

# Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

## Delta State - February 2016

### Background

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

### Patterns and Trends Nov 2015-Jan 2016

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), January had the highest levels of conflict risk and violence in the last three months. Criminality, cult violence and inter-communal conflict, particularly between Fulani herders and farmers, were the main sources of violence in the period.

In November, political violence escalated as two youth groups clashed following the assassination of a State House of Assembly candidate in Udu. In December there were a number of cult clashes related to a land dispute that resulted in 10 fatalities in Oshimili North. In January, there were attacks on energy infrastructure, with reported destruction of crude oil pipelines and flow stations by suspected ex-militants.

This led to the deployment of public security forces to the affected areas, including Gbaramatu community in Warri South West. Violence between Fulani herders and farmers was also prevalent, including several kidnappings during the quarter. In January it was reported that a traditional leader was kidnapped and killed in Aniocha North.

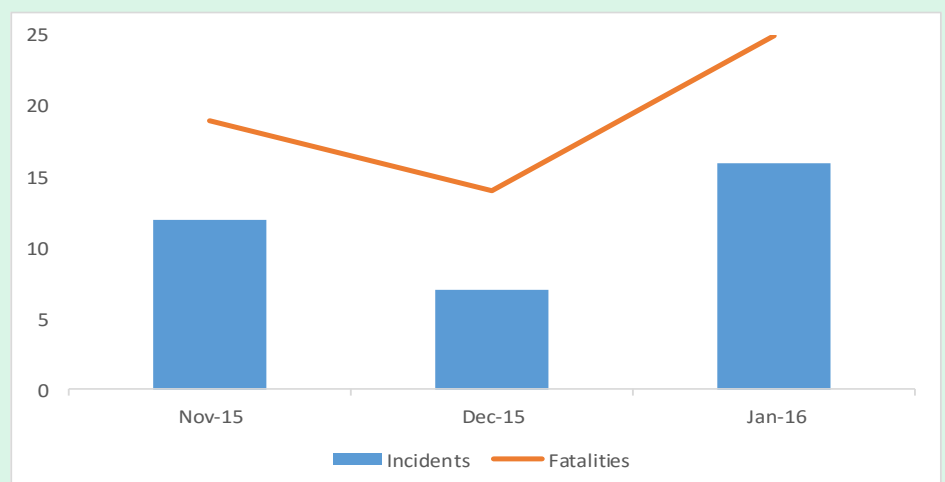
### Recent Incidents or Issues, February 2016

Incidents reported in February included inter-communal conflict over land and leadership competition.

**Land Dispute:** An Inter-communal land dispute occurred in Ndokwa West, with two reported fatalities as a result of clashes between youths from warring communities. This was met by the state government imposition of a curfew in the affected communities.

**Youth Leadership Clash:** Sporadic shootings by youths over a leadership issue were reported in Ugborikoko community in Uvwie, with associated fatalities and a number of casualties.

Figure 1: Delta State Incidents and Fatalities



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2015-January 2016 in Delta State.  
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

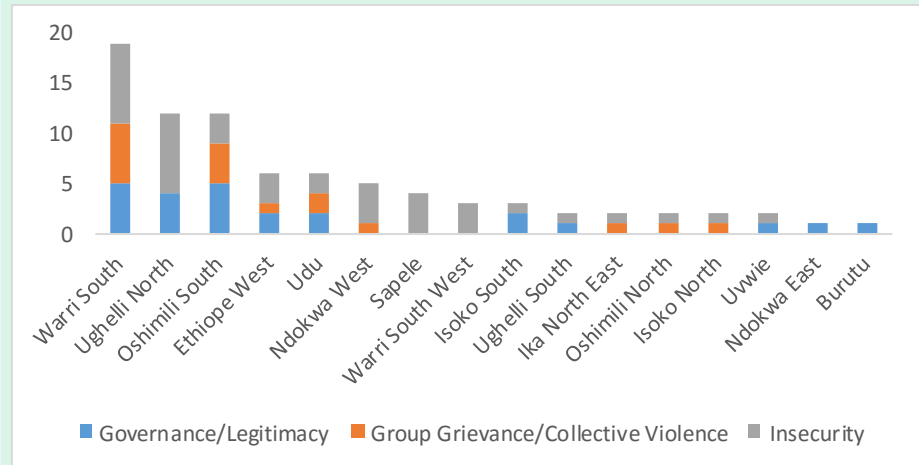
## Prognosis

Historically, Delta State has been one of the most violent states in the Niger Delta. Criminality, political violence, and land disputes have contributed to high levels of violence and fatalities this quarter. Rising inter-communal conflict, cultism, and the recent deployment of public security forces to counter ex-militants' activities in the state make an important case for continued attention by peace actors.

## Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top 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?

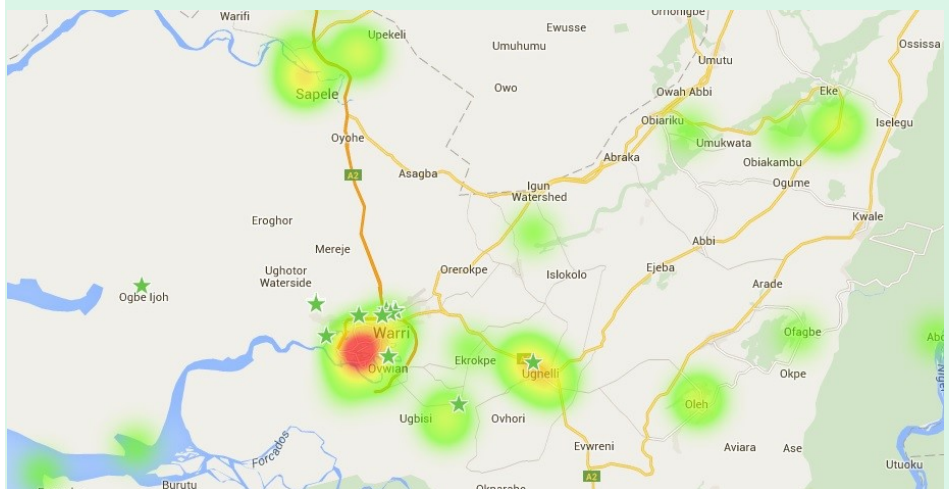
**Figure 2: Trends in Conflict by LGA (Nov 2015 - Jan 2016)**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter shows that Warri South had the most incidents across the three indicators.

Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 3: Heatmap of Incidents and Peace Agents in Delta State**



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from Nov 2015 –Jan 2016 in Delta; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

### Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

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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