From 9 to 15 April, there were 48 critical incidents in Nigeria, resulting in 99 deaths and at least 25 arrests. With the military campaigning to degrade the capabilities of Boko Haram and the herdsmen engaged in attacks against farming communities, the security/defense category captured nearly 21% of this week’s total incident pool, with by the same rate for the criminality category.

Protests are being planned for 15 April by Shiite group, the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN), to coincide with the hundredth days of continuous demand for the release of its leader. Protests have already taken place on 13 April in Abuja, prompting the police to shutdown sections of the city.

Government Spokesman Alhaji Lai Mohammed said the Federal Government will release another list of looters. He warned that no intimidation from any quarter would prevent the federal government from releasing it.

While speaking with the Archbishop of Canterbury in London, on 11 April, Nigerian President Buhari stated that the herdsmen involved in the ongoing cycle of violence and killings "were trained and armed by Libya’s Muamar Gaddafi." The comment has been the subject of intense debate on social media, with most commentators disagreeing with the President, who they say is looking for a scapegoat to justify insecurity in the country.

It was another intense week in the grazing wars, with most attacks concentrated in the central and east-central regions. In Plateau, gunmen suspected to be herdsmen opened fire on a popular bar in Barkin Ladi, killing eight people. In Nasarawa, herdsmen raided a village in Keana, killing six ethnic Tivs. In the same state, four people were killed the following day at Gidan Ayua on the outskirts of Kadarko. In Taraba, a family of four was killed in Bali in an attack attributed to cattle herdsmen. Still in Teraba, at least 25 people have been killed in another raid on Jandeikyula village of Wukari attributed to herdsmen. In the restive Benue, Governor Samuel Ortom announced that the renewed herdsmen crisis in Guma had led to the murder of a soldier by suspected herdsmen in the Agagbe. Two attacks were launched in Benue by suspected herdsmen, during which 10 people were killed, and many others were injured in Logo and Ukum.

In a security meeting held this week, the National Food Security Council, chaired by President Muhammadu Buhari and comprised of several governors, has warned that the deadly clashes between farmers and herdsmen could worsen next year if cattle ranches are not created and security against rustling is not sufficiently reinforced.

Boko Haram went dormant this week, and suffered new losses. Adamu Hassan, a Boko Haram militant who specializes in making Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), has been captured. The military stated that it killed two suicide bombers who attempted to attack a students’ dormitory at the University of Maiduguri. In Mujigine, the military stated that it killed three Boko Haram insurgents in two separate incidents in the Bokko Hilde mountainous region.
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Nigeria's conflict with Shiites reignites
Global protests are being planned for 15 April, to coincide with the hundredth day of continuous demand for the release of the leader of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN), Sheikh Ibraheem Zakzaky. The protests are expected to take place simultaneously in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, according to the organizers.

According to an IMN official, Zakzaky had suffered a mild stroke in detention, in addition to nursing injuries caused by soldiers almost 28 months ago, for which medical care has been lacking. Consequently, Zakzaky has lost an eye and is at a great risk of losing the other eye if immediate medical care is not provided.

While most are waiting to see what impact the 15 April protests will have, protests have already taken place on 13 April, prompting the police to shutdown the Unity Fountain area in Maitama, Abuja, and prevented IMN members and those of Bring Back Our Girls coalition from accessing the area. Later, the police dispersed the protesting IMN members and arrested the organizer Deji Adeyanju.

Government says it will release updated controversial "looters list"
Government spokesman Alhaji Lai Mohammed, announced that the Federal Government would soon release another list of looters. He stated that no intimidation from any individual or group would prevent the Federal Government from releasing it. Mohammed stated that: “We are not going to ask anybody not to go to court, but what we are telling them is that they should re-examine themselves because when the government came out with its list, it was confident of the evidence it had.”

Katsina: Political thugs attack ex VP campaign office
Suspected political thugs have attacked the campaign office of former Vice President Atiku Abubakar in Katsina state. The attackers destroyed a number of vehicles parked inside the premises, located along Dandagoro road in Batagarawa Local Government Area. The suspects also assaulted supporters of Atiku. Jacob Dickson, the spokesman of Atiku’s campaign in the northwest geopolitical zone. Dickson claimed that items worth hundreds of millions of naira were destroyed during the attack. A witness claimed the suspects came to spy on members of the People's Democratic Party before attacking them.

