October 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 October 2026

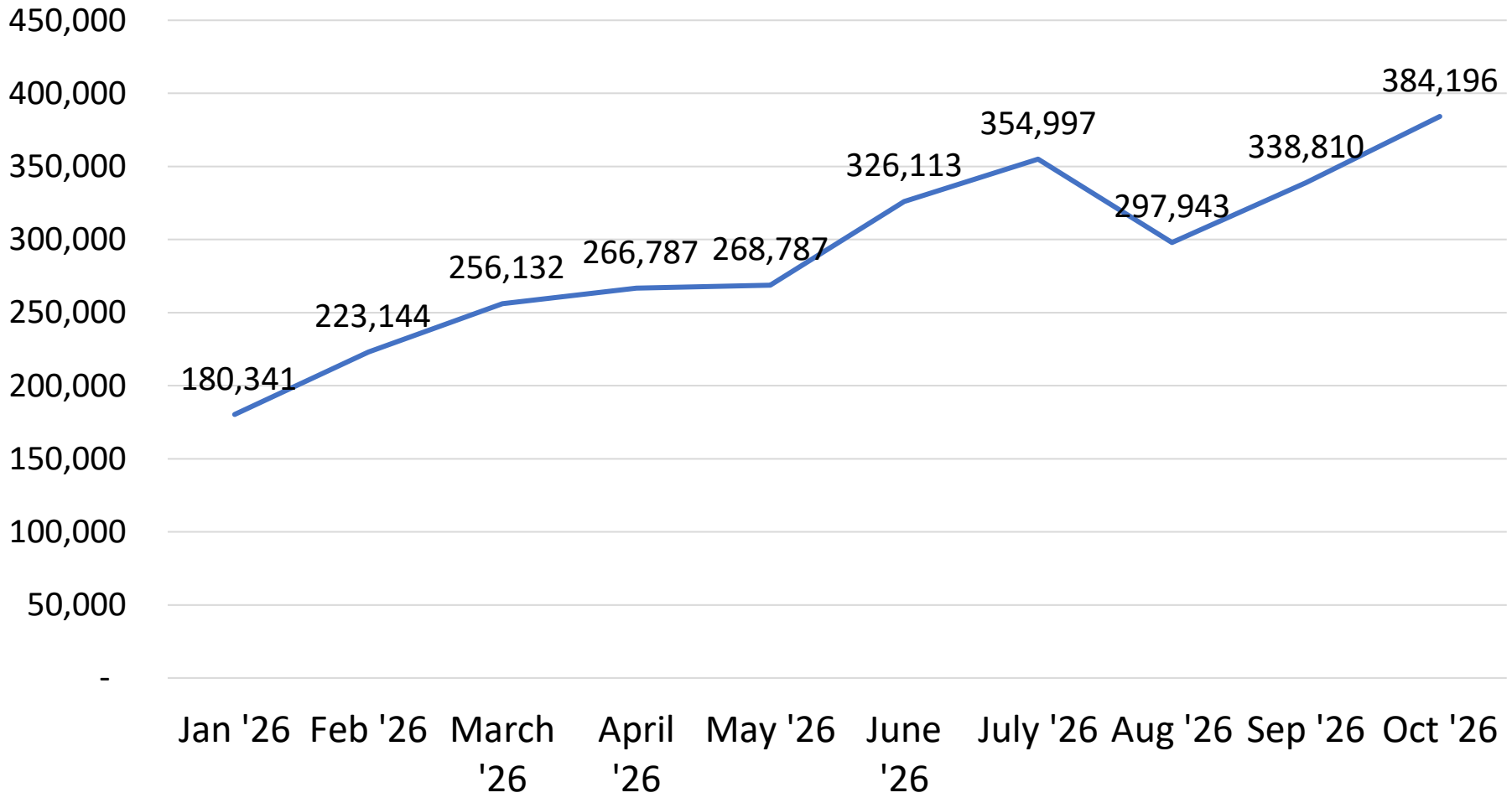
- Human rights complaints to the NHRC increased in October 2026.
- Mass killings across Nigeria continues especially in the North Central and North Western states.
- Physical and Sexual Violence on Children continue to rise with varied dimensions
- Mass abductions continues impacting children, communities and individuals.
- Killings of Armed Forces, Law enforcement and Vigilant personnel.
- Election-related human rights violations soars.

NHRC October 2026 Human Rights Complaints

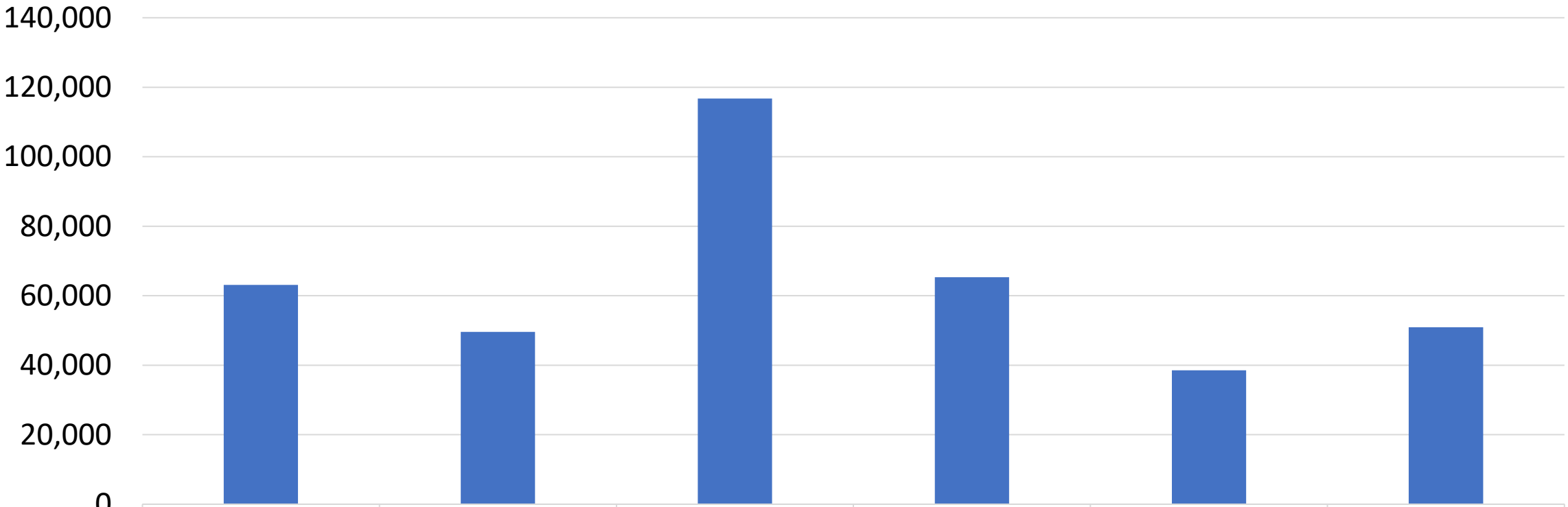
- Total Number of Complaints: **384,196**

