



September 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 September 2026

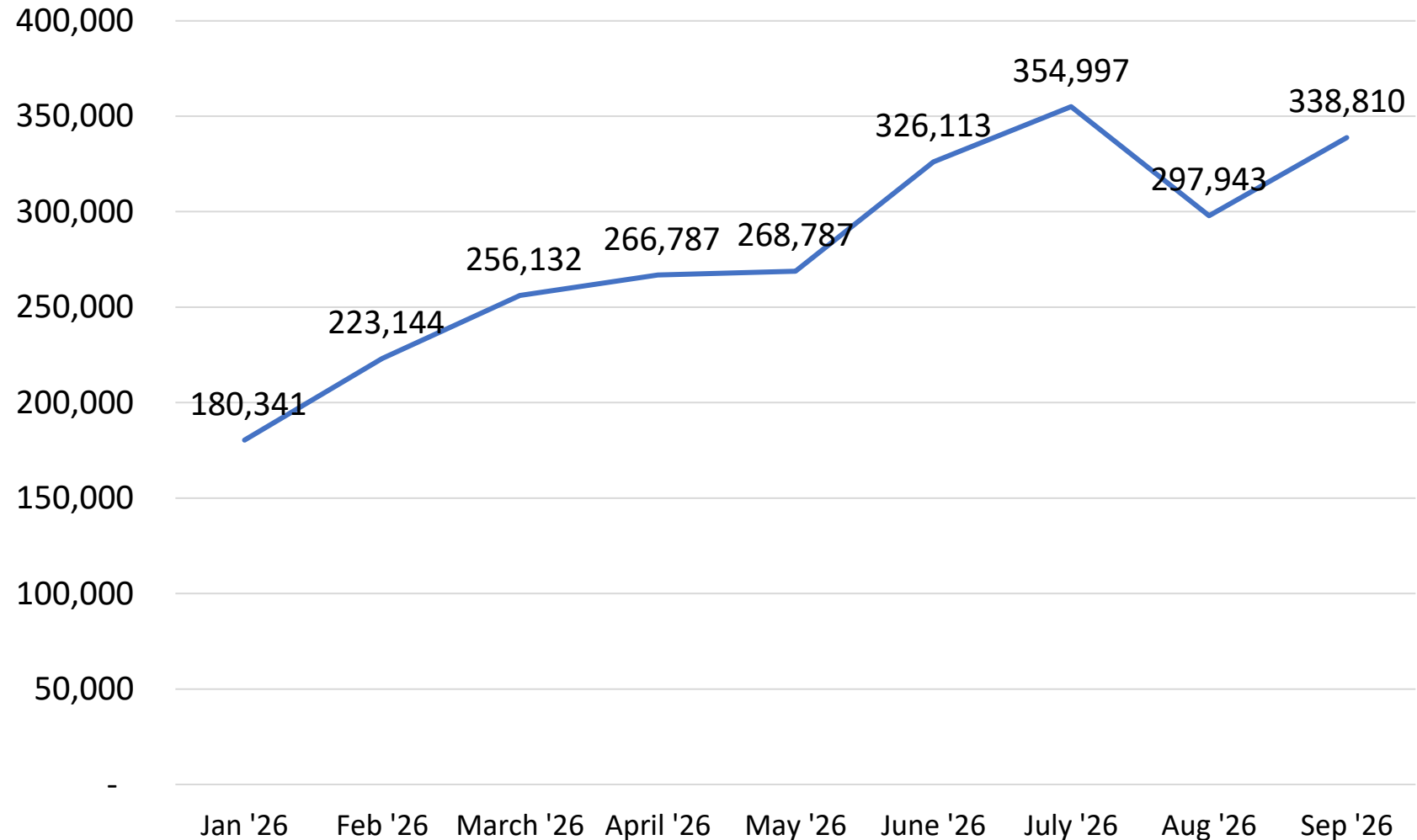
- Human rights complaints to the NHRC increased in September 2026.
- Mass killings across Nigeria continues especially in the North Central and North Western states.
- Physical and Sexual Violence on Children continue to rise with varied dimensions
- Mass abductions continues impacting children, communities and individuals.
- Killings of Law enforcement and Vigilant personnel.
- Deaths in custody



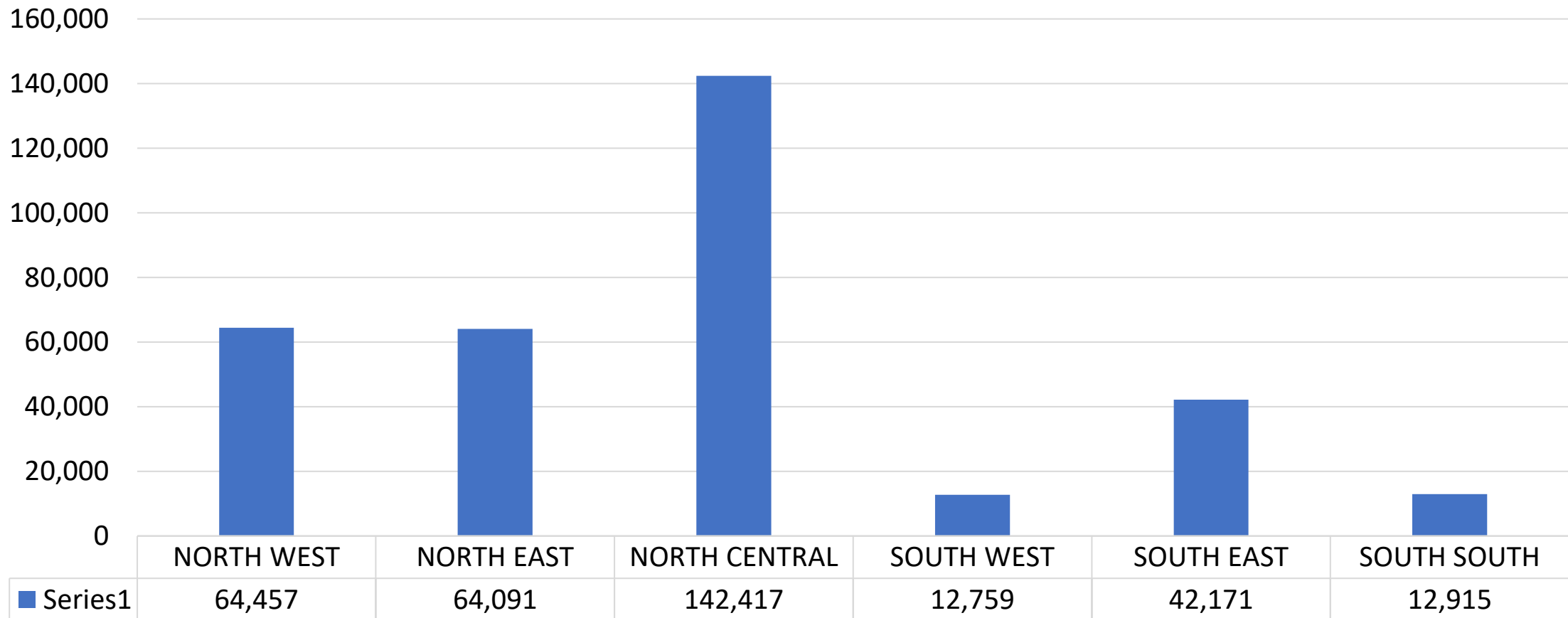
NHRC September 2026 Human Rights Complaints

