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# 1. Actors of persecution or serious harm

This chapter looks into the topic of 'actors of persecution or serious harm'. It focuses on the main actors in Nigeria, their areas of presence and control, the violations they have reportedly committed, and, where applicable, their structure and organisation.



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