  [An increase of 13.4% compared to September 2026]

Human Rights Complaints January - October 2026 Compared

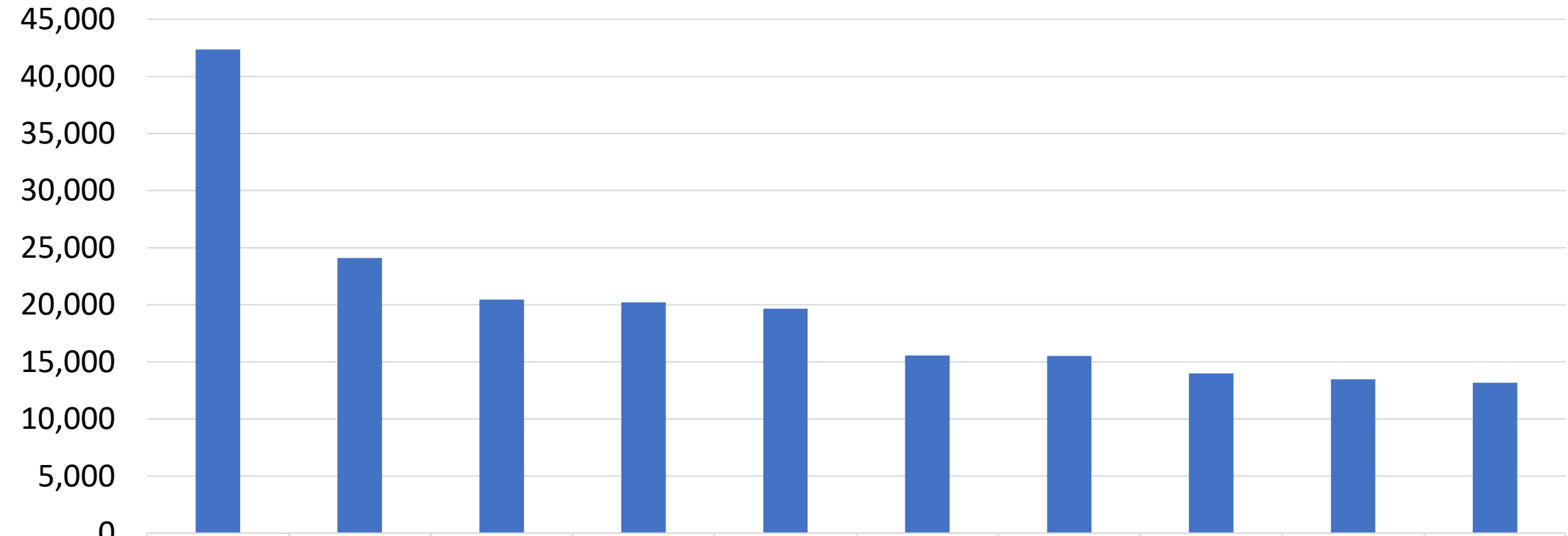


October 2026 Human Rights Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones



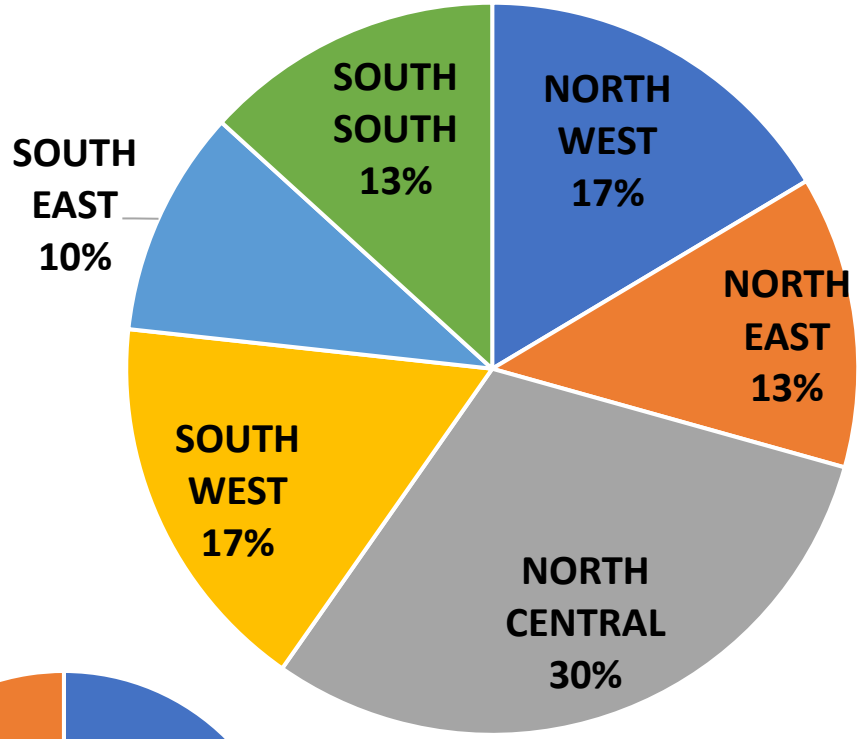
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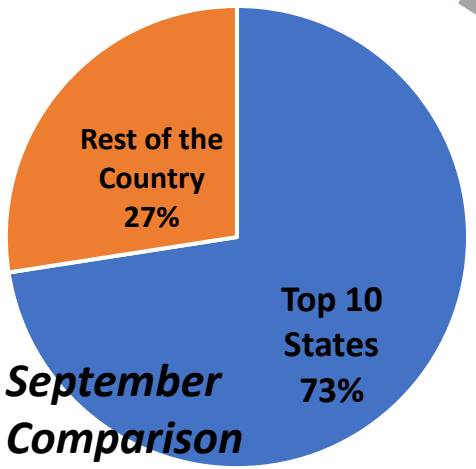
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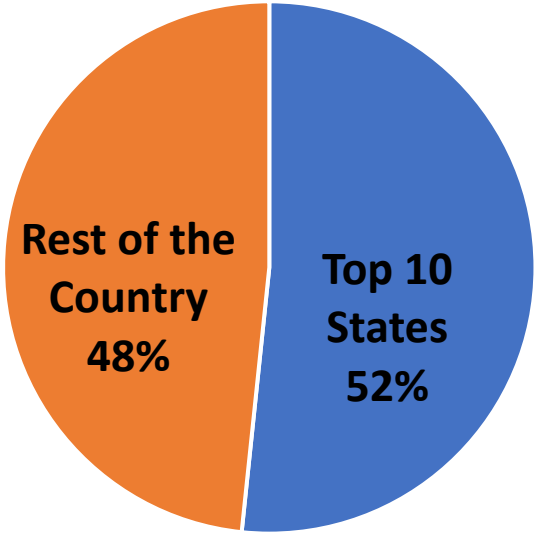
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Percentage Distribution of Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones October 2026

