



August 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 August 2026

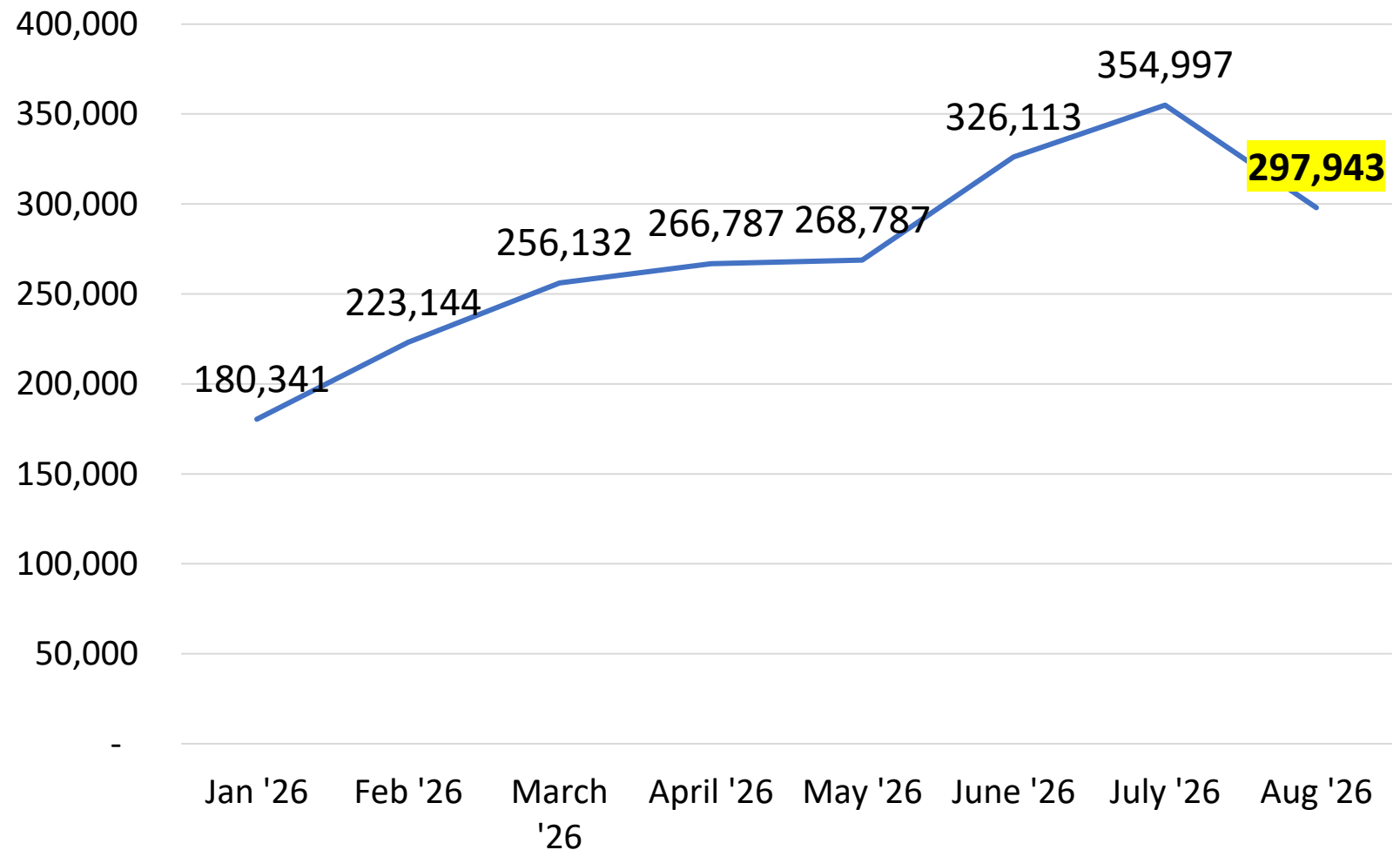
- **Human rights complaints to the NHRC reduced in August 2026.**
- Mass killings across Nigeria continues especially in the North Central and North Western states.
- Physical and Sexual Violence on Children continue to rise with varied dimensions
- Mass abductions continues impacting children, communities and individuals.
- Killings of Military, Law enforcement and security agencies.
- **Rise in hate speeches and political violence.**



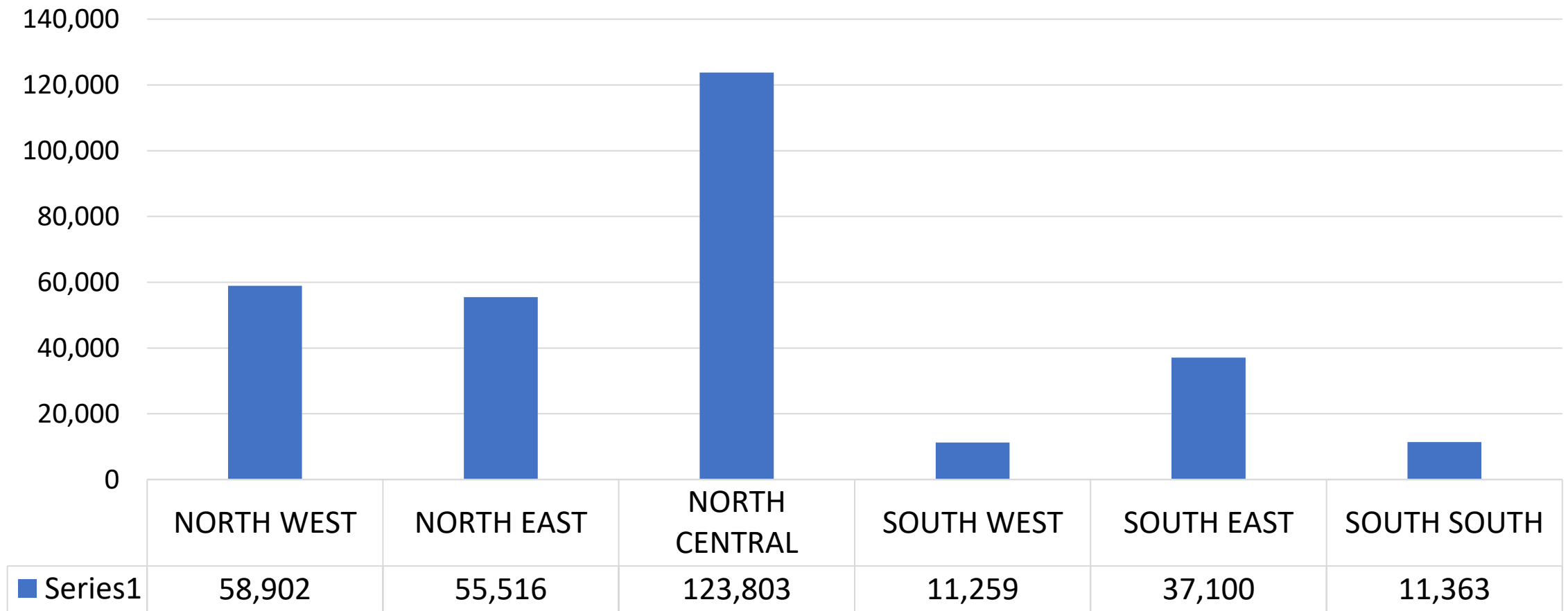
NHRC July 2026 Human Rights Complaints

- Total Number of Complaints:
297,943
*[An decrease of 15%
compared to July 2026]*

