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TOP OF THE AGENDA

NIMET PREDICTS HEAVY RAINS, FLOOD, THUNDERSTORMS ACROSS NIGERIA IN NEW WEATHER ALERT

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has forecast thundery and rainy conditions across the country from Monday to Wednesday, warning of possible flash floods. Northern states including Adamawa, Taraba, and Bauchi face high flood risks due to sustained thunderstorms. Central states like Benue, FCT, Niger, and Kogi will see light to moderate rains throughout the period. In the South, cloudy skies and intermittent light rains are expected, with increased rainfall and flood warnings in Oyo, Ogun, Edo, Delta, Anambra, Bayelsa, and Cross River States. NiMet urges residents nationwide to take precautionary measures to ensure safety amid the weather conditions.

Naija News: [NiMet Predicts Heavy Rains, Flood, Thunderstorms Across Nigeria In New Weather Alert](#)
August 5th, 2025.

Analysis

Following a similar incident earlier this year in Mokwa, Niger State—which claimed over 160 lives, displaced hundreds, and destroyed numerous properties—the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has issued a fresh warning about climate-related hazards. The agency forecasts another wave of flash floods triggered by intense and simultaneous rainfall across various states in Nigeria. This weather event is expected to affect the North Central, South West, and South-South regions from Monday through Wednesday. The forecast has stirred mild anxiety among residents in the affected areas, who fear disruptions to daily routines and economic activities.

Despite repeated warnings over the years, Nigeria continues to face recurring floods with severe consequences for lives and property. As of Monday afternoon, Lagos State experienced over 10 hours of rainfall, resulting in widespread flooding and hampering mobility across the city. If these frequent flood events remain unaddressed, they will continue to deteriorate living conditions, especially during the rainy season. In response, NiMet has recommended precautionary measures to mitigate the impact of flash

floods. These include wearing warm clothing—particularly for vulnerable individuals due to low night time temperatures—disconnecting electrical appliances from power sources, and avoiding tall trees to prevent injuries from falling branches. Crucially, state governments and federal agencies must work together to implement long-term solutions such as proper waste disposal and efficient drainage systems. These efforts are essential to reducing the frequency and severity of flash floods in the future.

NIGERIA

POLICE ARREST 12 CAR-SNATCHING SUSPECTS, RECOVER 22 VEHICLES IN RIVERS

The Rivers State Police Command said its operatives busted a sophisticated inter-state car snatching syndicate with a foreign network, arrested 12 suspects and recovered 22 vehicles in the process. The police said among the suspects was a dismissed police officer who had 11 cars as of the time of his arrest, while three ex-convicts who were hired into the illicit deal were also arrested by the operatives. The spokesperson for the state police command, Grace Iringe-Koko, in a statement in Port Harcourt, on Thursday, said the arrests followed a major intelligence-led operation after one of their victims, identified as Enoch Daniel, had his Toyota Hiace snatched by the criminals at gunpoint in Onne, Eleme Local Government Area of the state.

Punch: Police arrest 12 car-snatching suspects, recover 22 vehicles in Rivers August 8th, 2025.

KWARA, NIGER TOWNS SILENTLY JUBILATE OVER DSS CAPTURE OF MAHMUDA TERROR LEADER

Residents of communities in Kwara and Niger States are quietly celebrating the rumored disappearance of Abubakar Abba Mahmuda, leader of the feared terror group Mahmuda. Villagers suspect the Department of State Services (DSS) covertly captured him during a secret visit to a witchdoctor. His sudden absence has left his commanders confused, fueling speculation. Local leaders expressed relief, thanking the DSS and President Bola Tinubu for their support. Mahmuda, a breakaway faction of Boko Haram with links to Mali and Niger, has terrorized communities for years. Independent sources revealed Mahmuda, 33, is from Daura, Katsina, and once sold Islamic media before turning militant.AC

Nairaland: Kwara, Niger Towns Silently Jubilate Over DSS Capture Of Mahmuda Terror Leader August 8th, 2025.

DOZENS KILLED NAF AIRSTRIKES HIT

The Nigerian Air Force reportedly struck a gathering of suspected bandits during a wedding at Asaula Hills, Tsafe LGA, Zamfara. According to Zagazola Makama, the airstrike occurred around 4 pm Tuesday, targeting over 100 armed bandits on motorcycles. The attack was part of Operation

Fansar Yan Bindiga, aimed at dismantling terrorist strongholds across Zamfara, Katsina, Kebbi, and Sokoto states. At least 10 bodies were recovered, with many others severely injured and treated secretly in nearby villages. Survivors evacuated the wounded to Yankuzo, while calls were made for ground troops to conduct mop-up operations in the area.

Nairaland: Dozens Killed NAF Airstrikes Hit August 8th, 2025.

