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Weekly Highlight

Date: 4th- 10th December, 2011.

- **North East Population Size - 18,971,965.**
- **States – Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe State.**
- **Contextual Highlights –** Borno has the largest land mass in the zone and its bordered by Chad, Cameroun and Niger while Yobe State borders Nigeria with Niger. Adamawa is also a border state of Nigeria with Chad and Cameroun. This bordering relationships accounts for the high level of trans border movement and trade within this zone. Farming and cattle grazing form a major part of livelihood and occupation in this zone. Predominant tribes/ethnic groups in the zone include the Hausas, Fulanis, Kanuri, Marghi and Burha. Predominant religion is Islam with relative significant percentage population as Christians. Desert Encroachment and pest invasion are predominant hazards recorded in the area while literacy level is low.
- **South South Population Size – 21,014,655**
- **States: Delta, Rivers, Edo, Bayelsa, Akwa Ibom and Cross Rivers.**
- **Contextual Highlights:** The south south zone majorly comprises what has been referred to as the Niger Delta region. It has huge crude oil and gas reserves which constitutes over 90% of Nigeria's foreign exchange and 80% of the country's revenue. Commercial Oil and gas exploration and mining by various foreign and indigenous companies is predominant in this region. With significant number of islands and waterways, the region links directly into the Gulf of Guinea which also connects countries such as Ghana, Sao Tome and Principe, Benin Republic and Angola. Fishing and farming are major sources of livelihood but has been greatly affected by oil spill and gas pollution which has caused major environmental degradation. Oil bunkering and sea piracy is commonly reported in this region and is also known for youth militancy/resource control agitations as protest to the lack of state commitment to human security and development in the region. Major Ethnic groups are the Ijaws, Efiks, Ibibios, Ikweres, Ogonis, Kwale-Ibo, Andoni, Isoko, Izon and Edos.

South South

Political Risk

The ongoing crisis over the choice of PDP flag-bearer for the **Bayelsa State** gubernatorial election continue to heat up the polity as tension and insecurity has increased in the State.

Socio Economic Risk:

Increase in armed robbery and kidnap cases in Delta and Rivers state. The Nkpe (king) of Alesa-Elemente in **River state** was kidnapped. Police in a shoot out with armed robberies killed two robbers and remAK-47 rifles with 360 live ammunition and three explosives were recovered from the robbers. A bomb explosion in a mosque in Sapele, **Delta state** killed one and left several with various levels of injury.

South East

Political Risk

The people of Umerum community in Anyamelu Local Government Area of **Anambra state** protested over the non-payment of the N2million monthly payment to communities in **Anambra State** by the

state government. **Anambra State** branch of the Conference of Nigerian Political Parties, CNPP, is threatening court action against the state government over the continued delay in conducting Local Government election in the state. Election that the State has not conducted for nine years, the sacking of and Chairman of the State Independent Electoral Commission may further delay the conduct of the election.

Humanitarian Risk

Three people were killed while 15 others sustained injuries in Nnewi, **Anambra State** in a vehicle accident caused by a truck.

South West

Socio Economic Risk:

Oyo state inaugurated a joint military-police patrol squad code-named **Operation Burst**, as a proactive measure against the activities of armed robbers that has forced banks to close in the major cities of the state. The Operation will provide adequate security during and after the yuletide season.

In **Osun state** most petrol stations in Ile-Ife and Osogbo are under lock and key for three

- **South East Population Size – 16, 381, 729.**
- **States - Enugu, Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi and Imo States.**
- **Contextual Highlights – The zone comprises of predominantly Igbos with major religion as Christianity and traditional religion. The Igbos are business inclined which have made Aba in Abia State and Onitsha at Anambra State the reference point for commerce and industry in Nigeria. As a result of their commercial inclination, Igbos are wide travellers and have been known to have significant population in most of the 36 States of Nigeria including the Federal Capital Territory. The zone has also witnessed and survived a civil war waged against the Nigerian State between 1967-1970 over agitation for the sovereign state of Biafra. Subsistence agriculture also constitutes a mainstay of livelihood in the zone especially at the rural areas and Ebonyi State has been noted to be a hub for agricultural produce. Erosion is a basic hazard experienced in the zone especially in Anambra and Abia States. Crude Oil reserves of commercial mining quantity have been discovered and are being explored at Imo and Anambra States. Literacy level is relatively moderate with reports highlighting higher female literacy rate.**

- **South West Population Size – 27, 582, 992.**
- **States – Oyo, Ogun, Ondo, Ekiti, Lagos and Osun states.**
- **Contextual Highlights - The major ethnic group and language is Yoruba with a mixture of other ethnic groups such as the Igbos, Hausa/Fulani, Ijaws e.t.c. The predominant occupation includes agriculture, businesses, civil service. Lagos which was a former capital of Nigeria is considered the commercial nerve centre of the country with a very busy sea port and also an outlet for import and export into Nigeria. It is also a border state of Nigeria to Benin Republic. Crude oil reserves have been discovered in commercial quantity at Ondo State. The Yorubas are highly literate and politically conscious.**

consecutive days to protest the abduction of the State Chairman of the Independent Petrol Marketers Association abducted by four armed men earlier in the week.

In Ekiti state, students of Anglican High School went on rampage to protest the School's directive that all the Senior Secondary School 3 should be demoted by one year due to poor performance. The student took the Principal hostage, and destroyed the vehicle of Police drafted to stop the demonstration. Eleven of the students were arrested for their role in the demonstration.

North Central

Humanitarian Risk:

At least 5,000 people are internally displaced in **Benue and Nasarawa states** resulting from clashes between nomadic cattle herders and farmers. The Nigerian Red Cross is on the ground helping the hosting families to cope as well as in managing the IDP camps.

In Jos North, **Plateau State** two bomb explosions occurred close to a public viewing center while football fans watched the Barcelona-Real Madrid match, resulting in injuries and death of about seven persons.

North West

Humanitarian Risk:

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Bomb blast at Ogbomoso Road, Ori Apata area of **Kaduna State** killed at least seven people and caused the destruction of goods and properties valued at about 200million Naira. It was alleged that 2 men carrying the bomb came on a motorcycle.

Environmental risk:

Fire outbreak at Sahara Spare parts market in Sokoto state killed one man and two youth were affected.

North East

Political Risk:

The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of **Adamawa State** House of Assembly were impeached. The motion was moved by the opposition party members.

Socio-Economic Risk:

A policeman and three other people were killed by armed robbers in Azare LGA of **Bauchi State**.

Armed gunmen also attacked some Christians in Kafin Dawaki village of the state.

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