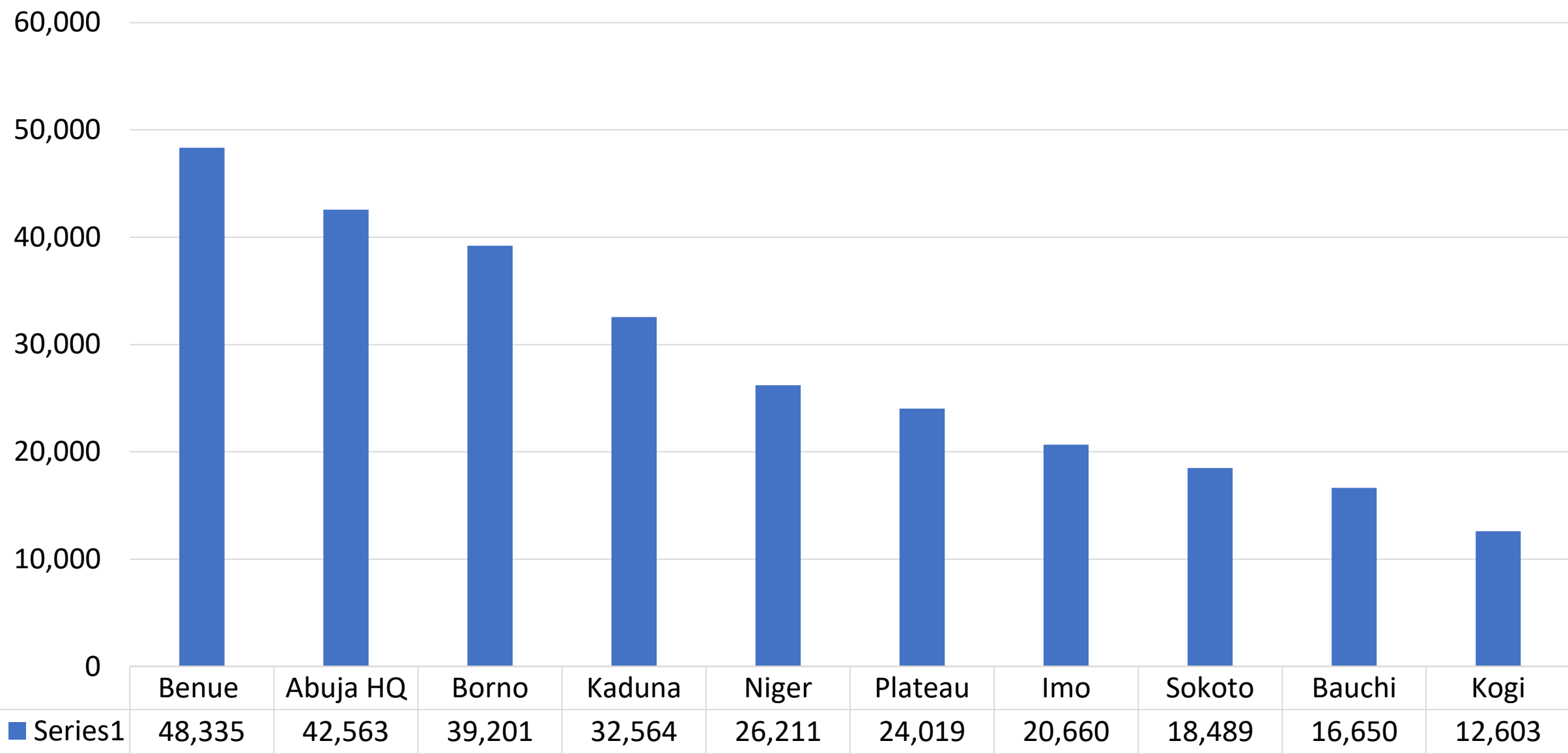
Human Rights Complaints January - October 2025 Compared



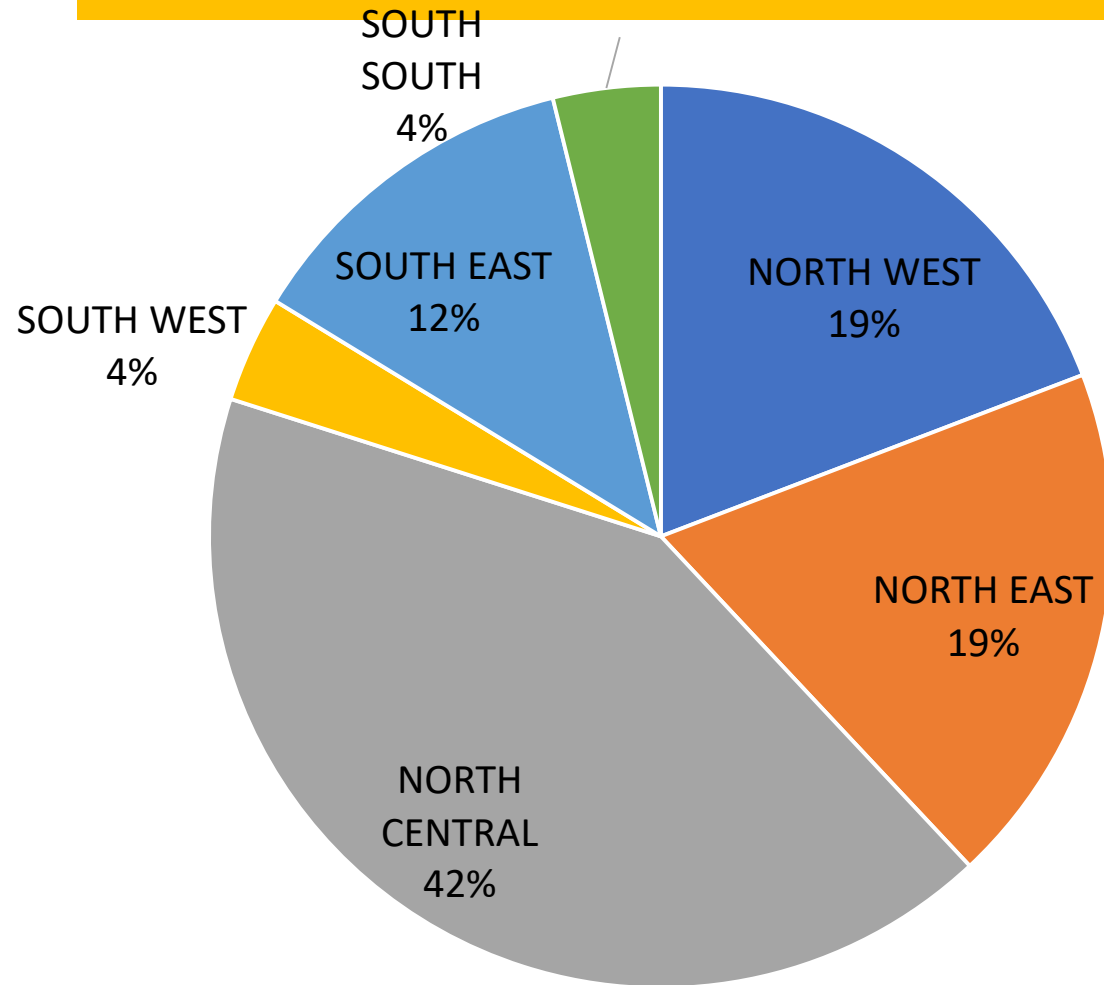
October 2025 Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones



