In the review quarter, attacks by violent extremist groups such as Boko Haram, Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and Al-Mourabitoun intensified across the region, especially in Nigeria, Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso. Some of the places hardest hit were military installations, worship places, markets among others. In Nigeria, Boko Haram executed two aid workers in North-eastern Nigeria and threatened to kill the lone ‘Dapchi female student still in their custody.