

# Managing Conflict in Nigeria

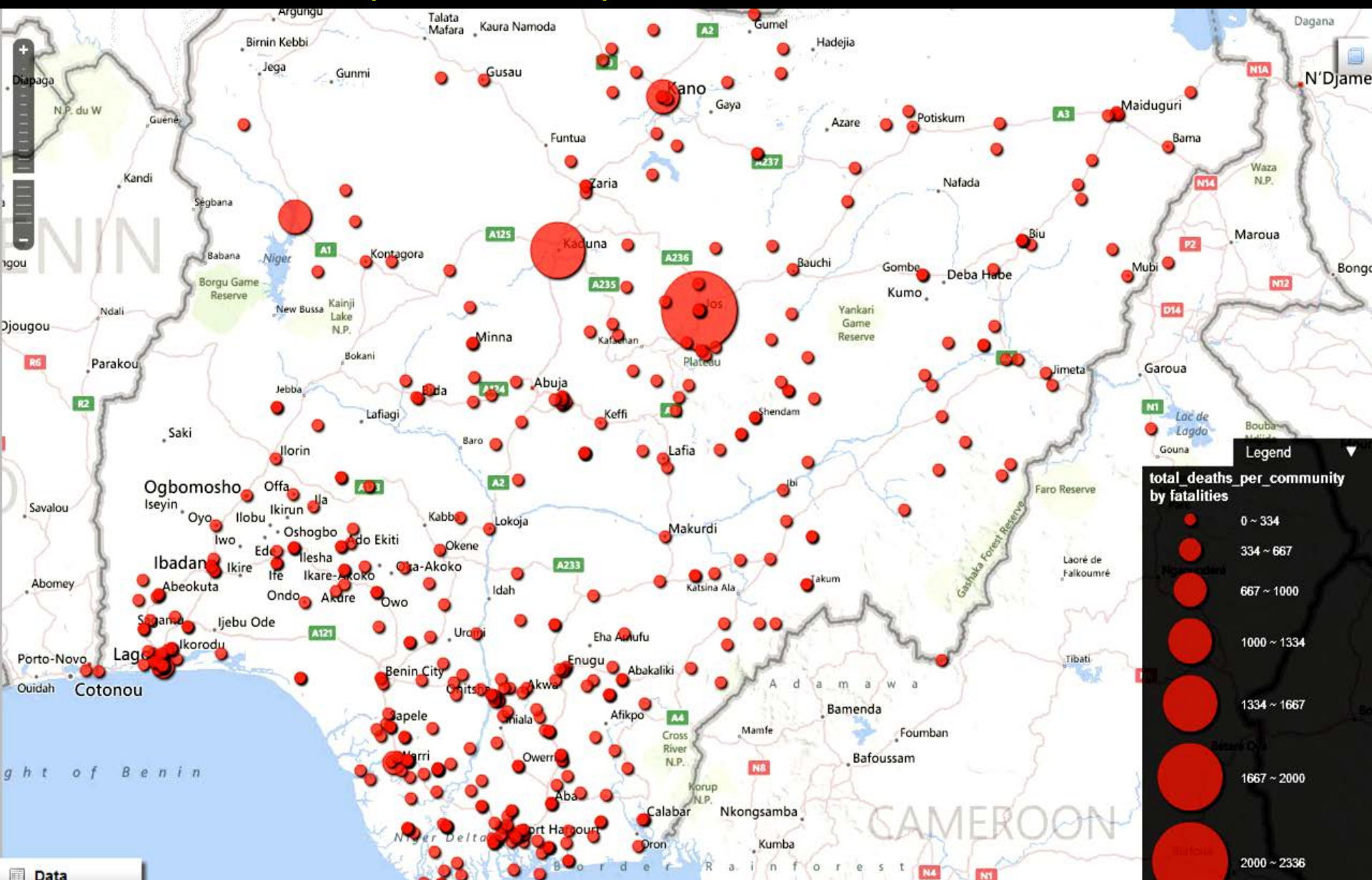
