



April 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 April 2026

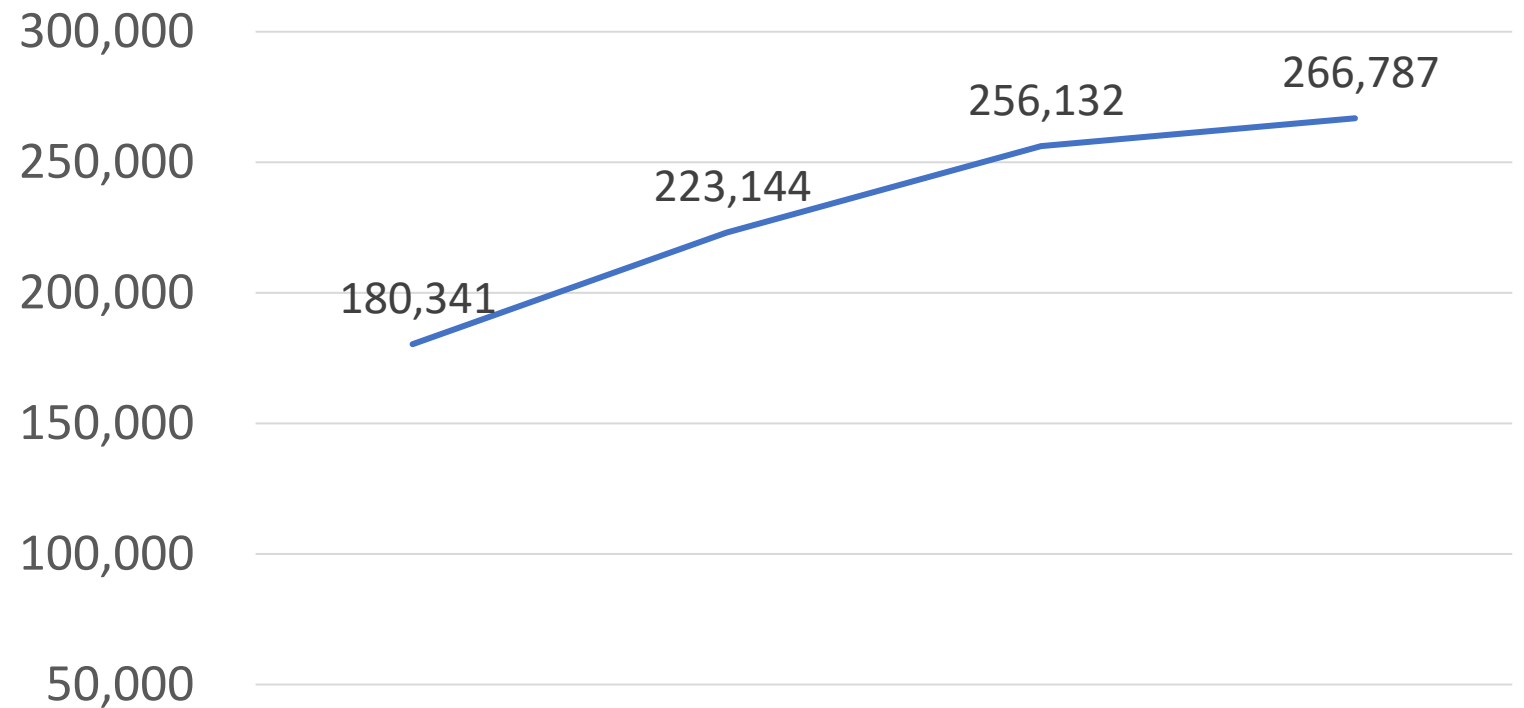
- Human rights complaints to the NHRC increased marginally in April 2026.
- Mass killings across Nigeria continues especially in the North.
- Physical and Sexual Violence on Children
- Mass abductions continues impacting communities and individuals.
- Killings of Military, Law enforcement and security agencies.



NHRC April 2026 Human Rights Complaints

Human Rights Complaints January - April 2026 Compared

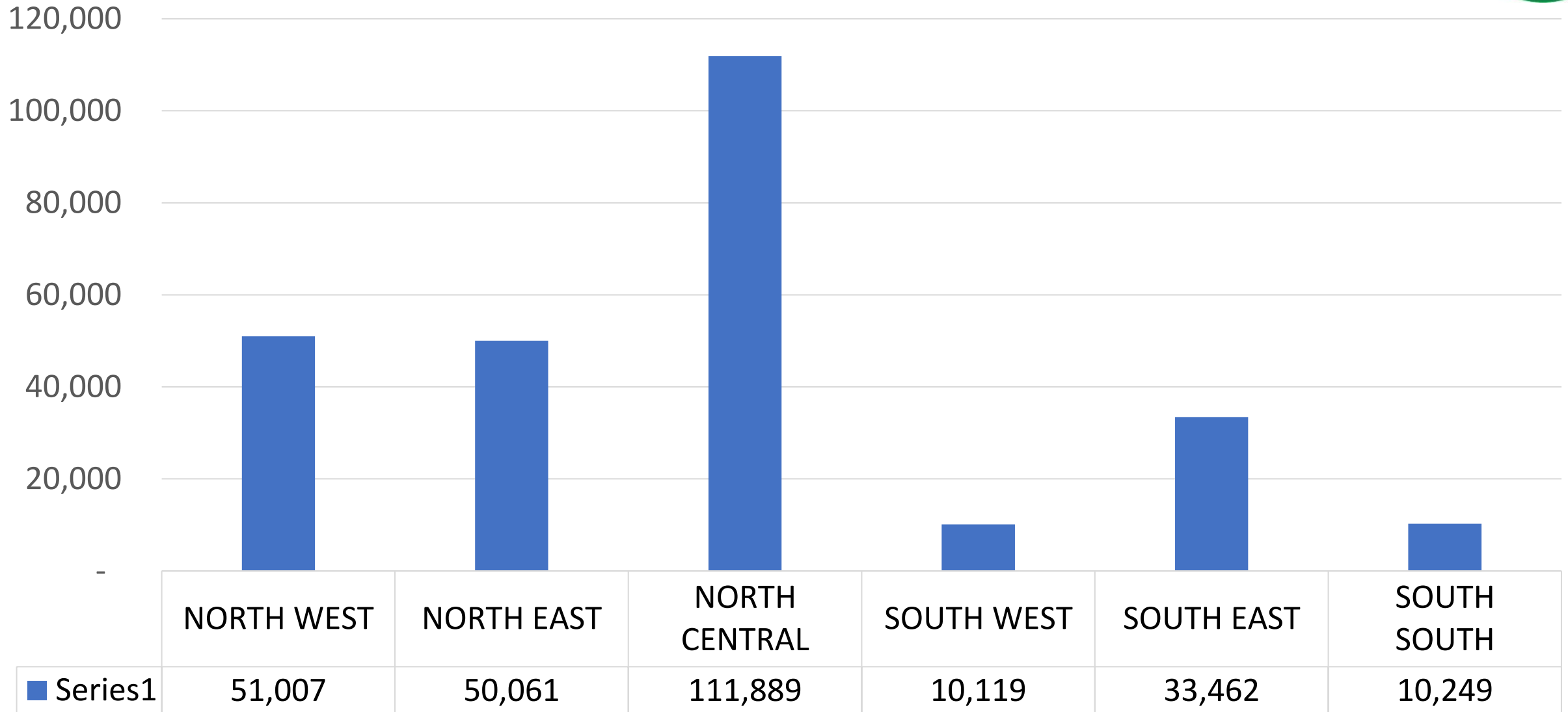
- Total Number of Complaints:
266,787
[An increase of 10,655 compared to March 2026]



