

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Bayelsa State: August-September 2018

Background

This monthly tracker is designed to update Peace Agents on patterns of conflict risk and violence, as identified by the Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU) early warning system, and to seek feedback for response to mitigate areas of conflict.

Patterns and Trends June-August 2018

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported during this period included criminality, piracy, political violence, child abuse, human trafficking, sexual violence, and protests.

Criminality: In June, a female member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) was reportedly robbed and raped by hoodlums in Yenagoa LGA. The victim was robbed of her mobile phones and money and raped.

Piracy: In June, gunmen suspected to be pirates reportedly attacked an oil flow station and killed three operatives of the joint military task force code named 'Operation Delta Safe' in Ekeremor LGA. One of the pirates was also killed during a gun battle with the soldiers.

Political Violence: In August, three people were reportedly killed during a clash between thugs belonging to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the All Progressives Party (APC) in Brass LGA. The clash reportedly resulted from a power tussle between a member of the Bayelsa State House of Assembly and the chairman of the local government council.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls

(VAWG): In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, sexual violence and abuse of the girl child was also reported in the state during this period. In July, for instance, a former security adviser to the Bayelsa state governor was reportedly charged to court over allegation of intent to defile a teenage girl in Yenagoa LGA. In August, a 40-year old police officer reportedly raped a 9-year old girl and five others in Trofani community, Sagbama LGA. Separately, two girls, aged 2 and 5, who were being abused by their mother were reportedly rescued by neighbors in Imiringi community, Ogbia LGA.

Human Trafficking: In July, a set of twin baby boys were reportedly abducted by a man at a motor park in Yenagoa LGA. The man drove off with the babies after he had sent the older sibling of the babies on an errand.

Protests: In July, members of the state chapter of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) protested at the office of an international telecommunication company over casualization of workers in Yenagoa.

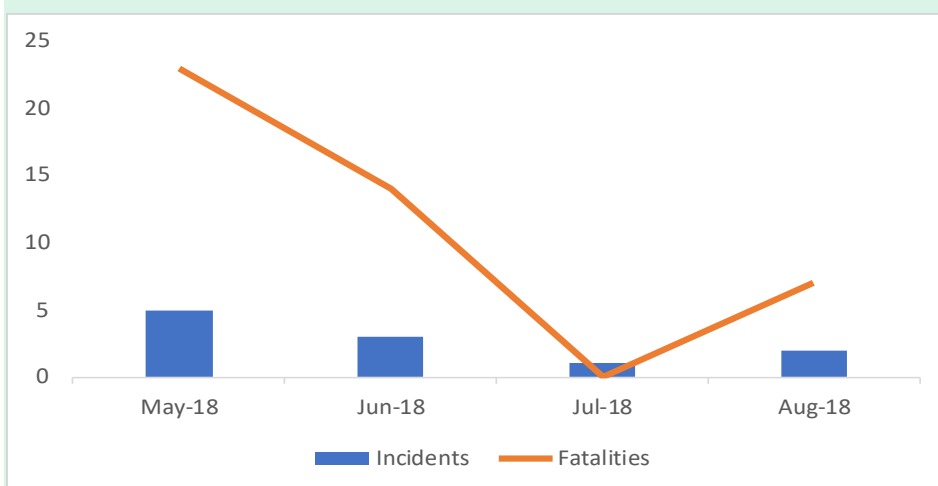
Recent Incidents, September 2018

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Political Violence: During the month, thugs reportedly attacked the secretariat of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Brass LGA. The thugs destroyed parts of the building and burned the flag of the political party.

Mob Violence: A man was reportedly lynched by a mob over alleged theft of a school bag in Yenagoa LGA. The victim allegedly visited a shop to buy a school bag

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Bayelsa State



Reported incidents and fatalities from May - August 2018 in Bayelsa State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

for his child and he was accused by the shop owner of attempting to steal a bag.

Flooding: During the month, several communities situated along the bank of the River Niger in the state were submerged by water as a result of flooding. Some of the affected communities included Asamabiri, Elemabiri, Ekperiware, and Adagbabiri in Sagbama LGA.