Human Rights Complaints January - August 2026 Compared

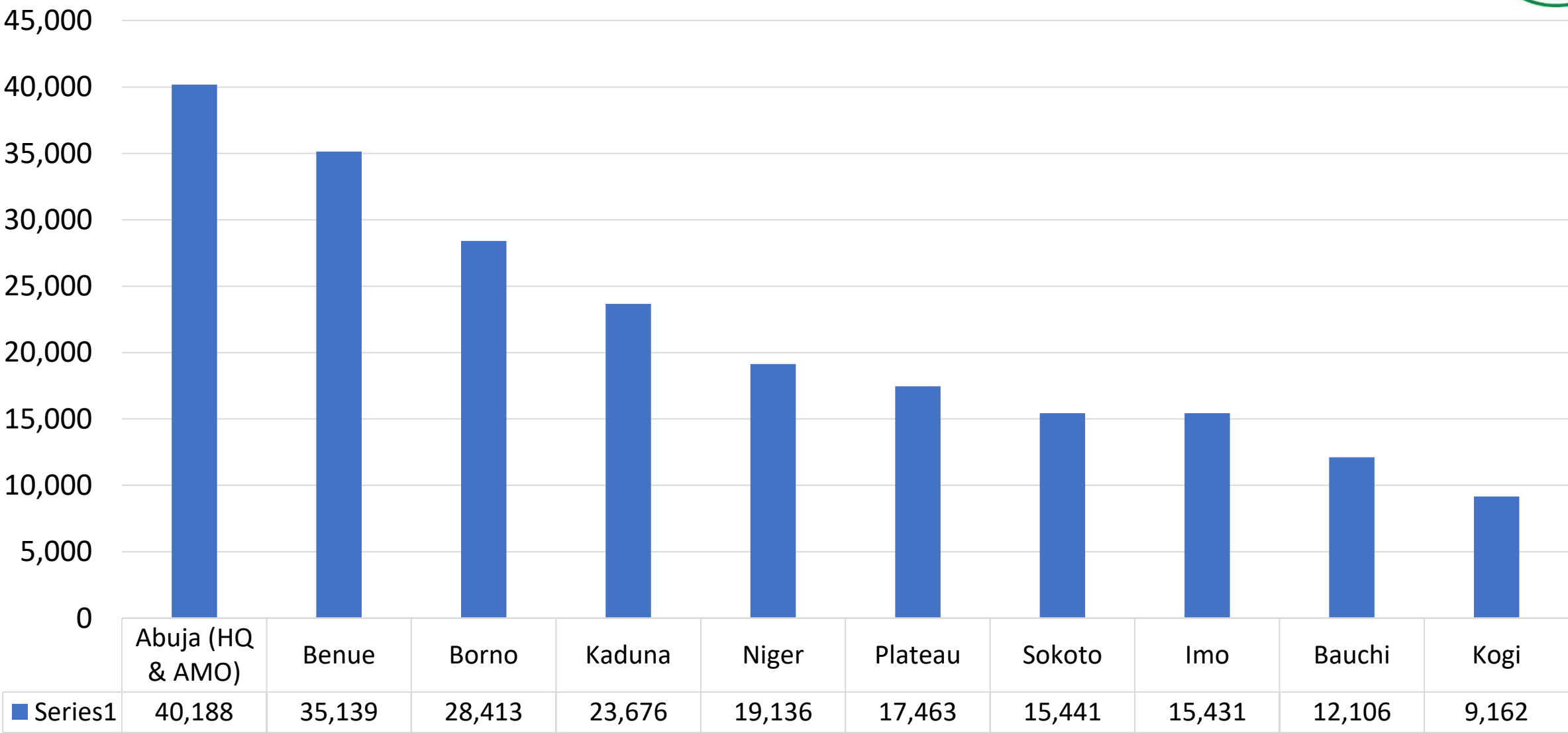


August 2026 Human Rights Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones