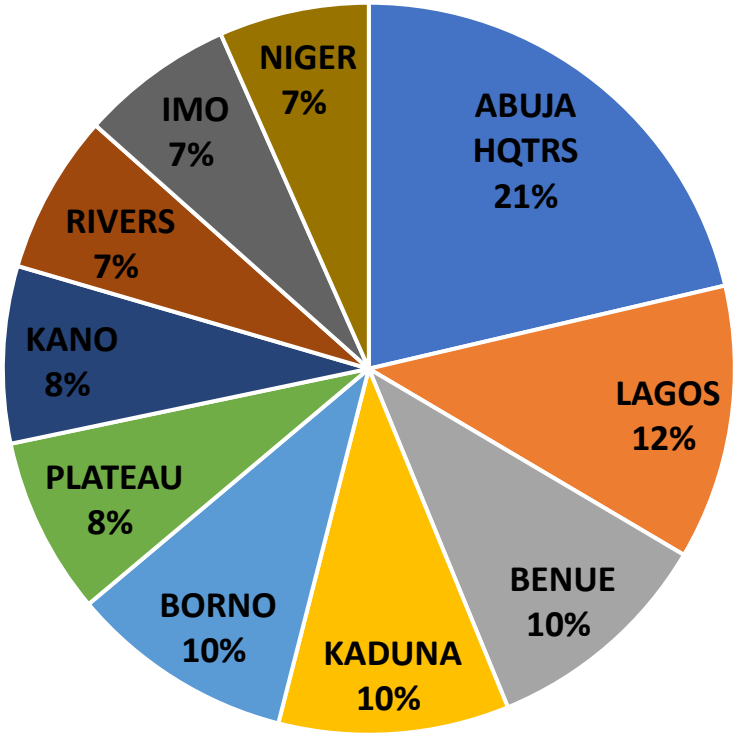




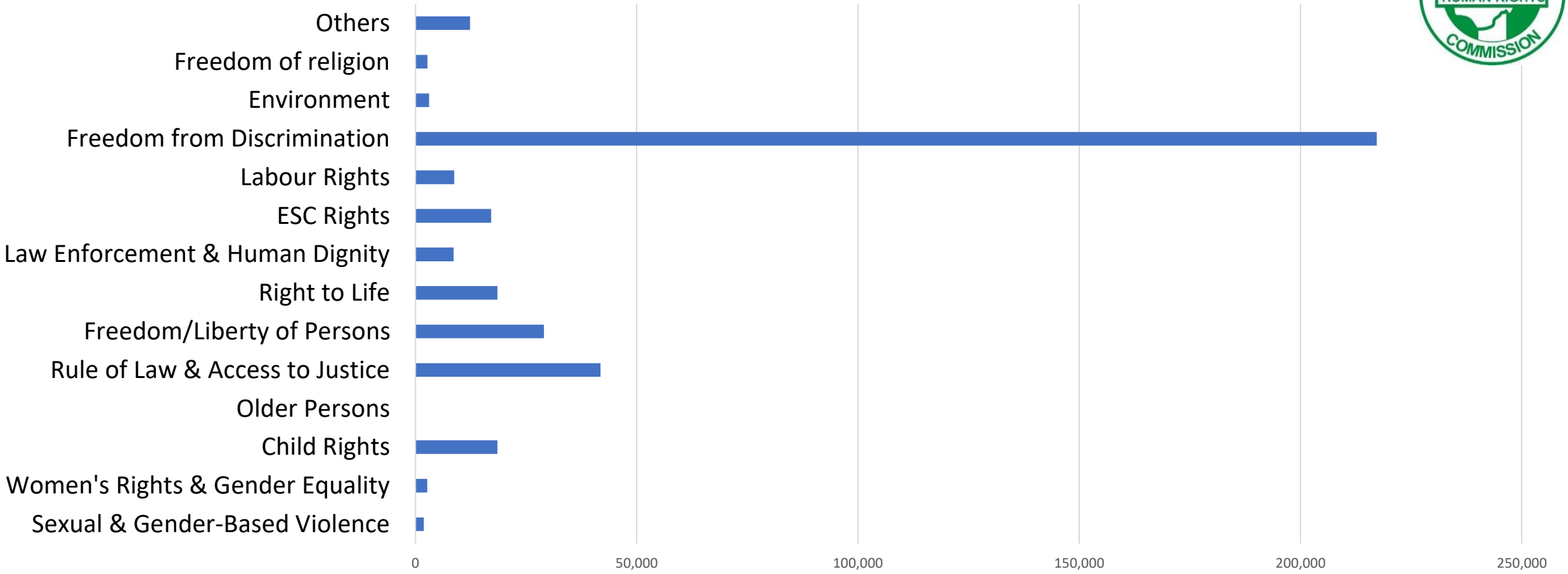
September Comparison



