

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Bayelsa State: November-December 2016

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 2016

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), reported incidents included communal conflict, gang violence, criminality, cult violence, sexual violence, and protests.

Communal Tension: In September, there was reportedly tension in Korokorosei community in Southern Ijaw LGA following the death of a robbery suspect in the custody of members of the Vigilante Group of Nigeria. Houses were reportedly destroyed in retaliatory attacks between the vigilante and community residents. Also in September, tensions were reported in relation to a youth election in Yenagoa LGA.

Gang Violence: In October, a four-year old boy was reportedly killed in a cross-fire between police and cultists in Yenagoa LGA. In November, two cultists were reportedly killed during rival cult clashes and reprisal attacks in Yenagoa LGA.

Militancy: In November, members of the Niger Delta Avengers reportedly destroyed an oil pipeline in Nembe LGA.

Violent Criminality: In October, a policeman reportedly killed his colleague during a

disagreement in Yenagoa LGA. During November, several incidents were reported in Southern Ijaw. Three kidnapers were reportedly killed by operatives of the JTF. Separately, operatives of JTF reportedly rescued three victims from kidnapers. In another incident, a sea pirate was reportedly killed in a gun-duel with soldiers. Also, a 72-year old retired school principal was reportedly abducted and later found dead after a ransom has been paid for his release.

Other Incidents: Other reported incidents during the period included sexual violence and protests. In September, a 19-year old girl was reportedly raped by four boys. There was a reported protest by Ijaw youths in Yenagoa LGA over allegations that the government had frozen bank accounts of the ex-president's wife due to allegations of public corruption.

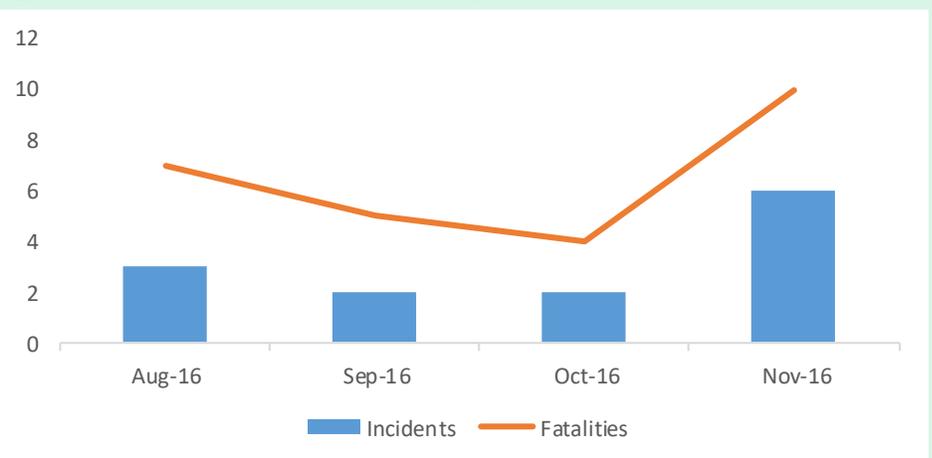
Recent Incidents or Issues, December 2016

Key incidents reported in December included communal tension, domestic violence, and protests.

Communal Tension: During the month, tension was heightened following complaints by farmers from various communities over destruction of farmland by cattle. The protesting farmers who came from several communities in Yenagoa and Ekeremor LGAs, called on the state government to enact laws to restrict the movement of herdsmen in the state.

Protest: There was a reported protest by youth and women groups over the proposed relocation of a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) company from Brass LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Bayelsa State



Reported incidents and fatalities from August-November 2016 in Bayelsa State.

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

Domestic Violence: In Yenagoa, a woman reportedly killed her husband.

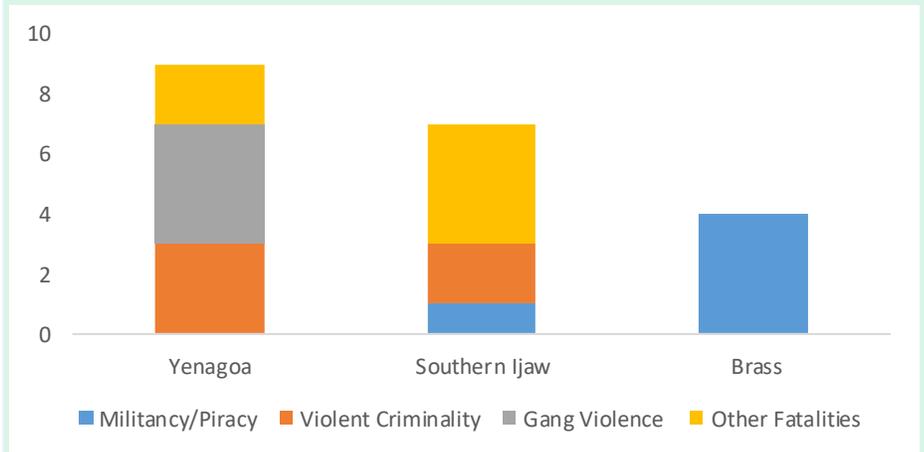
Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence during the period related mainly to militancy, communal conflict, cult violence and other violent criminality. 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?

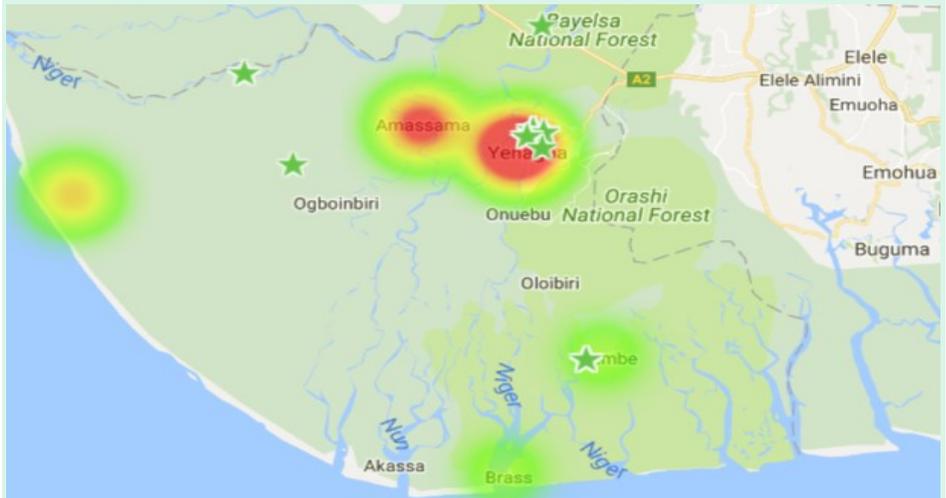
Figure 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (September – November 2016)



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA) in Bayelsa State in this quarter shows that Southern Ijaw and Yenagoa had the most reported incidents of conflict risk and violence.

Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 3: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Bayelsa State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September-November 2016 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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Text: 080 9936 2222

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

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