	Jan '26	Feb '26	March '26	April '26
Series1	180,341	223,144	256,132	266,787

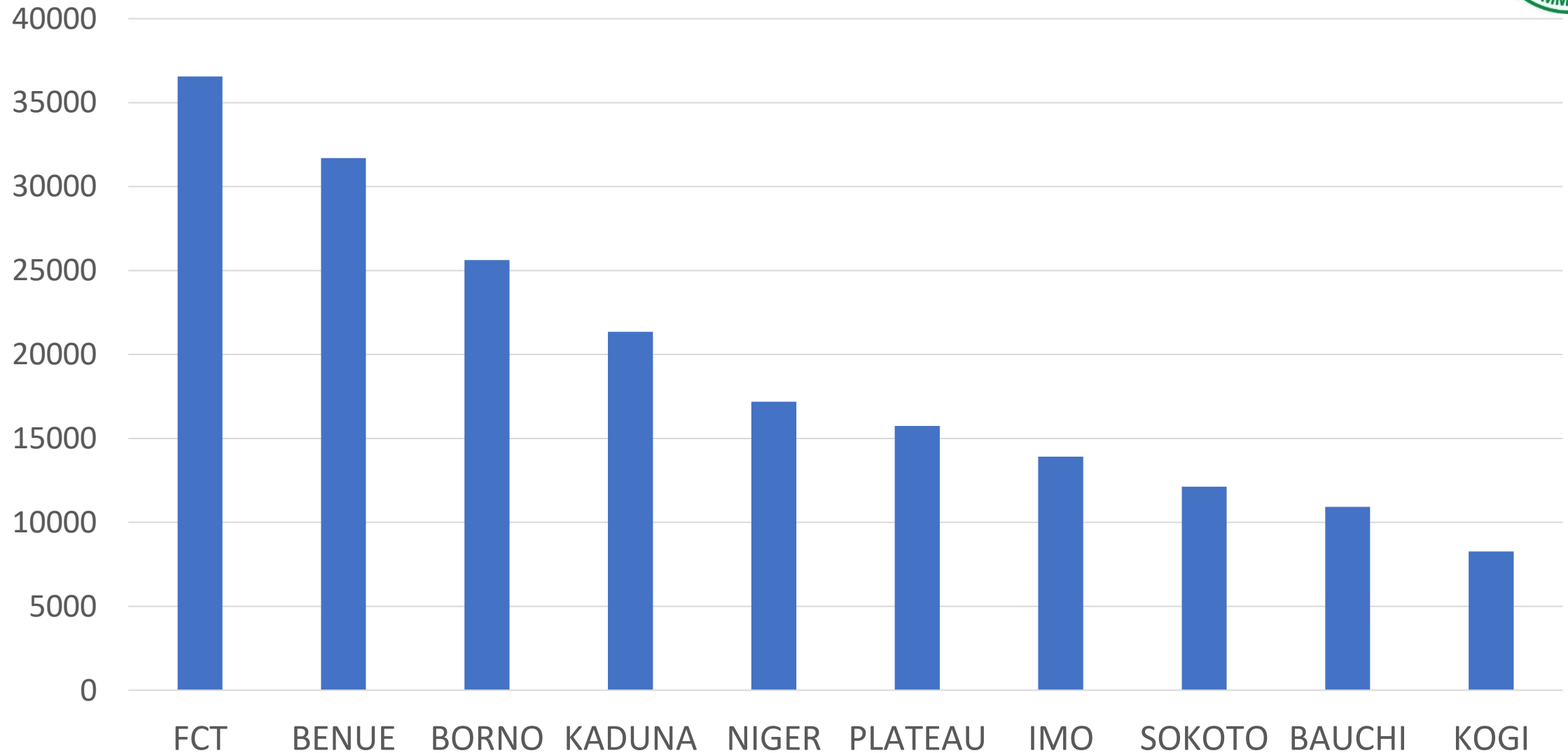


April 2026 Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones



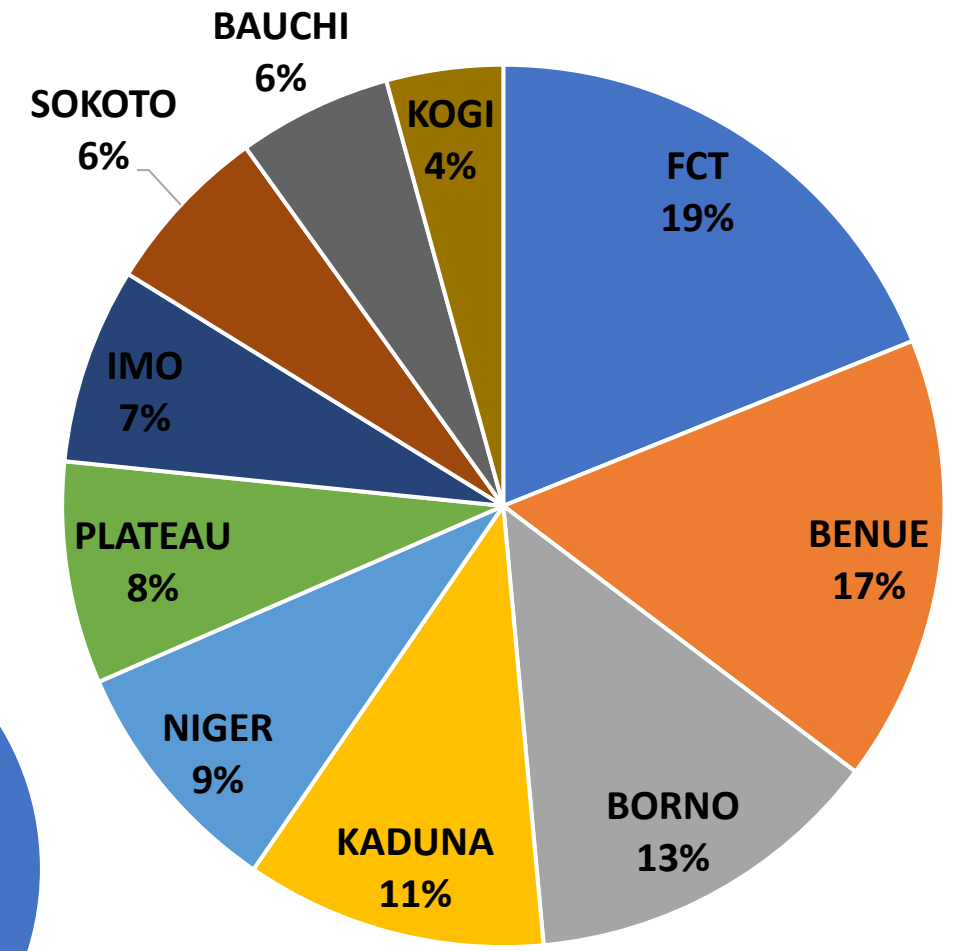
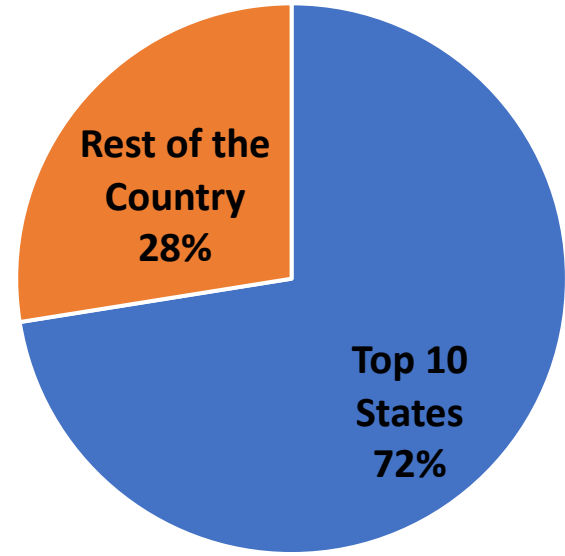
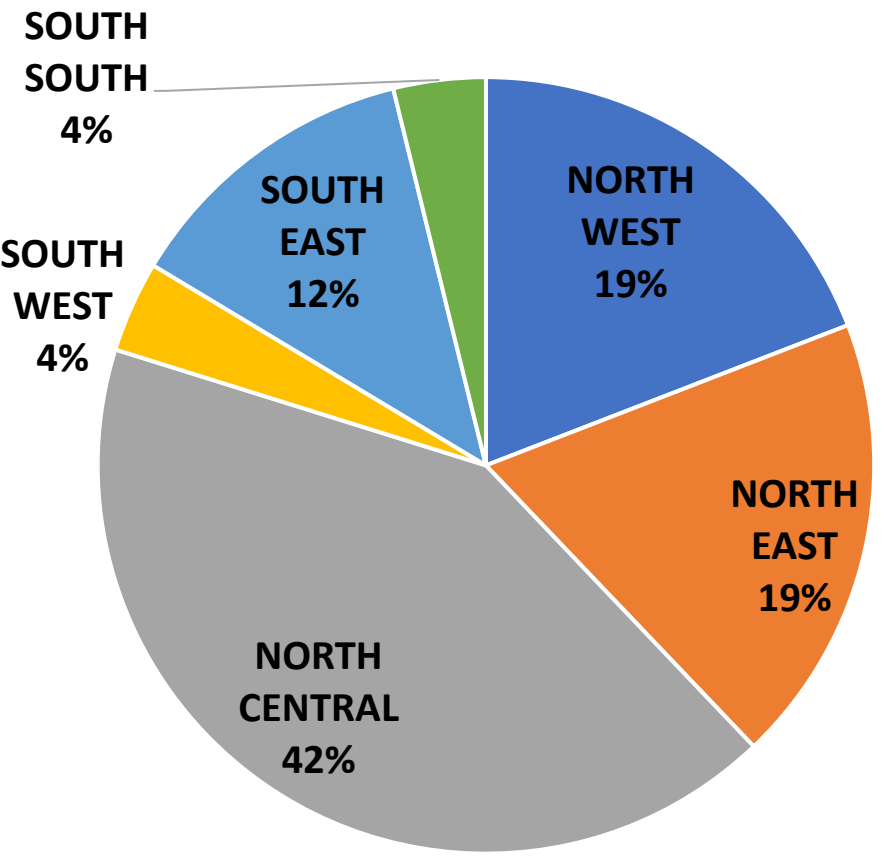