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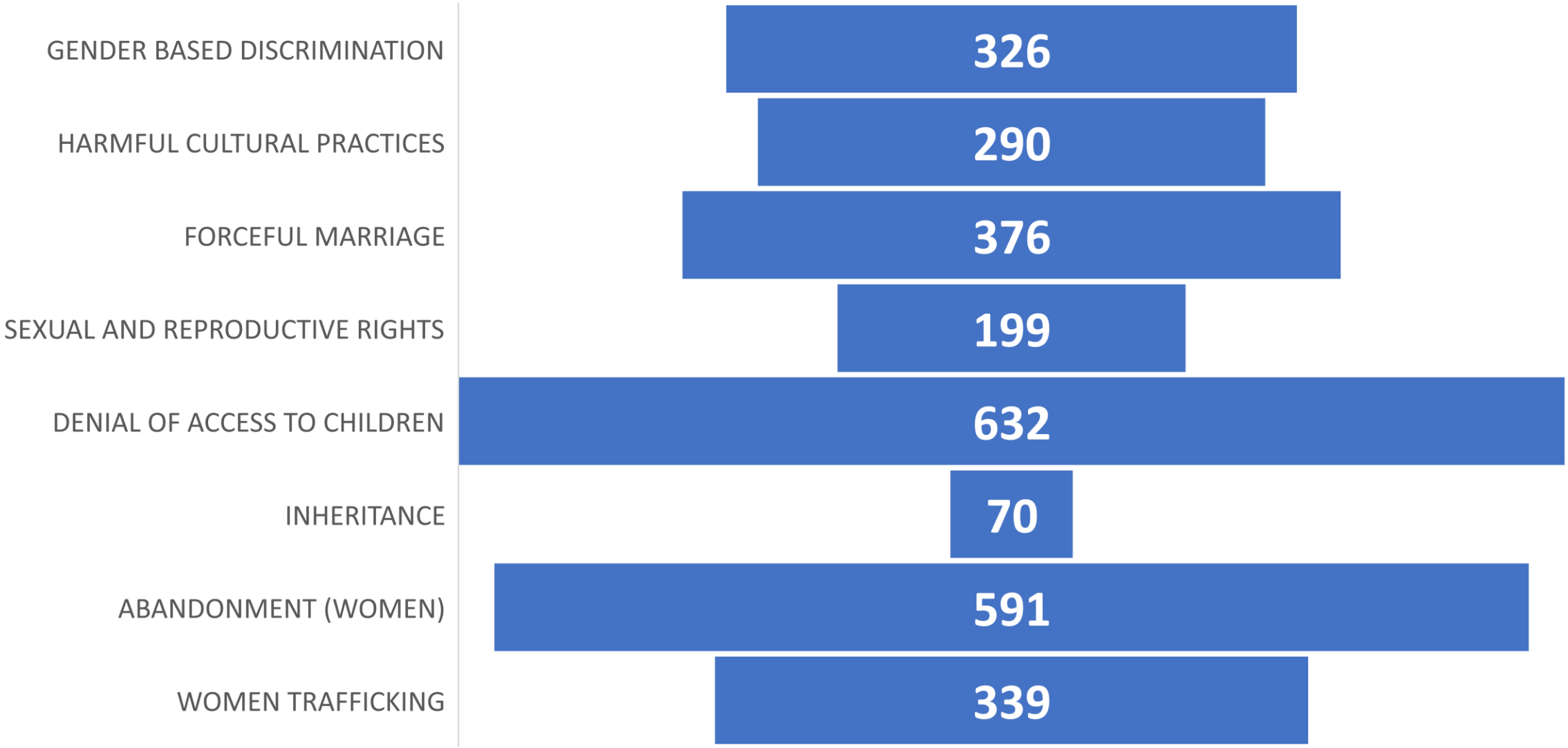


