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Weekly Highlight

Date: 20th- 26th November, 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 account 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.

North East

Socio economic Risk:

Adamawa State: In the week under the review, the Special Anti Robbery Squad (SARS) in the state engaged a group of armed robbers in an exchange fire.

Borno State: An armed exchange between security operatives and armed members of Boko Haram in Maiduguri killed four people.

South South

Humanitarian Risk

There was a fire outbreak in Shell facility in Bayelsa state, a fire incident that was caused by oil spillage in the site in previous weeks.

- **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.
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- **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.

South East

Political Risk:

Tension in Awka, **Anambra state** timber market as Council boss battles leadership. The Anambra State Governor's quick response to the petition written to him by the executives of Awka Timber Dealers Association (ATDA) is needed to calm the tension presently mounting at the popular Awka timber market following the purported dissolution of the market leadership by the Awka South Local Government Caretaker Committee.

The dispute between Deputy Senate President, Ike Ekweremadu and Governor Sullivan Chime over who controls power in **Enugu State** may soon blow into the open as some members of PDP, especially those living in Abuja, are said to have concluded plans to float the third parallel structure of the party in the state. Already, there are two factions are at still at loggers head over who should produce the lists of chairmanship and councillorship candidates for the forthcoming local government elections in the state.

Ebonyi state experienced fresh Political violence on 20th November, 2011 at Afikpo South where some indigenes of Ekoli Edda in Afikpo South Local Government Area of Ebonyi state are still counting another losses in a fresh violence between two group loyal to two PDP stalwarts in Area.

- **North Central Population Size – 20,266,257.**
 - **States - Benue, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Plateau, Niger and Abuja Federal Capital City of Nigeria (FCT).**
 - **Contextual Highlights – Major ethnic groups predominant in the area include Hausa, Fulani, Tiv, Berom, Igala, Jukun, Igbira, Gwari and Idoma. The geopolitical zone is inhabited mainly by minority groups. Religions practiced in the area include Christianity, Islam and traditional religion. All nationalities co-habit in Abuja Federal Capital City and surrounding areas. Benue avows to being Food basket of the Nation. Plateau is known for the production of vegetables. Kogi is Confluence State where River Niger and Benue converge.**
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- **North West Population Size - 35,786,944**
 - **States - Sokoto, Zamfara, Kaduna, Katsina, Kano, Kano and Kebbi.**
 - **Contextual Highlights – The zone is comprised of a heterogeneous mix of Hausas, Fulanis in Majority while other Nigerian tribes are in minority. Sokoto, Katsina and Kebbi States are bordering states between Nigeria and Niger which accounts for the international grazing routes and trans-border movements in this zone. Kano is regarded as an economic city for the North and also the most populated State in Nigeria while Sokoto state is the seat of the Sultan of Sokoto who is also referred to as the leader of the Nigerian Muslims. Predominant Occupation is cattle grazing and farming. The zone suffers from desert encroachment as a slow onset disaster.**

Socio Economic Risk:

In **Anambra state**, controversies has continued to trail the circumstances surrounding the death of a 24 year-old lady suspected to have been ganged-raped to death by suspected cultists along Nsugbe College of Education Road.

In **Ebonyi state**, over two thousand members of the Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion on the 19th carried out a non-violent protest to register their displeasure of the Governor Martins Elechi's four year's administration in the state.

Environmental Risk

Imo State Government has commenced the demolition of structures within 10 metres radius of the main roads in Orlu Local Government Area. It was reported that Governor Rochas Okorocha as assured the affected group that the demolition if to pave way for the development that will warrant the town to be declared a state by the Federal Government.

South West

Humanitarian risk:

The **Lagos State** Police Command on Thursday 24 November, 2011 deployed Armoured Personnel Carriers in the State University over students' protest for the hike in their tuition fees which they claimed

did not go through due process and therefore won't be justifiable until the report of the Ad Hoc of the State House of Assembly is out

In **Ogun state**, an armed robbery incident, which happened on the 24 in Sagamu lasted for over 30 minutes uninterrupted, as four commercial banks located in the business centre of the town were raided leaving no fewer than 10 people dead.