- Total Number of Complaints:
338,810
*[An decrease of 14%
compared to August 2026]*

Human Rights Complaints January - September 2026 Compared

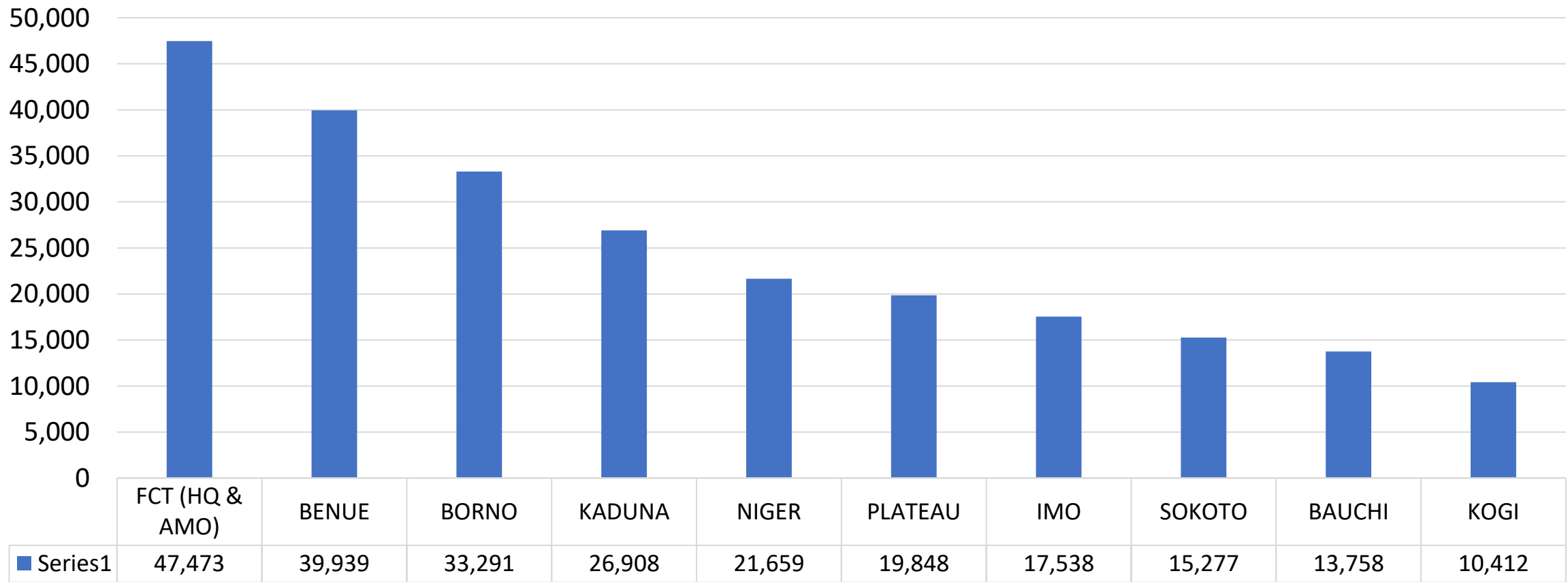


September 2026 Human Rights Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones

