Recent developments

Over the past two months, thousands of civilians have been freshly displaced and relief operations disrupted as armed attacks persist, particularly in north-east Nigeria and Far North region of Cameroon. In north-east Nigeria, around 2,600 people were freshly displaced in late June. In all, more than 100,000 have been newly displaced in Nigeria’s north-east since October 2017. In June, Cameroon’s Far North region witnessed a resurgence in suicide attacks. Two separate attacks hit localities near the border with Nigeria, claiming seven lives. They were the first such attacks in three months. OCHA continues to advocate with national authorities to safeguard the space for principled humanitarian action.

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Late incidents

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