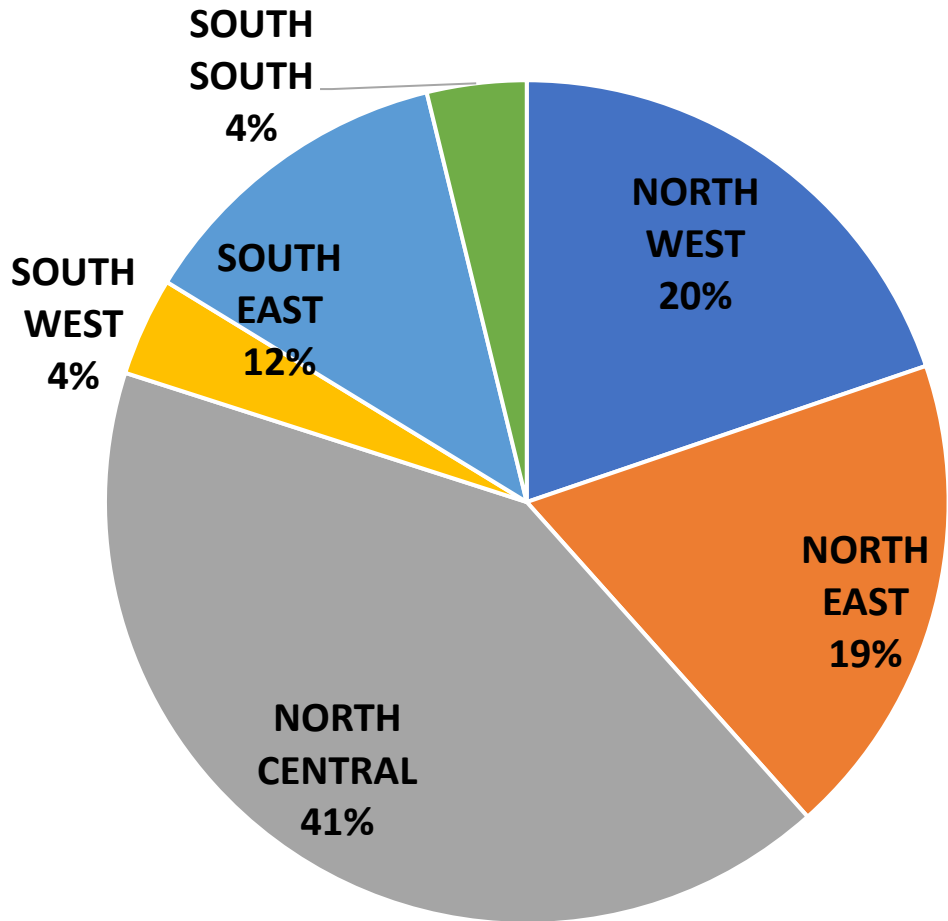




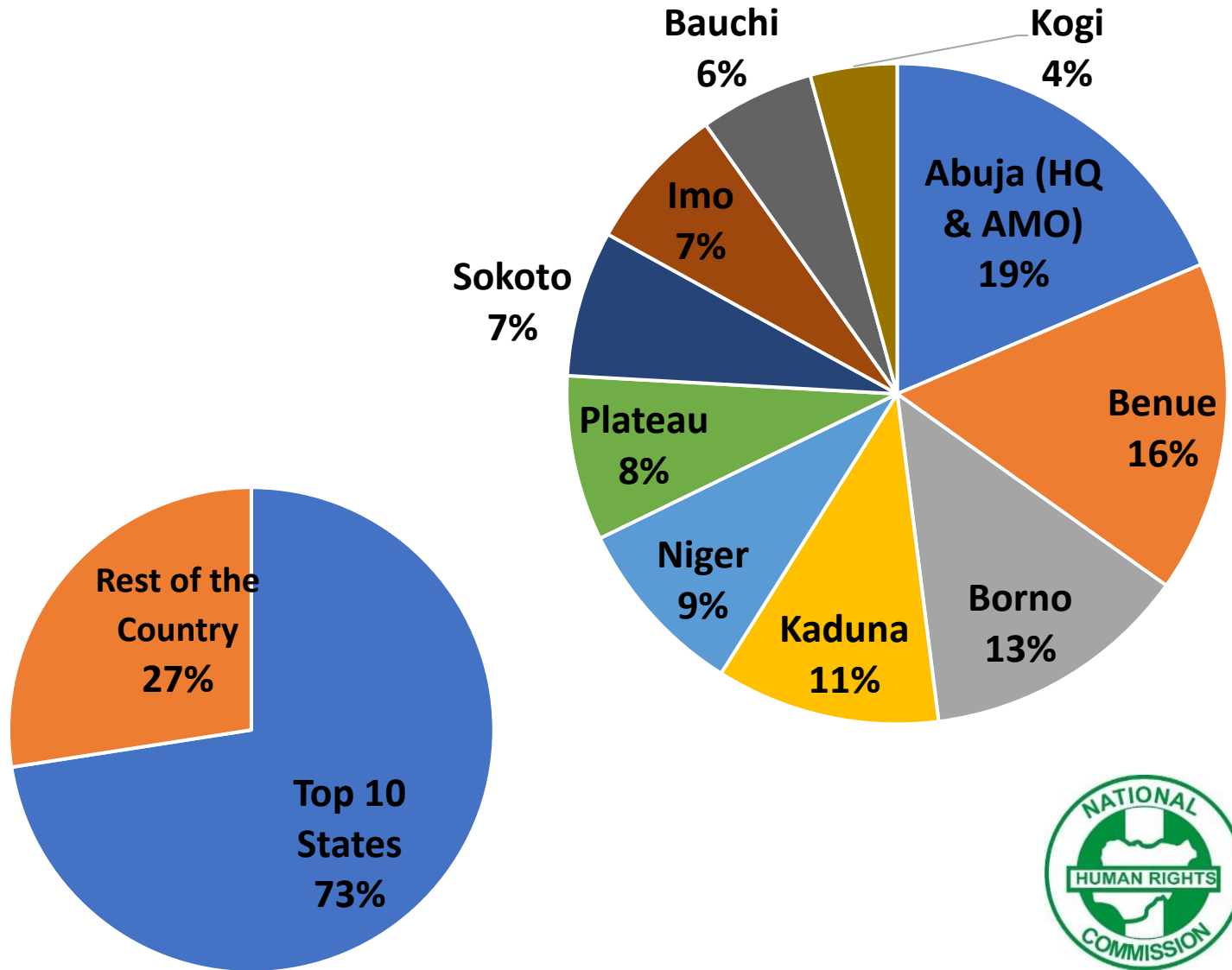
Top 10 States Human Rights Complaints August 2026



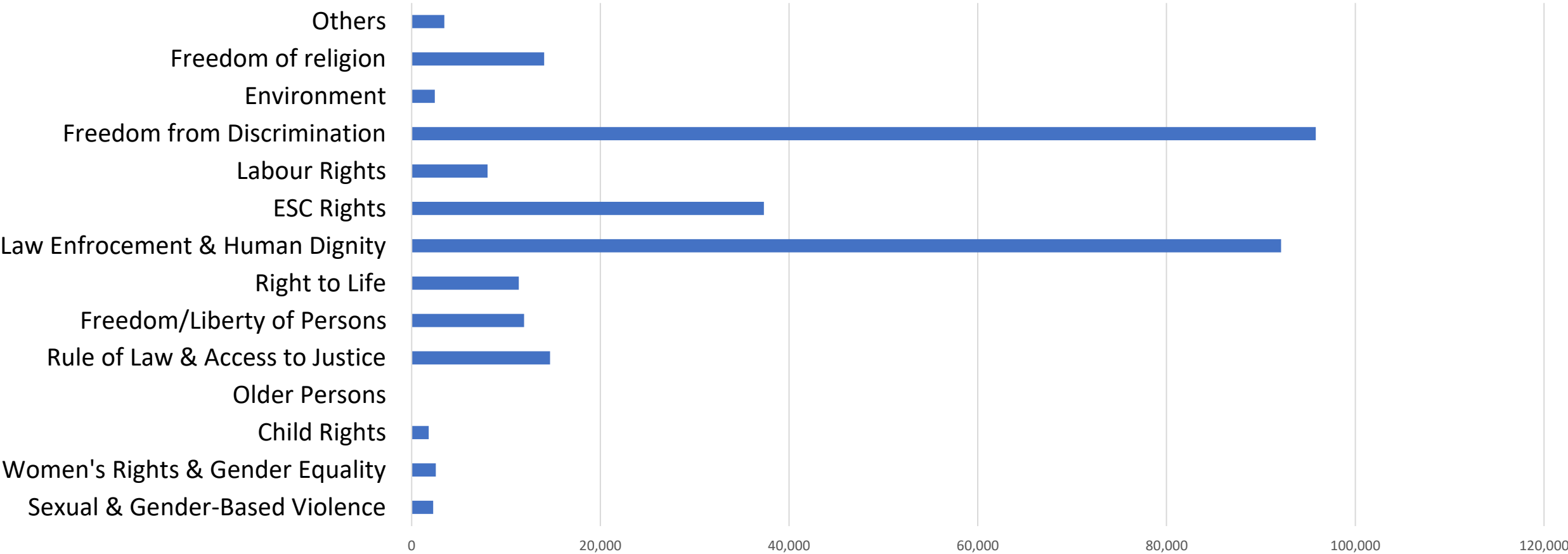
Percentage Distribution of Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones August 2026



Top 10 States for Human Rights Complaints in August 2026 (% Share)