GUNMEN KILL 2 TRAVELLERS, ABDUCT 3 IN KWARA

Two people were killed and three others abducted by armed men in Ganmu village, near Babanla, Ifelodun LGA, Kwara State. The victims were ambushed by five gunmen after experiencing a flat tire while traveling from Lagos to Babanla. The deceased were identified as Alhaji Abdulrazak Ewenla and Jimoh Audu, while the abducted are Kazeem Ajide, Wahidi, and Mufutau. Security forces, including police, military, and vigilantes, were deployed to the area. The state police confirmed the attack and denied viral claims that the village was deserted, assuring that efforts are ongoing to rescue the abducted and apprehend the attackers.

Nairaland: Gunmen Kill 2 Travellers, Abduct 3 In Kwara August 8th, 2025.

KWARA POLICE ACCUSED OF COVER-UP AS RESIDENTS FLEE COMMUNITY OVER BANDITS ATTACK

Residents of Ganmu Ahileri in Ifelodun LGA, Kwara State, have reportedly fled the community due to repeated bandit attacks and kidnappings, contradicting police claims that the area remains occupied. A video obtained by Sahara Reporters showed armed officers patrolling a deserted town, expressing concern over the mass displacement. One officer remarked, “No single human being... this is too much.” However, the Kwara State Police Command dismissed the footage as misleading and aimed at spreading fear. The police confirmed a July 31 attack involving five gunmen who killed two and abducted three, but maintained that security forces had since been deployed.

Sahara Reporters: Kwara Police Accused Of Cover-Up As Residents Flee Community Over Bandits Attack August 8th, 2025.

SOKOTO, ZAMFARA FARMERS FORCED TO PAY TURJI N100M ‘PEACE LEV

Bandit kingpin Bello Turji has reportedly imposed a climate of fear and extortion across eastern Sokoto and parts of Zamfara State, with at least 34 rural communities forced to pay over N100

million in illegal “peace levies” in the past 50 days. These levies, demanded in exchange for access to farmland during the rainy season, are coordinated from Turji’s Gwali Gwali camp — a hub for armed operations and hostage holding. Locals say farmers, already struggling with insecurity, pooled resources to pay under threat of violence. Between 85 and 150 people are believed to be held captive at the camp.

NBC: Sokoto, Zamfara Farmers Forced to Pay Turji N100m ‘Peace Lev’ August 6th, 2025.

WEST AFRICA

MALI. ARMY NEUTRALIZES TERRORIST GROUPS AFTER ATTACKS IN THE SOUTH-EAST OF THE COUNTRY

The Malian Armed Forces (FAMa) announced they repelled coordinated attacks by the Al Qaeda-linked Group for the Support of Islam and Muslims (JNIM) in southeastern Mali, specifically in the Gao and Douentza regions. On Sunday, FAMa units "firmly" countered an offensive on the Wabaria outpost, neutralizing several fighters and recovering war material. The Army declared the situation "under control," denying JNIM's claims of capturing military installations. This incident occurred just 48 hours after the same jihadist group claimed responsibility for an ambush on a Malian and Russian convoy in central Mali.

Ground News: Mali. Army Neutralizes Terrorist Groups After Attacks in the South-East of the Country August 5th, 2025.

AFRICA

ZAMBIA SAYS MINING AREA HIT BY ACID SPILL SAFE FROM CONTAMINATION

Zambia's government spokesman Cornelius Mweetwa pushed back against claims of contamination by the US embassy, telling a press conference Thursday that teams had cleaned up the affected area using lime to reduce acidity levels. It followed a US embassy alert Wednesday which warned of 'hazardous and carcinogenic substances' in Chambisi, an area in northern Zambia

affected by a spill from a copper processing plant in February. The spill happened when a dam that holds acidic and heavy metals waste at a Chinese-run mine failed, resulting in some 50 million liters of toxic materials flowing into the Kafue River. The US embassy warned against any travel to the area, and said it was withdrawing staff from the affected region

Africa News: Zambia says mining area hit by acid spill safe from contamination August 8th, 2025.

THE GLOBE

184 DEAD IN HIMACHAL FLOODS, LANDSLIDES, 305 NATIONAL HIGHWAYS BLOCKED

As of August 3, 2025, 184 deaths have been recorded in Himachal Pradesh since the onset of the monsoon, with 103 linked to rain-related incidents like landslides, flash floods, and cloudbursts, and 81 from road accidents on dangerous, rain-damaged terrain. Over 300 roads, including a national highway, remain blocked, while 236 water supply schemes and 113 power transformers are non-functional, disrupting essential services. Some districts have been hit harder than others, facing high casualties and widespread infrastructure damage. The ongoing extreme weather continues to strain disaster response and severely affect daily life across the state.