Top 10 States Human Rights Complaints April 2026

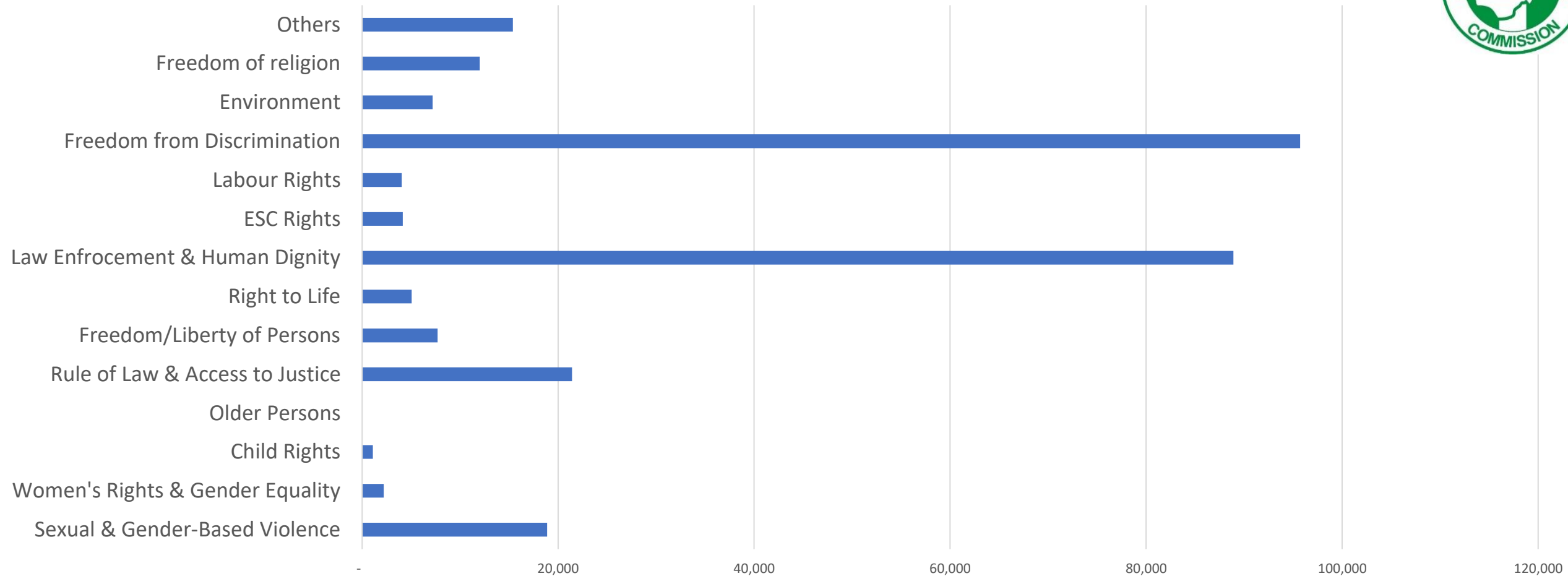


Percentage Distribution of Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones April 2026

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



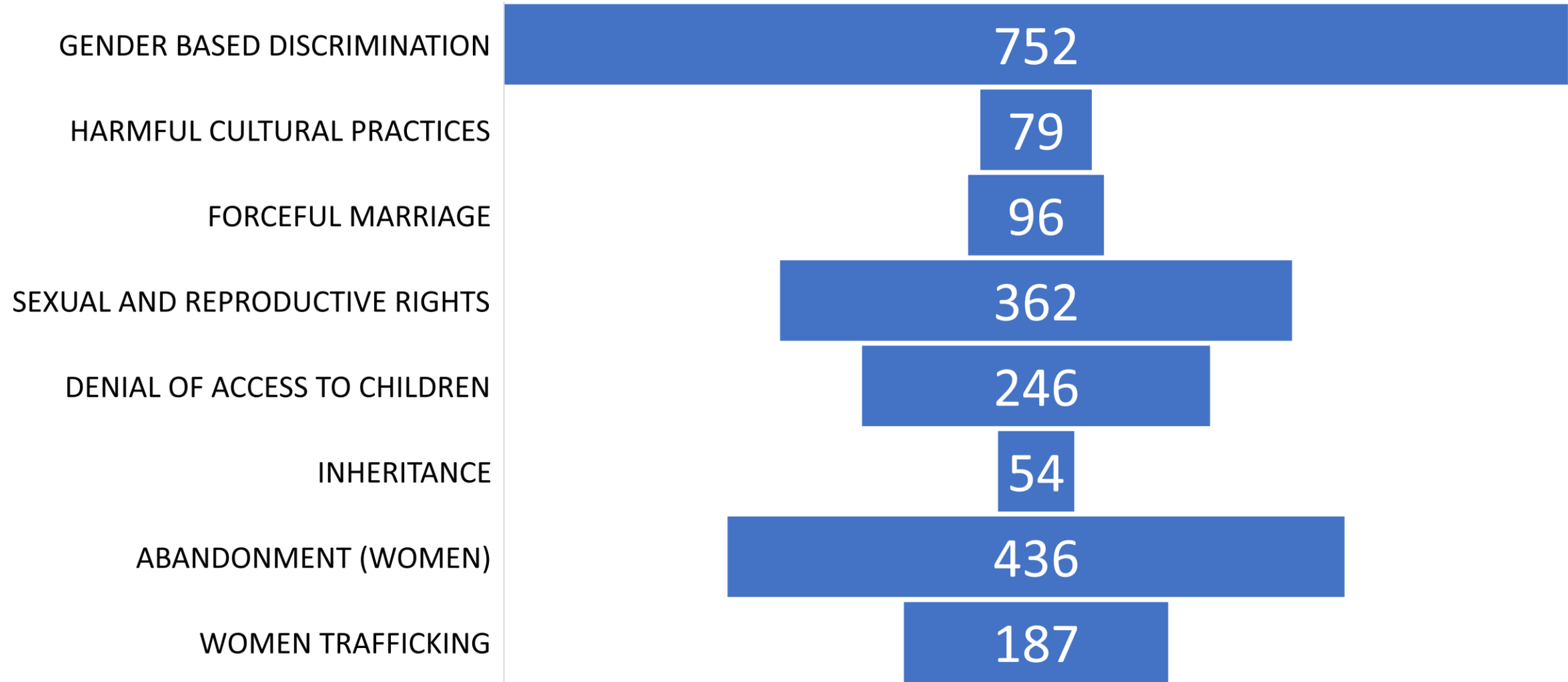
April 2026 Thematic Human Rights Complaints