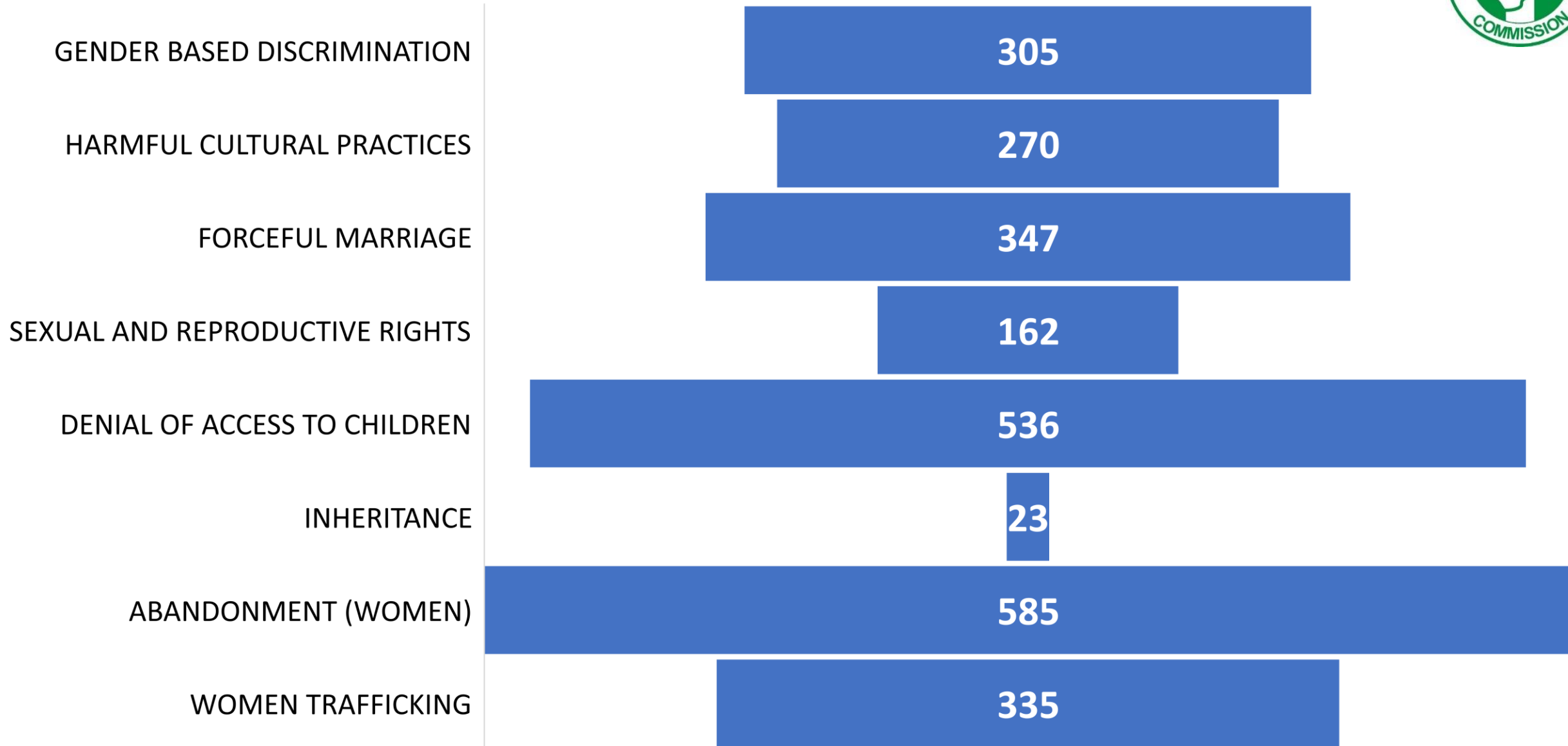


August 2026 Thematic Human Rights Complaints

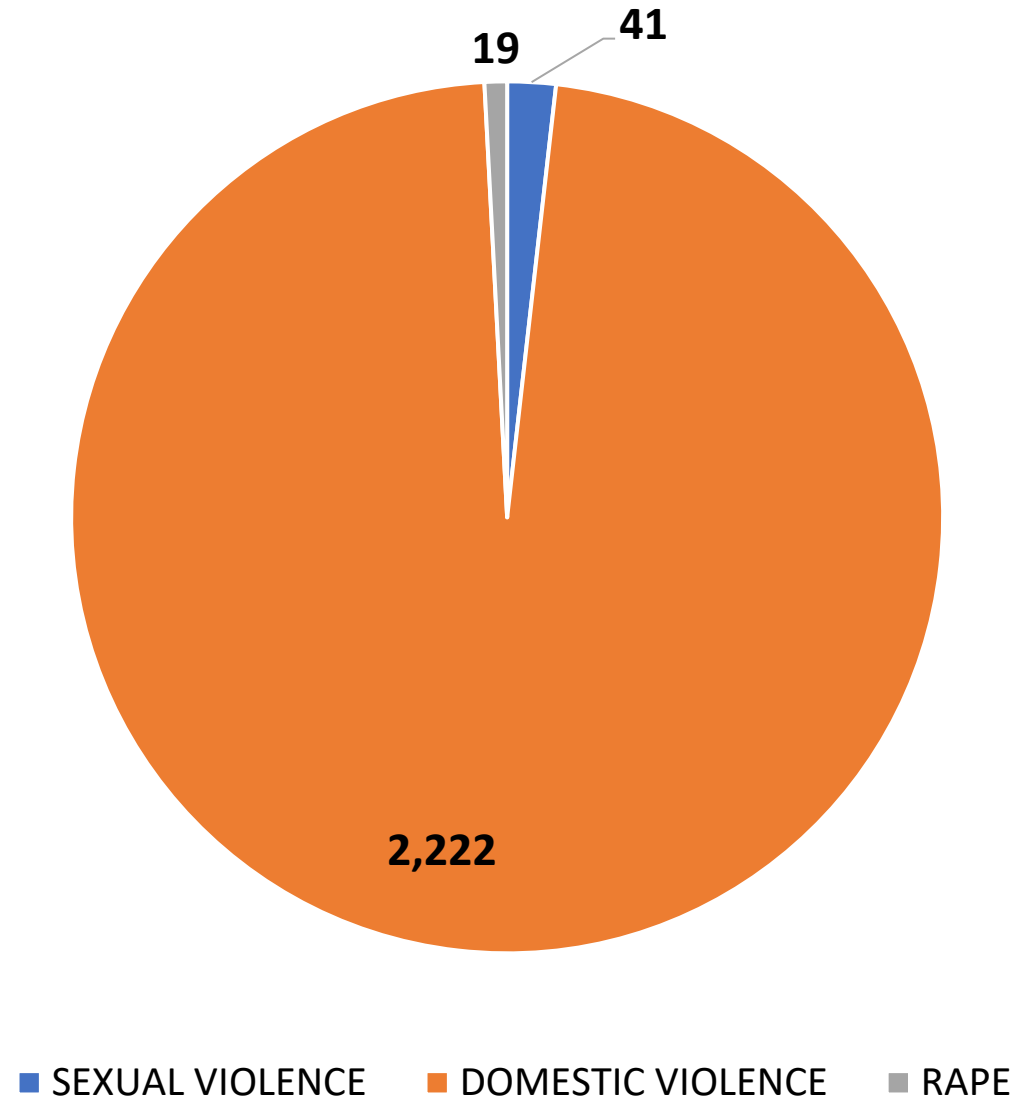


	Sexual & Gender-Based Violence	Women's Rights & Gender Equality	Child Rights	Older Persons	Rule of Law & Access to Justice	Freedom/Liberty of Persons	Right to Life	Law Enforcement & Human Dignity	ESC Rights	Labour Rights	Freedom from Discrimination	Environment	Freedom of religion	Others
Series1	2,282	2,563	1,814	18	14,668	11,914	11,373	92,144	37,327	8,057	95,812	2,452	14,055	3,464

