



# Weekly Report

## Nigeria

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### ***Nigeria gun attack: Zamfara “cattle rustlers” blamed***

- 79 people are said to have been killed in northern Nigeria, in an attack blamed by the police on gunmen from the Fulani community.
- The attack targeted a meeting of community leaders and vigilante groups in Galadima village, Zamfara state. The meeting was discussing action against robbers and cattle rustlers.
- Fulani herdsmen and farmers from other ethnic groups have frequently clashed in Nigeria over land and faith.
- Source: BBC News

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-26913046>

### ***Nigeria becomes Africa’s top economy***

- Nigeria has announced a huge rise in its estimated GDP, making it the biggest economy on the continent and the 26<sup>th</sup> biggest in the world.
- Despite vast oil revenue, most Nigerians are still poor. Measured by per capita income, even with the new data, Nigeria still ranks only 121<sup>st</sup> in the world, with an average income of about \$3,000 per person.
- Many Nigerians have voiced skepticism after the announcement, citing the country’s widespread poverty and frequent electricity shortages.
- Source: The Globe and Mail

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/with-revised-gdp-calculation-nigeria-becomes-biggest-african-economy/article17845344/>

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*“We should not get carried away by this exercise,” Ms. Okonjo-Iweala [Nigerian Finance Minister] told a press conference after the new data were announced. “We’ve been growing in an unequal manner. We need better quality growth.”*

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### ***Islamist gunmen kill 8 in northern Nigerian attack***

- Scores of Islamist gunmen attacked a police station, a court and a bank in Jigawa state, northern Nigeria on Wednesday, killing seven officers and a civilian.
- Jigawa shares a border with Yobe, a Boko Haram stronghold and one of three northeastern states that has been under emergency rule since May of last year.
- It is possible that some Islamists have fled to Jigawa to evade military pressure as the state is not covered by the emergency rule.
- Source: The Telegraph

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/nigeria/10756582/Islamist-gunmen-kill-eight-in-northern-Nigeria-attack.html>