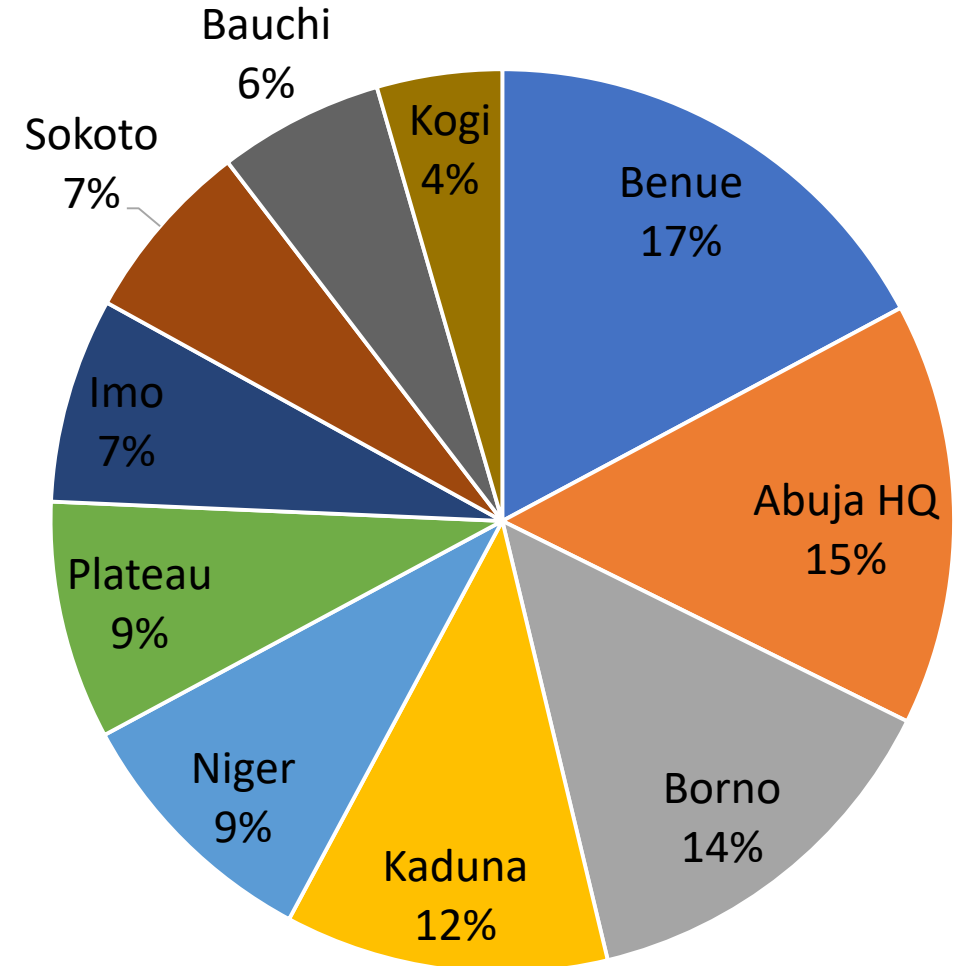
Top 10 States for NHRC Complaints October 2025



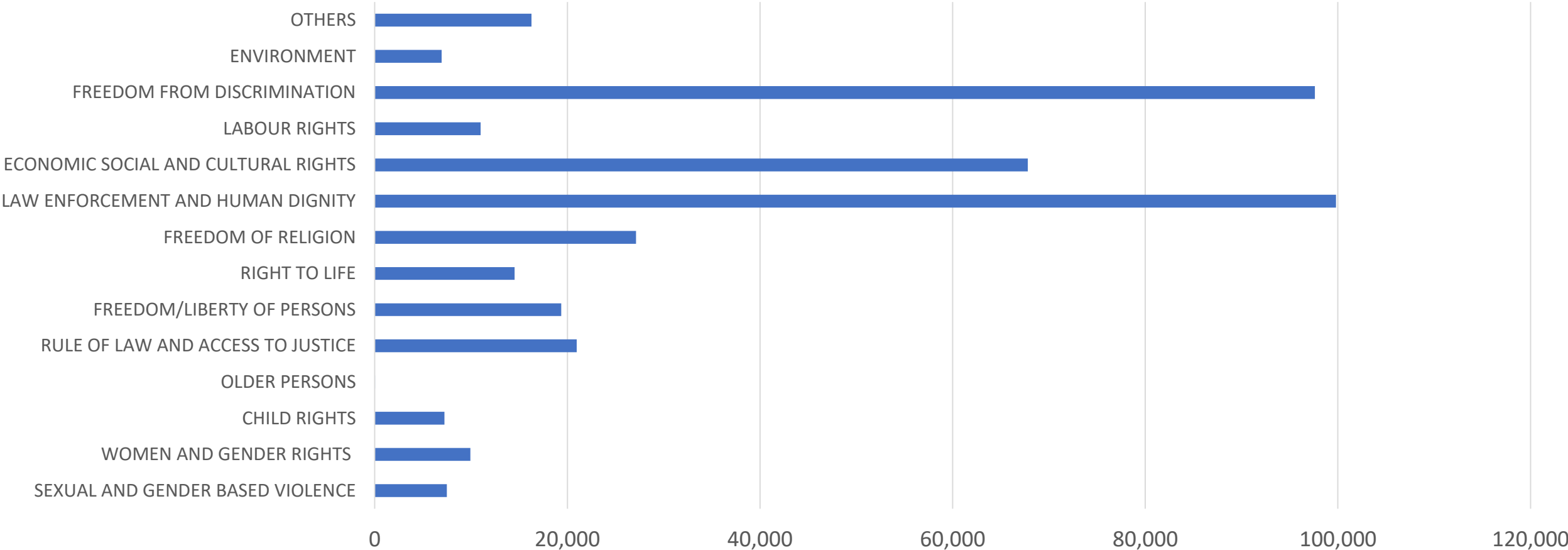
Percentage Distribution of Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones October 2025



Top 10 States for Human Rights Complaints in October 2025 (% Share)