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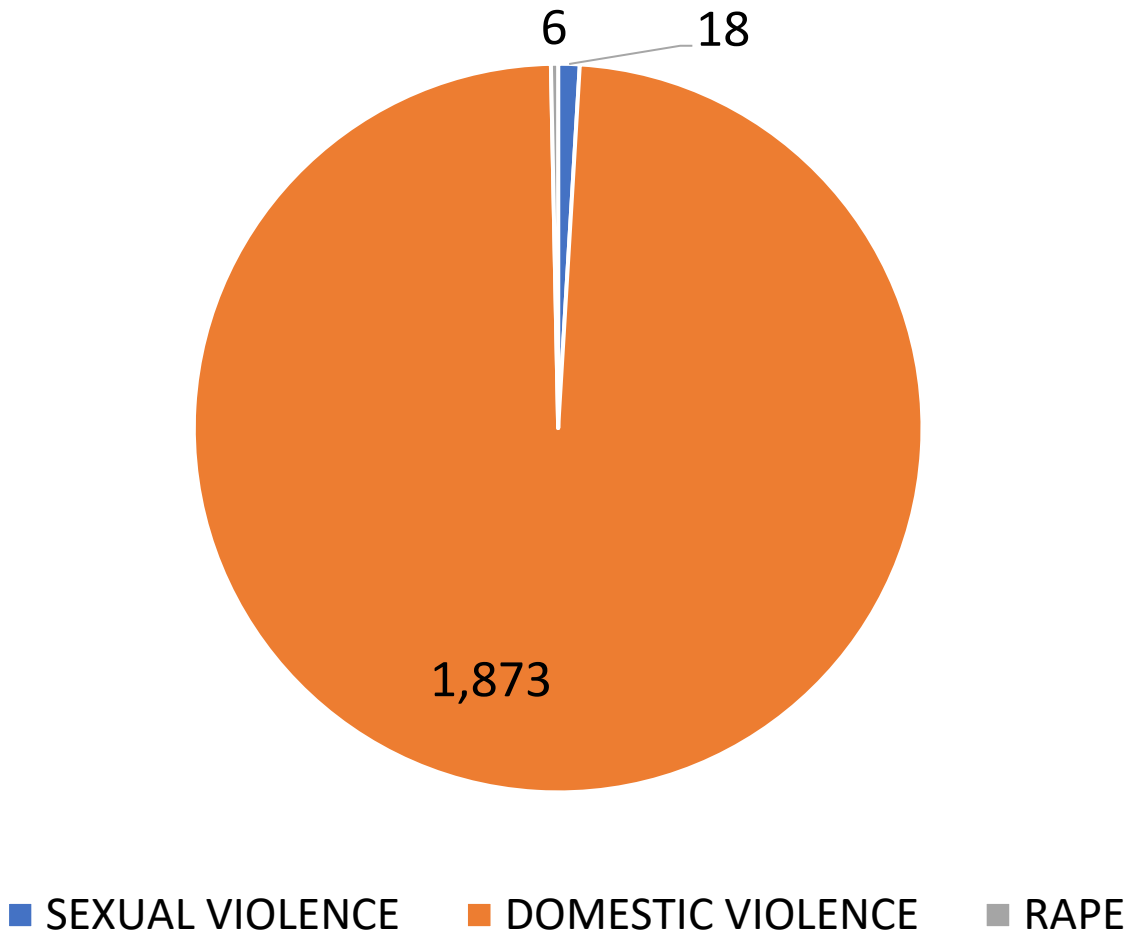


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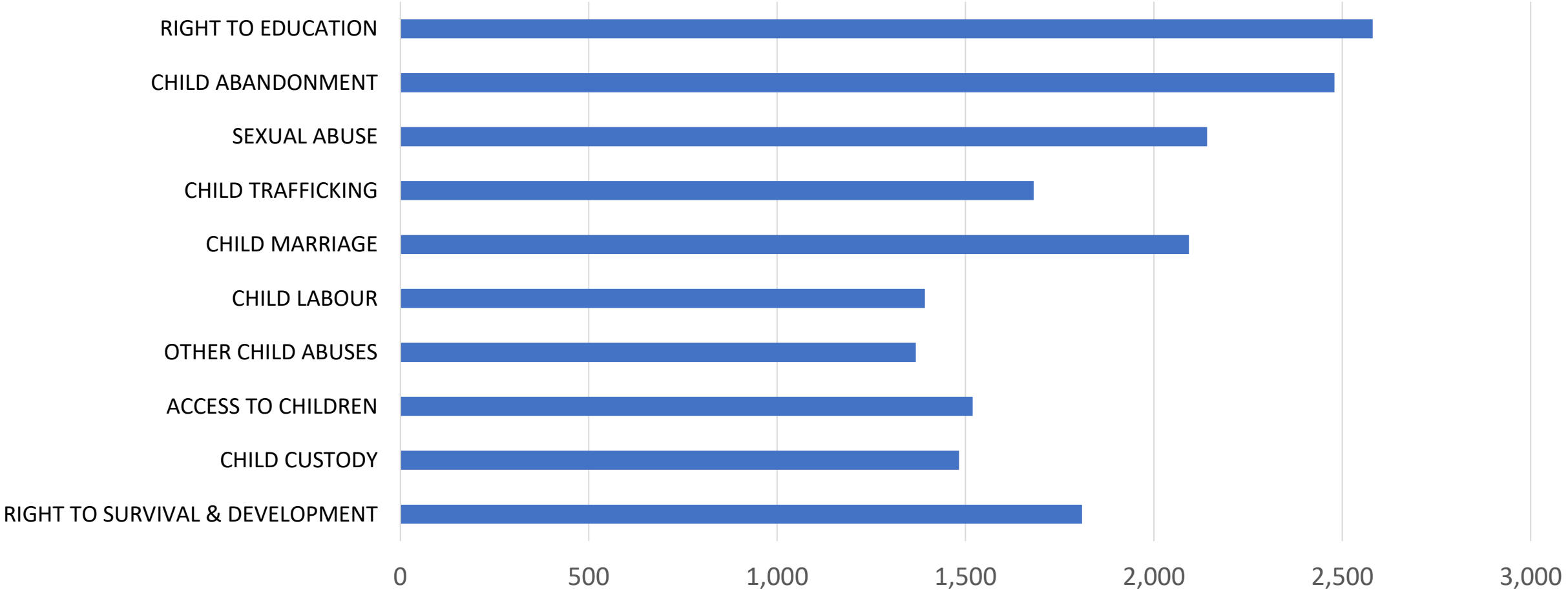
Complaints on Violation of Women's Rights October 2026



October 2026 Sexual and Gender Based Violence



October 2026 Violation of Children's Rights



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NHRC in Numbers – October 2026

Number of Investigations Completed – **1,455**

Visitation to Police Stations, Correctional Centres and Places of Detention – **108**