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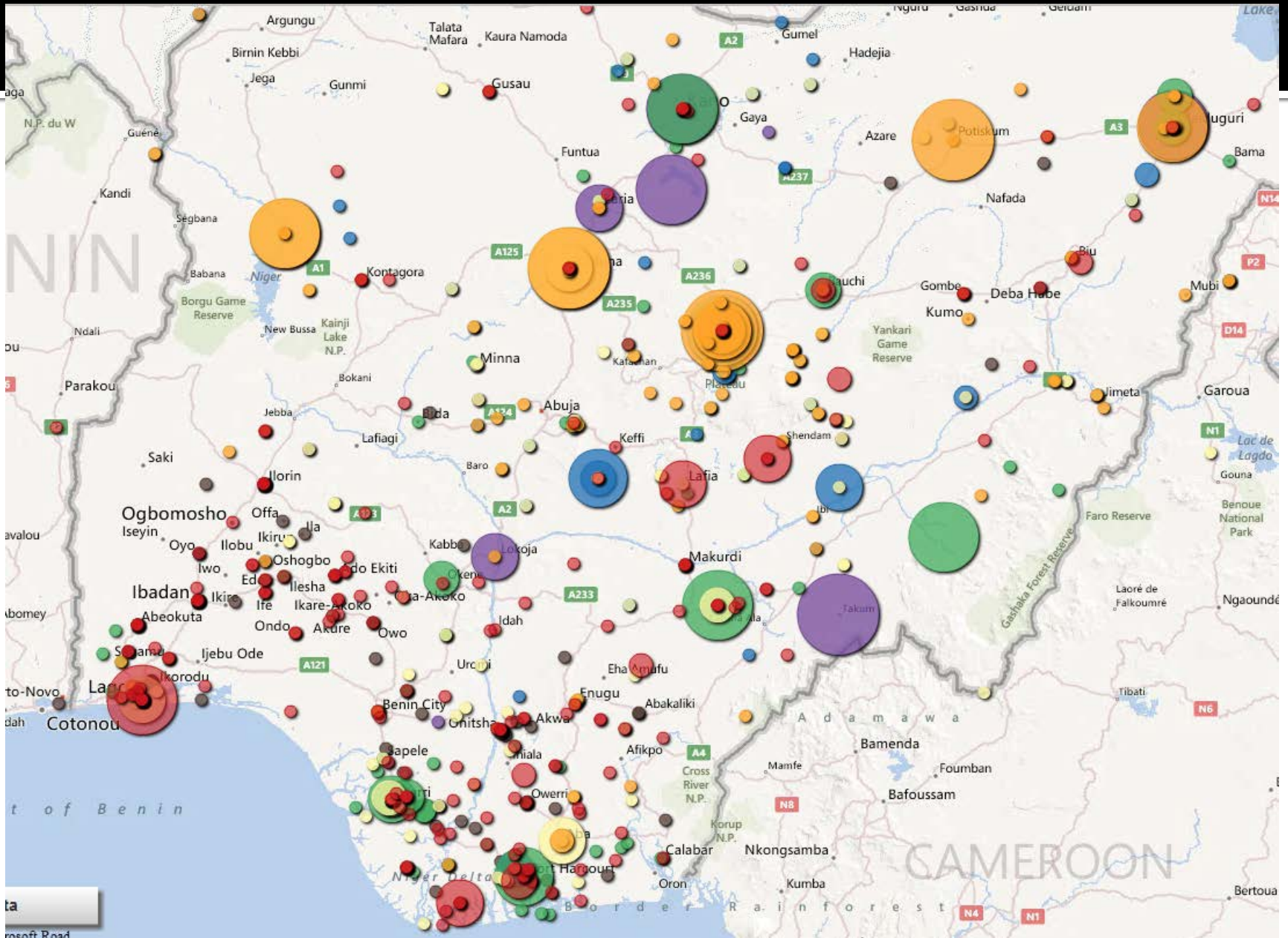
# A Turbulent Democracy