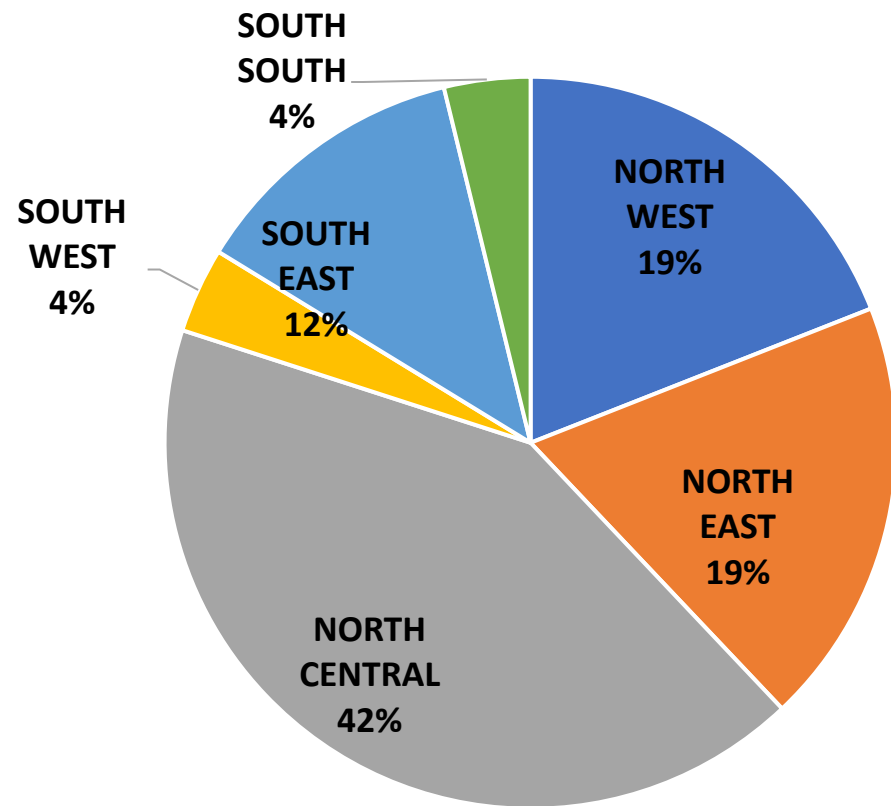


Top 10 States Human Rights Complaints

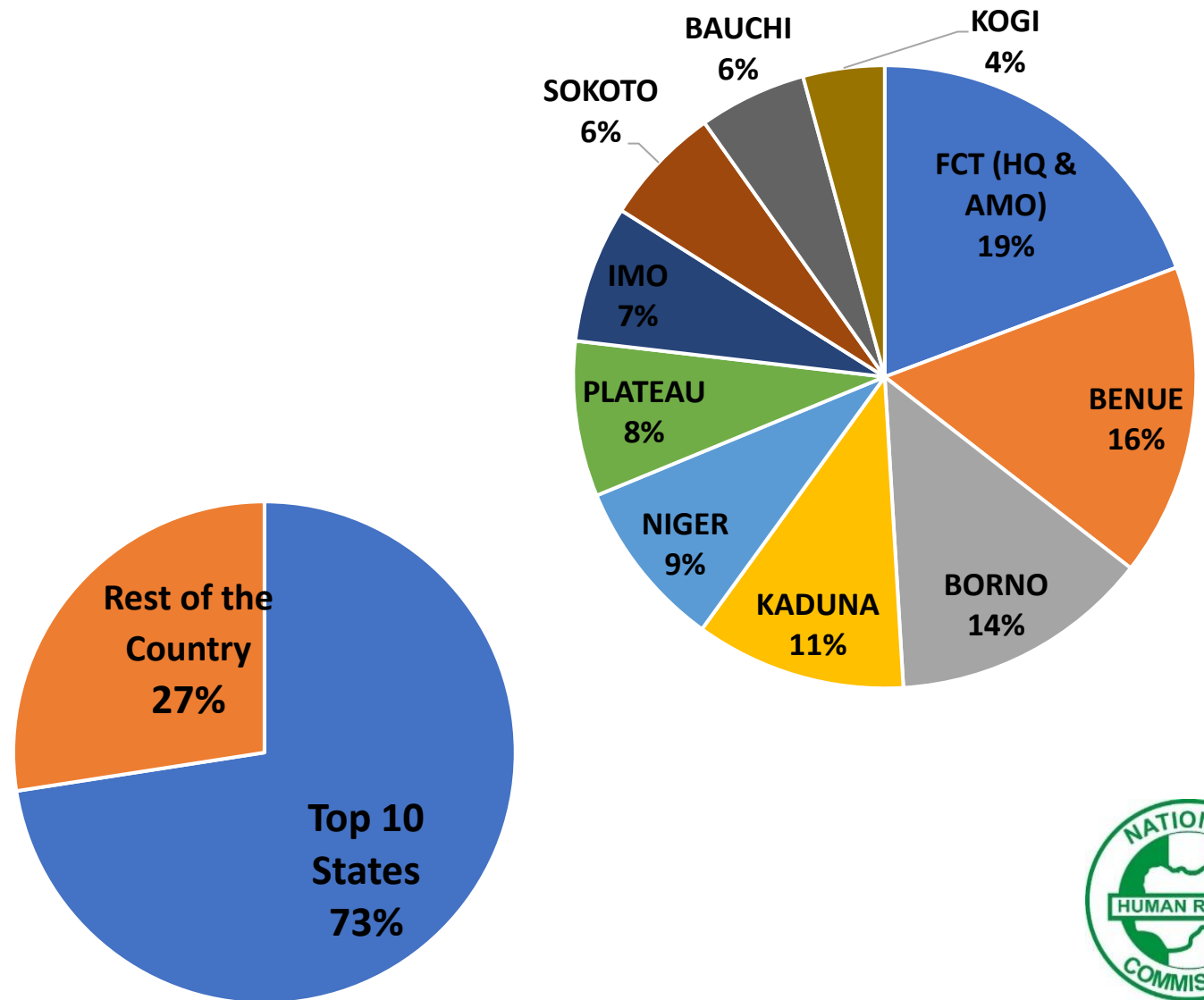
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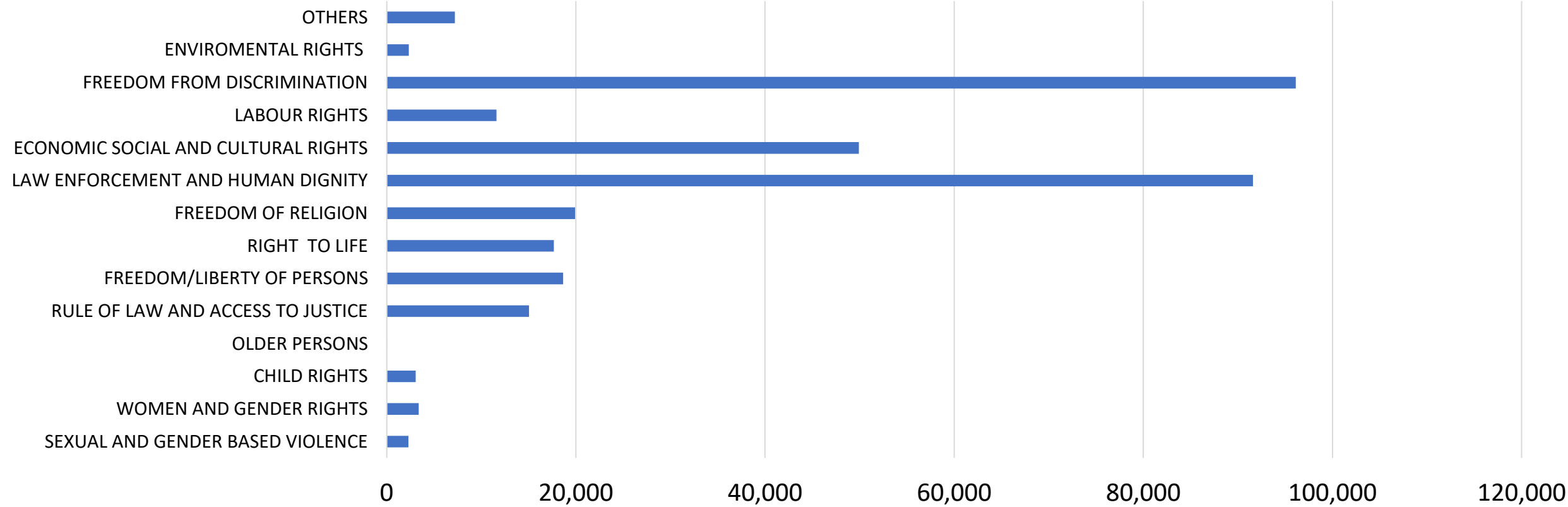
Percentage Distribution of Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones September 2026