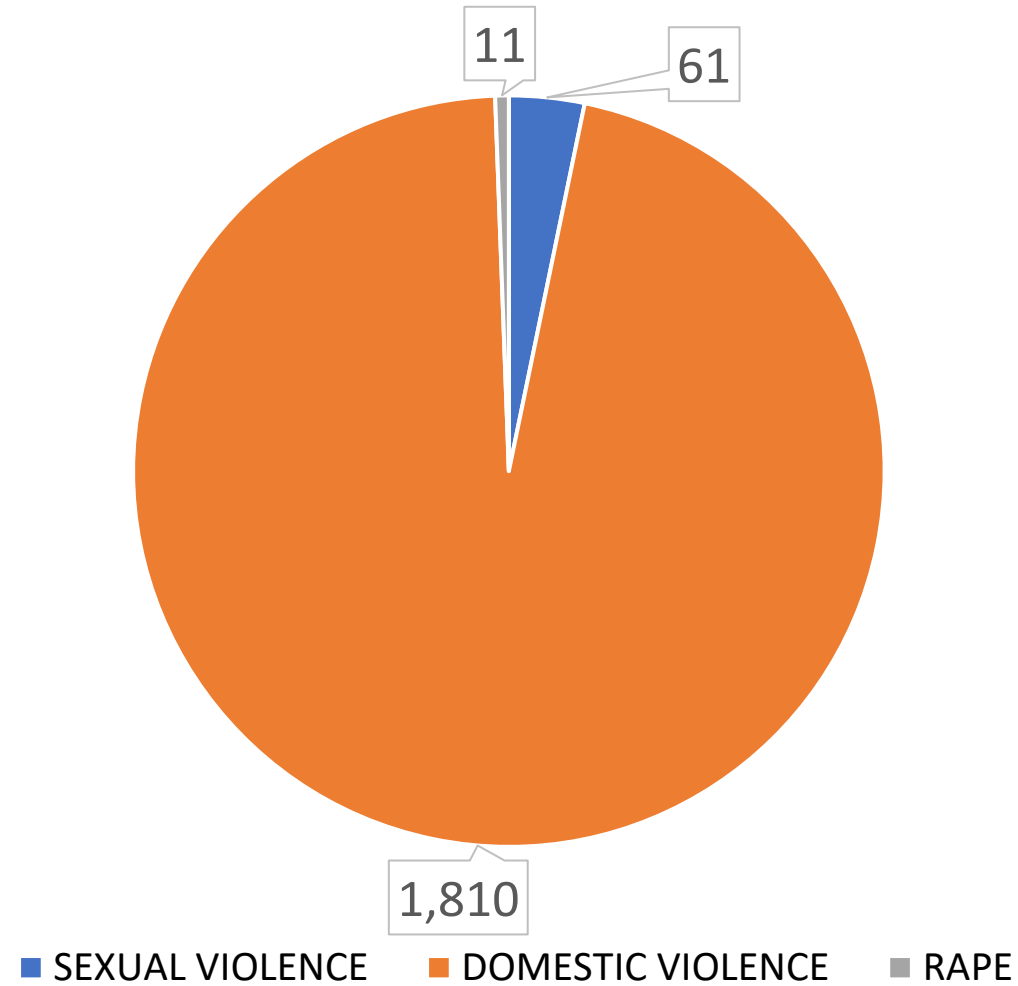
	Sexual & Gender-Based Violence	Women's Rights & Gender Equality	Child Rights	Older Persons	Rule of Law & Access to Justice	Freedom/Liberty of Persons	Right to Life	Law Enforcement & Human Dignity	ESC Rights	Labour Rights	Freedom from Discrimination	Environment	Freedom of religion	Others
Series1	18,882	2,212	1,088	12	21,416	7,709	5,060	88,914	4,155	4,045	95,720	7,190	12,011	15,373



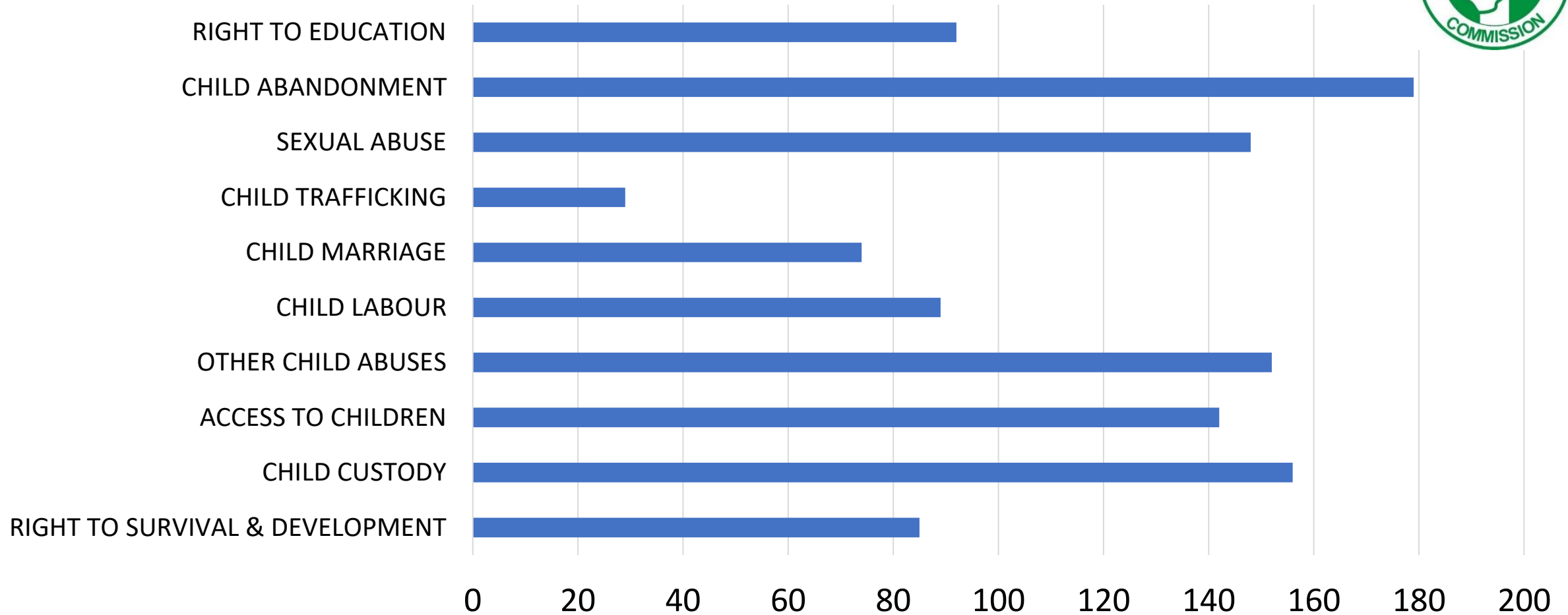
Complaints on Violation of Women's Rights April 2026