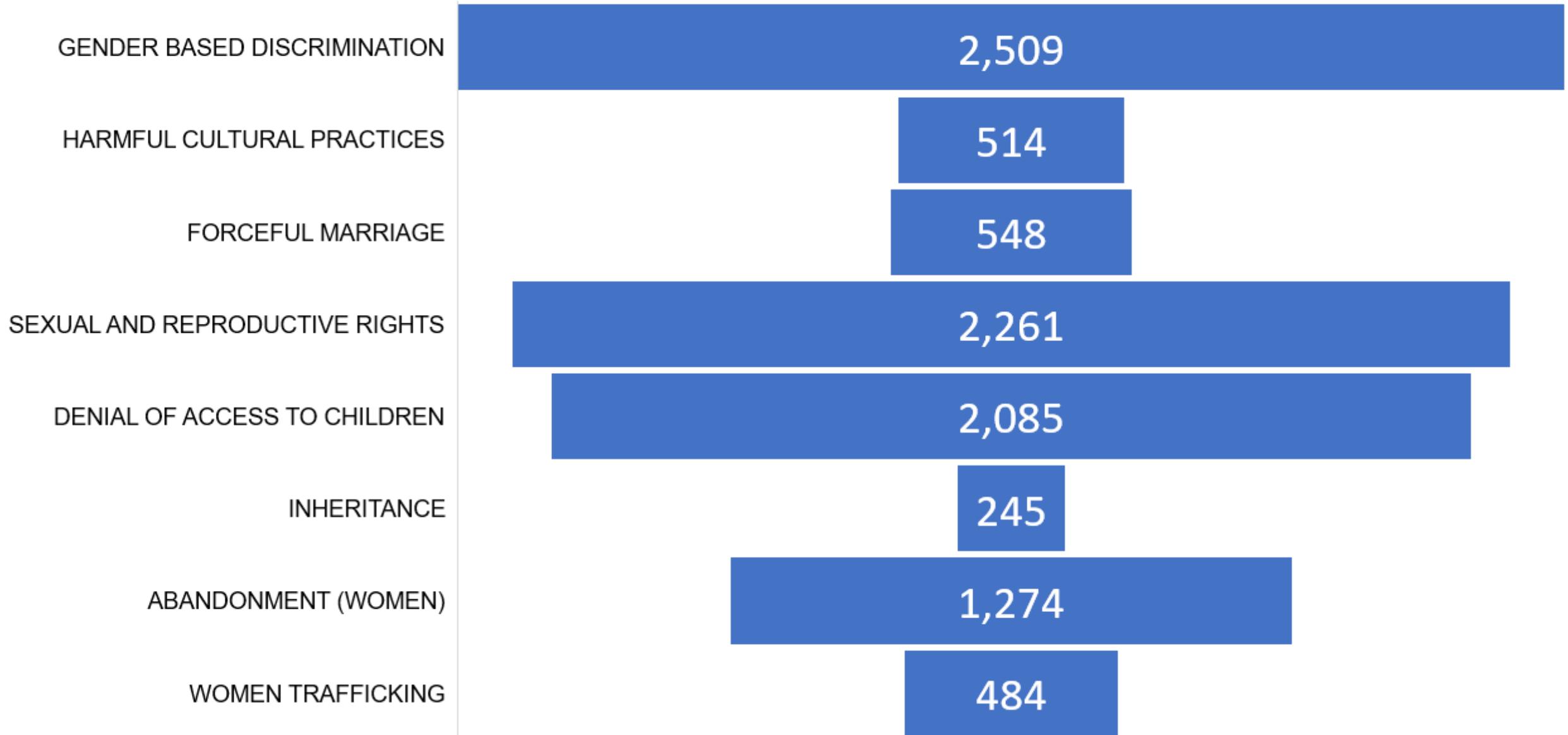


October 2025 Thematic Human Rights Complaints

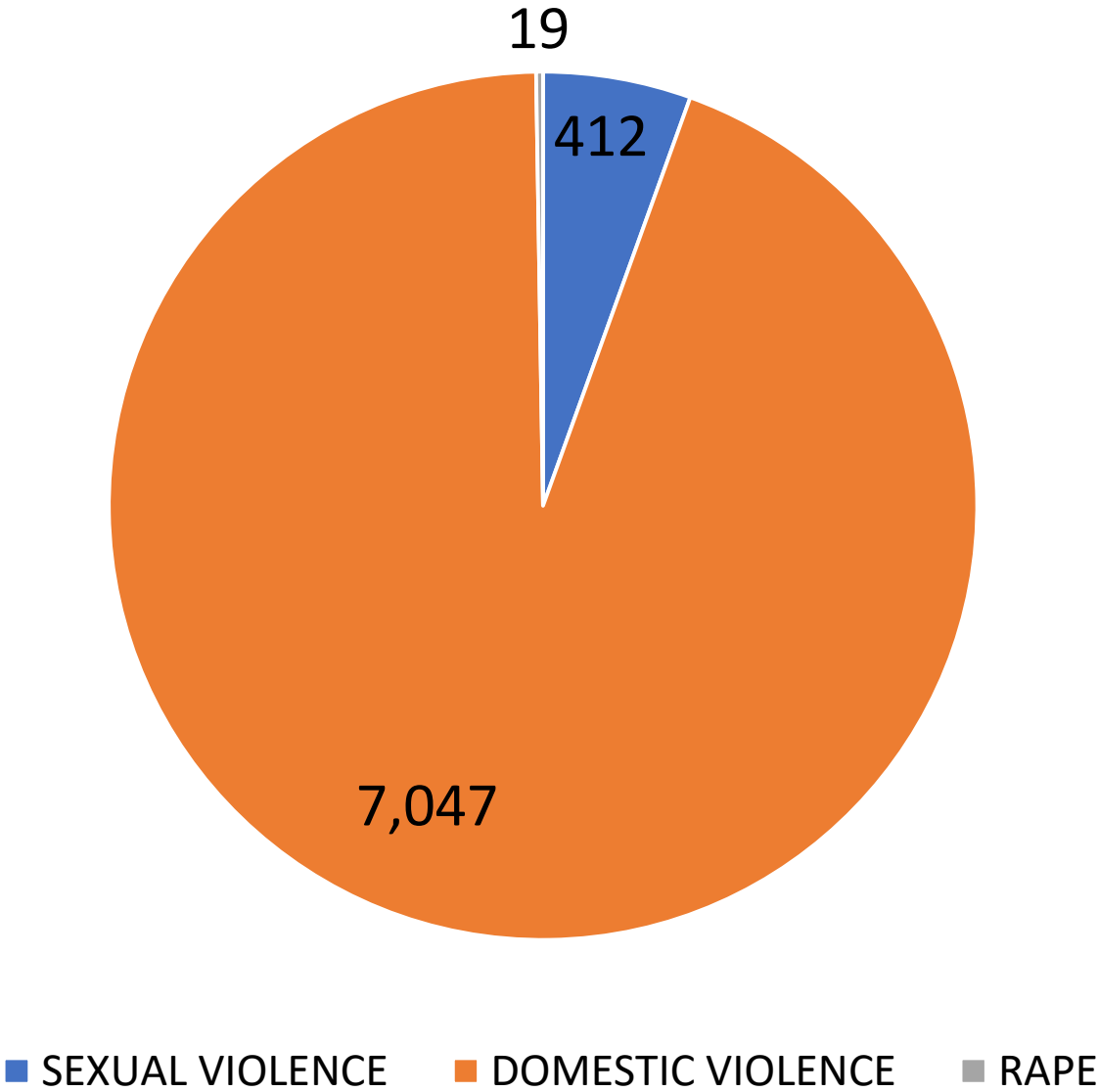


	SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE	WOMEN AND GENDER RIGHTS	CHILD RIGHTS	OLDER PERSONS	RULE OF LAW AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE	FREEDOM/LIBERTY OF PERSONS	RIGHT TO LIFE	FREEDOM OF RELIGION	LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HUMAN DIGNITY	ECONOMIC SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS	LABOUR RIGHTS	FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION	ENVIRONMENT	OTHERS
■ Series1	7,478	9,920	7,233	38	20,973	19,370	14,528	27,119	99,797	67,799	10,996	97,614	6950	16,273

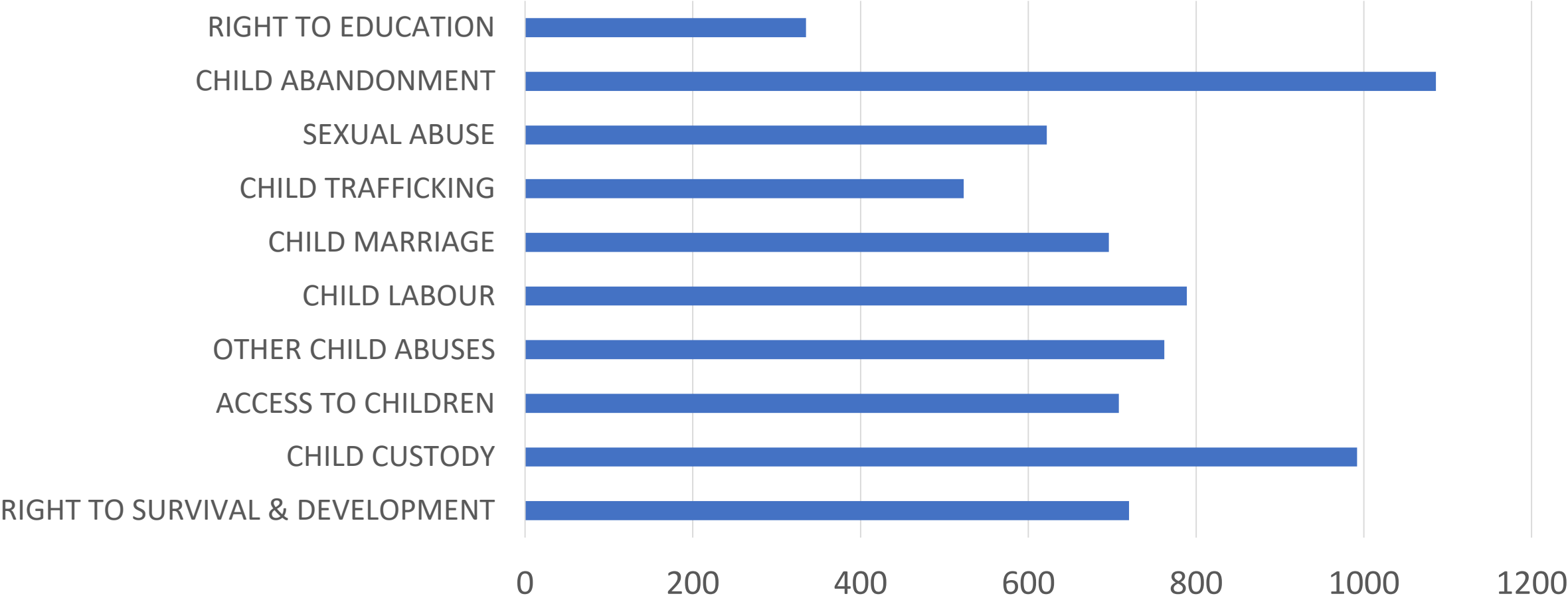
Complaints on Violation of Womens' Rights October 2025