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



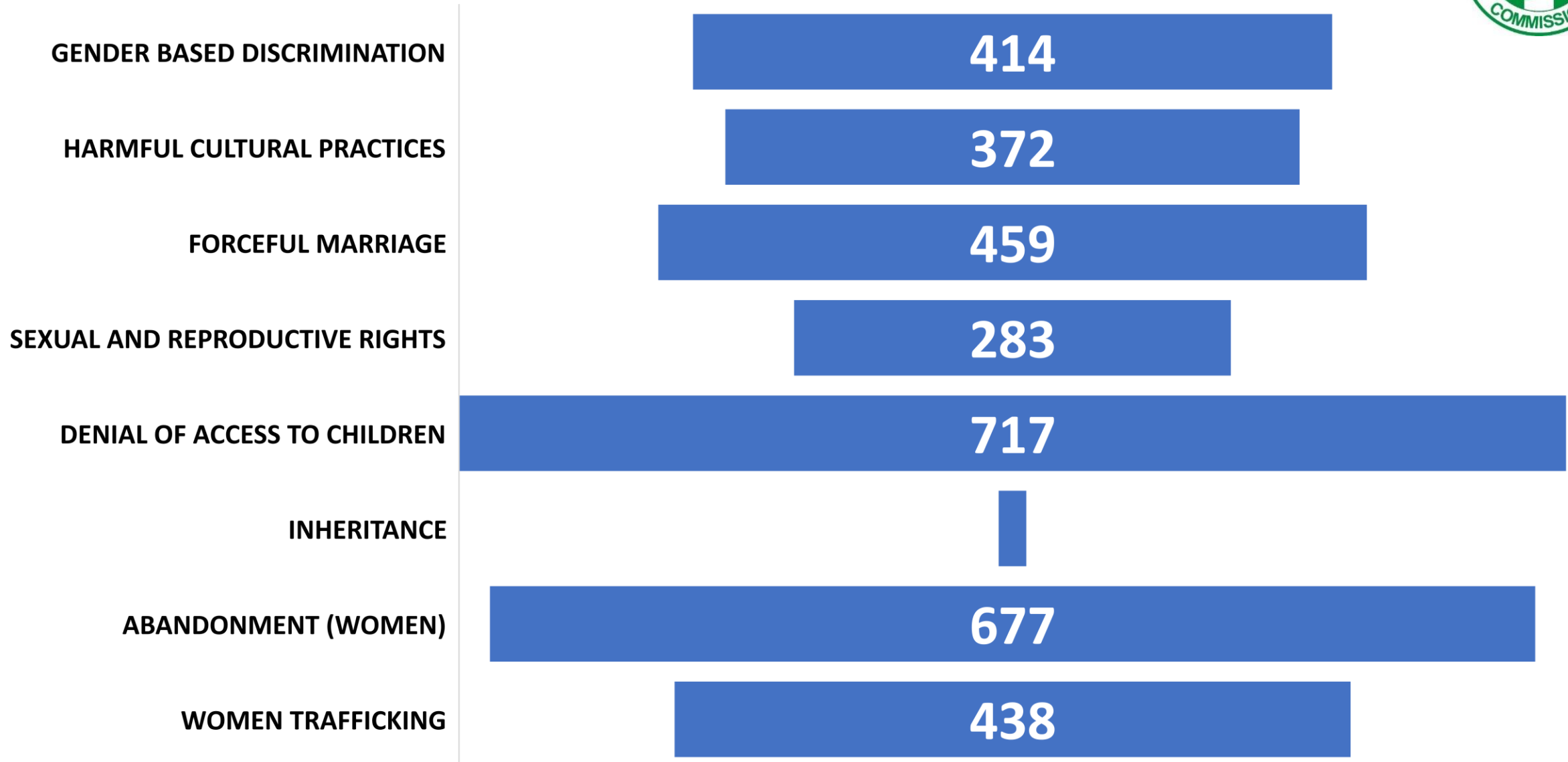
September 2026 Thematic Human Rights Complaints