Summons and Letters to Nigerian Police - **45**

Visitation to Military Formations - **5**

Human Rights Situation in October 2026

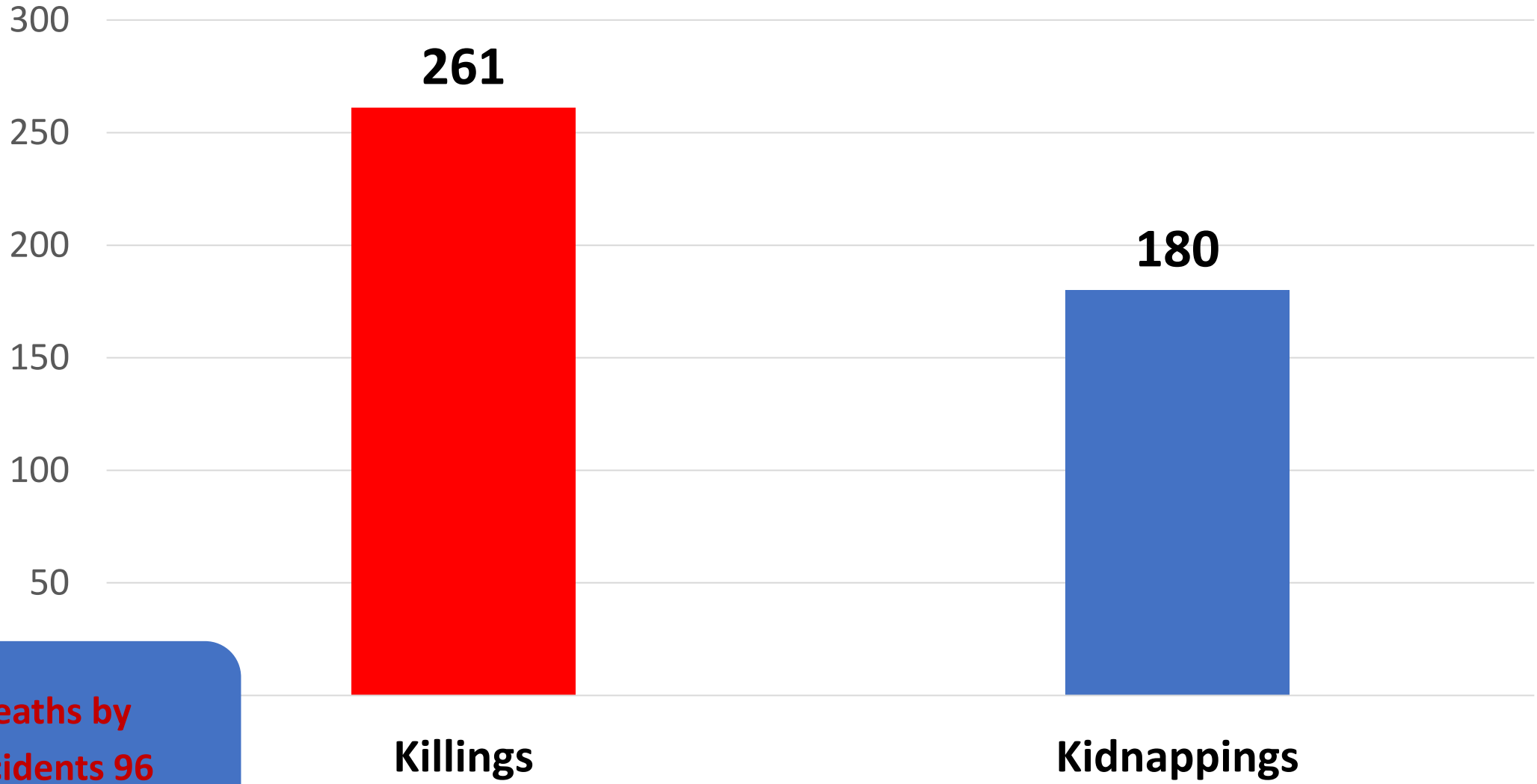
Overview of October Human Rights Observatory

- The October Observatory contains **106 recorded incident entries across 32 states** and the FCT. The incidents cover a broad range of human rights concerns, but three major issues dominate the records:
- **Insecurity and attacks on communities:** Armed attacks, banditry, suspected terrorist activity, killings, cattle rustling and attacks on security personnel.
- **Kidnapping and abduction:** Residents, children, travellers, farmers, students, humanitarian workers and other civilians were reportedly abducted, with ransom demands featuring in several cases.
- **Violence against vulnerable persons:** Sexual abuse and exploitation of children, domestic and family violence, physical abuse, trafficking and attacks on persons in vulnerable situations.

Distribution of October 2026 Human Rights Observatory

Geopolitical zone	Entries	Percentage
North Central	35	33.0%
North West	23	21.7%
North East	18	17.0%
South South	16	15.1%
South West	11	10.4%
South East	3	2.8%

Killings and Kidnappings October 2026



Deaths by Accidents 96

Mass Killings in October 2026

- **Taraba**: An attack in Binnari, Karim-Lamido LGA, reportedly resulted in 52 deaths following Jummat prayers.
- **Borno**: Fifteen farmers were reportedly killed in an ambush on their farmlands in Marte LGA, with three others missing.
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- **Zamfara**: Bandits reportedly attacked a military camp in Maru LGA, killing eight soldiers and one police officer.
- **Zamfara**: An attack on traders travelling with a military escort along the Gwashi–Nasarawa Road reportedly resulted in 20 deaths, including members of the military and other security agencies, as well as civilians.
- **Kebbi**: Suspected Lakurawa terrorists reportedly attacked communities and killed residents, including a police inspector.
- **Plateau**: Several communities experienced attacks involving the killing of farmers, traditional leaders, vigilantes and other residents.
- **Adamawa**: Suspected Boko Haram attacks were recorded in Hong LGA, with deaths and the burning of houses.

Abductions in October 2026

- Twenty prospective NYSC corps members travelling from Oyo State to orientation camps in Abia and Akwa Ibom States were reportedly abducted. Their families were allegedly contacted with a ransom demand of ₦50 million per person. The victims were subsequently rescued on 7 October.
- Forty-four people were reportedly abducted during a midnight attack in Zamfara.
- Eighteen people were reportedly abducted during an attack on communities in Mashegu LGA, Niger State, in which five farmers were also killed.
- Six people, including children, were reportedly abducted from an estate in Kaduna.
- A couple and their infant daughter were reportedly abducted from another estate in Kaduna.
- A primary school teacher in Nasarawa was reportedly abducted, with a ransom demand of ₦50 million.
- Three people were reportedly abducted in Taraba while returning from the market, with ransom demands of ₦10 million each.
- A Catholic priest and other travellers were reportedly abducted in Benue.
- A Plateau State University student was reportedly abducted from an off-campus residence.
- A 14-year-old girl who had been abducted in August was reportedly found dead in the FCT during October.