October 2025 Sexual and Gender Based Violence



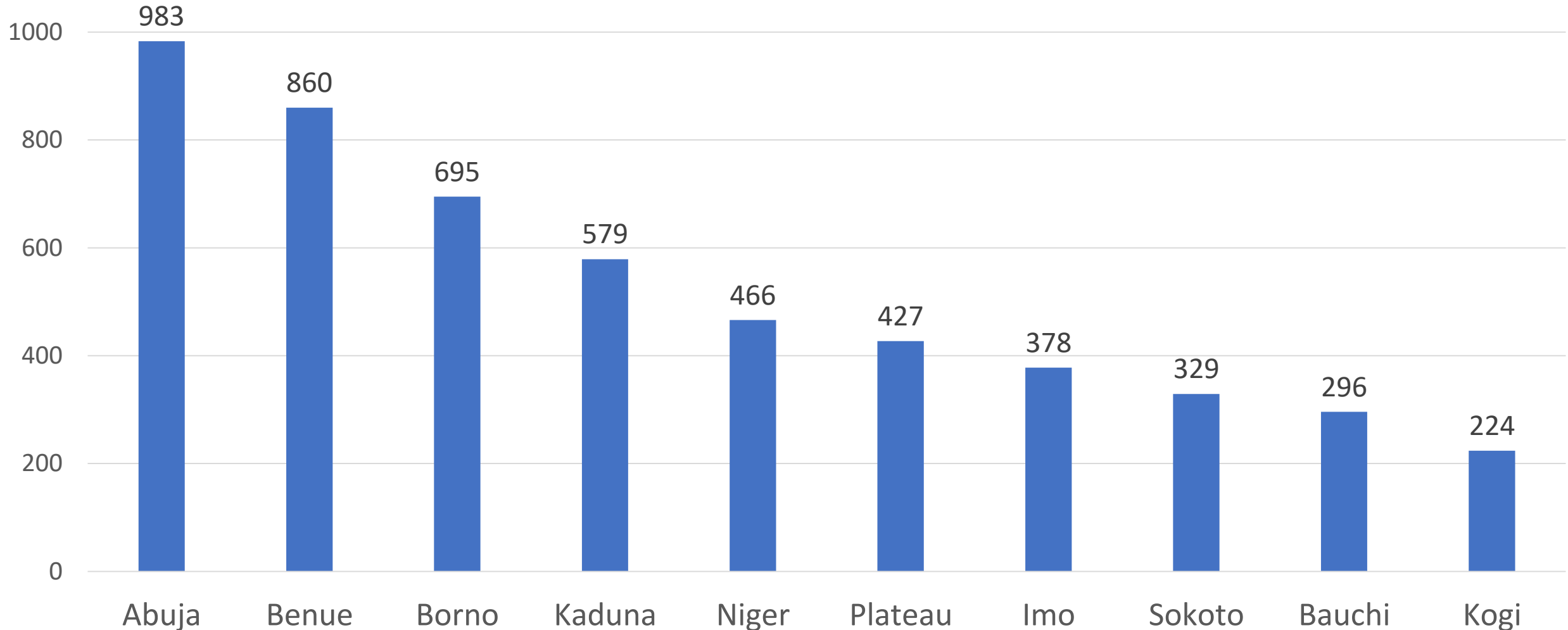
October 2025 Violation of Children's Rights



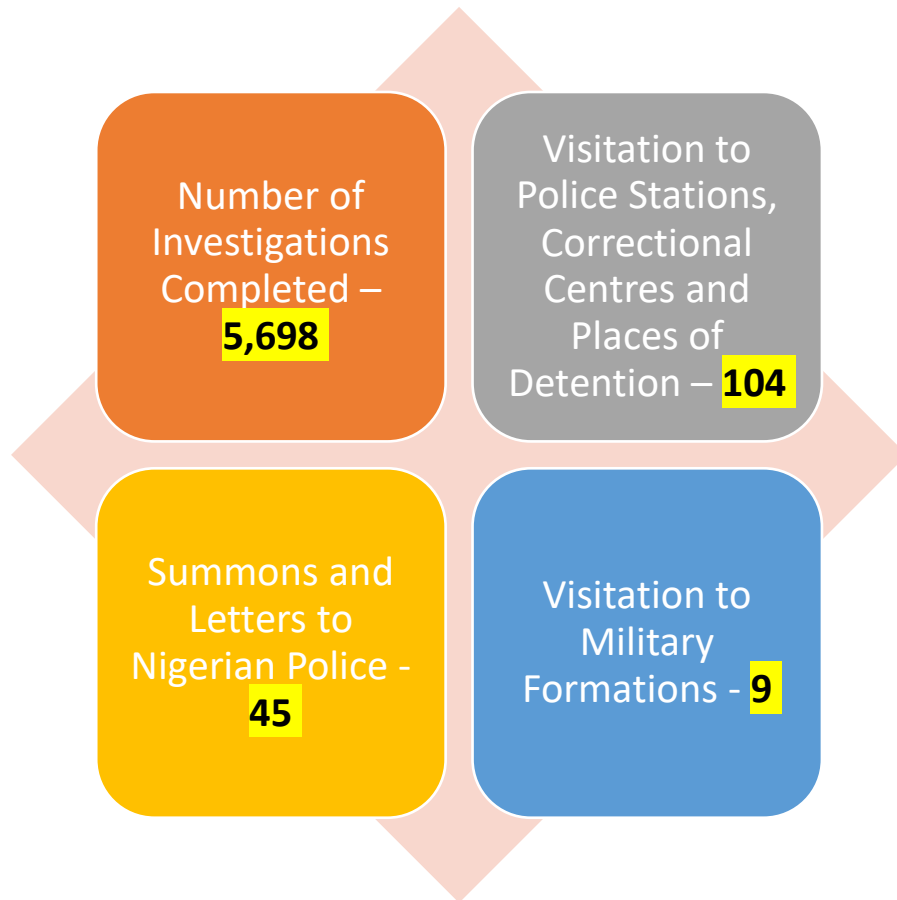
	RIGHT TO SURVIVAL & DEVELOPMENT	CHILD CUSTODY	ACCESS TO CHILDREN	OTHER CHILD ABUSES	CHILD LABOUR	CHILD MARRIAGE	CHILD TRAFFICKING	SEXUAL ABUSE	CHILD ABANDONMENT	RIGHT TO EDUCATION
■ Series1	720	992	708	762	789	696	523	622	1,086	335