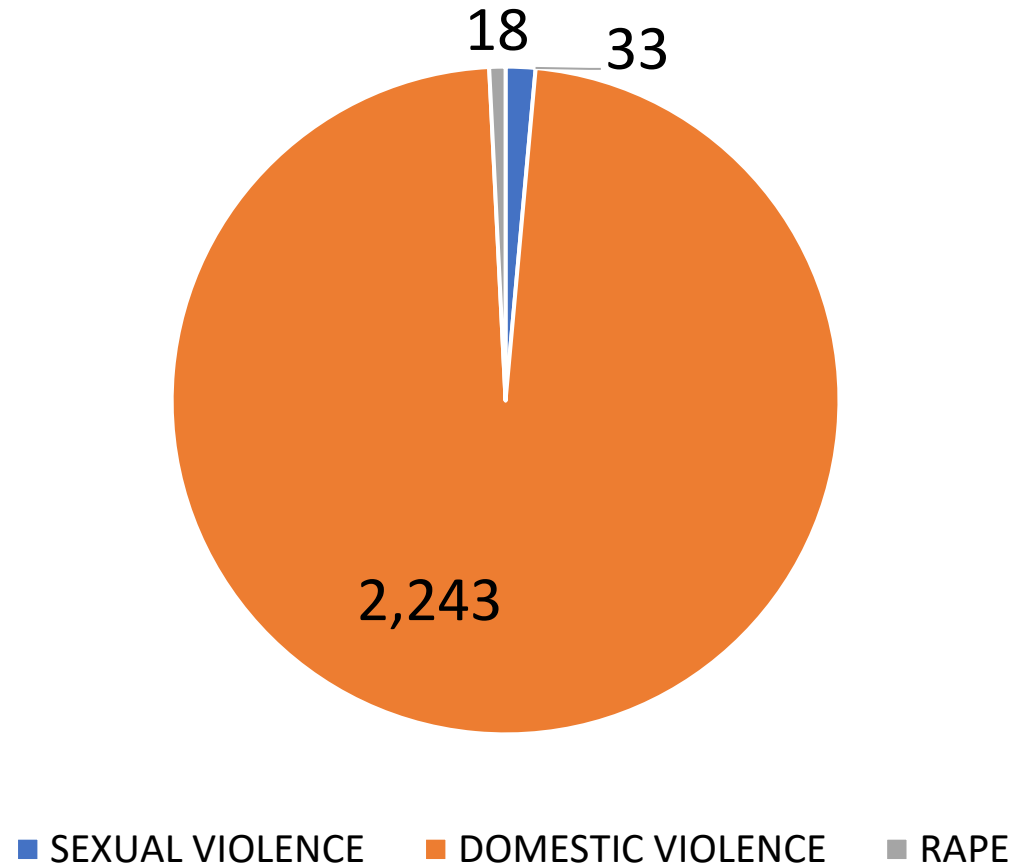
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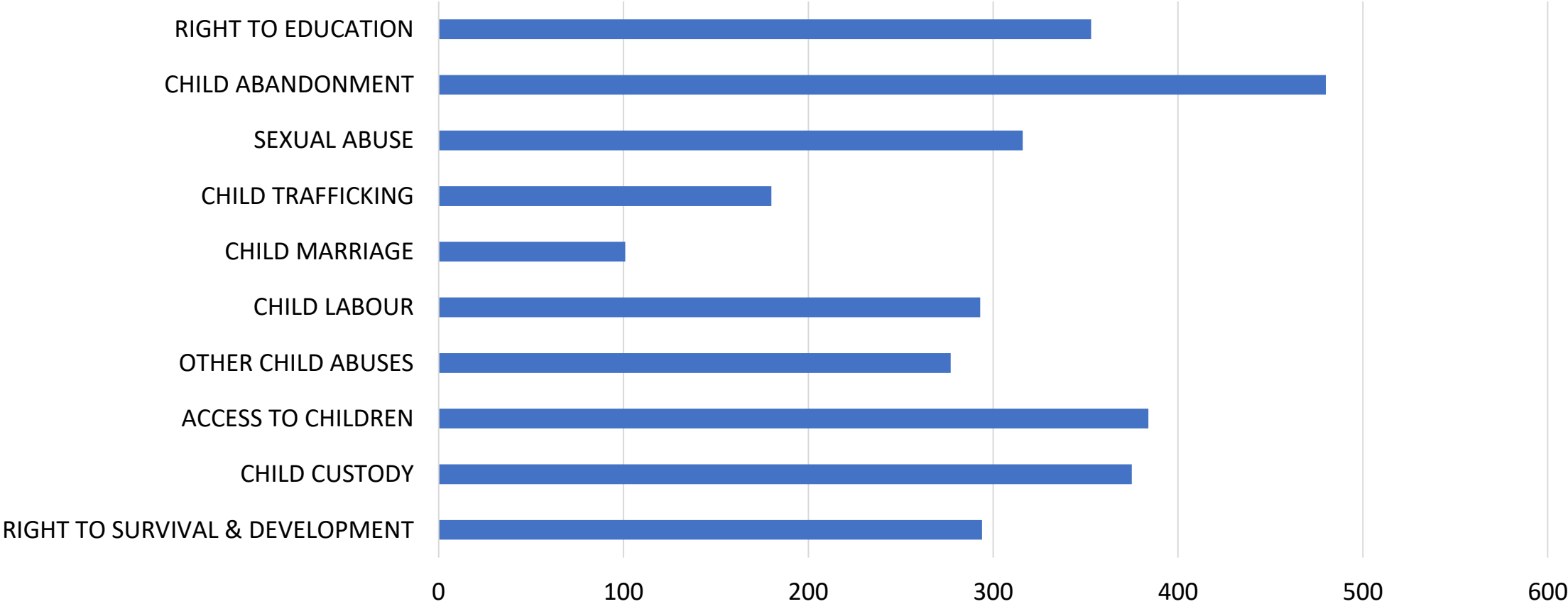
Complaints on Violation of Women's Rights September 2026