Rivers: Police arrest two leaders of Niger Delta Avengers
Agents of the Inspector General of Police Intelligence Response Team (IRT), have arrested two principal leaders of the Amalgamated Niger Delta Avengers. They were apprehended after demanding a ransom of NGN 20 million from Niger Delta Petroleum Resources or they would kidnap workers employed by the company. The arrests took place on 11 April in Obumeze Community, Ahoada LGA.

Presidency to use social media to support Buhari’s reelection bid
The Nigerian presidency has announced plans to use social media to showcase "the achievements" of the present administration, as President Buhari prepares to campaign for the 2019 presidential election. Bashir Ahmad, the personal assistant to the president, said social media served as a rallying point and was instrumental in President Buhari’s victory in 2015, hence the need for
the upcoming project. President Buhari’s victory in the 2015 elections was largely due to his aggressive campaign on social media. Ahmad stated that now Buhari has officially declared his intention to seek the presidential ticket of the All Progressive Congress (APC) and contest for a second term of office in the 2019 general elections, it is necessary to have a platform where all the achievements of his administration will be showcased in a very simple way that will make it easy for Nigerians to understand and know their impact in their lives.

**President Buhari blames Gaddafi for grazing wars**

While speaking with the Archbishop of Canterbury in London, on 11 April, Nigeria's President Buhari had said the herdsmen involved in the going cycle of violence and killings were trained and armed by Libya's Muammar Gaddafi. Buhari stated that the problem has always been present, but has now made worse by the influx of armed gunmen from the Sahel region into different parts of the West African sub-region. These gunmen were trained and armed by Muammar Gaddafi of Libya. When he was killed, the gunmen escaped with their arms. Nigeria encountered some of them fighting with Boko Haram. Herdsmen historically carried only sticks and a cutlass to clear the way, but they currently carry sophisticated weapons. The problem is not religious, but sociological and economic.

**President attacked by opposition senators over ongoing grazing wars**

The plenary session of the Nigerian Senate on 12 April became rowdy over what senators call “the incompetence” of President Muhammadu Buhari to address the spate of killings by armed herdsmen. Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe, representing Abia South senatorial district, led the charge against Buhari, raising a point of order citing Order 43 to make reference to the conflicting reasons given by high security personnel in the current administration for the herdsmen/farmers clashes. Abaribe said the Inspector General of police attributed the herdsmen killings to varying laws in different states, whilst the Minister of Defense said it was as the result of blockage of movement for cattle in various states. Abaribe noted that the latest was from Buhari who during his current official visit to the United Kingdom said that the herdsmen were from Libya. He said the admittance by the president that Nigeria had been invaded by external forces confirmed his previous claims that Buhari was “totally incompetent”. Senator Ahmad Lawan, the majority leader interrupted the lawmaker to raise a point of order, asking Abaribe to withdraw his derogatory comments on Buhari and to apologize for his statements.

**Human & Social**

**Ondo: Police shoot at protesting University students**

On 9 April, anti-riot policemen shot at protesting students of Adekunle Ajasin University (AAUA) Akungba Akoko in Ondo state, injuring at least five people. The students were protesting the most recent increase in their tuition and fees, which rose by over 500%. AAUA management announced new tuition and fees ranging from NGN 120,000 to NGN 180,000. The students had blocked some major roads in the state. At least five students were injured when the
anti-rioting policemen opened fire and shot at the students to force them to leave the roads.

**Authorities warn southeast states of possible flood as the rainy season approaches**

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has alerted residents of the country's southeast region to be prepared for possible flooding as the rainy season approaches. Southeast NEMA Coordinator, Walson Ibarakumo, said that 14 Local Government Areas across Enugu, Ebonyi and Anambra states are most prone to the flood disaster and advised on the need to clear drainage and waterways to reduce the impact of floods.

NEMA met recently with sister agencies, including Nigeria Meteorological Services Agency (NIMET) and the Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency to map out strategies on how to mitigate the disaster and embark on a public awareness campaigns.

