

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Bayelsa State: November-December 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 September-November 2018

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported during this period included communal tension, political violence, cult violence, mob violence, sexual violence, criminality, mob violence, Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG), and protests.

Political Violence: In September, thugs reportedly attacked the secretariat of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Brass LGA. In November, the police reportedly arrested a political thug who allegedly attacked members of the APC who defected to the PDP in Brass LGA.

Communal Tension: In October, the palace of a monarch was reportedly attacked by over 50 armed thugs during a peace meeting to resolve a community youth leadership tussle in Ikebiri, Southern Ijaw LGA. The monarch was allegedly beaten by the thugs who also inflicted injuries on others.

Cult Violence: In October, cultists reportedly shot dead a police officer who was on patrol duty in Yenagoa, the state capital.

Separately, a policeman and three others were reportedly killed during clashes between rival cult groups in Yenagoa LGA. In November, a female student of the Niger Delta University (NDU) Amassoma was reportedly killed by cultists in Yenagoa LGA. The incident sparked off a protest by students under the auspices of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) in Yenagoa, the state capital.

Criminality: In October, four people, including two oil workers were reportedly kidnapped by gunmen in Azuzuama, Southern Ijaw LGA. In November, a member of a 4-man robbery gang was mistakenly shot by one of his colleagues while they were trying to escape after they had robbed a supermarket in Yenagoa LGA.

Mob Violence: In September, a man was reportedly lynched by a mob over alleged theft of a school bag in Yenagoa LGA.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls

(VAWG): In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, sexual violence was also reported in the state during this period. In October, for instance, a 45-year old man was reportedly arrested by the police for raping a 14-year old girl in Ekeki, Yenagoa LGA.

Other: In September, 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 were believed to have died from food poisoning.

Recent Incidents, December 2018

Incidents reported during this period related mainly to criminality, cult violence and communal conflict.

Violent Criminality: During the month, a

Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities,
Bayelsa State

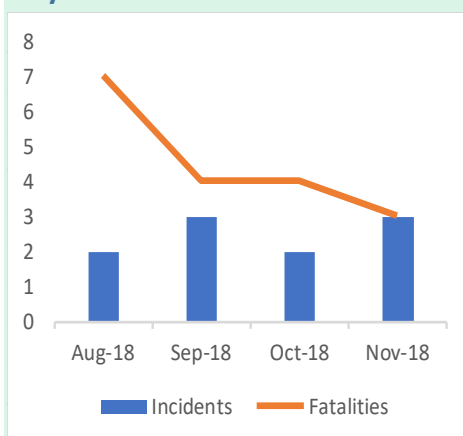
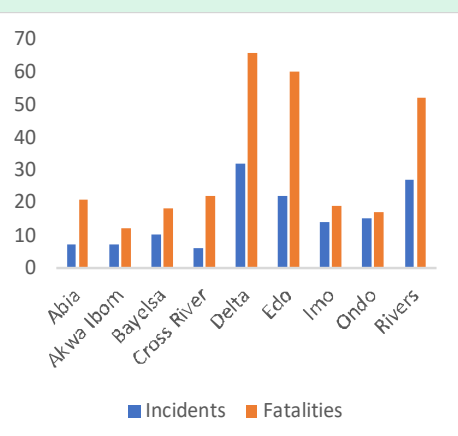


Figure 2: Incidents & Fatalities,
Niger Delta (Aug - Nov 2018)



Reported incidents and fatalities from August - November 2018 in Bayelsa State and regional trends.
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

man and his driver were reportedly killed by kidnappers along Onuebum-Otuogori road, Ogbia LGA. The victims were on their way to a hideout of kidnappers to pay a ransom. They were shot dead inside their Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV).

Cult Violence/Communal Conflict: Amatolo and Okumbiri communities in Sagbama LGA, reportedly clashed over an attack by cultists. The two communities clashed after they were attacked by members of a cult group.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to political violence, communal violence, sexual violence, cult violence, mob violence, and criminality including kidnapping. Peace Agents should monitor the security 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 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (September - November 2018)

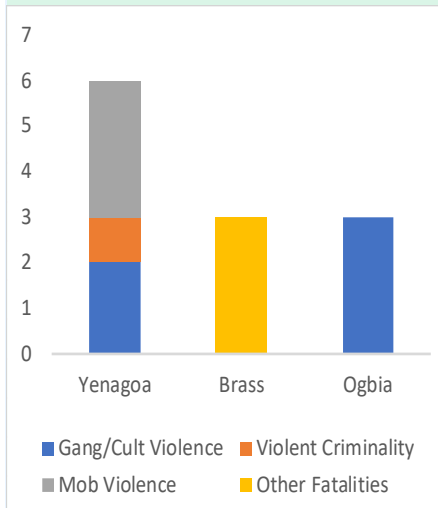
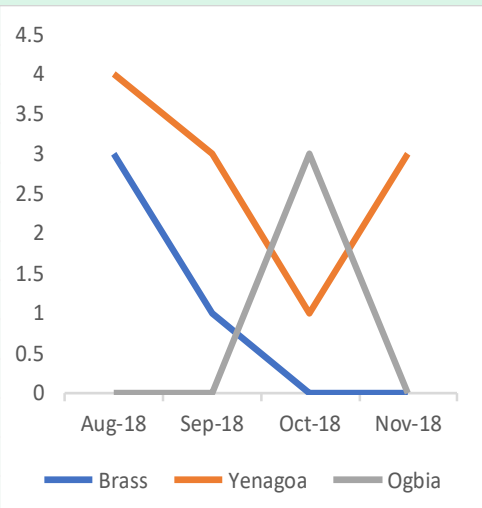
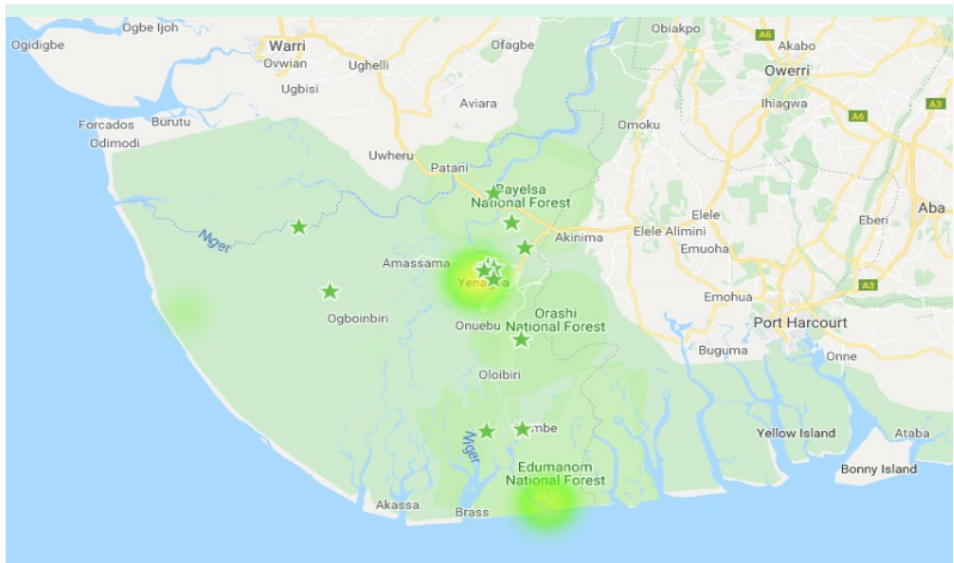


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA) in Bayelsa State this period show that Yenagoa had the highest levels of lethal violence. Sources (Figure 3): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 4): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 5: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Bayelsa State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September - November 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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