Other: A man, his 34-year old wife and his 10-year old brother were reportedly found dead in their house in Swali, Yenagoa LGA. They are believed to have died from food poisoning.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to political violence, human trafficking, sexual violence, child abuse, protests, and criminality including piracy. Peace Agents should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months that could escalate this conflict?
4. Who are the key stakeholders that have influence on the conflict?
5. What will you do to help mitigate the conflict in the short, medium, and long term?

Figure 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (June - August 2018)

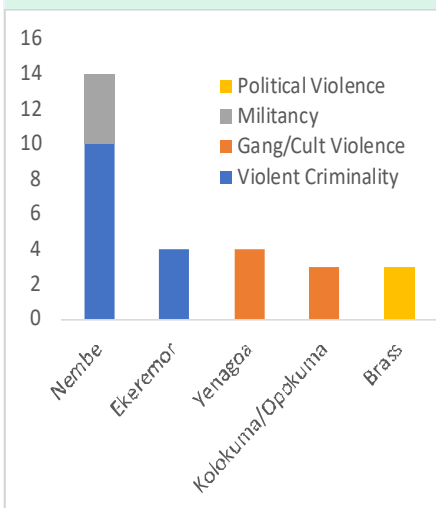
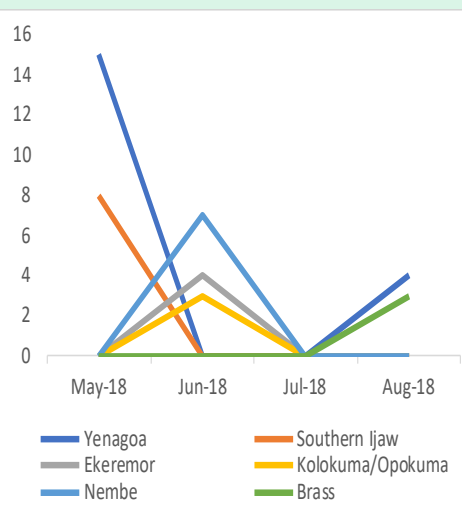
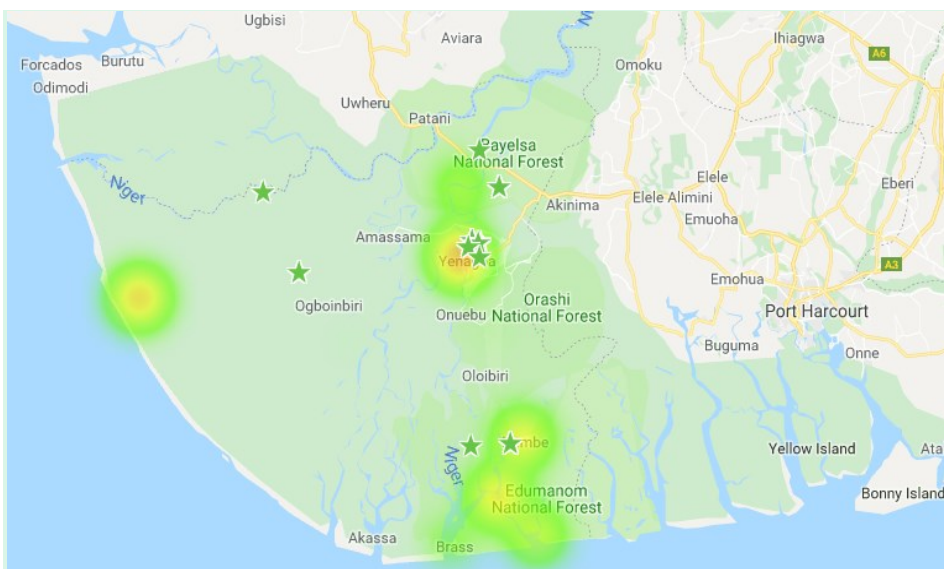


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA) in Bayelsa State this period show that Nembe had the most reported incidents of lethal violence. Sources (Figure 2): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 3): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Bayelsa State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June - August 2018 in Bayelsa; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

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Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system:

Text: 080 9936 2222

Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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