

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Delta State: November-December 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 September-November 2016

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), violence has been elevated in Delta state during the period, including militancy, communal conflict, and criminality.

**Militancy and Vandalism:** In October, the Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) reportedly blew up a pipeline in Warri South-West LGA. In Ughelli North LGA, the Niger Delta Greenland Justice Mandate (NDGJM) reportedly blew up an oil pipeline. In November, troops of 'Operation Delta Safe' reportedly raided militants' camps and killed several militants in Burutu LGA. Also, a militant was reportedly killed by soldiers in a gun duel in Warri South West LGA. In a separate incident, NDA reportedly attacked an oil facility.

**Communal Conflict:** In November, a youth was reportedly killed during a clash between Iyama and Isaba communities in Udu LGA. Also, three persons were reportedly abducted during a clash between Urhobo and Ijaw communities in Udu LGA. In Ughelli North LGA, two people were reportedly killed during a clash over leadership tussle.

**Violent Criminality:** In October, an engineer and two colleagues were reportedly abducted in Owa-Oyibu in Ika North-East LGA. Separately, two members of a gang of robbers were reportedly shot dead by police in Warri South. In November, a driver to a

popular Ijaw musician was robbed and shot dead by robbers in Warri South. Three robbers were reportedly killed by police in a gun duel in Warri North. Also, two robbers who looted shops during a fire incident were reportedly shot dead by police in Warri South. In another incident, a female student was reportedly shot dead by robbers in Isoko North. Three kidnapers who attempted to abduct a man on his way from the airport were reportedly shot dead by police in Asaba, the state capital.

**Other Incidents:** These included child trafficking, ritual killings, and protest. In October two suspects that reportedly operate 'baby factories' were arrested by police for attempting to sell a 5-year old baby in Asaba LGA. In November, a man was reportedly killed for ritualistic purposes in Ethiope East LGA. In Warri South-West LGA, protesters reportedly shut down an oil facility over provision of social amenities for communities.

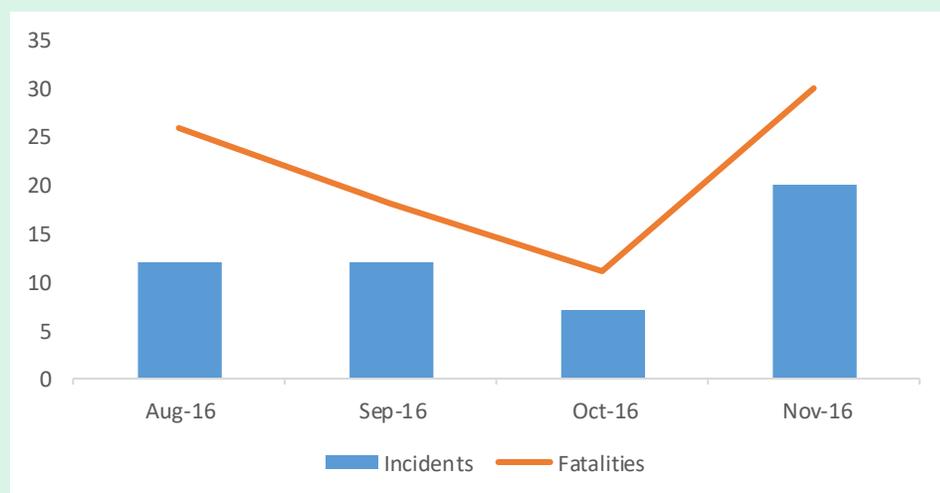
### Recent Incidents or Issues, December 2016

Incidents reported in December included communal violence, violent criminality, and kidnapping.

**Communal Violence:** During the month, tensions between Aladja and Ogbe-Ijaw communities escalated after an Ijaw man was beheaded in his farm in Warri South-West LGA. Two youths from Aladja were abducted in a reprisal attack. Separately, two persons were reportedly killed, three injured and two others declared missing in renewed clashes between Igvide and Okpolo-Enwhe communities in Isoko South LGA. Farmer/herder tensions were raised when clashes reportedly killed two in Ughelli North.