Top 10 States in Violation of Child Rights October 2025

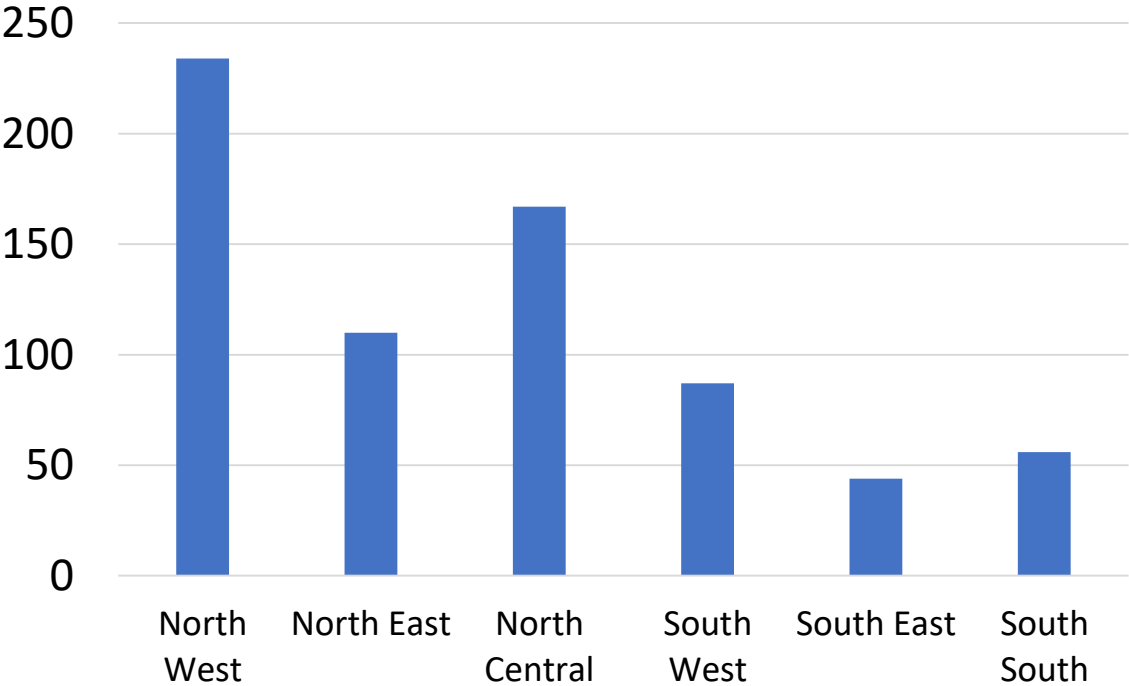


NHRC in Numbers – October 2025

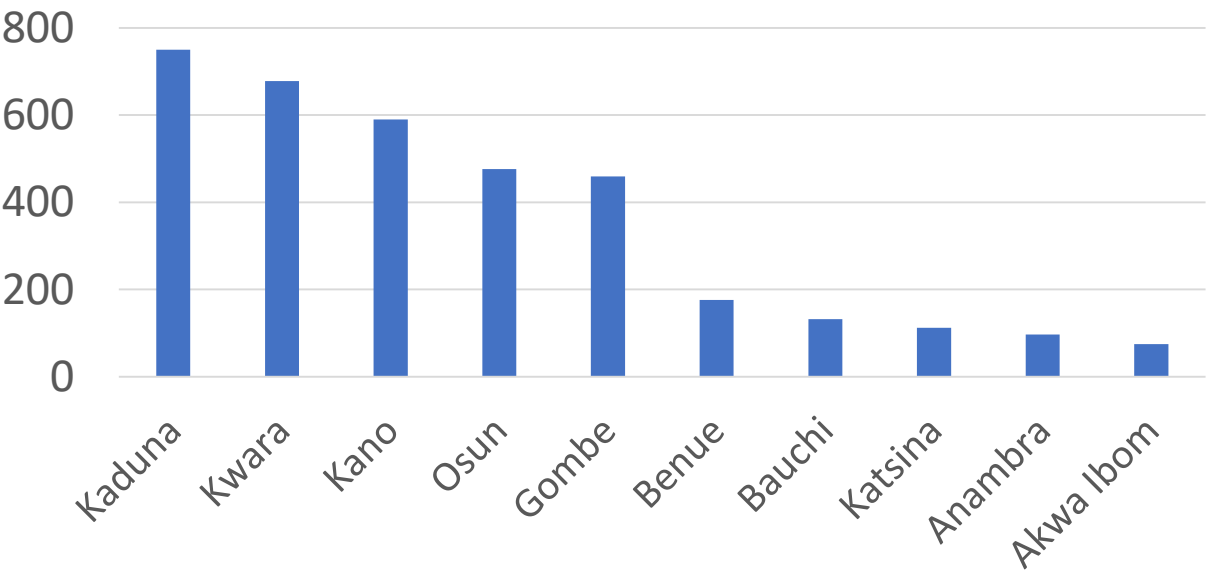


Completed Investigations in October 2025

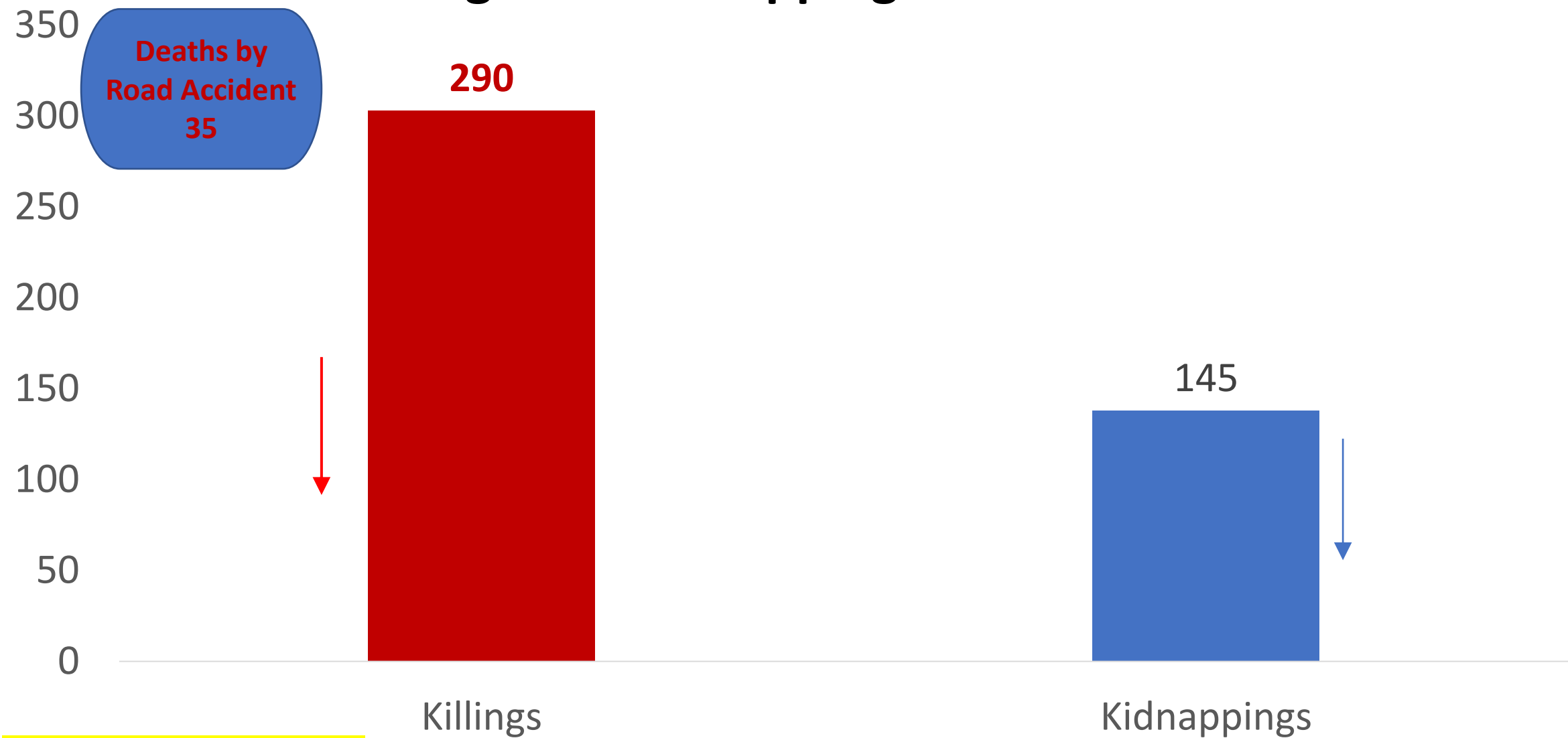
NHRC Concluded Complaints in October 2025