April 2026 Sexual and Gender Based Violence

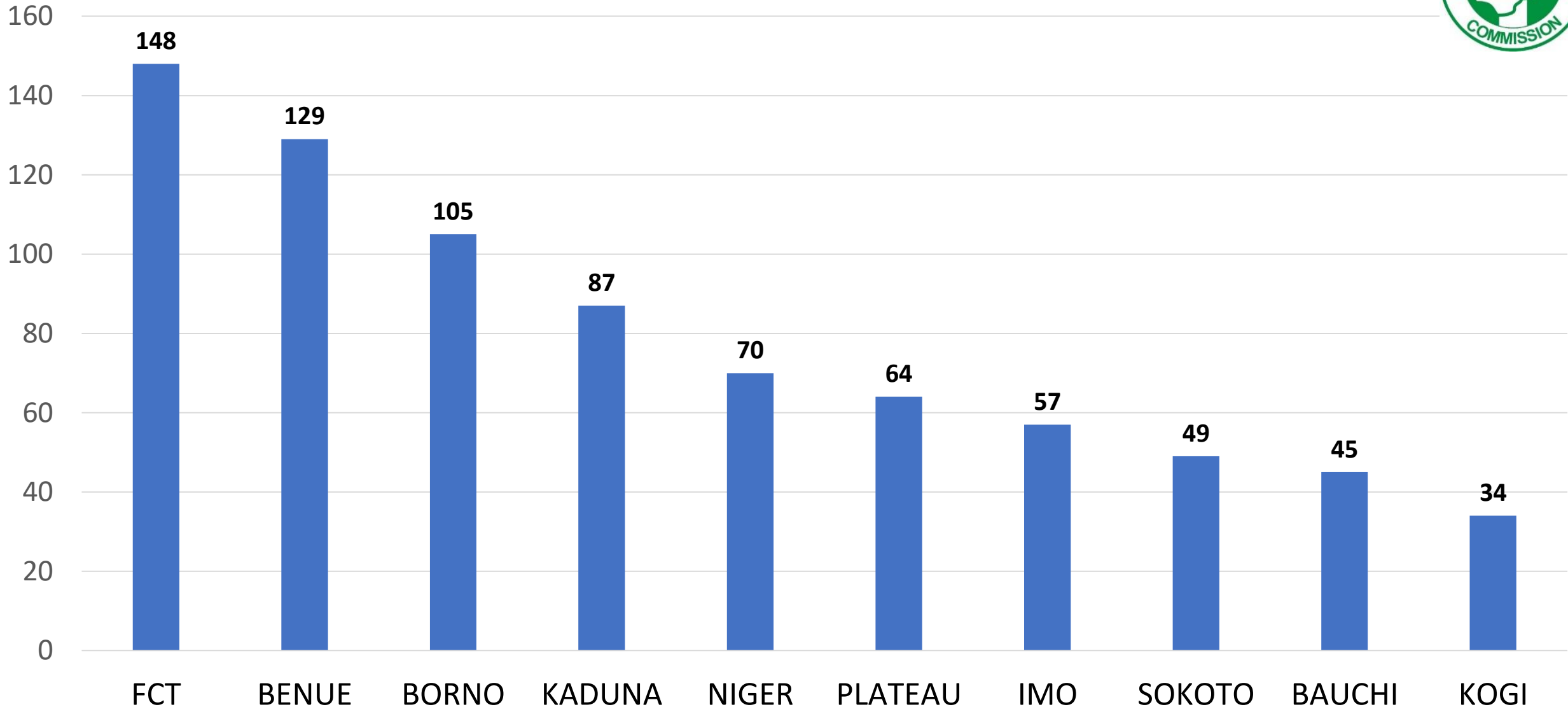


April 2026 Violation of Children's Rights



	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
Series1	85	156	142	152	89	74	29	148	179	92

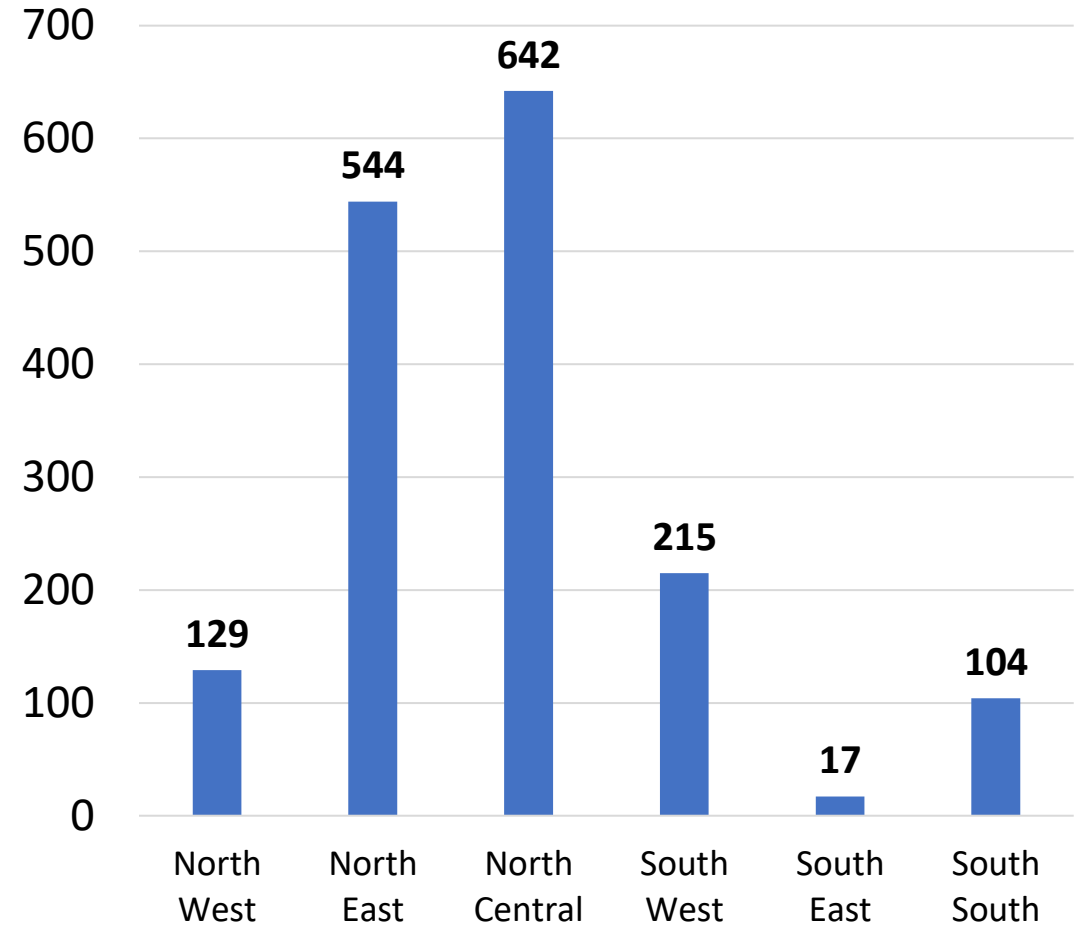
Top 10 States in Violation of Child Rights April 2026