September 2026 Sexual and Gender Based Violence

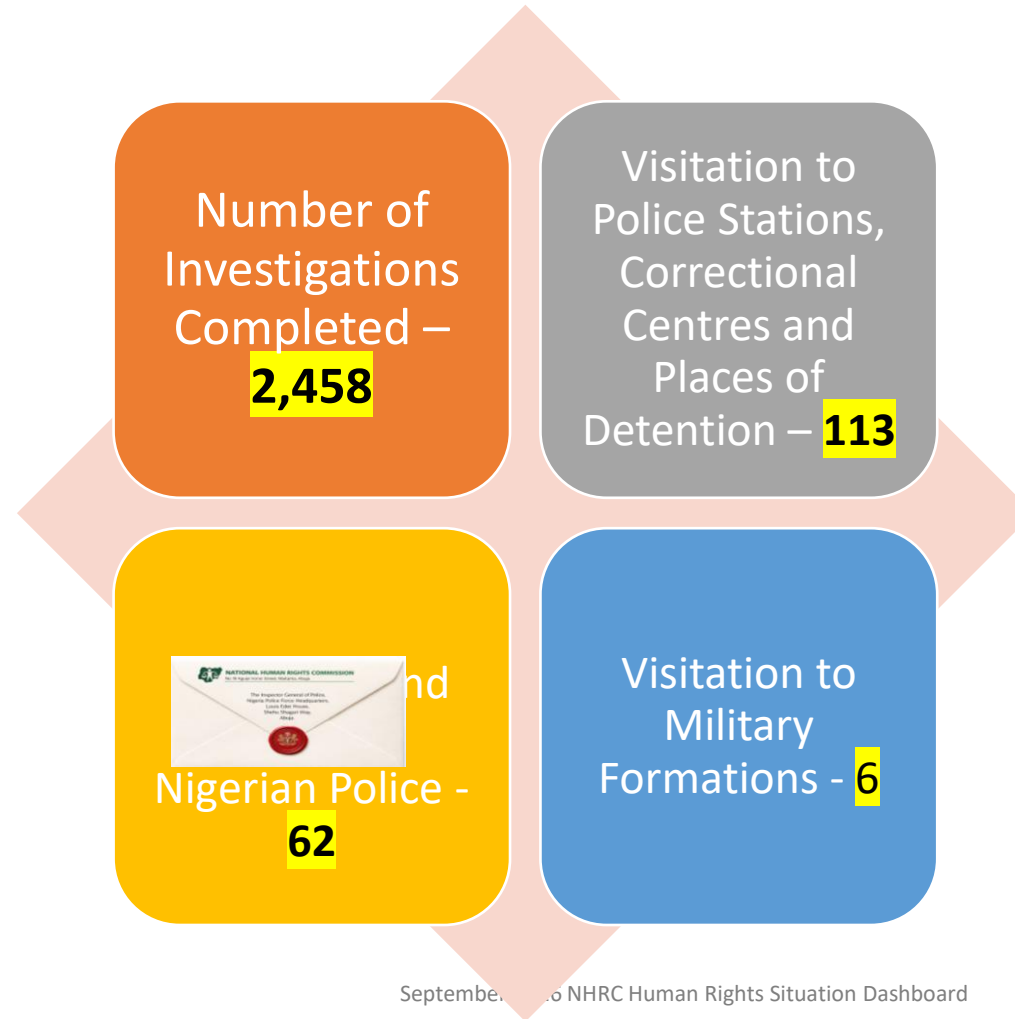


September 2026 Violation of Children's Rights



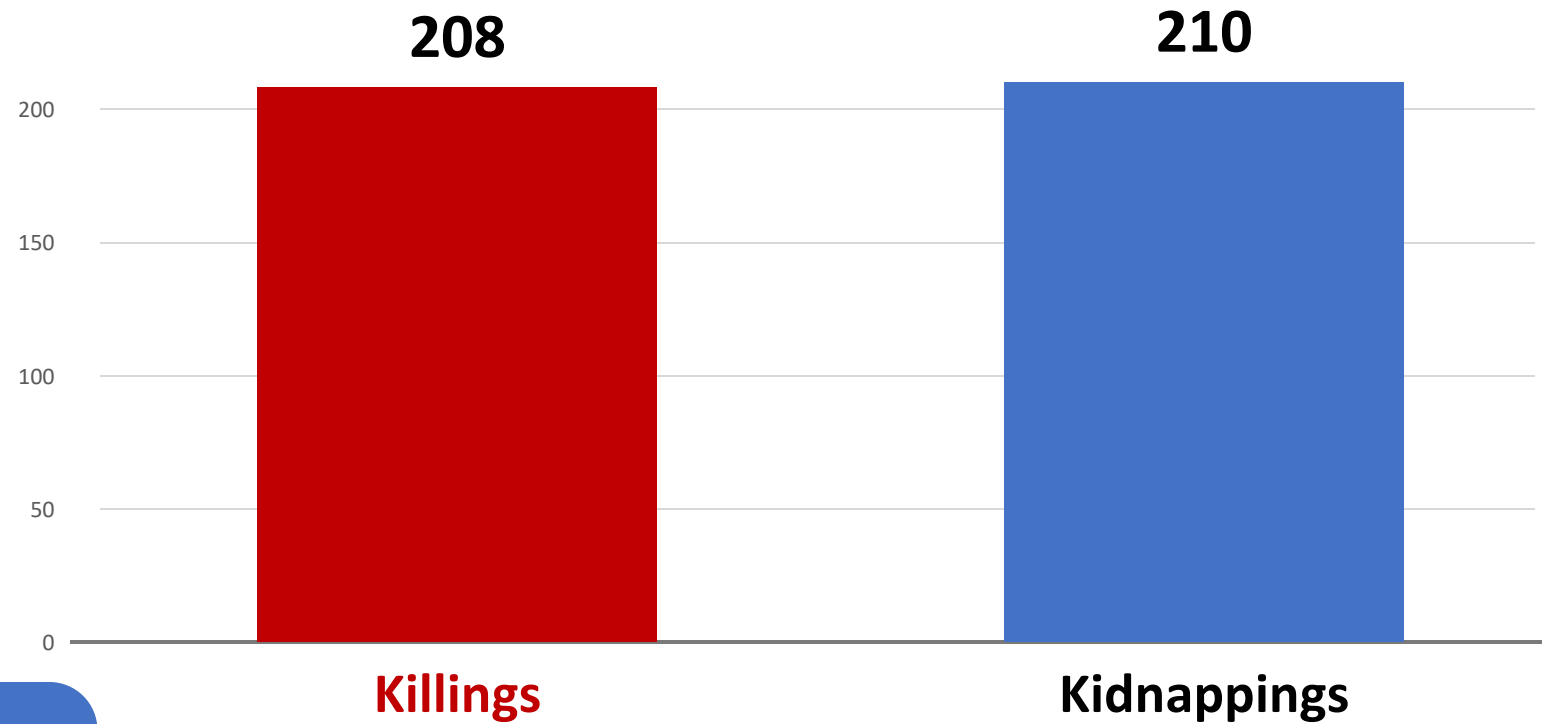
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NHRC in Numbers – September 2026



Human Rights Situation in September 2026

Killings and Kidnappings September 2026



**Deaths by
Accidents 20**



Mass Killings

Niger: 37 detainees found dead while in NSCDC custody in Minna on 17 Sept — severe overcrowding, possible suffocation and toxic exposure under forensic review

Plateau: 36 killed in multiple gunmen attacks across Barkin Ladi, Mangu, Riyom and Jos LGAs

Zamfara: 21 killed across two bandit raids — 10 in Gusau/Gebawa village and 11 in Tsafe/Kucheri village

Adamawa: 16 killed in two suspected Boko Haram attacks

Katsina: 16 killed across multiple bandit attacks

Benue: 13 killed at Logo Ayilamo farming community — 4 police officers and 7 civilians, plus 2 officers ambushed separately by herders