Top 10 States in Complaints Resolution - October 2025

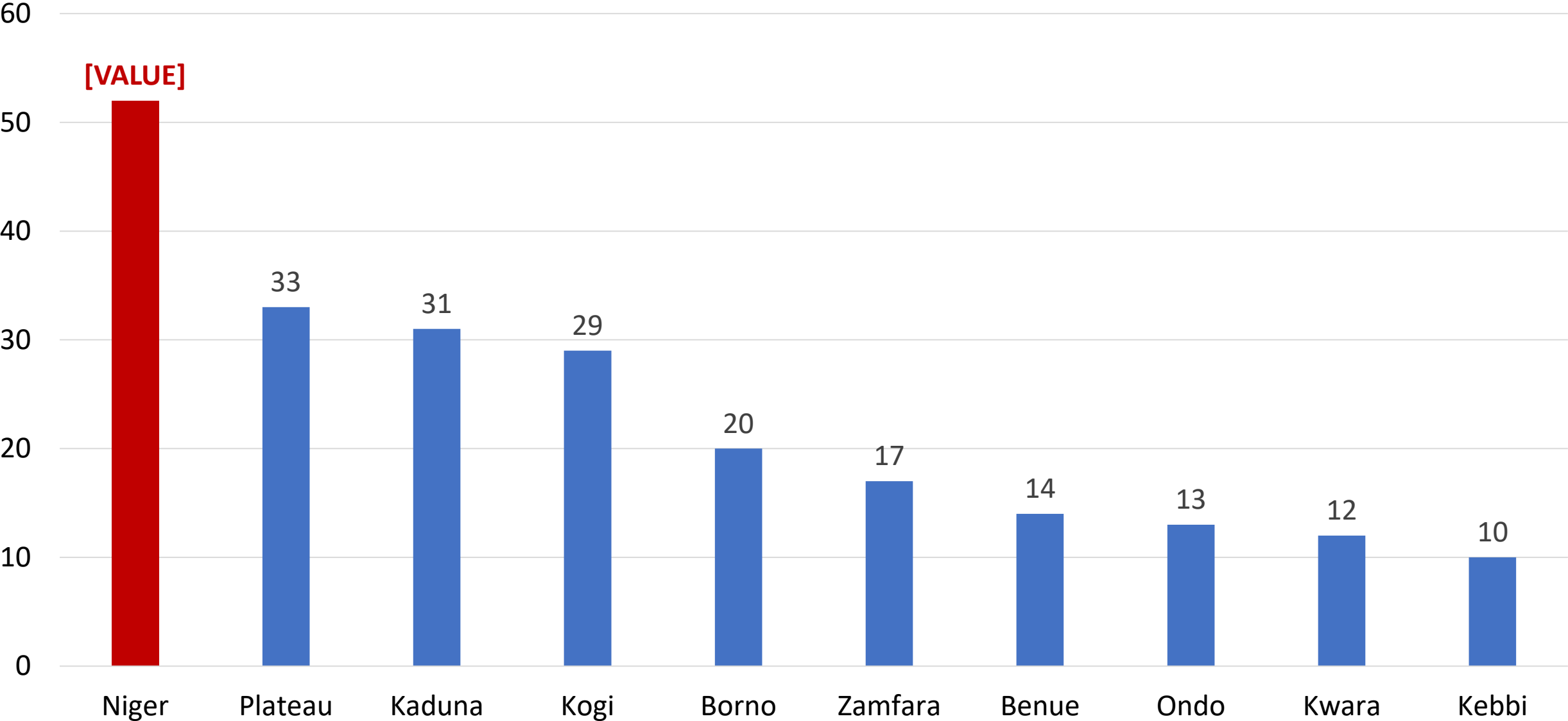


Killings and Kidnappings October 2025

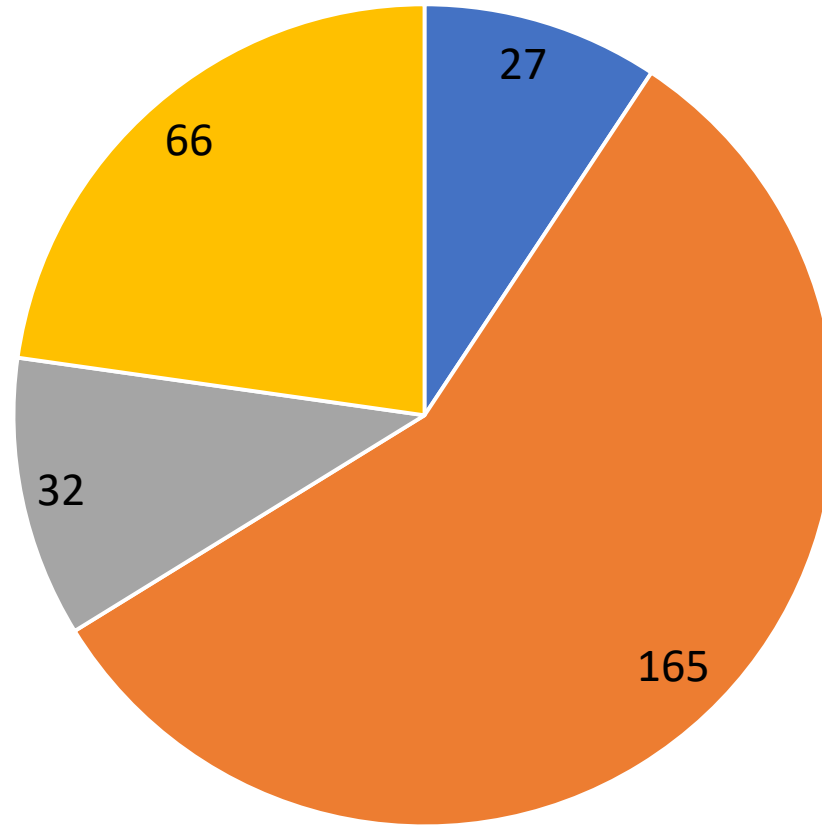


Killings reduced by 15% and Kidnapping by 50% respectively from September 2025

Top 10 States with Incidences of Killings (October 2025)



Perpetrators of Killings in October 2025



■ Boko Haram ■ Bandits ■ UGM ■ Others

Human Rights Violations in October 2025

- **Protection of Civilians in Conflict**
 - Benue: Kwande - 3 Secondary School Students killed in gunfire between Armed Forces and Bandits
- **Torture, Inhumane and Degrading Treatment of School Children**
 - Enugu State: Oji-River - 4-year-old pupil locked inside teacher's office as punishment for hours after school closure. He wasn't found until 10pm when his parents raised an alarm
 - Enugu State: Abakpa Nike, Enugu - Teacher of Emem Nursery and Primary School flogged 3-year-old pupil, causing grievous bodily harm