NHRC in Numbers – April 2026



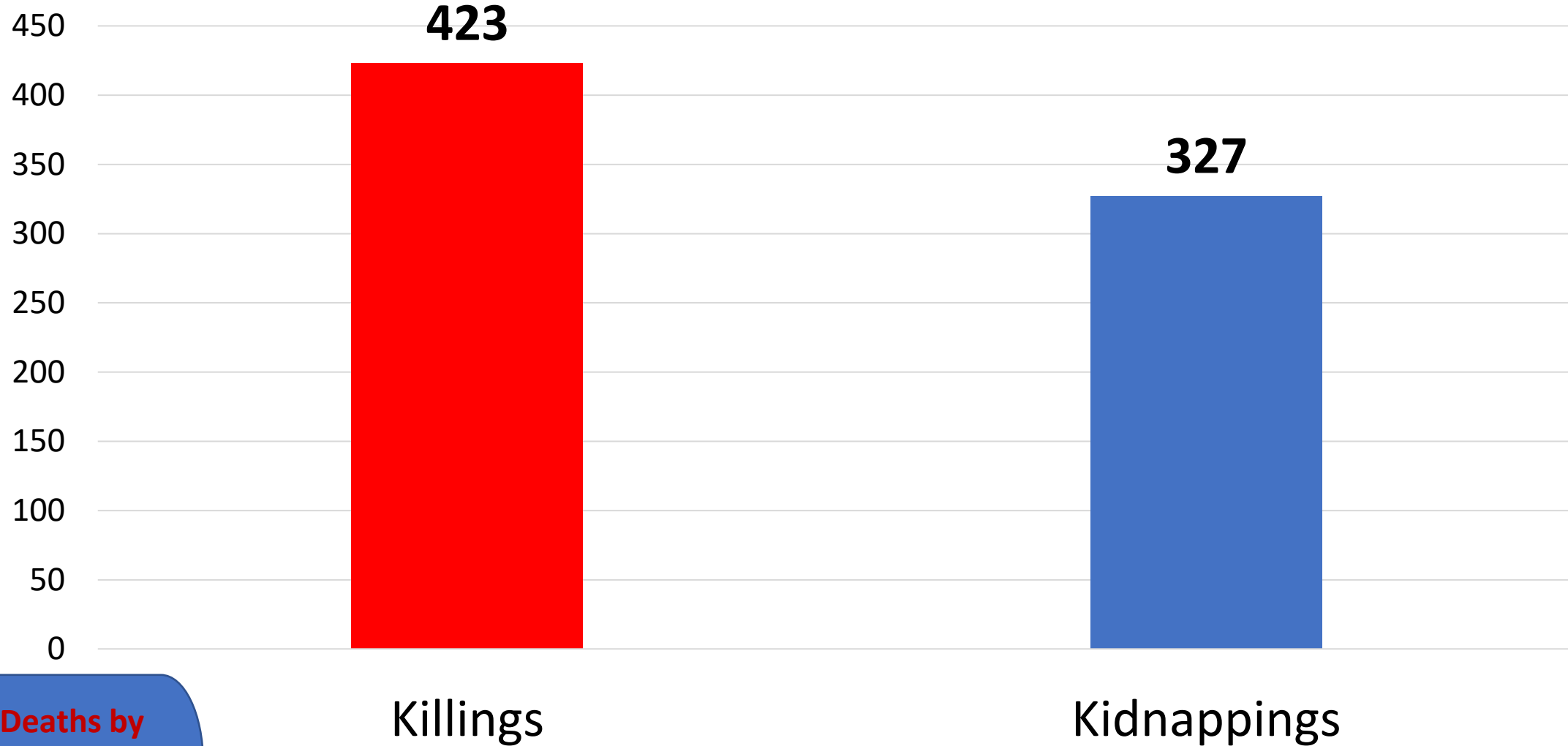
Completed Investigations in April 2026 Across Zones



Human Rights Situation in April 2026

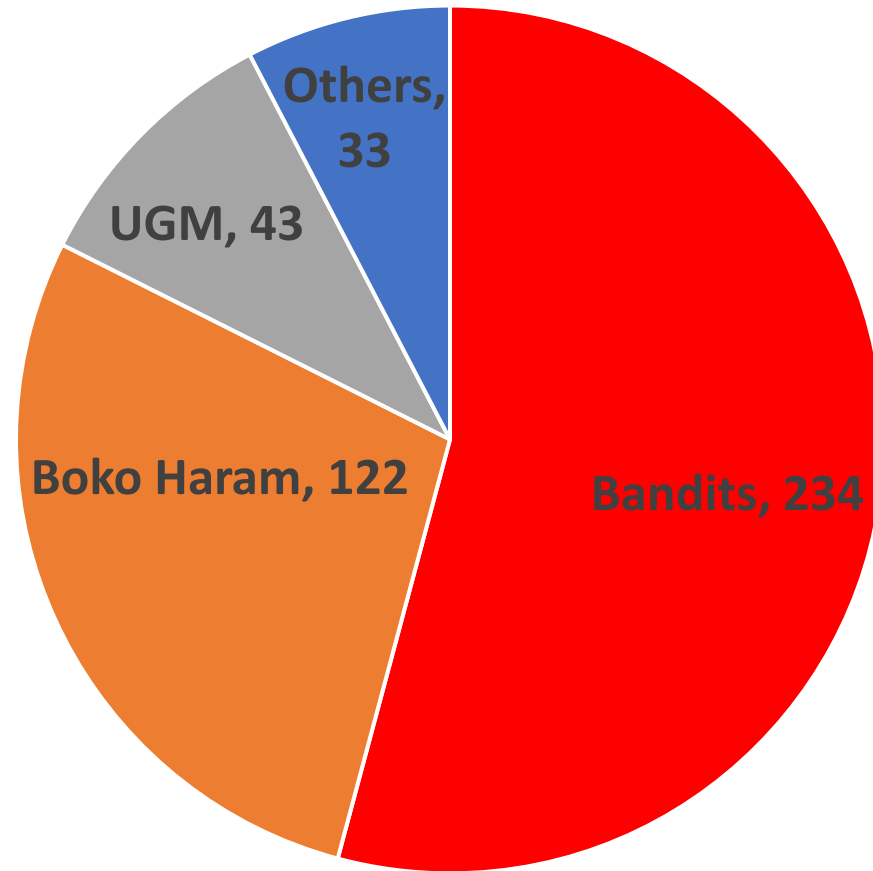


Killings and Kidnappings April 2026



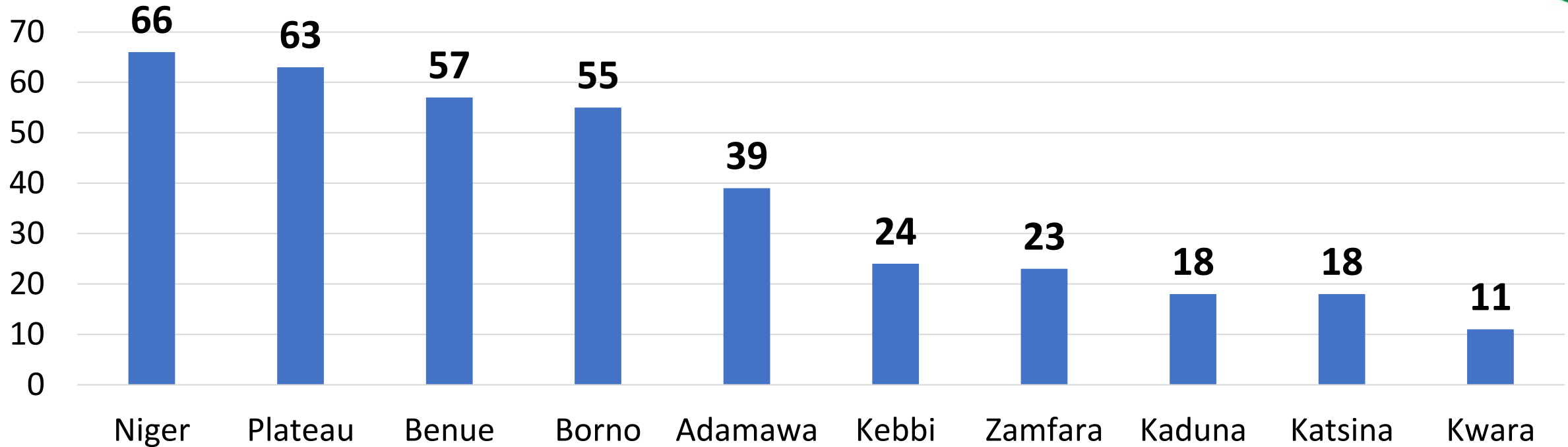
**Deaths by
Road Accident
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Perpetrators of Killings in April 2026