Ibarakumo named the Enugu State’s districts of Enugu South LGA, Enugu East LGA and Oji River as the highest risk areas under the annual flood outlook released by Nigeria’s Metrological Services Agency. In Ebonyi, the districts of Afikpo North, Ikwo, Ezza South, Ohaukwu and Ebonyi LGAs are on the high-risk zone list. And in Anambra, Orumba North, Awka South, Anaocha, Oyi, Dunukofia and Njikoka LGAs are also on the watch list.

**Health Minister recognizes government complacency in preventing yellow fever**

Nigeria’s Minister of Health, Isaac Adewole, said Nigeria took yellow fever for granted and this caused the recent outbreak, which affected several states in the country. Adewole noted that prior to the outbreak of the disease in 2017, the last case of yellow fever was recorded in 1996 which made everyone relax. “The last outbreak of yellow fever in Nigeria was in 1996 and I think we all went to sleep because we thought it was over. But when it is over, it is not over. We need to continue preventive vaccination,” he said.

The minister said between September 2017 and March 2018, Nigeria had recorded 1,640 suspected cases. He said 115 of them were confirmed in the Nigerian laboratory but only 41 were confirmed at the regional center laboratory of the World Health Organization in Senegal.

**Security**

**Plateau: Suspected herdsmen kill eight**

Gunmen suspected to be herdsmen opened fire on a popular pub in Plateau state on 8 April, killing eight people. The attack took place at Nding community in the Barkin Ladi Local Government Area, just three weeks after a similar attack was recorded in the Dong District in the Jos North Local Government Area. A witness said “the gunmen stormed the village and opened fire on the people at the drinking joint.” Spokesperson for the Plateau State Police Command, Matthias Tyopev, confirmed the killing and said three people were injured.

**Nasarawa: Herdsmen kill six people in Keana**

Gunmen suspected to be herdsmen have raided Jimin Nyaku village in Keana Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, killing six people of Tiv ethnicity on 7 April. The President of the Tiv Youth Organization in Nasarawa State, Peter Ahemb, confirmed the incident and said the bodies of the victims had been kept in the mortuary in the Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital in Lafia City.

**Taraba: Four killed as suspected herdsmen raid village in Bali**

On 9 April, suspected herdsmen killed a family of four in Bali local government, Kokotye, an outskirt of Bornon Kuku, Taraba state. The council chairman, Danladi Suntai said the attack could be a reprisal of last week’s killings in nearby Donga local government, where the Tiv and Fulani ethnic groups clashed.

**Nasarawa: Herdsmen suspected of killing four in attack on village in Kadarko**

Four people were killed at Gidan Ayua on the outskirts of Kadarko town along the Nasarawa – Benue borders on 10 April. A witness to the attack said that the gunmen emerged from the bush and opened fire on the villagers, killing four. The attack has been attributed to herdsmen.
Benue: Soldier killed in clash with herdsmen
Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State announced that the renewed herdsmen crisis in Guma had led to the murder of a soldier by herdsmen in the Agagbe. The incident took place on 9 April. Apparently, the herders engaged security forces in a gun battle as they tried to repel them from attacking villages in the area. Ortom denounced the killings.

Benue: Suspected herdsmen launch two attacks, ten killed
Two attacks were launched by suspected herdsmen on 10 April, during which 10 people were killed, and many others were injured in the Logo and Ukum Local Government Areas of Benue State. The first attack took place in Gbeji, in the Ukum LGA, resulting in the killing of seven people. Three others were killed in Channel 1, in the Logo LGA. The two attacks were launched simultaneously.

Taraba: Police deploy more assets amid renewed killings
The Inspector General of Police, Ibrahim Idris has deployed more assets to Taraba state, including eight units of police personnel and a surveillance helicopter to help curb attacks and killings. Taraba Governor Darius Ishaku appealed to the Inspector General of Police to help secure the state and bring an end the incessant attacks by herdsmen. Whilst complaining about the killings in the state, the governor said six people were killed at Tati, near Takum hours before the arrival of the IGP, adding that a family of four was also killed at Mbiya, a community on the outskirts of Takum by people suspected to be herdsmen.