Human Rights Violations in October 2025

- **Extra-Judicial Killings**

- Delta State:
 - Otokutu, Ughelli South LGA - Soldier allegedly stab man to death at a checkpoint
 - Warri: Nigerian Army officer stabbed a man to death who was trying to gain entrance into a building.
- Osun: Ilesha - Forest guard accidentally shoots and kills 14-year-old at a funeral party

- **Freedom of Movement**

- Benue: Katsina-Ala - Vehicle travelling from Katsina-Ala was hijacked by kidnappers, who forced the occupants into the bush near an abandoned civil defence checkpoint.
- Kaduna: Kachia - Gunmen ambushed travelling bus, killing Corps member and the driver

Sexual Violence in October 2025

Rape, Sexual Assault and Exploitation

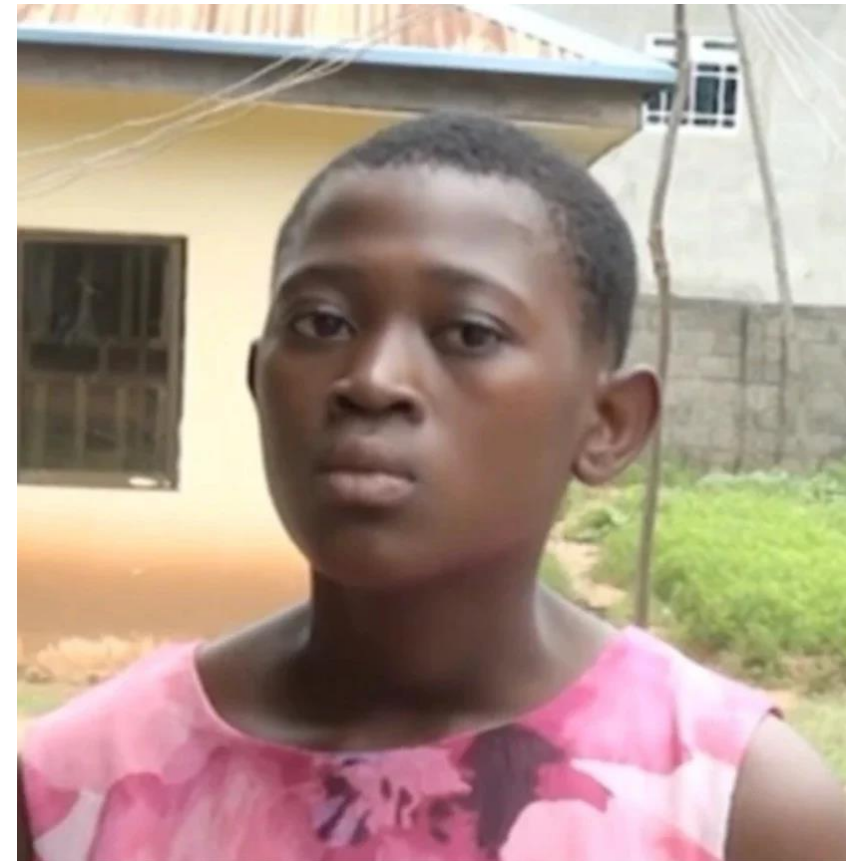
- Lagos: Ejigbo - Man defiled his 19-year-old daughter
- Ebonyi State: Abakaliki - General Overseer of Champion the Truth Cathedral arrested for allegedly sexually exploiting a 22-year-old female sickle cell patient under the guise of changing her genotype from SS to AA
- Ekiti: Ijero Ekiti – Two men sexually assaulted a woman

Defilement

- FCT:
 - Kuje - Man lured and raped 13-year-old groundnut hawker
 - Lugbe - 20-year-old man allegedly sexually assaulting a 10-year-old boy.
 - Kuje – Two men gang-raped a 15-year-old hawker
- Gombe: Kwami - 28-year-old man allegedly raped a 16-year-old,
- Lagos: Ikeja - 42-year-old man allegedly drugged and defiled his 17-year-old daughter
- Plateau: Mista Ali, Bassa - Man arrested for allegedly defiling a 3-year-old girl
- Rivers: 13-year-old sexually assaulted at Rivers football academy
- Enugu – A man defiled his two daughters

Justice for Ochanya

- **The NHRC joins Nigerians in demanding for justice for Ochanya Elizabeth Ogbanje**
- 13-year-old Miss Ogbanje died on 17 October 2018 from complications of sexual violence and the resulting Vesicovaginal Fistula (VVF)
- Addressing the culture of silence
- Reforming our Criminal Justice System
- Effective documentation and recording of sexual offenders
- Institutional and procedural reforms on Judicial attitudes to sexual offences and trials.
- Enhanced support for victims and survivors of sexual violence.



Human Rights Violations Impacting Freedom of Religion

- Kwara
 - Patigi - Bandits kill Pastor who had been in their custody since August, despite payment of ransom by his family
 - Edu - The Chief Imam killed by angry mob for allegedly killing another member of the community, Ibrahim Gana. Reports however confirmed that Ibrahim died following an illness.
- Kaduna:
 - Farin Dutse - Bandits kill clergyman, abduct over 20 worshipers
 - Chikun - Bandits Abduct Anglican Priest and his wife
- Taraba: Donga - 2 killed in clash over leadership of jummat mosque
- Zamfara: Maru - Bandits stormed a mosque in Maradawa, abducting 17 worshipers

Human Rights Violations Impacting on the Right to food and food security

- Benue: Gwer West - Suspected herdsmen attack villagers working on their farm, killing 2
- FCT: Gwagwalada - School teacher abducted while harvesting maize from his farm
- Kwara: Edu - Gunmen abducted 2 brothers from their cassava farm
- Plateau: Barkin Ladi
 - 2 Farmers ambushed and killed by unidentified assailants
 - Gunmen killed 13 farmers in an early morning attack, including 5 teenagers
- Plateau: Bokkos - 3 farmers killed while harvesting crops
- Edo:
 - Etsako - 12-year-old girl abducted by gunmen while returning from the farm
 - Esan South - Couple abducted from their farm



Human Rights Issue:

Banishment as a Violation of Human Rights

- **Benue: Buruku – Ugbema Community** - A pregnant widow accused of stealing small household items from local shops in an attempt to feed herself and her children has been expelled from a community in Benue
- **Applicable Human Rights Instruments:**
 - 1999 Constitution
 - Freedom from Discrimination - Section 42
 - Right to Dignity of Human Person – Section 34
 - Right to Personal Liberty – Section 35
 - Freedom of Association – Section 40
 - Freedom of Movement – Section 41
 - African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights - Article 2
- **Judicial Decisions**
 - *Esugbayi Eleko v Government of Nigeria*, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council declared void the banishment of the Oba of Lagos from his domain into another part of the country.
 - Court of Appeal decision in *Government of Kebbi State v HRH Mustapha Jokolo*.
 - Justice Chikere of the Federal High Court sitting in Abuja in *Mohammedu Sanusi II vs Governor of Kano State*

Human Rights Issue:

Violation of Peaceful Assemblies and Protests

- FCT: Restriction on Right to Protest demanding the release of Nnamdi Kanu
 - The use of teargas and water canon on protesters
 - The attack on journalists
 - Restriction on movements by non-protesters
 - Subsequent arrests and arraignment of protest leaders.
- Applicable Human Rights Instruments:
 - 1999 Constitution
 - Right to Peaceful Assembly and Freedom of Association – Section 40
 - Right to Dignity of Human Person – Section 34
 - Right to Personal Liberty – Section 35
 - Freedom of Movement – Section 41
 - African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights – Articles 10 and 11
- **The National Human Rights Commission – Advisory on the Protection of the Right to Freedom of Association and Assembly in Nigeria of 31st July 2024**

Human Rights Issue: Addressing Suicide and Mental Health of Nigerians

- **Suicides in October 2025**

- Benue: Makurdi - An 18-year-old teenager commits suicide
- Borno State: Gubio -A young woman allegedly took her own life over a forced marriage endorsed by her father
- FCT: Bwari - Trader took his own life by taking sniper
- Niger: Borgu - Lance Corporal Akenleye Femi committed suicide, after killing his wife.