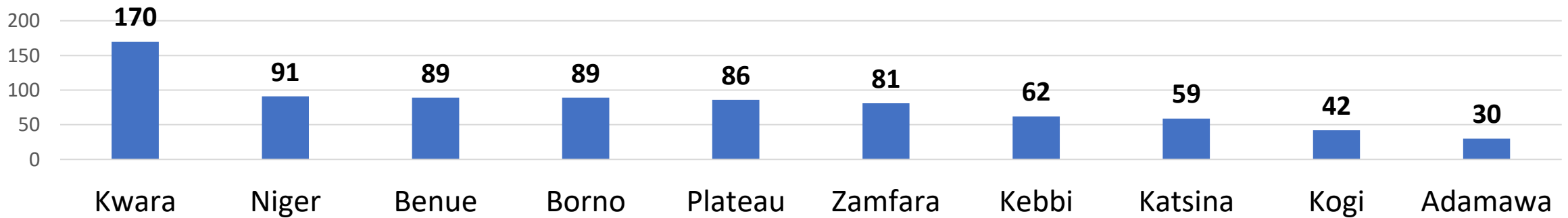




Top 10 States in Killings in April 2026



Top 10 States in Killings in January-March 2026





Human Rights Report – Mass Killings in April 2026

- **Niger:** 61 bodies of security operatives and civilians were recovered after deadly bandit attack in Bagna, Erena and other communities in Shiroro.
- **Plateau:** Bandits attack Angwan Rukuba and killed 27 people in Jos.
- **Zamfara:** Armed bandits have killed 18 persons following a late-night attack on Bunkasau village in Bukkuyum.
- **Adamawa:** 29 people were killed after terrorists attacked Sabon-Gari village in Gombi.
- **Benue:** 17 members of communities in Mbalom, Gwer East were killed by suspected armed herders on Easter Sunday
- **Borno:**
 - Boko Haram terrorists launched a coordinated attack on military positions in Benisheikh and Ngamdu overpowering parts of the brigade formation and killing 17 soldiers
 - 19 farmers and firewood seller were killed on their farmlands in Gwoza
- **Kebbi:** 24 people, including Christians and Muslims, were killed in a deadly Easter Sunday attack on Debe village
- **Borno:** Over 50 people were killed in a military raid in Jilli market in the Borno-Yobe boarder.

Crimes Against Children in April 2026

- **Abandonment of Newborns:**

- **Kwara:** Student abandons her baby after delivery in Apalara hospital in Ilorin West.
- **Benue:**
 - A new born baby was abandoned in a stream near the Rice Mill junction in Gboko
 - New born twins were dumped in a bushy slope in Mbaji, Vandekiya

- **Abduction of Children**

- **Kogi:** Gunmen abducted 23 pupils and their proprietress from an unregistered orphanage and school facility in Adavi.
- **Kaduna:** A mother and her newborn baby were abducted by bandits in Kachia.
- **Kaduna:** Bandits abducted a mother and her 6 children in Kurmin-Uwa, Kagarko.
- **Kaduna:** Bandits attacked an open vehicle carrying school children in Akwando village in Kachia, killing one and abducting 9.
- **Oyo:** A 6 year old girl's head was severed from her body, found in the possession of Sodiq Kayode Akorede in Adigum village, Ona-Ara.
- **Borno:** 14-year-old girl killed by a stray bullet fired by suspected members of a vigilante group, led to the death of a inside her family home at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) quarters.

Sexual Violence on Children in April 2026

- **Nasarawa**: Pastor arrested for sexually assaulting a 16 years old girl in Karshi
- **Ogun**:
 - Cleric (Alfa) arrested over alleged sexual assault of eight-year-old in Kara, Ibafo.
 - Man sexually assaulted 11-years-old girls in an unfinished building
- **Abia**: 27-year-old man raped 13-year-old at knife point with the help of two of his friend in Ukwa East.
- **Edo**: 6-year-old girl sexually allegedly assaulted repeatedly by two men in Ikpoba-Okha
- **Ondo**: 32-year-old man arrested for defiling a 16-year-old apprentice

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Human Rights Report – Major Abductions in April 2026

- **Kaduna**: Suspected terrorists attacked ECWA Church and St. Augustine Catholic Church on easter sunday, killed 7 and abducted 31 in Kachia.
- **Niger**: Suspected terrorists invaded Baga community, killed 5 persons and abducted 150 people
- **Kogi**: Gunmen abducted 23 pupils and their proprietress from an unregistered orphanage and school facility .
- **Cross River**: 20 passengers, including candidates of the UTME, were abducted by sea pirates along the Calabar waterways.

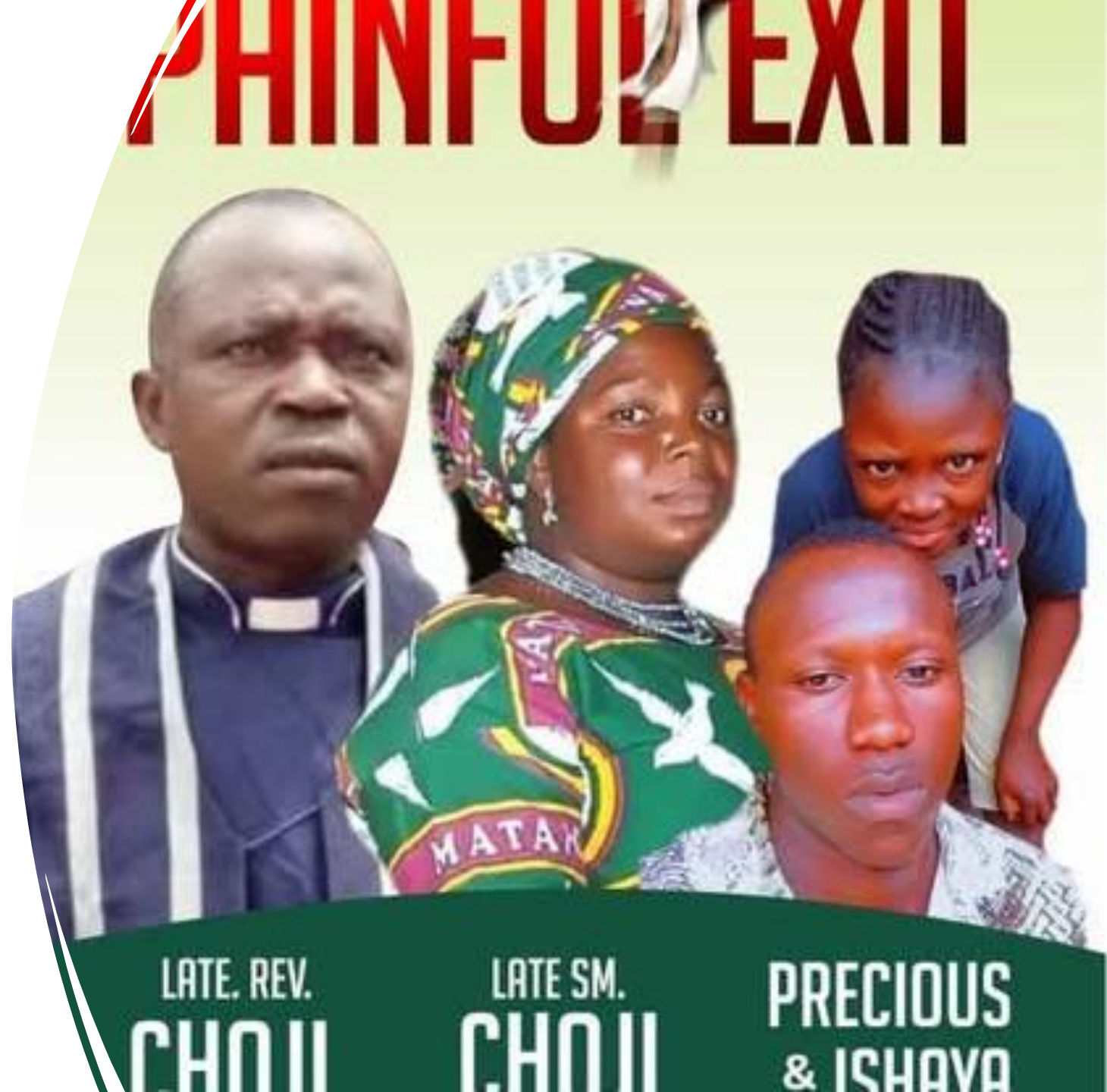


Human Rights Report – Freedom of Religion in April 2026

- **Benue**: 17 members of communities in Mbalom, Gwer East were killed by suspected armed herders on **Easter Sunday**
- **Kebbi**: 24 people, including Christians and Muslims, were killed in a deadly **Easter Sunday** attack on Debe village in Shanga.
- **Kaduna**: Suspected terrorists attacked ECWA Church and St. Augustine Catholic Church on **Easter Sunday**, killed 7 and abducted 31
- **Plateau**: Gunmen killed a pastor and three members of his family in Riyom.
- **Kogi**: A pastor of the Redeemed Church and his wife were attacked and eventually kidnapped
- **Ekiti**: A pastor was killed and his churches members were abducted by unknown gunmen in Ilejemeje