ND TV: 184 Dead In Himachal Floods, Landslides, 305 National Highways Blocked August 5th, 2025.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE EXPLODES TO OVER 65,000 ACRES, SHUTS DOWN HIGHWAY

A fast-growing wildfire, the Gifford Fire, has scorched over 65,000 acres across Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties in Central California, with containment still at just 3%. Over 1,000 firefighters are battling the blaze under challenging conditions, including steep, rugged terrain and hot, dry weather. Smoke has significantly affected air quality in Los Angeles, Ventura, and Kern counties. Meteorologists warn that rising temperatures later in the week, especially by Thursday and Friday, could trigger plume dominated fire behavior, leading to more erratic and dangerous flames. This behavior could severely hinder firefighting efforts and increase risks to nearby communities. Officials stress that all crews are working vigilantly toward full containment despite

the mounting environmental and logistical challenges.

SF Gate: California Wildfire explodes to over 65,000 Acres, Shuts down Highway August 4th, 2025.

FRANCE'S FACTORY SHUTDOWNS SIGNAL DEEPER CRISIS AS AFRICA RECLAIMS CONTROL OF RESOURCES

France's industrial decline is increasingly linked to shifting power dynamics in the Sahel region, where countries like Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso have expelled French forces and reclaimed control of natural resources. Niger, once a key uranium supplier for French nuclear energy, has halted exports, pushing France's Orano mine toward bankruptcy and exacerbating energy costs for French industries. This marks a broader rejection of neocolonial ties, as Sahelian nations assert sovereignty and demand equitable economic terms. The region's geopolitical realignment is directly impacting France's manufacturing sector, exposing vulnerabilities once masked by cheap African resources and highlighting Africa's rising global influence.

West Africa Weekly: France's Factory Shutdowns Signal Deeper Crisis as Africa Reclaims Control of Resources August 5th, 2025.

CHINA REPORTS 7,000 CASES OF CHIKUNGUNYA VIRUS

More than 7,000 cases of a mosquito-borne virus have been reported across China's Guangdong province since July, prompting measures similar to those taken during the Covid-19 pandemic. Although rare in China, chikungunya virus outbreaks are common in South and South East Asia and parts of Africa. Apart from fever and joint pain, other symptoms include rash, headache, muscle pain and swollen joints. Those at risk for more severe disease include newborn babies, the elderly, and people with underlying medical conditions, such as heart disease or diabetes. There is no cure, but deaths from chikungunya are rare. The virus was first identified in Tanzania in 1952.

BBC: China reports 7,000 cases of chikungunya virus August 5th, 2025.

ISRAEL KILLS AN AVERAGE 28 PALESTINIAN CHILDREN DAILY IN GAZA

Approximately 28 children are being killed daily in Gaza due to the ongoing Israeli bombardment and its restrictions on the delivery of direly needed humanitarian assistance, according to the United Nations. "Death by bombardments, death by malnutrition and starvation, death by lack of

aid and vital services,” the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) said in a post on X on Tuesday.
Aljazeera: [Israel kills an average 28 Palestinian children daily in Gaza](#) August 5th, 2025.

WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN APPOINTED LEADER IN HAITI AS GANGS THREATEN TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT



A wealthy businessman on Thursday became the head of Haiti's transitional presidential council tasked with restoring order in the troubled country as a top gang leader underscored the challenges facing the nation by vowing to overthrow the government. Laurent Saint-Cyr's appointment at the council's heavily guarded office in the capital, Port-au-Prince, where criminal gangs control 90% of the neighborhoods, marked the first time that members of Haiti’s private sector serve in both the rotating presidency and the post of prime minister, two positions that share the country's executive duties. Saint-Cyr had his start at a local insurance company, while Haiti's current prime minister once ran an internet firm. “Our country is going through one of the greatest crises in all its history,” Saint-Cyr said as he was sworn in. “It's not the time for beautiful speeches. It's time to act.”

Africa News: [Wealthy businessman appointed leader in Haiti as gangs threaten to overthrow government](#) August 8th, 2025.

IRAN EXECUTES ALLEGED ISRAELI SPY AMID HEIGHTENED TENSIONS

Iran on Wednesday executed Rouzbeh Vadi, who was convicted of spying for Israel in connection with recent Israeli airstrikes targeting Iranian officials and nuclear personnel. The judiciary’s official outlet, Mizan, announced the execution, stating Vadi had leaked sensitive information about an Iranian nuclear scientist killed in Israel’s June strikes. Vadi reportedly worked within a key Iranian organization, though his exact role and the details of the intelligence shared were not revealed. Authorities accused him of committing serious offenses against national security, claiming his actions severely disrupted public order and posed significant threats to both internal and external stability.

Arise TV: [Iran Executes Alleged Israeli Spy Amid Heightened Tensions](#) August 7th, 2025.

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