

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: December 2016-January 2017

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 October-December 2016

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), conflict issues during the period included communal conflict, militancy, kidnapping and other criminality activities.

Communal Conflict: In November, a youth was reportedly killed during a clash between Iyama and Isaba communities in Udu LGA. Also in Udu, three people were reportedly abducted during a clash between Urhobo and Ijaw communities. In Ughelli North LGA, two people were reportedly killed during a leadership tussle. In December, tensions between Aladja and Ogbe-Ijaw communities escalated after an Ijaw man was beheaded on 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 Igboide and Okpolo-Enwhe communities in Isoko South LGA. Farmer/herder tensions were raised when clashes reportedly killed two in Ughelli North.

Violent Criminality: In November, three robbers in Warri North were reportedly killed by police. 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 kidnappers who attempted to abduct a man on his way from the airport were reportedly shot dead by police in Asaba, the state capital. In December, an 88-year old man was reportedly killed in Ethiope East as he tried to settle a communal dispute. Gunmen reportedly killed a man and stole his motorcycle in 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. Kidnappers reportedly abducted a Catholic priest in Aniocha North and demanded a 20 million Naira ransom.

Other Incidents: These included child trafficking, ritual killings, and protest. In October two suspects that reportedly

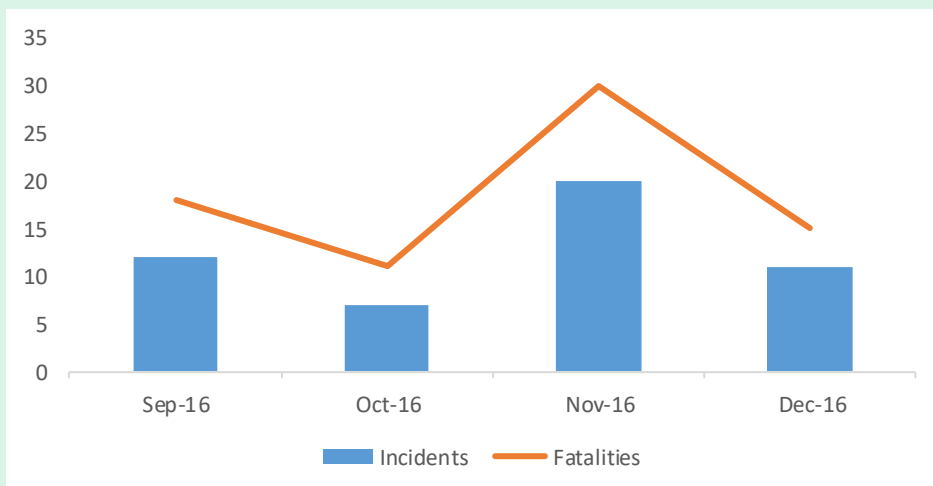
operate 'baby factories' were arrested by police for attempting to sell a 5-year old baby in Asaba, Oshimili South LGA. In November, a man was reportedly killed for ritualistic purposes in Ethiope East LGA. In Warri South-West LGA, protesters reportedly shut down an oil facility over provision of social amenities for communities.

Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2017

Incidents included communal violence, violent criminality, and protests.

Communal Violence: During the month, one person was reportedly beheaded, one injured and another declared missing during a clash over boundary dispute between Urhobo and Ijaw communities in Warri South-West. Separately, two men were reportedly abducted by ethnic warlords in Aladja, Udu LGA. In two related incidents, herdsmen reportedly killed two farmers in Ethiope East, and three in Ukwuani LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from September– December 2016 in Delta State.

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

Violent Criminality: A prominent community leader was reportedly strangled in his sleep in Uvwie. Separately, the corpse of two herdsmen earlier declared missing were reportedly discovered in Ndokwa East. In another incident, a policeman reportedly sustained injuries during a gun battle with herdsmen in Ughelli North. In Ughelli South, a pipeline belonging to an oil company was reportedly set ablaze by unknown persons.

Labor Strikes/Protests: There were several reported protests in the state during the month. Workers at several oil flow stations in Ughelli North, Ethiope East, Isoko South, and Ndokwa West LGAs reportedly embarked on labor strike in protest over salaries. Also, there were reported protests over power supply in Burutu, Sapele and Ika South LGAs.

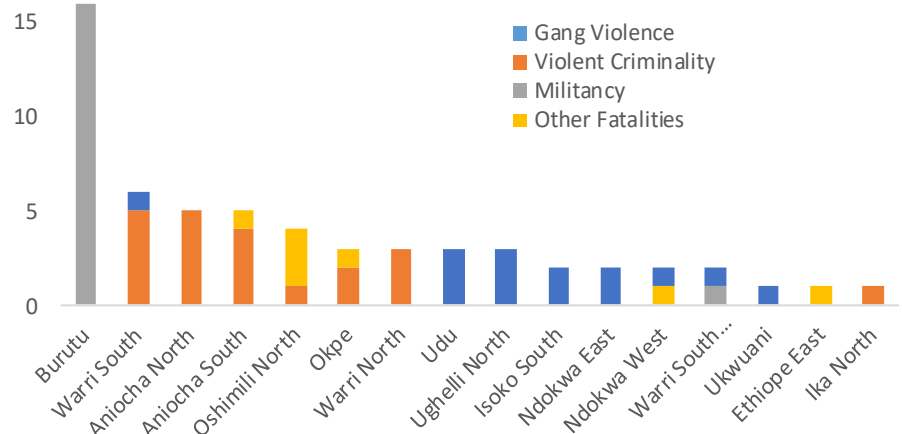
Prognosis

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

Questions for Peace Agents

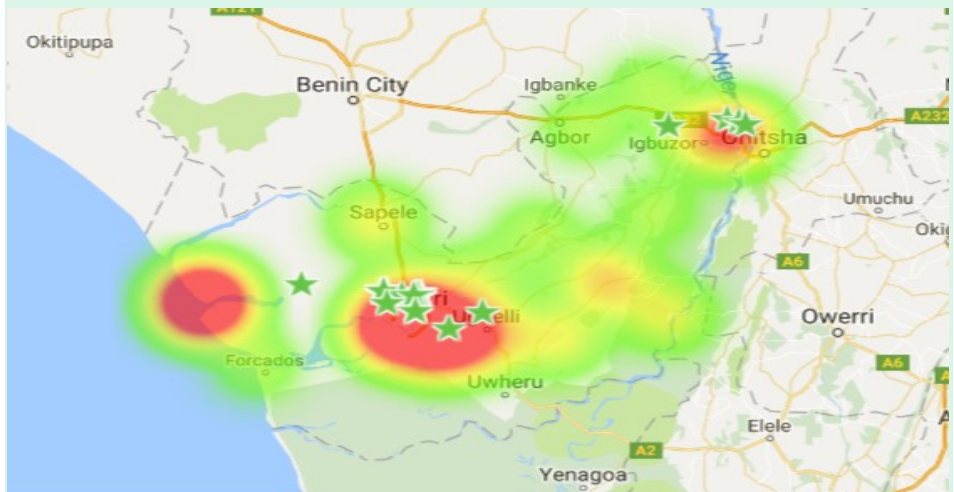
1. Is anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from this tracker, is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months 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 (October - December 2016)



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Burutu had the most reported fatalities. 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 Delta State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from October–December 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

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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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