- **Applicable Human Rights Instruments:**

- 1999 Constitution
 - Right to Life- Section 33
 - Right to Dignity of Human Person – Section 34
 - **Section 17(3).** The State shall direct its policy towards ensuring that:-
 - (c) the health, safety and welfare of all persons in employment are safeguarded and not endangered or abused;
 - (d) there are adequate medical and health facilities for all persons

Human Rights Violations Arising from Criminal Acts

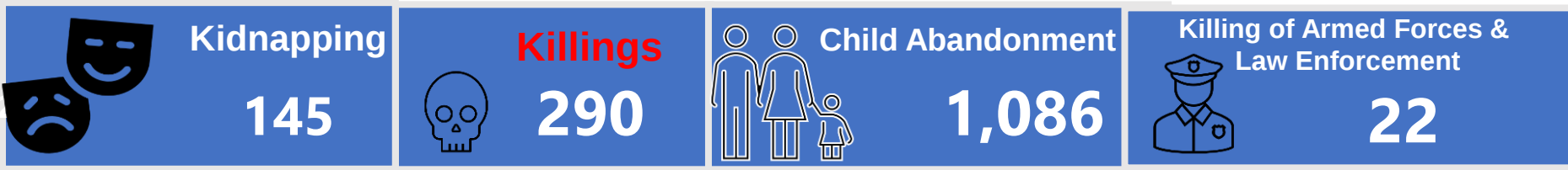
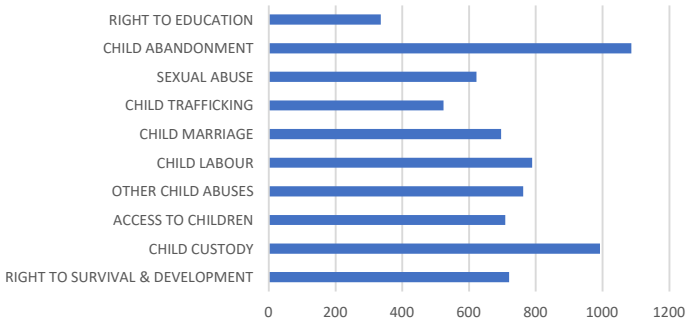
- Mob Attacks killed 14 people in the FCT, Kebbi, Kwara and Benue States
- Cultism
 - Warri, Delta State: Two separate incidents of cult-related killings
 - Lagos: Ojo - Gunmen, suspected to be cultists, shot a man a day after he had an altercation at a nightclub
- Family Crimes
 - Enugu State: Nkanu West - Man murders his wife
 - Akwa Ibom: Abak - Woman allegedly set husband, army officer ablaze in his sleep after domestic dispute
 - Bauchi: Ganjuwa - 17-year-old boy allegedly removed his sister's eyes for rituals
- Crimes against children
 - Ebonyi: Abakaliki - Man sold his 5-day-old son for N1.5m
- Resource Control
 - Kaduna: Brinin Gwari - 17 people killed in deadly clash between bandits and miners over control of a gold-rich site in Kaduna State



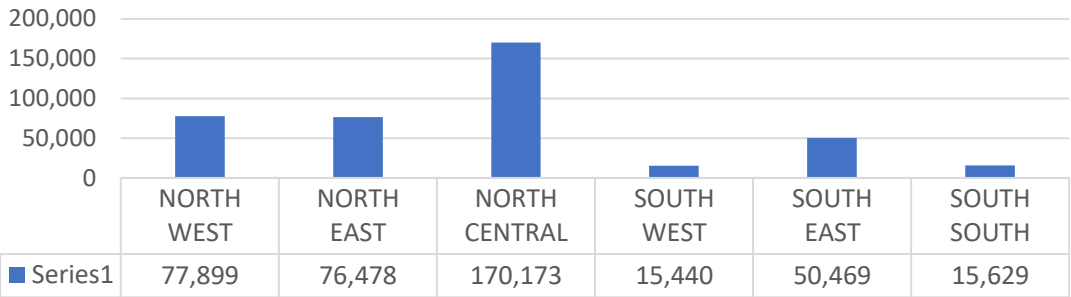
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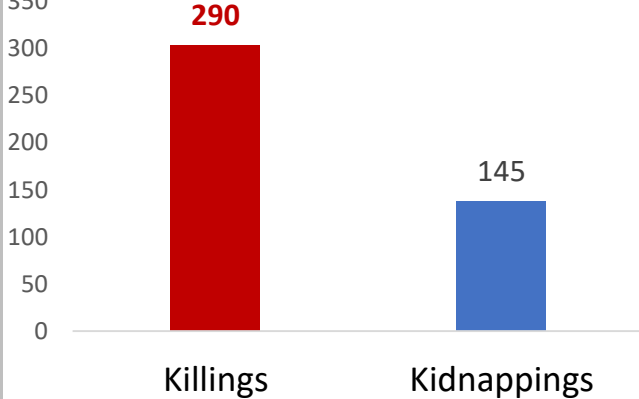


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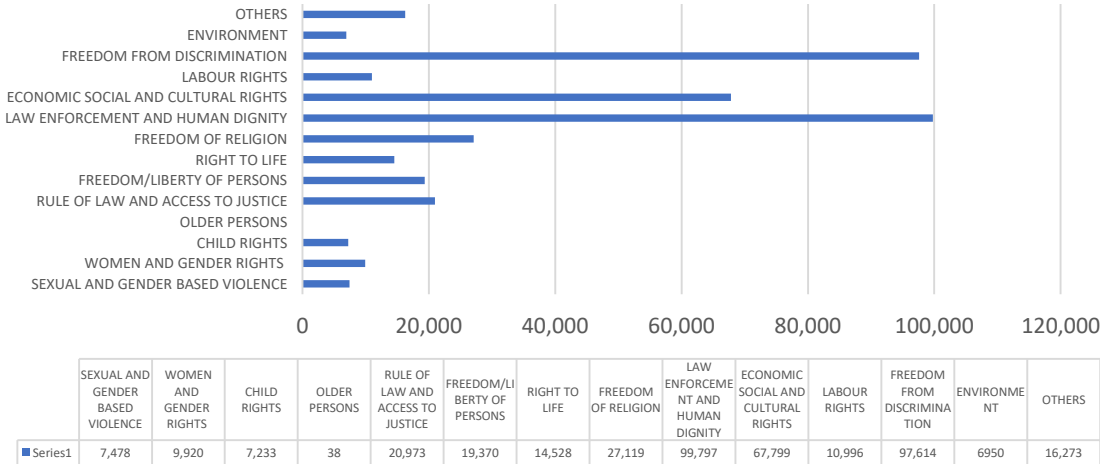


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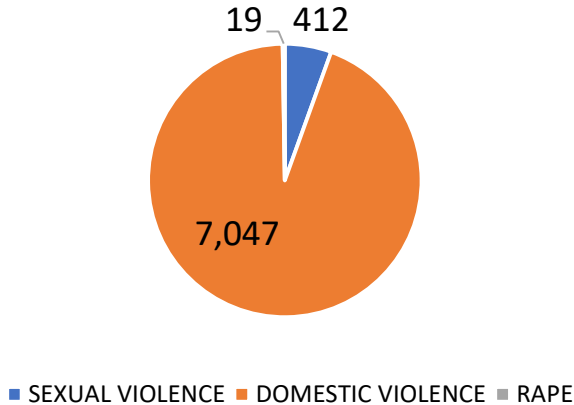
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