Government panel anticipates worsening grazing wars in 2019
The National Food Security Council chaired by President Muhammadu Buhari, which was inaugurated on 26 March, and comprised of several governors, has warned that the deadly clashes between farmers and herdsmen could worsen next year if cattle ranches are not created and security against rustlers not sufficiently reinforced. A meeting of the council, which was chaired by Kebbi State Governor, Atiku Bagudu, also charged the president to quickly approve the establishment and training of agro-rangers, as a special unit, to assist security agencies reduce clashes between herdsmen and farmers. The panel said that government has “to move the cattle to the good old grazing reserves and we just have to create a stable environment for them; clusters of ranches where they have water, grass and security against rustlers. For nearly 40 years, we did not do much about cattle; we also forgot that cattle contribute six percent to GDP."

Gombe: Army captures a Boko Haram bomb specialist
Adamu Hassan, a Boko Haram militant who specializes in making Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), has been captured by the Nigerian army. Army spokesman Onyema Nwachukwu said the military apprehended the suspect in Kaltungo Town of Gombe state, at a check point in the busy Gombe to Yola highway during a stop-and-search operation.

Borno: Military foils suicide bomb attacks on Maiduguri University dormitory
The Nigerian military said it killed two Boko Haram suicide bombers who attempted to attack a students’ dormitory at the University of Maiduguri, Borno State, on 8 April. While the two bombers were shot dead, others escaped. A military helicopter had been deployed to search for the other fleeing bombers as the military asked the university community to be vigilant and to report suspicious activity. Military spokesperson Air Vice Marshal Olatokunbo Adesanya, who confirmed the Boko Haram’s attempted attack, said one of the bombers detonated the explosives before they could gain access to the intended target.
Borno: Army kills three Boko Haram militants in Mujigine
The Nigerian military said it killed three Boko Haram insurgents in two separate incidents at the Bokko Hilde mountainous region of Mujigine general area in Borno on 9 April. An army spokesman said the troops neutralized the insurgents during clearance operations and recovered two AK 47 rifles and a motorcycle.

Borno: Army arrests Boko Haram militants
The Nigerian army said a joint operation with members of a vigilante group foiled a raid by Boko Haram militants who were looking for food at Kudiye Village, along Dikwa to Gulumbagana road in Borno state. The insurgents were intercepted following a tip-off about planned looting of the community. According to the military, the insurgents have admitted that they belong to the Abubakar Shekau’s faction, adding that they are now in custody assisting with useful information.

Kaduna: U.S. army trains Nigerian troops to face Boko Haram
A dozen U.S. soldiers have trained Nigerian troops on a six-week advice-and-assist mission in Jaji, Kaduna State, the Pentagon has said. The U.S. Department of Defense said Nigerian Army’s 26th Infantry Battalion might be the next to deploy to Northeast Nigeria to confront the violent extremist organization, Boko Haram. The department, while documenting some accounts of the U.S. soldiers during the training said it was important to prepare the Nigerian troops for the threats they faced from the terrorists.

Criminality
Kwara: Seven suspects arrested in deadly bank robbery
Seven suspects have been arrested in the wake of a fierce attack on banks and a police station in central Nigeria last week that left more than a dozen people dead. A gang of gunmen raided the vaults of five banks and opened fire at a police station in the city of Offa in Kwara State on Thursday, 7 April, before fleeing the scene in their convoy with an undisclosed haul of cash. At least 17 people were killed in the attack, including eight police officers who were shot dead at the station, according to Kwara State Police spokesman Ajayi Okasanmi Jeffrey. However, a source at Offa’s general hospital told ABC News that 21 people, including nine police officers, who were brought to the facility following the attack, had died. Kwara State Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq offered NGN 5 million for information leading to the arrest of the culprits.

Abia: Gunmen kill police officer in Abia
On 8 April, gunmen shot dead the Divisional Police Officer in charge of Rumuolumeni Police Station, Rivers State, Kingsley Chukwuegwu. Chukwuegwu was killed by a gang wearing police uniforms, who mounted a roadblock in Asa, in the Obiehie area of Abia State. The DPO had traveled during the weekend for a family visit in the Abob Mbaise, in Imo State. The gunmen are suspected to be kidnapers.