Killing of Rev. Ayuba Choji and family

- Rev. Ayuba Choji, his wife Chungdun, and two of their children Cyril and Endurance were attacked and killed in Gako Village in Riyom



Killing of Rev. Emmanuel Ezeokwe

- An Anglican priest, Rev. Emmanuel Ezeokwe has been murdered by gunmen.
- He was the Vicar of the Anglican Church, Zinai, Cathedral Archdeaconry in the Anglican Diocese of Yola



Extra-Judicial Killings in April 2026

Extra-judicial Killing of Mene Ogidi

- Killed by Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Nuhu Usman
- The victim's hands and legs were tied and posed no threat at the time he was shot.
- Victim could be heard begging for his life and offering to cooperate with the police.
- Following the orders of the IGP, the officers have been arrested and dismissed by the Police.





Extra-judicial Killing of Abdulsamad Jami

- In the early hours of Saturday, 25th of April, Abdulsamad Jamiu, an NYSC member was shot in the head, in the Shagari quarters area of dei-dei, abuja.
- It is suspected that he was shot by soldiers who were pursuing armed robbers.

Extra-judicial Killing of Oladipupo Akinola

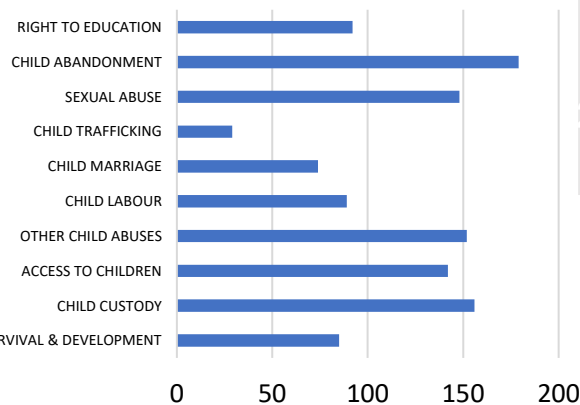
- Mr Oladipupo Akinola, a staff of Abuja Mobile Advert Permit department was killed by an NSCDC Official attached to a Chinese national.





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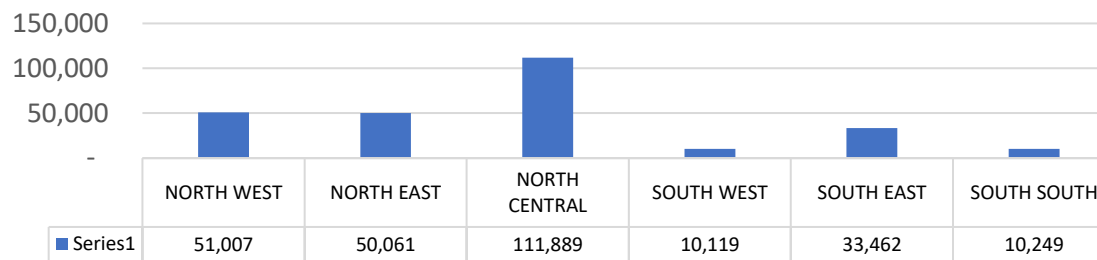


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RIGHT TO SURVIVAL & DEVELOPMENT	85
CHILD CUSTODY	156
ACCESS TO CHILDREN	142
OTHER CHILD ABUSES	152
CHILD LABOUR	89
CHILD MARRIAGE	74
CHILD TRAFFICKING	29
SEXUAL ABUSE	148
CHILD ABANDONMENT	179
RIGHT TO EDUCATION	92

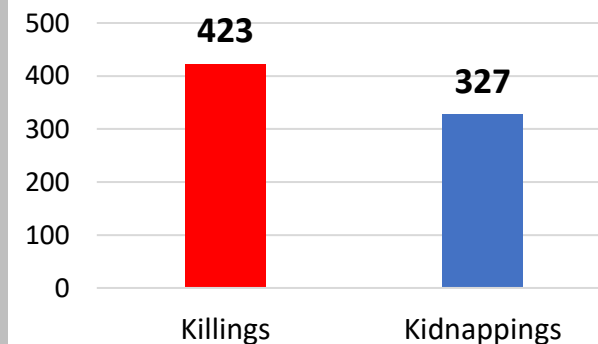
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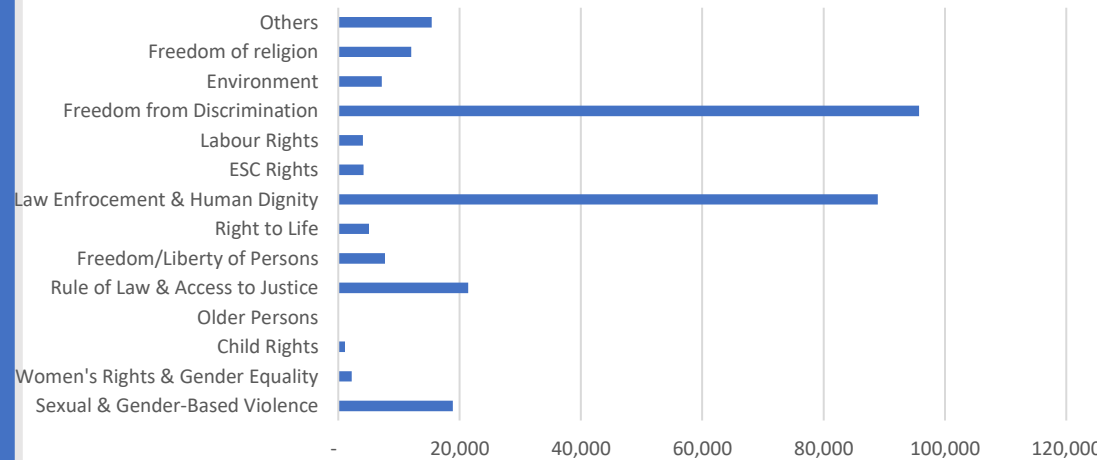
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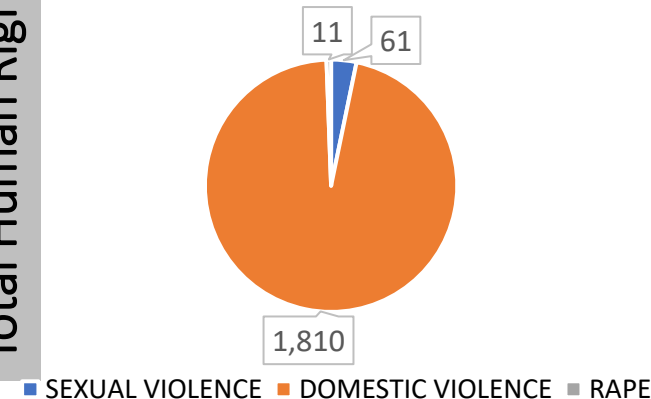
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Child Rights	1,088
Older Persons	12
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Freedom/Liberty of Persons	7,709
Right to Life	5,060
Law Enforcement & Human Dignity	88,914
ESC Rights	4,155
Labour Rights	4,045
Freedom from Discrimination	95,720
Environment	7,190
Freedom of religion	12,011
Others	15,373

Total Human Rights Complaints – 266,787

April 2026 Sexual and Gender Based Violence





Thank You