- History of social conflict
- Military rule: repression, underdevelopment, and inequality
- Liberalization and transition 1998-
- Growing scope of social & political violence
  - 900+ incidents
  - 16,000 fatalities

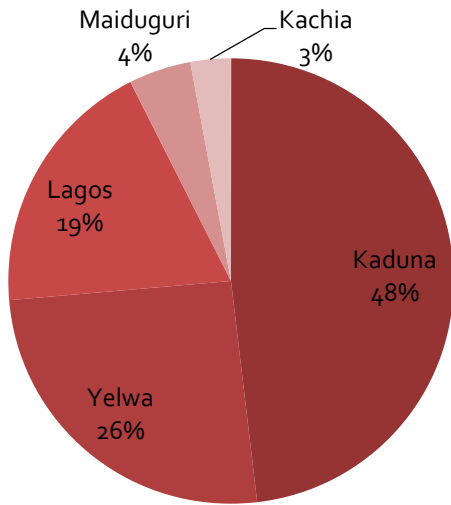
# Total Fatalities from Political/Social Violence in Nigeria 1998-2012 – by Community



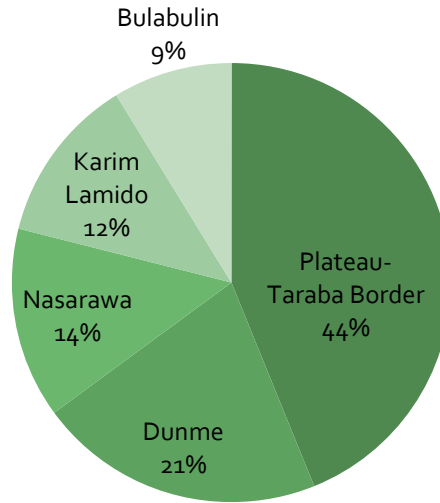
# Fatalities in Nigeria 1998-2012, by Category



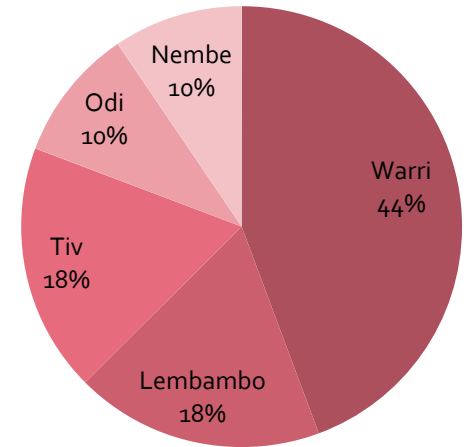
## Religious Violence



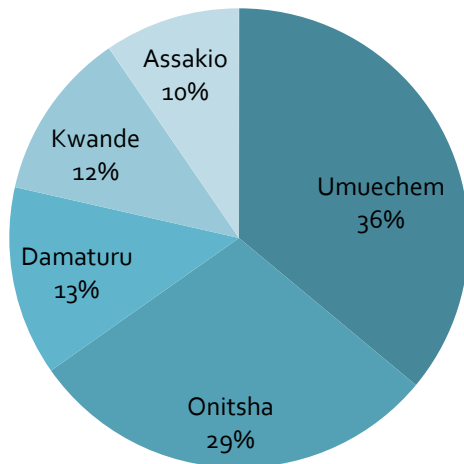
## Herder/Farmer Violence



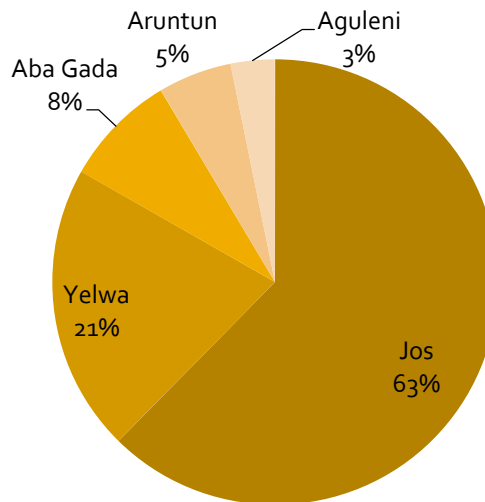
## State Violence



## Political Violence



## Ethnic Violence



# Centers of Conflict

- Niger Delta
  - Oil production and local communities
  - Development and environment
  - Companies and government
- Jos
  - Ethnicity, religion, local origin
  - Political and institutional drivers
- North/Boko Haram
  - Regionalism
  - Political grievances
  - Religion/legitimacy

# Sources of Violence

- Background conditions
  - Poverty
  - Demography
  - Resources
  - History
- Drivers
  - Threat/provocation
  - Shocks: economic, demographic, political
  - Entrepreneurs: politicians, activists
- Triggers
  - Elections
  - Rhetoric
  - Institutional change
  - Accident

# Role of Government

- Security
  - Containment/order
  - Human rights
  - Legitimacy
- Mediation/Negotiation
- Representation
  - Elections
  - Political appointments/institutions
- Development
  - Services
  - Distribution



# Problems of Conflict Management: Boundaries and Bargains

- Boundaries: formal rules
  - Federal structure
    - States/LGAs
  - Revenue allocation
- Bargains
  - “Elite cartel”
  - Clientelism/patronage
  - Networks and arenas

# Problems of Governance and Conflict

- Capacity
  - Security forces
  - Development capabilities
  - Representation & voice
- Commitment
  - Political interests
    - Clientelism and distribution
    - Dominant party
  - Economic interests
    - Regionalism and distribution
    - Elite bargains