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This report documents incidents of hate speech and election atrocities for the week of **February 27 - March 5 2023**.

Preamble

In the first week after the Nigerian presidential elections, our ICEA tracker records 8 killings and 2 abductions in 10 incidents of electoral violence. This number is expected to increase if nothing is done to secure the country before the gubernatorial elections in a few weeks.

Attacks on INEC, Police Personnel & Facilities

1. February 27, 2023: Seven Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs) were smashed amongst other property as thugs attacked the Anambra South senatorial district collation centre Nnewi, Anambra State.

2. February 27, 2023: Thugs invaded the collation centre for presidential and National Assembly elections in Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State.

3. February 27, 2023: Gunmen shot a vehicle conveying INEC officials killing one (1) and injuring at least 5 at Ukwani Local Government Area of Delta State.

4. March 5, 2023: Armed bandits attacked the headquarters of Maru L.G.A Zamfara State killing three (3) people including the DPO, Sergeant Rabiun Bagobiri and a vigilante official identified as Shehu Chuka.

Attacks on Government Facilities

February 20, 2023: An explosion rocked the administrative office of Okehi L.G.A of Kogi state.

Attacks on politically exposed persons

1) February 26, 2023: Gunmen attacked and killed the traditional ruler of the Umuezeokaha community, HRH Eze Igboke Ewa at his residence in Ezza North LGA of Ebonyi State.

2) February 27, 2023: Two (2) people were killed and one (1) assailant was critically injured when thugs set the campaign office of the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP) in Tudun Wada L. G. A of Kano State ablaze.

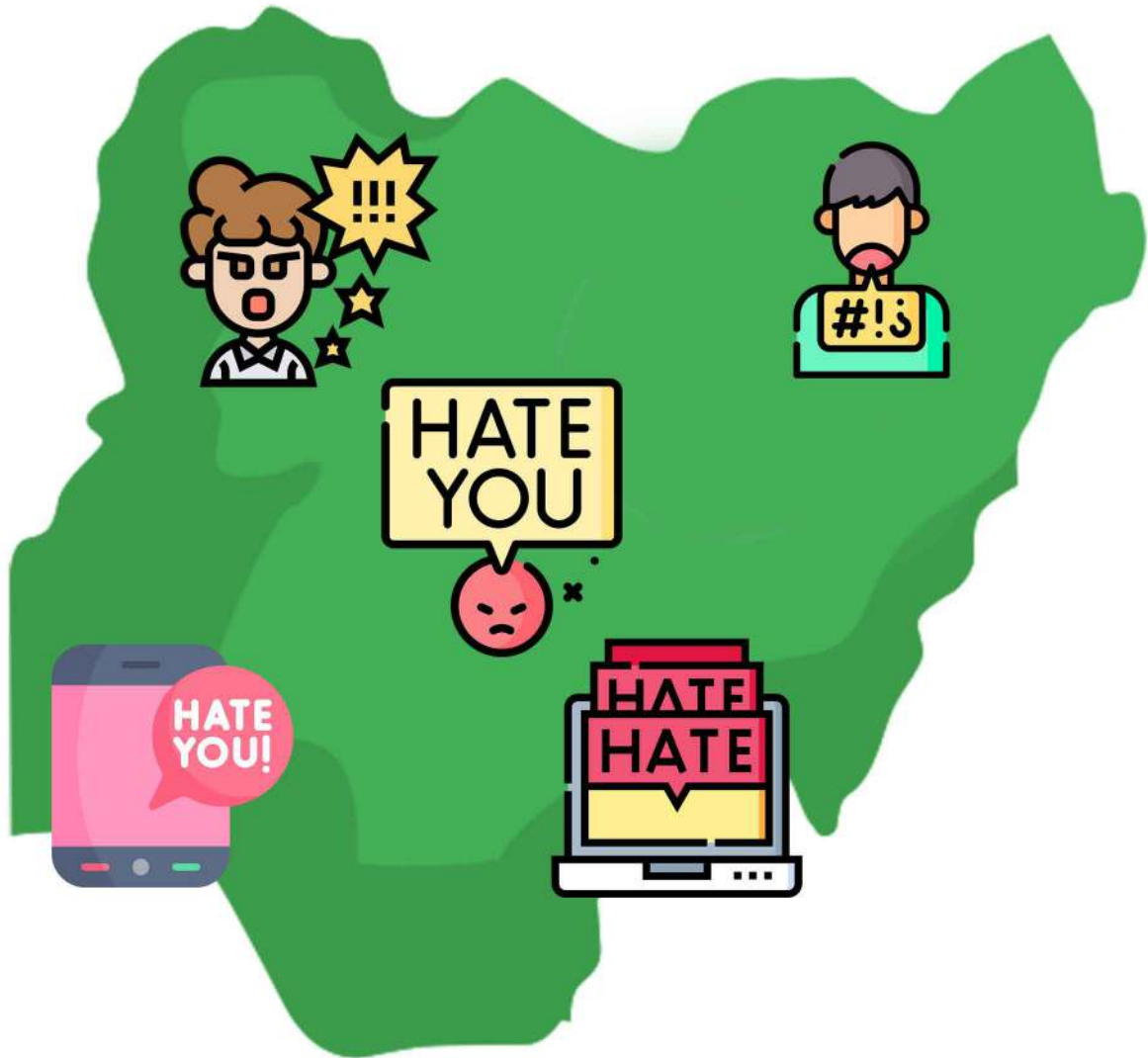
3) March 3, 2023: Gunmen abducted two wives and a son of Dansalama Adamu, the Chief of Sarkin Kudu, in the Ibi L.G.A of Taraba State.

4) March 5, 2023: Gunmen killed Alhaji Dahiru Abba, the village head of Maigari in Rimin Gado L.G.A, Kano State.

2) March 5, 2023: PDP gubernatorial candidate Barr. Peter Ndubisi Mba was a victim of hate speech as he was booed and attacked with bottles during a campaign at the Ugwu Di Nso Prayer Center, Eke in Udi LGA Enugu State.

Hate Speech & Inciting comments

March 1, 2023: Chief Okey Ezea while thanking supporters for his election at his country home in Igboeze south, Enugu state, called on Nsukka youths to see the gubernatorial election coming up on 11th as a war between Nkanu and Nsukka.



increased instances of hate speech from supporters of the various political parties online and offline

In the heat of the just concluded elections and the contestations of the credibility of the results announced by INEC, there has been a marked increase in instances of hate speech from supporters of the various political parties, especially on social media and a general fear of impending violence as pockets of peaceful protests are erupting all over the country. However, in spite of incidences of thuggery and intimidation of voters, in places like Lagos state, incidents of electoral violence appear to be on a downward slope.

The current political climate in the country is tense and therefore requires a hands-on approach in securing the country during the forthcoming gubernatorial and state house of assembly elections in the face of substantial threats to public peace and security as witnessed during the past elections.



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