Ogun: Six dead in violent cult clash
At least six people were killed in a violent fight between two rival cult gangs that lasted from Sunday, 8 April to Monday, 9 April in Ijebu-Igbo in Ogun. Among the victims are a bricklayer and a family of three, who were caught in the crossfire between the rival groups. Eyewitnesses said the melee broke out shortly after two separate political meetings between rival groups ahead of the 2019 general elections at the local government secretariat.

Lagos: Police arrest five SARS agents for bribery
The Lagos State Police Command has arrested five agents of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad for allegedly attempting to extort money from a businessman. The five are accused of bribery after seizing the victim’s company documents intended to be used against the victim. Police spokesman Chike Oti said the men were attached to the Ipakodo base of SARS.

Lagos: Fifteen killed in gang clash in Lagos state
At least 15 people have died during a clash that pitted a suspected gang against meat merchants at Ajegunle in Ajegunle in Ajeromi Ifelodun Local Council Development Area (LCDA) of Lagos State. The meat sellers and the gang engaged each other in a violent confrontation that
began on 5 April and lasted over the following days at Boundary Market when the vendors came to sell their meat. The gang sought to take control over the distribution of space, which resulted in sharp disagreements over the proposed allocation. The gang also engaged in extortion.

**Imo: Former Imo Commissioner kidnapped**

Former Commissioner for Culture and Tourism in the Rochas Okorocha administration, Alex Ogwazuo, has been kidnapped by unknown gunmen in Owerri. Although details of the abduction remain incomplete, the ex-commissioner was taken away in his Sports Utility Vehicle to an unknown destination. Ogwazuo also served as Board Chairman of the Imo State Oil Producing Area Development Commission.

**Lagos: Five Lagos police cooperative officers arrested for fraud**

Five policemen attached to the Nigeria Police Cooperative Multi-Purpose Society in Ikeja, Lagos State, have been arrested for alleged fraudulent conduct. The suspects, including senior officers, were apprehended by agents of the Inspector-General of Police Intelligence Monitoring Team. The policemen were being investigated for illegal withdrawals of money estimated at millions of naira from the cooperative’s account. The fraud had been going on for three years.

**Pirate attacks escalate in the Gulf of Guinea**

A surge in armed attacks against ships around West Africa is pushing up global levels of piracy and armed robbery at sea, the International Chamber of Commerce’s International Maritime Bureau (IMB) warns. The IMB’s Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) recorded 66 incidents in the first quarter of 2018, up from 43 for the same period in 2017 and 37 in quarter one 2016.

The Gulf of Guinea accounted for 29 incidents in the first quarter of 2018, which is more than 40% of the global total. Of the 114 seafarers captured worldwide, all but one were in this region. All four vessels hijackings were in the Gulf of Guinea. Two product tankers were hijacked from Cotonou anchorage in mid-January and early February, prompting the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre to issue a warning to ships. Towards the end of March, two fishing vessels were hijacked 30nm off Nigeria and 27nm off Ghana.

**Kaduna: Gunmen kill policemen, kidnap 15 civilians**

Two policemen and an official of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) have been shot dead in Ciki Da Fallo, a village in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State. Reports say 15 people, including two brides, were abducted during the attack, which occurred on 12 April. A week prior, a village Chief and five civilians were killed after suspected bandits attacked Sarari village near Kuriga town in Birnin Gwari. The development prompted Zubairu Gwari, the traditional ruler of Birnin Gwari to call for local residents to defend themselves. “The soldiers that are being brought come and sometimes make matters worse. I am also appealing to the president to come and see things for himself, because we are also Nigerians,” Gwari stated.

**Economy**

**Delta: Police prevent bombing of Chevron Escravos Flow Station**

The police in Delta state have prevented the bombing of the Chevron Escravos Flow Station following the discovery and detonation of a 2kg seismic dynamite. The discovery of the explosives was made on 9 April. According to the Delta State Commissioner of Police, Muhammad Alhaji Mustafa, credible sources provided information that led to the foiling of the attack. He said the attackers planted dynamites inside in Chevron Escravos Flow Station. “The Command’s IED experts were deployed to the scene and uncovered a 2kg seismic dynamite, electric detonator, 13 meters wire connected to the base of oil pumping pipe,” he added.
Fuel distributors blame taxes for high-cost of aviation fuel in Nigeria

Distributors of aviation fuel in Nigeria are blaming excessive local levies and supply challenges for the high cost of the product in the country. In addition to a flat tax of NGN 2.50 per liter of jet fuel, several other fees are levied on the product. An industry official stated that “There are varying cost elements from the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), in terms of ground rents, access permits for equipment, personal permits for fueling operations and fuel tax itself. All of these are heavy cost elements that are typical of our environment, making the cost higher compared to other African countries.”