Complaints on Violation of Women's Rights August 2026

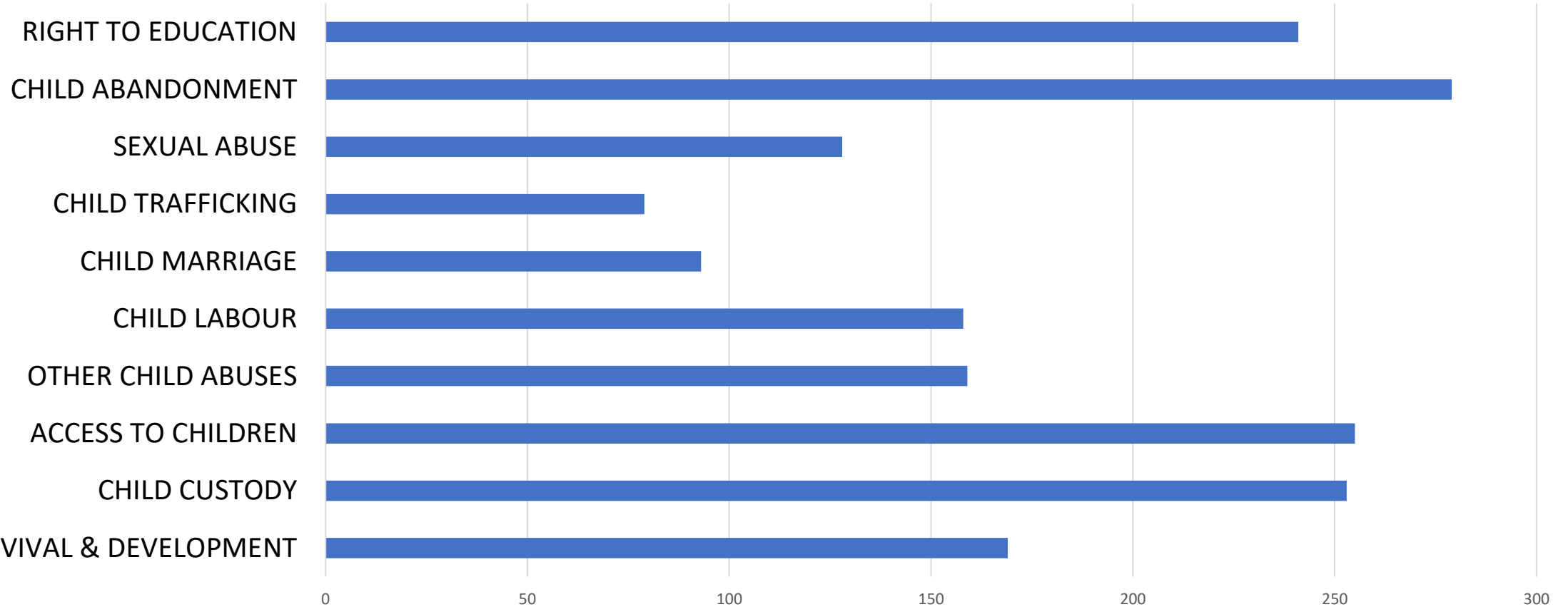


August 2026 Sexual and Gender Based Violence





August 2026 Violation of Children's Rights



	RIGHT TO SURVIVAL & DEVELOPMENT	CHILD CUSTODY	ACCESS TO CHILDREN	OTHER CHILD ABUSES	CHILD LABOUR	CHILD MARRIAGE	CHILD TRAFFICKING	SEXUAL ABUSE	CHILD ABANDONMENT	RIGHT TO EDUCATION
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NHRC in Numbers – August 2026

Number of
Investigations
Completed –
8,245

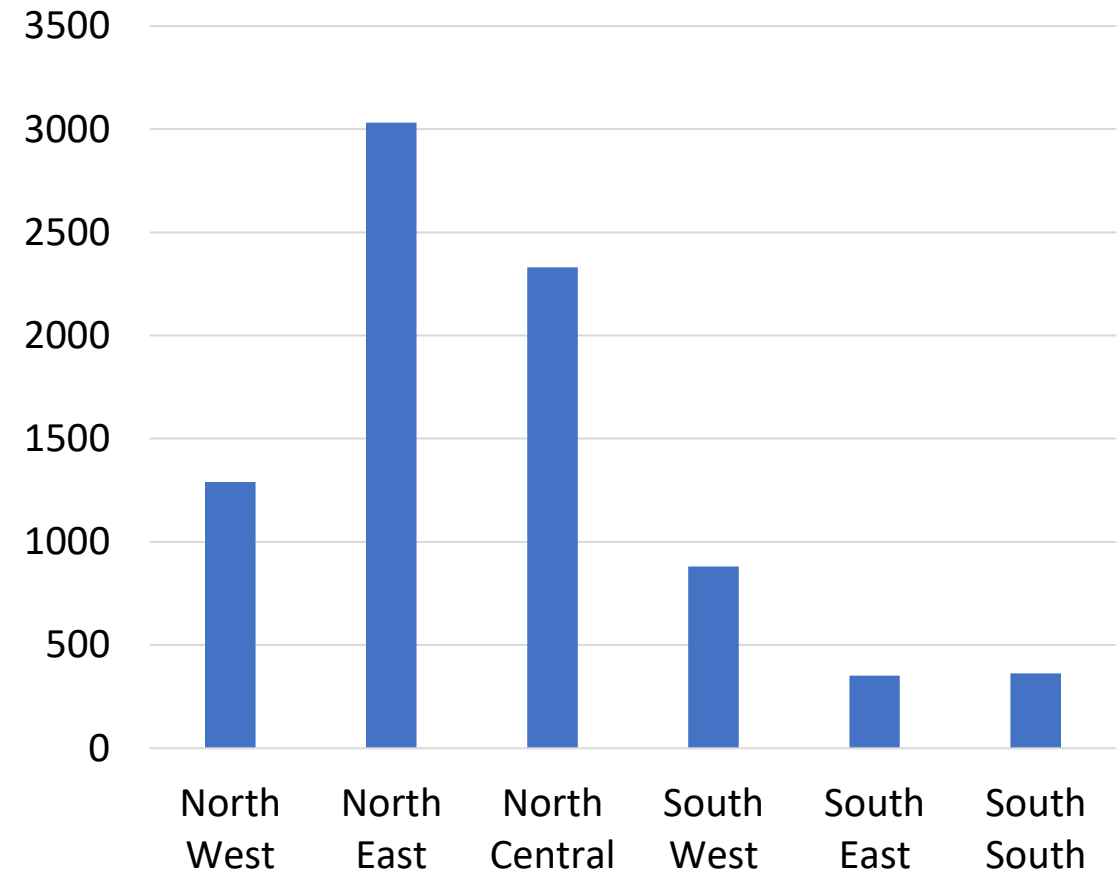


Summons and
Letters to
Nigerian Police -
31

Visitation to
Police Stations,
Correctional
Centres and
Places of
Detention – **103**