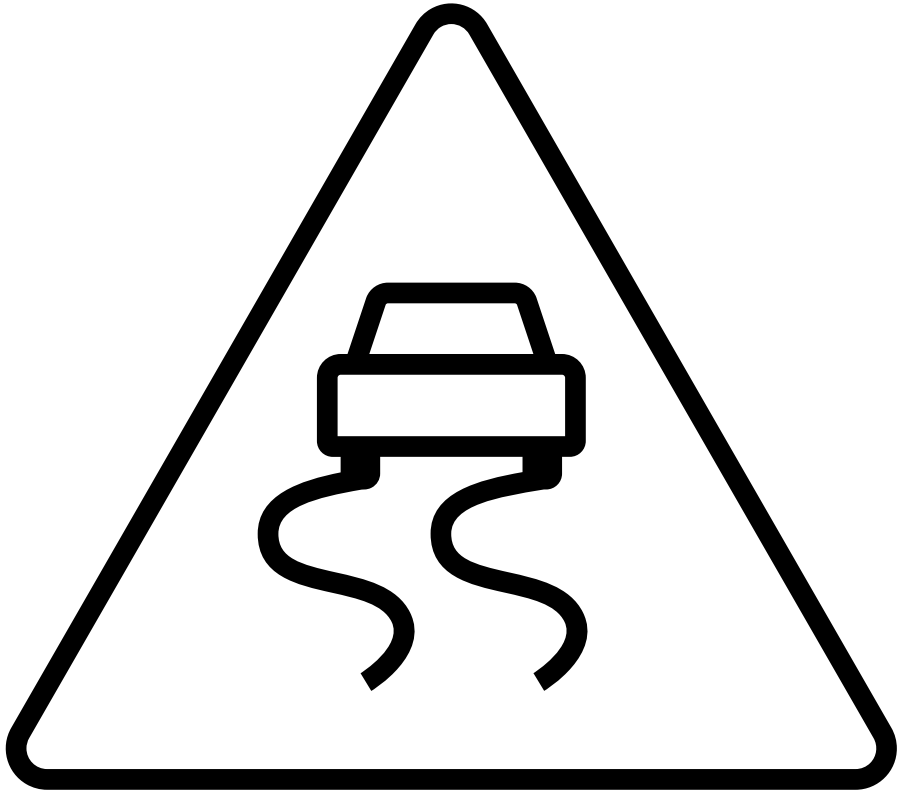
Violence Against Children

- **Kaduna**: Gunmen attack Kaduna estate at midnight, abduct 6 people, including 4 children in Chikun
- **Sokoto**: Bandits kill 3 in armed ambush, including 5 year old boy in Gundumi-Isa Road
- **Benue**: Two children were subjected to severe physical abuse following an accusation involving ₦14,500 in Kwande. One child died, while the surviving child was rescued and taken for medical attention.
- 14-year-old girl abducted in August along with her family found dead
- 35-year-old Arabic teacher arrested for chaining his nine-year-old pupil for a period of four months.
- Kaduna: 8 children were abducted after Bandits attacks on several houses in Babban Saura community in Chikun

Sexual Violence Against Children

- A 12-year-old girl reportedly raped and impregnated in a vehicle in the FCT.
- An 11-year-old girl allegedly raped in Cross River.
- A 14-year-old girl allegedly kidnapped and raped by a school bus driver in Delta.
- Two girls aged 13 and 14 allegedly sexually abused by a pastor in Bayelsa.
- A 10-year-old girl allegedly raped by a 60-year-old man in Benue.
- A 10-year-old girl allegedly defiled by a 50-year-old man in Bauchi.
- An 11-year-old girl reportedly sexually assaulted by a 20-year-old man in Bauchi.
- A 20-year-old woman with a mental health condition allegedly raped by a 55-year-old man in Bauchi.
- A 17-year-old girl reportedly trafficked from Kwara to Senegal under the guise of securing employment.

Freedom of Movement



- **Rivers**: 24 year old woman abducted while travelling from Delta to Port Harcourt along Igwirita-Etche Road.
- **Plateau**: Gunmen ambush travellers, kill Plateau Youth Leader; injured two others along Gashish–Barkin Ladi Road
- **Benue**: Catholic priest and 7 others abducted by gunmen while travelling along Otobi Amejo-Ajegbe road in Ohimini LGA.
- **Sokoto**: Bandits attacked a passengers in a moving Golf vehicle in Sabo Birnin, killing the driver and a passenger.
- **Benue**: Gunmen attacked passengers travelling on Ayilamo–Tse-Abi Road in Logo LGA. Killed driver and abducted 4 passengers who were later rescued.

Attacks on Armed Forces, Security and Law Enforcement

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- **Adamawa**: 2 soldiers and 1 forest guard were killed in Boko Haram attack on military base in Garaha-Mojili.
- **Abia**: Hoodlums attack police station, kill 2 senior officers, injured 3 inspectors in Uratta-Eziukwu, Aba.

Killing of Vigilantes

- **Zamfara**: Bandits kill 3 members of Askarawa vigilante group in Gusau
- **Plateau**: 7 vigilantes killed in plateau attack by gunmen in Barkin Ladi
- 7 vigilantes were shot dead during a fierce gun duel while attempting to repel an attack by bandits resulting in the abduction of 38 residents.