The Chief Operating Officer of CITA Petroleum Nigeria Limited, Olasimbo Betiku, said the major problem arises from the fact that the product is imported: “We have zero local refining capacity for the product and this is the number one cost-impacting factor. When supply and demand balance is impacted upon, the price will increase for the balance to be established, in our elementary economics. Importation transactions for jet fuel are dollar-denominated. So, if the dollar is scarce, it will definitely impact on our local cost.”

Sokoto confronted with power blackouts and water cuts

For more than two days, residents of Sokoto State experienced a total blackout as a technical team of the Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company (KAEDCO) was unable to detect a fault on the state’s power transmission line. The sudden blackout was compounded by acute water scarcity in the northern state which has been lingering for more than three months due to the rapid evaporation of the Goronyo Dam. Our correspondent observed that with weather temperature rising slightly above 40 degree Celsius, most residents were forced to use electricity generators for several hours.

President extends Assets and Income Declaration to 30 June

President Muhammadu Buhari has approved on 11 April the extension of the Voluntary Assets and Income Declaration Scheme (VAIDS) to 30 June, despite his Finance Minister and the Central Bank chief pressuring him not to. Quoting President Muhammadu Buhari, as cited by the official Twitter handle @NGRPresident, “For a nation of people who are competitive and driven, it is not a pride that we are the lowest performer in tax to GDP, not just in Africa, but in the world. Nigeria’s growth needs are such that every Nigerian must do his duty to his nation, to his neighbor, and to himself. Hiding monies overseas, evading taxes by manipulation, and other unwholesome practices, have never developed a country, and for Nigeria to attain her true potential, these must stop.” The short extension after the original 31 March date was based on the appeals of professional bodies and individual taxpayers. However, the president affirmed that no further extensions will be approved after 30 June.
Politics & Security
The insecurity related to the grazing wars in Nigeria has increased this week with various central and east-central regions affected by deadly attacks. There have been several casualties of attacks largely attributed to herdsmen, with authorities unable to prevent them, despite an uptick in troop deployment and military equipment.

With President Buhari blaming the late Libyan leader Muamar Gaddafi for funding, training and arming the herdsmen, the Nigerian government appears powerless and without a strategy. State governors are also unable to come up with effective solutions to the crisis, with many deciding to use force against cattle herders instead, making the situation even worse. As such, the grazing wars are likely to continue in the foreseeable future and well into the 2019 elections.

Boko Haram’s low profile this week is by no means an indication of the group retracting. The militant groups will continue to inflict losses to Nigeria, and will maintain pressure on the country’s northeast for a long time.

Human and Social
With the rainy season approaching, Nigeria is bracing for a turbulent period on the socio-environmental front. There are expectations of flooding that could lead to destruction and population displacement. The northern provinces will also see a spike in temperature, and with fuel prices on the rise thanks to shortages, households and consumers should expect to spend much more at the pump and in markets.

The upcoming rainy and heat seasons will also bring their share of diseases, which will test the Nigerian public health system that is already facing financial challenges.

Economy
With a weak economy, Nigerian consumers and businesses are seeing prices of many key commodities soar. That includes fuel, as evidenced by the high-cost of aviation as reported in this assessment. The power blackouts and water cuts in Sokoto reported in this document are not just affecting the state of Sokoto but many others. They are not simple localized incidents, but they affect several regions and states, which indicates the current weak state of the Nigerian economy.

There are no new indicators that show any improvement ahead. Increases in the price of the barrel of oil in the global market may not be sufficient to compensate for Nigeria’s economic weaknesses, considering the many factors that inhibit a robust return to growth.
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