

WEEKLY REPORT FOR JUNE 17-23

NIGERIA

On June 17, Vice President Yemi Osinbajo reportedly stated that the government is focused on the North East and stated that rebuilding the region is of paramount concern. A delegation from the Japanese International Cooperation Agency stated that Japan would contribute to the government's efforts. The Nigerian Air Force launched the second phase of its operation in the counter terrorism war with focus on the northern axis of Borno State. The operation, tagged "Operation Gama Aiki," is meant to flush out Boko Haram insurgents from the area, notorious as a major stronghold of the outlawed group. Additionally, counter-Boko Haram efforts continued with two suicide bombers being killed by members of the CJTF in the Kusari area near CBN Staff Quarters in Maiduguri.

On June 18, Borno state government directed security agencies to investigate alleged diversion of large quantities of rice intended for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). The rice, supplied by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), was allegedly diverted by some government officials. This investigation comes on the heels of other reports claiming that humanitarian relief supplies have been stolen from other IDP camps by military and CJTF personnel in Borno. At least two people were killed in a Boko Haram raid on a village in northeast Nigeria on the border with Cameroon, residents told AFP on Monday. The attack happened early on Saturday in Wumbi in the Kalabalge district of northern Borno state and forced hundreds of residents to cross into Cameroon. Another report indicates that the death toll may be much higher, with "Eyewitness accounts reveal that the insurgents in their hundreds stormed the village and killed 24 persons, while 10 persons sustained various degrees of injuries from the attack. The eyewitness claimed that 18 bodies were immediately discovered after the attack but later more dead bodies were uncovered in the bush bringing the figure to 24."

On June 19, it was reported that Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camping in Abuja have appealed to the government to put measures in place to enable them return to their homes in Gwoza, Borno State. Making the plea on Sunday, Secretary of the camp, Mr Enoch Yohana, who refuted claims that they have refused to return to their communities in the northeast, said that although they were excited by the turn of events, they could not make the decision to return home because their part of the northeast has not been fully liberated from the Boko Haram terrorists. Troops of 114 Task Force Battalion of 28 Task Force Brigade, in conjunction with members of vigilante group, carried out a road clearance operation along Bitta-Damboia axis in an effort to keep roads in the area free from landmines.

The Nigerian military visited Kuda Village in Madagali Local Government Area of Adamawa State to discuss the security situation with the community. The Commander of the 28 Task Force Brigade, Felix Omoigui, interacted with leaders of the community and vigilante groups and also carried out an assessment tour of the affected areas where the insurgents killed and wounded many. He assured the people that the military and security agencies would do everything possible to protect them, while vowing to apprehend the assailants.

On June 20, a book used by Boko Haram insurgents to make people join their group has been discovered by Nigerian officials. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the discovery made by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSDC), who informed that the ‘spiritual book’ may have been used by Boko Haram to indoctrinate their victims. Additionally, reports indicate that the Nigerian Army may relax restrictions placed on some insurgency-prone areas in the North East. According to the Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lt. Gen Tukur Buratai, with the degradation of the Boko Haram insurgents, it is possible to review and relax some restriction placed on human and vehicular movement in some parts of the region.

On June 21, a report read: “There appears to be internal wrangle in the camp of deadly Boko Haram sect as they have reportedly split. A big group is said to have split away from shadowy leader Abubakar Shekau over his failure to adhere to guidance from the Iraq- and Syria-based Islamic State”, a senior U.S. general said “ Boko Haram has suffered an internal split after a group rebelled because leader Abubakar Shekau failed to adhere to guidance from Islamic State, There is a concern that the splinter group might work more closely with ISIS, including by adopting its transnational focus, which has been absent from Boko Haram so far.”

On 22 June, disturbing reports from Doctors without Borders indicate that one of five children suffer from severe acute malnutrition at multiple IDP camps located throughout Borno. As the security situation improves in the region and more IDP locations become accessible, a growing concern over malnourished people in the North East is growing.