Rivers: 11 killed — 10 at Okrika Jetty inhaling petroleum fumes while scooping fuel; 1 woman killed by suspected spiritualists in Ahoada West

Kaduna: 9 killed — 5 (incl. 3 vigilantes) in Giwa and Kubau; 3 killed while on routine checks at Kabau/Zaria-Pambegua; 1 in Romi

Sokoto: 9 killed by bandits at Kebbe/Girkau and 3 at Goronyo/Kagara

Oyo: 6 children abducted by a suspected trafficking ring die in captivity in Ibadan

NSCDC Custody Deaths

Minna —
17 September 2026

37 DEAD IN CUSTODY

What happened

- 37 persons arrested during NSCDC anti-illegal-mining operations on 15–16 September 2026 were found dead while in NSCDC custody in Minna on 17 September 2026.
- Approximately 67 detainees were held in a single overcrowded cell.
- Severe overcrowding, poor ventilation and possible suffocation, as well as possible exposure to an unidentified or toxic substance, are among the circumstances under investigation.
- The NSCDC initially attributed the deaths to a suspected disease outbreak.
- The definitive cause and manner of death remain subject to forensic investigation.

Rights violated

Right to life Right to personal liberty Right to health and humane conditions of detention
Right to dignity of human person — freedom from cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment

Instruments violated

Constitution of Nigeria 1999 (as amended)

s. 33 (right to life); s. 34 (dignity; torture/inhuman treatment prohibited); s. 35 (personal liberty)

ICCPR (Nigeria, 1993)

Art. 6 (life); Art. 7 (no torture/CIDT); Art. 9 (liberty);
Art. 10(1) (humane treatment of detainees)

Nelson Mandela Rules (UN, 2015)

Rule 13 — accommodation standards: air space,
minimum floor area, lighting, ventilation

African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

Art. 4 (life); Art. 5 (dignity; cruelty/inhuman treatment); Art. 6 (liberty); Art. 16 (health)

Convention Against Torture + Anti-Torture Act 2017

Duty to prevent and investigate custodial torture and
cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment

Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015

s. 8(2) prohibition of torture; custody and detention safeguards



Mass Abductions

Niger

100 abducted in an overnight bandit attack at Mariga/Shadadi; 1 beheaded and the head sent to the community leader over an N50 million levy and ransom to access farm lands

Sokoto

28 abducted and 3 killed by bandits at Goronyo/Kagara; many cattle rustled

Kaduna

27 abducted in Giwa and Kubau bandit raids at Tunburku, Tudun Amada and Kallon Kura — 5 killed including 3 State Vigilance Service personnel

Katsina

13 abducted at Faskari, 2 at Dandume; 7 (6 female FUDUTSIN-MA students + driver) on Danmusa–Malumfashi road — incl. women and children

Akwa Ibom

A woman entrusted 3 young children to a new co-tenant at Etim Ekpo/ikot Odongo who allegedly absconded with them before her return

RESCUED: Sokoto — 2 abducted at Sabon Birni/Unguwan Lalle, rescued by troops of Operation FANSAN YAMMA

RESCUED: Katsina — 10 villagers abducted at Funtua/Unguwar Daudu and Chibauna later rescued by the army

Freedom of movement

Plateau: Gunmen opened fire on a commercial bus at Jos South/Kuru, killing 9 passengers and leaving others with gunshot wounds

Plateau: 6 travelling passengers killed and several others injured by gunmen at Barkin Ladi/Gana-Ropp

Plateau: Woman abducted along the Kassa–Barkin Ladi highway after gunmen blocked the road with stones and intercepted passing vehicles

Cross River: 8 dead and 5 rescued after speedboats collided at Bakassi/Ikang — also classified under Accidents



Sexual Violence on Children

Plateau

- 35 year-old raped an 11 year-old girl at Jos and threatened to kill her if she reported
- 40 year-old school proprietor arrested for defiling a 9 year-old at Jos North and giving her an herbal mixture

Edo

- 3 arrested at Ikpoba-Okha over alleged abduction, sexual abuse and cyber-bullying of a 16 year-old girl lured to a hideout
- 57 year-old defiled his 6 year-old stepdaughter multiple times at Auchi/Jattu
- 50 year-old cleric arrested at Akoko-Edo/Ibillo for abducting 5 girls and impregnating a 15 year-old

Cross River

15 year-old abducted and sexually assaulted at Calabar/8 Miles Area

ANAMBRA:

36 year-old mother arrested for sexually exploiting her 2 minor daughters with sex toys and producing pornographic content at Onitsha for financial gain

Taraba: Jalingo student raped + finger cut off in midnight hostel raid

OGUN: Man arrested in Abeokuta for sexually assaulting a 17 year-old boy on three occasions

ONDO: 40 year-old arrested for raping 20 year-old pregnant disabled woman at Odigbo/Ore



Child Violence

Oyo

6 children abducted by a suspected trafficking ring die in captivity at Ibadan/Eleyele

Katsina

2 children gruesomely killed at Kurfi/Yarliya'u after identifying a man for stealing goats

Ondo

3 missing siblings found dead near a river bank at Akure/Oke Ogba

Bauchi

Chemist operator and accomplice induced and terminated the pregnancy of a 22 year-old at Ningi/Burra — killing her unborn child

FCT

Rape victim gave birth and dumped her newborn baby on the street at AMAC/Galadima

Abia

Man brutally abused his 13 year-old son at Obingwa/Abayi — tied with rope, flogged, stripped and left under the sun

Anambra

7 year-old girl brutally abused by her 32 year-old mother with a hot knife at Idemili/Obosi

Ogun

3 minors (ages 12, 14, 16) allegedly abducted by a suspected trafficking gang at Obafemi Owode/Ibafo

Freedom of Religion



Plateau

A Baptist Pastor, his secretary and one other person were ambushed and shot dead on their way to church at Barkin Ladi/Dorowa Babuje

Plateau

Christian leader Markus Musa was ambushed and killed by suspected bandits at Mangu/Kaduno while en route to a meeting at the CAN secretariat

Sokoto

Angry mob killed a young man at Mabera after he stabbed a cleric (Malam Musa Lukwa) and his student following Friday prayers — see also Other Violations