Visitation to
Military
Formations - **5**

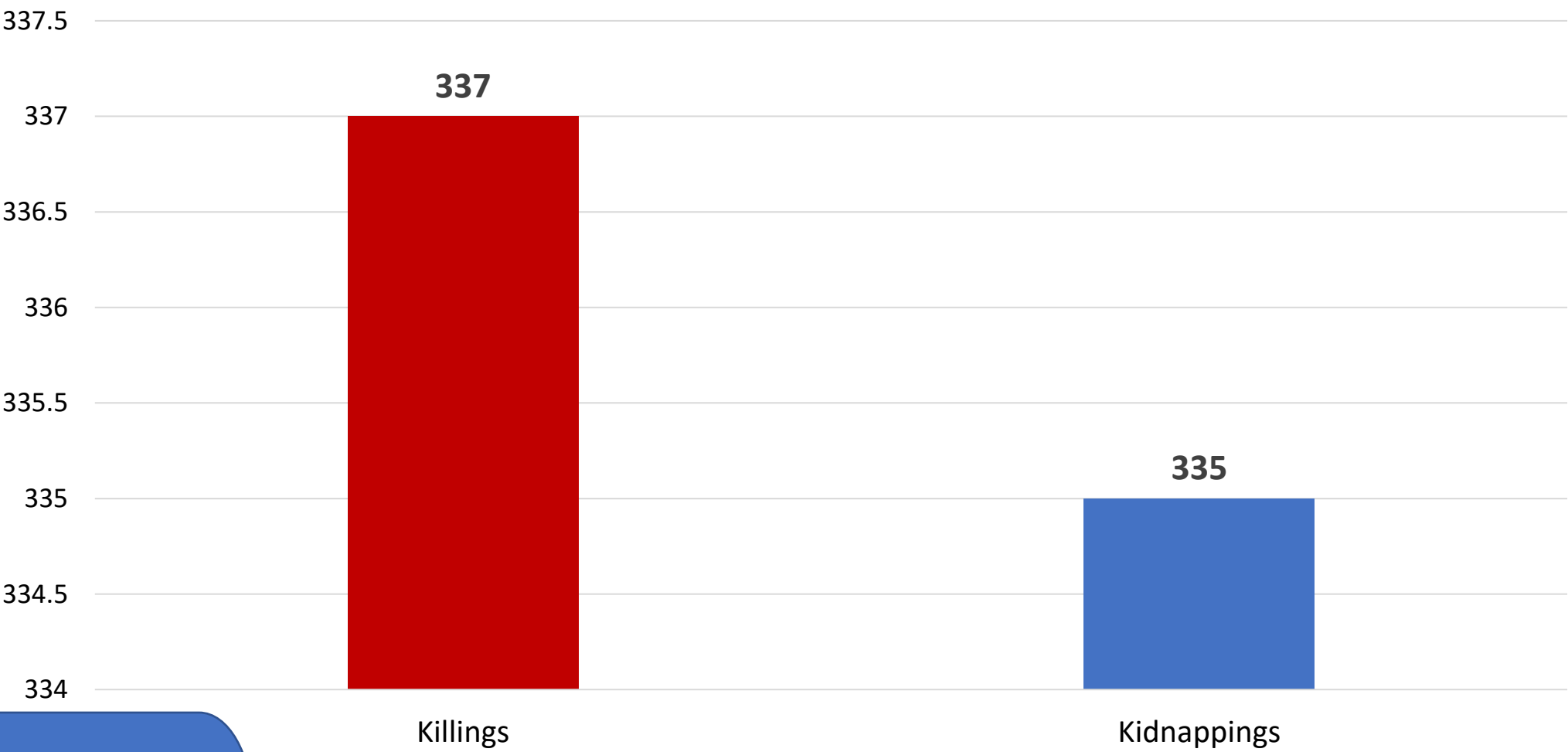
Completed Investigations in August 2026 Across Zones



Human Rights Situation in August 2026



Killings and Kidnappings August 2026



**Deaths by
Accidents 103**

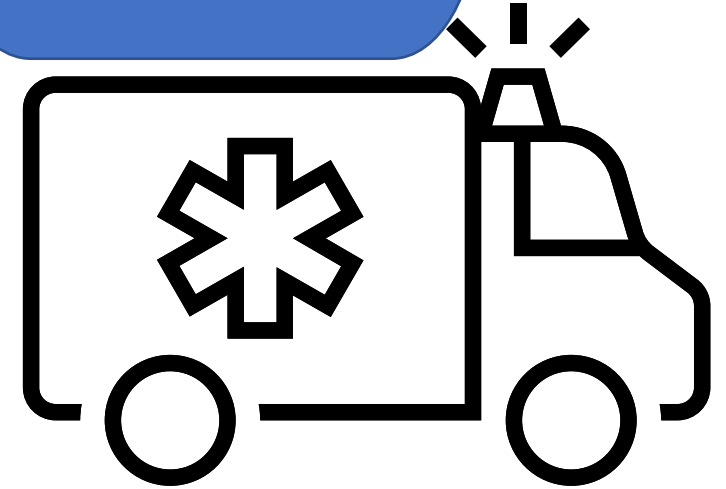
Mass Killings

- **Sokoto:**
 - 8 family members, 4 others shot or burnt alive in Lajinge, Sabo Birni
 - 21 killed in Tsamaye Community, Sabo Birni
 - 32 killed in Ungushi community, Kebbe
- **Niger:**
 - 20 killed in attack by bandits in Kokoli community, Borgu
 - Terrorists killed 30 worshippers from 60 abductees from four mosques in - Dekara, Kpenya, Sabon-Gida and Gidan-Zana in Borgu.
- **Benue:**
 - 22 killed in attacks on the Ukum communities of Ayaba, Ukpen, Bom, Ikpur, Aboajio, and Yina
 - 16 people killed by armed invaders in Efeyi, Otukpo
- **Kebbi:** 10 police officers and 2 civilians were killed by bandits in Rafin Makuku, Sakaba
- **Plateau:** 24 killed after Militias launched an attack on the predominantly farming community of Bin-Per in Mangu.