Also on 22 June, reports from northern Cameroon indicate that Boko Haram was transmitting propaganda on channel 96.8 FM. Another report indicates that ongoing military operations in the Sambisa Forest has rooted out an unknown number of Boko Haram insurgents. Additionally, the parents of the rescued Chibok schoolgirl, Ali, on May 17 are demanding to know the whereabouts of Ali and her infant. Ali was flown to Abuja for a meeting with President Muhammad Buhari, but she has not been seen since.

On June 23, The Nigerian military, in coordination with the CJTF, carried out a massive clearance operation of suspected Boko Haram hideouts in Kursori, Bashirari, Malatari, Goneri, Kajimari, Lawan Kolori and Yale villages within Konduga local government area of Borno State.

Niger Delta Region

On June 17, the Nigerian Army announced the arrest of 19 suspected oil militants in the Niger Delta region. The soldiers foiled an attempt to blow up a pipeline operated by the Nigerian subsidiary of Italy’s Eni and arrested suspected pipeline thugs and oil thieves. The activities of the Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) has further crippled an already battered economy struggling to hold its own due to the mismanagement of past and present government officials.

On June 22, three Australians and one New Zealander are among a group of mine workers kidnapped by gunmen during a deadly attack in southern Nigeria. The Australian Prime Minister,

Malcolm Turnbull, confirmed the men, who are believed to have been working for Perth-based mining company Macmahon Holdings, had been captured near Calabar in Nigeria’s south.

Farmer and Herder Conflict in Nigeria’s Middle Belt

On June 18, suspected herdsmen killed a village head and five others at Dusa Villages in Turan council ward of Logo Local Government Area of Benue State. On June 21, troops of 1st Division, in conjunction with other security agencies, have been making tremendous progress in continuation of the concerted efforts of clearing cattle rustlers, armed bandits and kidnapers in the north western geopolitical region. A statement by the acting director army public relations, Colonel Sani Kukasheka Usman said troops of 223 Battalion, 1 Brigade, Nigerian army embarked on a patrol to Maru local government area of Zamfara state. The troops encountered and engaged notorious armed bandits who have been wreaking havoc on the communities, killing and wounding several more.

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MALI

On June 17, an online monitor of jihadi groups stated that al-Qaida's North Africa wing, AQIM, had released a new video of a Swiss national Beatrice Stockly, who was taken hostage in Mali in January. In the video dated May 17, she stated that she could not bear too much heat, but was well.

On June 20, it was reported that because Mali has become the most dangerous peacekeeping mission, the UN is trying to get member states to provide another 2,500 troops to expand the UN force there. The Mali government also wants the UN to allow peacekeepers to be more forceful with uncooperative groups (especially Tuareg) in the country's north. Currently there are 12,000 peacekeepers in Mali, mostly in the north. There are also 1,000 French special operations troops there who are concentrated on finding and destroying Islamic terrorists. IN another report from June 20, "a new armed group emerged in central Mali named Alliance Nationale pour la Souvergarde de l'Identité Peule et la Restauration de la Justice (ANSIPRJ), roughly translated to the National Alliance for the Protection of Fulani Identity and the Restoration of Justice. The movement is reportedly a political-armed group, non-jihadist, and not seeking independence from Mali."

On the June 21, reports stated that that Burkina Faso would increase troop contributions to the UN peacekeeping mission in Mali. The West African country has already contributed 1,740 soldiers to UN peacekeeping missions in Mali.

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On the 17th, Boko Haram Islamist militants attacked a police camp in the southeastern Niger village of Ngagam, killing seven officers, the Interior Ministry said on Friday. The attack came after the Boko Harm raid in Bosso that left 26 soldiers dead and forced about 50,000 civilians to flee. On June 21, a report read “Boko Haram’s insurgency has forced nearly 300,000 people to seek refuge in the Diffa region of southeast Niger, an area already dealing with chronic food insecurity.” Aid agencies are struggling to provide adequate water and food to tens of thousands of people who fled from the Bosso attack.

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