Other Violations

Mob Violence

Sokoto Mabera: angry mob attacked, beat and killed a young man after he stabbed a cleric and student at Juma'at prayers

Vigilante-related

9 vigilantes killed across **Plateau**/Riyom and Barkin Ladi/Rabon, plus **Kaduna**/Kabau

Right to Food

5 farmers killed and 13 abducted at **Katsina**/Faskari; herders attacked farmer at **Plateau**/Bokkos

Suicide & Cultism

OAU final-year student died by suicide at **Osun**/Ile-Ife; man shot dead in suspected cult attack at Osun/Osogbo

Boko Haram

16 killed across two suspected attacks: 12 at **Adamawa**/Gombi and 4 at Adamawa/Hong

Herders

3 teenage herders killed at **Plateau**/Mangu/Aloghom; 2 police officers ambushed at **Benue**/Logo

Political Violence

Prominent **Enugu** politician Prince Ikechukwu Oloto found dead in a pool of blood with deep machete wounds at Nsukka/Odenigbo

Abuse of Housemaids

15 year-old girl rescued after being locked inside a toilet for months at **Rivers**/Port Harcourt/Abuloma, fed once a day with leftovers

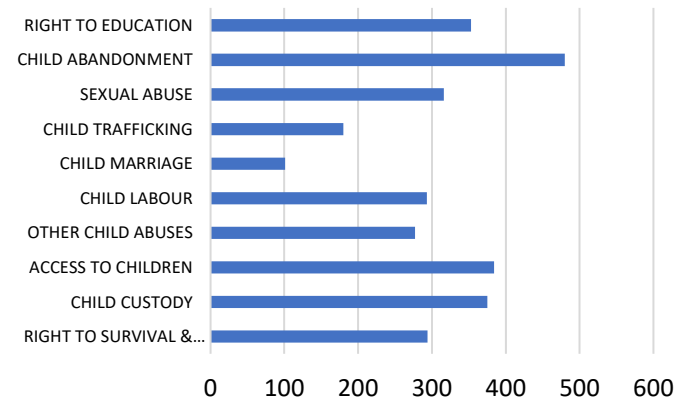
Traditional Institution

Clan head of Mbatyula killed at **Taraba**/Takum; traditional ruler abducted at **Kano**/Gezawa



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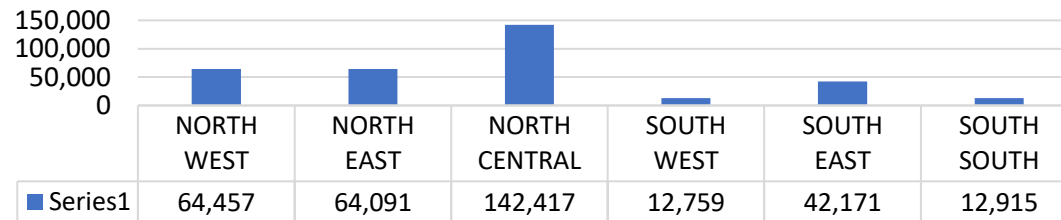


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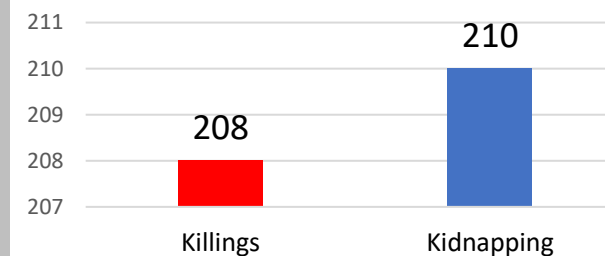
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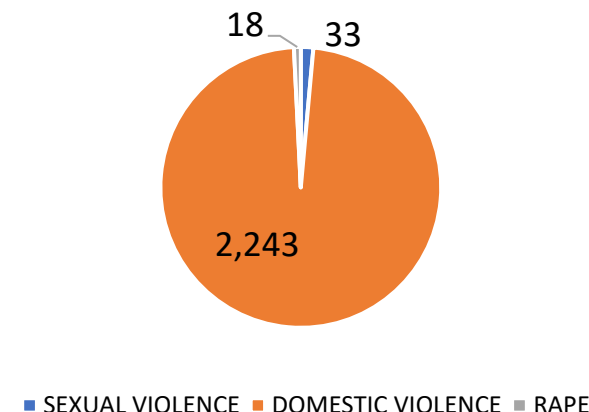
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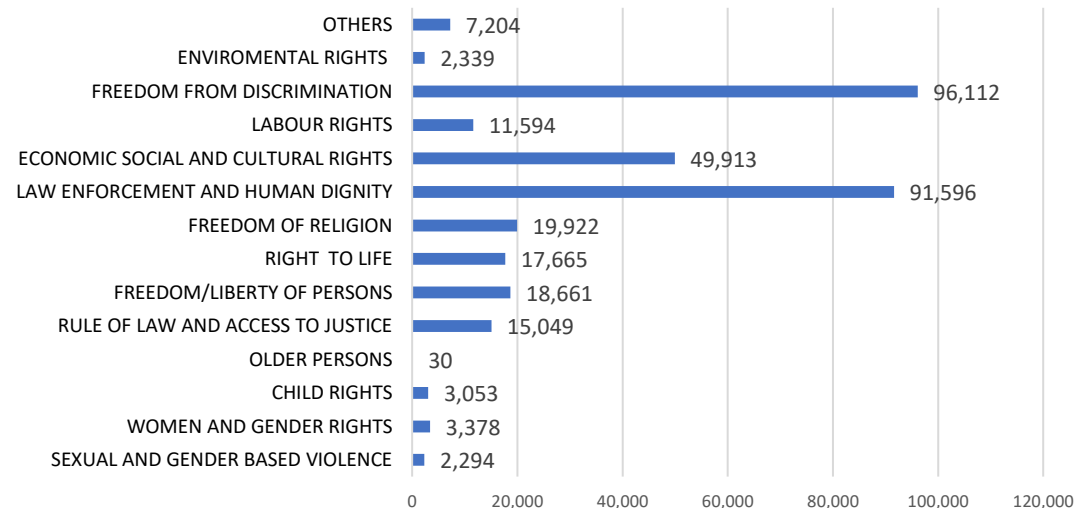


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