Accidents and Violation of the Right to Life

- Sokoto: 46 people killed after a boat carrying farmers to their rice farms capsized
- Niger:
 - Woman and her three children traveling from Minna died in a road accident involving a Sienna and a Mazda in Mokwa Bida road
 - 7 travellers dead in accident involving a head-on collision between Mazda car and a Sienna bus on Bida-Kutigi road.
 - 18 people killed in road accident in Wuya, Gbako
- Taraba: Nigerian Army truck escorting traders lost control and ran over sellers in Peva market, killing four and injuring several others

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Mass Abductions

RESCUED: The Nigerian Armed Forces announced the rescue of the abductees from the Egume-Ochaja forest on August 31.

Kogi: 15 NYSC corps members abducted while returning from Bayelsa orientation camp

Katsina: Bandits' attack in Jargaba ward leaves 1 dead, 31 abducted - including women and children

Sokoto:

- 22 people were abducted by bandits in Lajinge, Sabo Birni
- 37 abducted in Tsamaye Community, Sabo Birni
- Bandits killed a man and his nephew, abducted his daughter, daughter-in-law and 9 others in Taloka and Huda Communities, Gornonyo

Last Month: Bandits abducted 14 in Makuwana, Sabon Birni

Zamfara:

75 abducted in Kasuwar Daji District, Kaura Namoda

Niger: Terrorists abducted 60 worshippers in four mosques in - Dekara, Kpenya, Sabon-Gida and Gidan-Zana during jumat prayers in Borgu.

RESCUED: On 5 August, the Presidency announced the rescue of **308** abductees from Niger and Kwara States.
***163** from Woro community in Kaiama
***145** from communities in Niger

Freedom of movement

- Gunmen abduct 14 passengers along Otukpo-Adoka Road, Benue.
- 46 people killed after a boat carrying farmers to their rice farms capsized in Goronyo, Sokoto
- Zamfara: Bandits block Gusau-Funtua Highway highway blocked the highway and opened fire, killing 9 and abducting 8
- Taraba: Armed men blocked the Wukari–Rafin Kada Road and opened fire on commuters, killing 11.

Elections and Human Rights

Electoral Violence

- Ebonyi: An Octogenarian, Amos Onwe Ubochi, was murdered in Ohauwku after leading community elders in a prayer session for 2027 APGA candidates in the state at an endorsement meeting
- Osun: Political thugs attack police patrol team (including the DPO), killing 2 civilians and injured 2 policemen. The thugs also seized an AK-47 and Police van.

Hate Speech

- **Senator Francis Fadahunsi** was captured in a video addressing political supporters in Ilesa - *"From now on, whenever you see Accord members, kill them. I authorise you to kill them. They have wives and children too,"*
- **Sheikh Sani Yahaya Jingir** in a public speech used the word 'infidel' to describe a section of Nigerian voters, constituting hate speech; "incitement to religious hatred"; potential incitement to violence; an attack on the principles of equality, non-discrimination, and peaceful coexistence.

Sexual Violence on Children

Edo:

- 15 year old girl raped by her 42 year old father in Benin City
- 12 year old boy sodomized by a 42 year old man
- 13 year old girl raped by her 52 year old lesson teacher
- 11 year old minor raped by a 29 year old man who lured her to an uncompleted building
- 14 year old raped by a 26 year old man in Etsako East
- 8 year old minor allegedly raped by a 21 year old man

Gombe: 64-years old grandfather sexually abused a 14-year-old girl at his medicine shop in Arawa quarters.

Ondo: 27 year old man arrested for the alleged defilement of a 15 year old domestic worker in Omifon, Odigbo.

Cross River: 37 year old security defiled an 8 year old girl in Tinapa, Calabar.

Bauchi: 70 year old man arrested for allegedly defiling 8 year old girl in Tsakanin Bayara, Yelwa.

Adamawa: 38-year-old Islamic teacher defiled two female students aged 8 and 9 in Numan.

Child Violence

Benue:

- New born baby taken from hospital in Otukpo
- New born baby abandoned in a carton in a forest in Wuese community
- Woman accused of abusing and torturing her underage domestic help with hot iron objects in Marurdi.

Jigawa: A Nurse and a woman was arrested for the abduction of a one and half year old boy from the Pediatric Ward of Babura General Hospital.

Kano Ex-Kano LG chairman arrested for allegedly selling and administering fentanyl injections to children in Rogo

Imo: Woman arrested for assaulting a 13-years-old under her care and damaging her eyes

Anambra: Three children (6-15 years) found dead in a female native doctor's home in Idemili North

Freedom of Religion

Enugu: Gunmen invade Catholic church, kidnap seminarian, catechist and church member in Affa, Udi.

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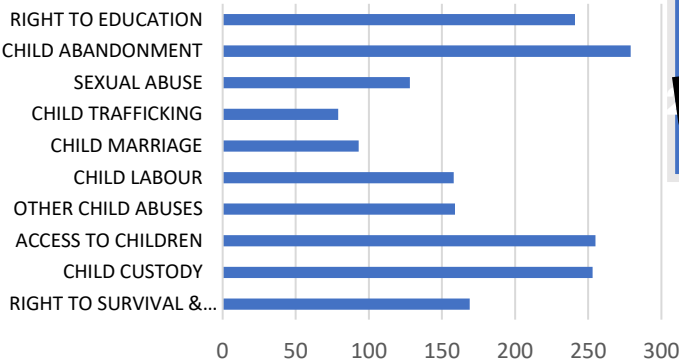
Human Rights Concerns

- **Attack on Traditional Institutions**
 - **Niger**: Bandits attack palace of traditional ruler of Gallah, Agwara, killing him and four others.
 - **Kwara**: Bandits abduct King in Igbesi community in Isin
- **Attack on the Media**
 - **Bauchi**: DSS officer assaulted a journalist, slapping him 3 times, during an official assignment despite the journalist identifying himself as a staff of Bauchi Radio Corporation.
- **Extra-Judicial Killings**
 - **Plateau**: Teen herder shot dead by DSS personnel while grazing in Dakun, Riyom.
 - **Rivers**: Young man named Anthony was allegedly chased down and fatally shot by police officers while driving in Port Harcourt.