On a positive note in the state, Efforts to broker peace among the warring factions of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) over leadership crisis in **Ogun State** moved in the direction following the inauguration of a 14-man committee to resolve the issue.

Bank robbery in **Ondo state** on Tuesday claimed 4 lives with several others wounded.

North West

Political Risk

Sarah Jubril, the Special Adviser to the president on Ethics had said earlier this

The Weekly Highlights is a weekly report from the WANEP Nigeria Early Warning System that documents prioritised incidences considered critical to peace and security across the six geo political zones of the Nigeria. It identifies and captures incidences that have further implications or threat to security or opportunities for peace across the states in Nigeria.

The highlights are categorised and subsumed under four basic thematic areas of Humanitarian, Political, Socio-Economic and Environmental Risks.

It is generated from the incidence reports from data uploaded by WANEP-Nigeria Early Warning Monitors in the thirty six (36) States of Nigeria including the Federal Capital Territory (F.C.T.). Additional information is derived from the media reports and primary observation.

It is analysed and compiled by zonal analysts responsible for each of the six geo political zones with quality control from the WANEP-Nigeria National Secretariat.

week that the silence of Northern elders, (Rtd Generals, Army chiefs Elders etc) on

the BOKO HARAM issue is worrisome to Federal Government and could be viewed as a form of support to the group.

Sokoto State gubernatorial election is viewed with trepidation by different stakeholders in the state for the controversies surrounding the process.

Preparation is in top gear for the December 17, the day for

a child, leaving another 43 with various levels of injury.

Environmental Risk:

The Governor of **Zamfara state** Alh AbdulAziz Yari has initiated an environmental cleanup campaign on lead poisoning at Bagega, Anka Local Government area of the state. The target is to reduce the risk of another poisoning that killed over 200 children in the state last year. About 25 illegal emigrant miners from Mali Republic were seen at Bagega town trying to once again mine gold illegally thereby causing another lead poisoning. The Zamfara state Commissioner for Environment has promised to investigate the issue.

ZONE: NORTH CENTRAL

Political Risk:

Kogi:

The Governorship primaries expected to hold December 3 have so far caused unusual tension in the State following the trading of accusations and counter-accusations between ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN). The ACN has accused PDP of depriving Local Government Councils in the State of the sum of 420 million naira, which is being used for campaign. The

In **Katsina State**, an auto crash along Malumfashi Road in Yan-Bisa. Killed about 14 people included two women and

ACN also accuses the party of purchasing 63 Hilux pick up vans for use by party thugs to intimidate opposition parties and that the party has stockpiled arms and fake police and army uniforms for use by party thugs during elections and as well has sent names for inclusion in the INEC ad hoc officials list. Meanwhile PDP accuses ACN flagbearer Prince Abubakar Audu, himself a former Governor of the State, of bringing 18 skaters buses full of thugs from another State into Kogi, for possible use against the PDP. Each has denied the allegation and INEC spokesman also says they have not received names from the State as suggested.

Political Risk:

Abuja:

In **Abuja** the sudden sack of EFCC Boss Farida Waziri by President Goodluck Jonathan and swearing in of another

under circumstances suspected to have been dictated by pressure groups within the Presidency and not necessarily because the EFCC has performed poorly under its erstwhile boss has caused a stir in the polity. Nigerians fear that the reported arraignment of a serving senator on grounds of connection with the Boko Haram sect may have triggered the sack of the EFCC boss. Meanwhile Farida Waziri has accepted her sack in good faith. In another development, Nigerians continued the clamouring against removal of fuel subsidy. The Central Bank Governor Lamido Sanusi Lamido has however waded into the matter to defend the position of the Presidency on the need to remove fuel subsidy, saying that failure to do so may lead to collapse of the country's economy.