**Violent Criminality:** An 88-year old United Kingdom based businessman was reportedly killed in Ethiope East. Gunmen reportedly killed a man and stole his motorcycle in

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



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

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

Ozoro, Isoko North. A herdsman was reportedly killed by cattle rustlers in Ndokwa West. A woman and her four children were killed, and their house set ablaze in Aniocha North.

**Kidnapping:** A Special Assistant to the Delta state Governor was reportedly kidnapped in Olomoro in Isoko South. The traditional ruler of Agbarha-Otor in Ughelli North was reportedly kidnapped and later released in Ndokwa East. A Catholic priest was reportedly kidnapped in Aniocha North. The abductors later demanded a 20 million Naira ransom.

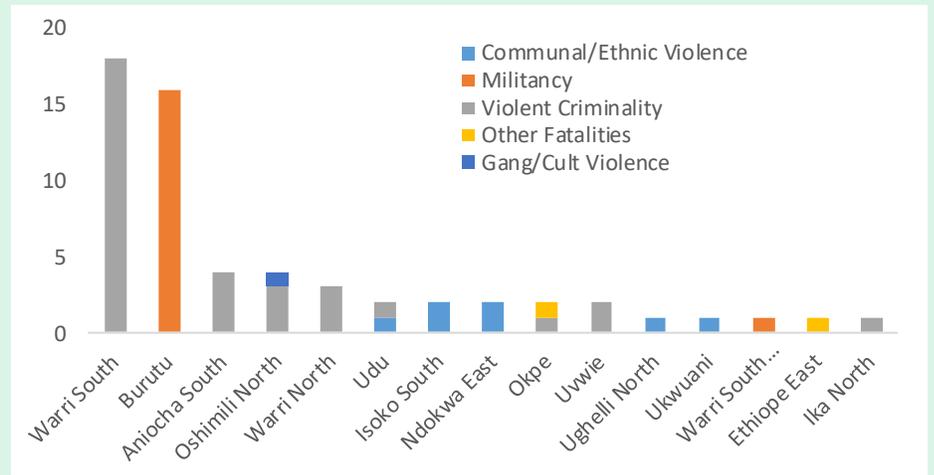
### Prognosis

Recent incident reports are mainly related to militancy, criminality, and communal violence. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

### Questions for Peace Agents

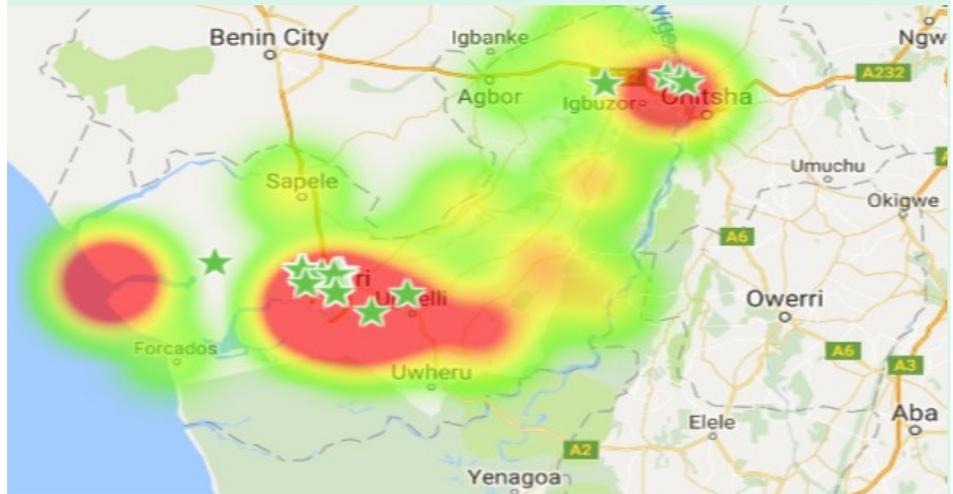
1. Is anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from this tracker, is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months 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 Delta State this quarter show that Burutu and Warri South had the most reported fatalities. Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September–November 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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