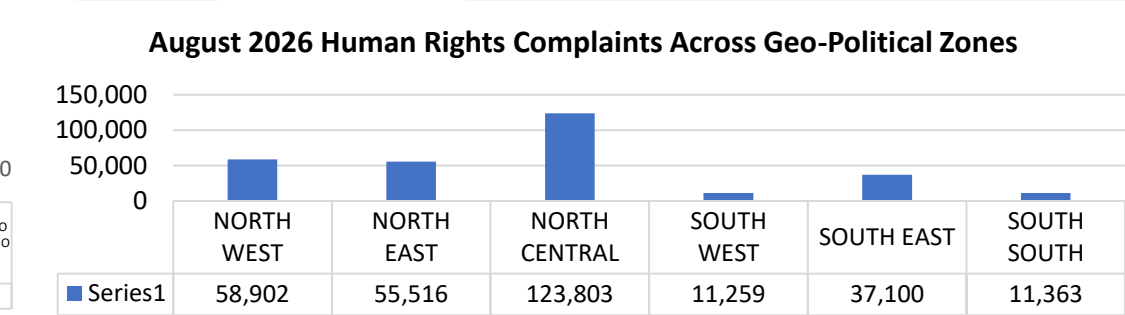
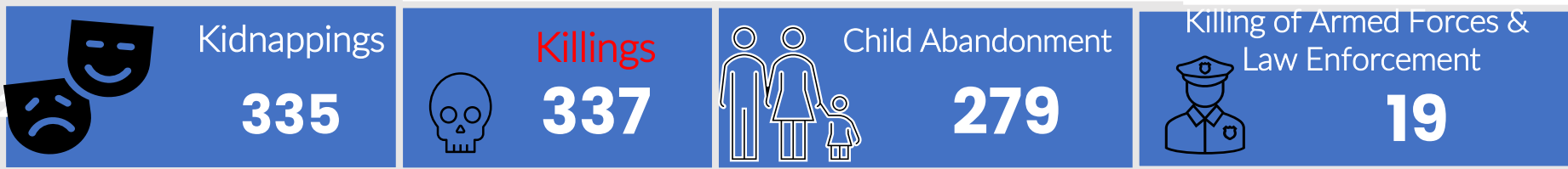


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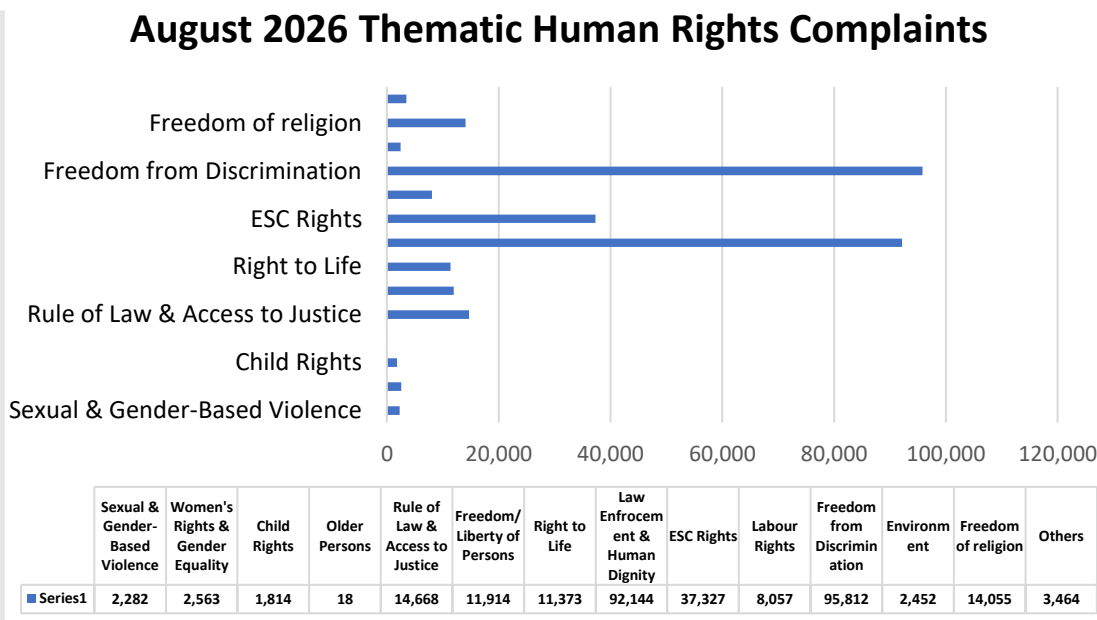
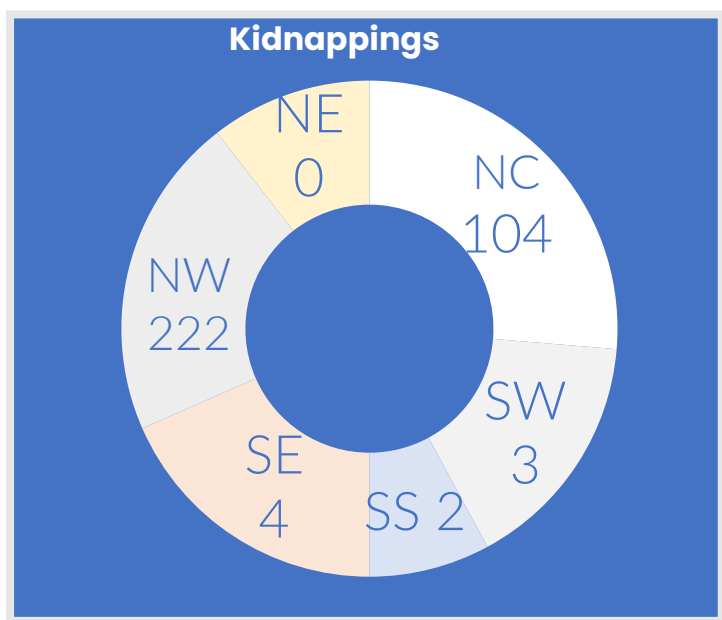
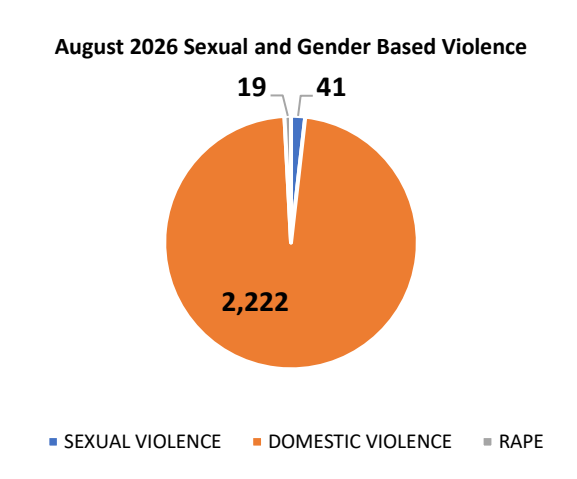
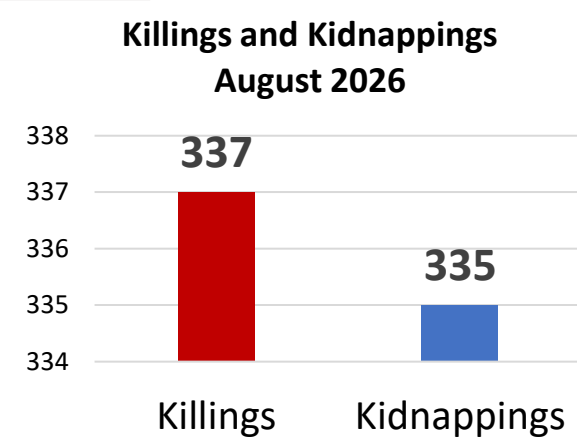
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