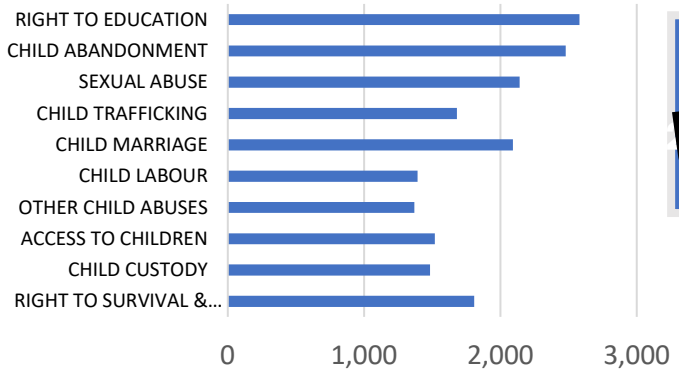
Human Rights Concerns

- **Ota, Ogun State:** 4 police officers arrested over alleged assault on young man wearing camouflage shorts. The victim was aggressively pinned to the ground and handcuffed by the officers.
- **Accusation of Witchcraft:** Angry mob attack 60 year old man with sticks and machetes over witchcraft allegations in Alkaleri in Bauchi State.
- **Fallen Tanker, explosion and deaths:** 6 dead, 15 injured in Edo tanker explosion along Oluku Market along Benin-Lagos expressway in Edo State
- **No peace for the dead:** Widower and mourners transporting a corpse for burial were intercepted and abducted at gunpoint along Apa/Okpoga highway in Benue State and held hostage for days until a ransom was paid.
- **Continuous Attacks on food security:** 15 farmers were ambushed and killed on their farmlands by suspected Boko Haram/ISWAP insurgents, 3 others missing in Marte, Borno State.
- **Attack on Humanitarian convoy** in Shagari, Sokoto State, with one fatality and 2 injuries.

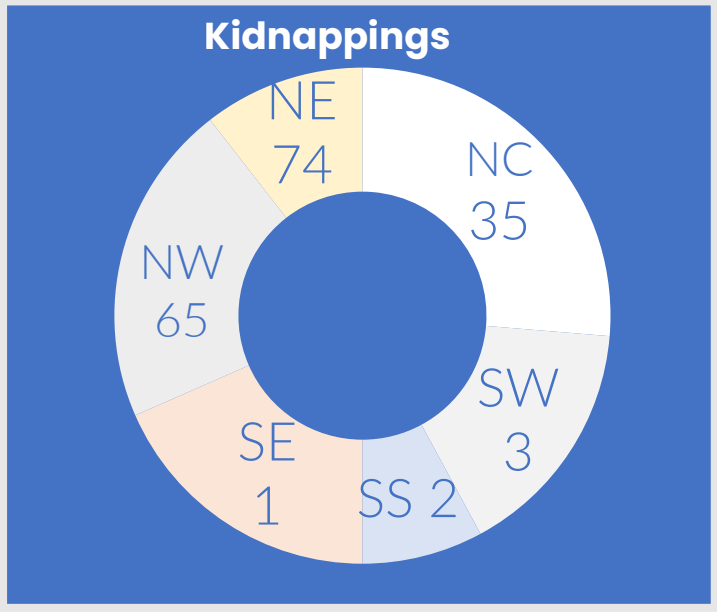
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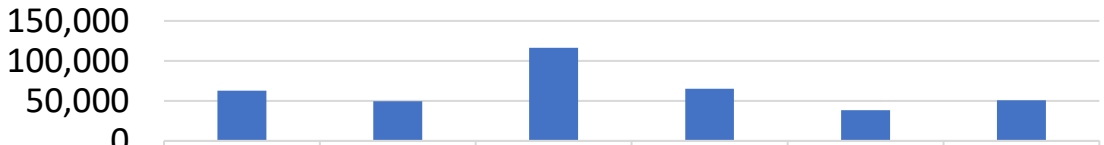
Kidnappings **180**

Killings **261**

Child Abandonment **2479**

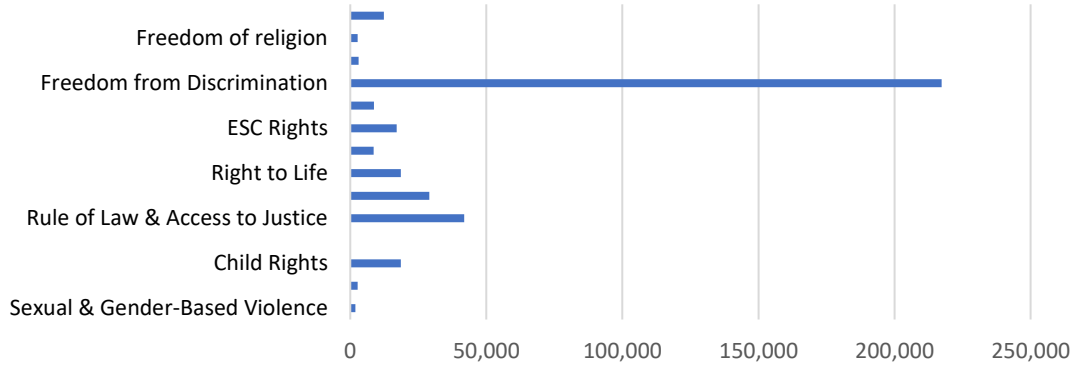
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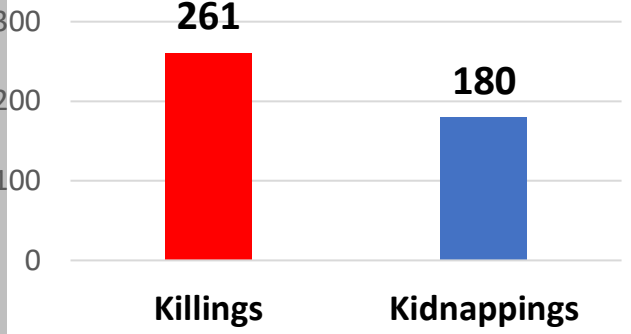
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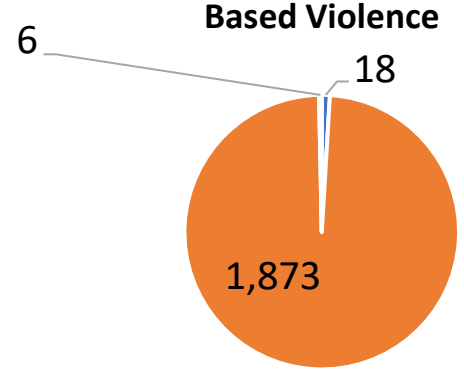
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