

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: January-February 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

November 2016-

January 2017

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

Communal Conflict: In December, two persons were reportedly killed, three injured and two others declared missing in renewed clashes between Igbide and Okpolo-Enwhe communities in Isoko South LGA. Farmer/herder tensions were elevated when clashes reportedly killed two in Ughelli North. In January, one person was reportedly beheaded, one injured and another declared missing during a clash over a 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.

Violent Criminality: In January, a prominent community leader was reportedly strangled in his sleep in Uvwie. Separately, the corpse of two herdsmen earlier declared missing were discovered in Ndokwa East. In another incident, a pipeline belonging to an oil company was reportedly set ablaze by

unknown persons in Ughelli South.

Kidnapping: In December, 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 also reportedly kidnapped and later released in Ndokwa East. Kidnappers also allegedly abducted a Catholic priest in Aniocha North and demanded a 20 million Naira ransom.

Labor Strikes/Protests: In January, workers at several oil flow stations in Ughelli North, Ethiope East, Isoko South, and Ndokwa West LGAs allegedly embarked on labor strike in protest over salaries. Also, there were reported protests over power supply in Burutu, Sapele and Ika South LGAs.

Recent Incidents or Issues, February 2017

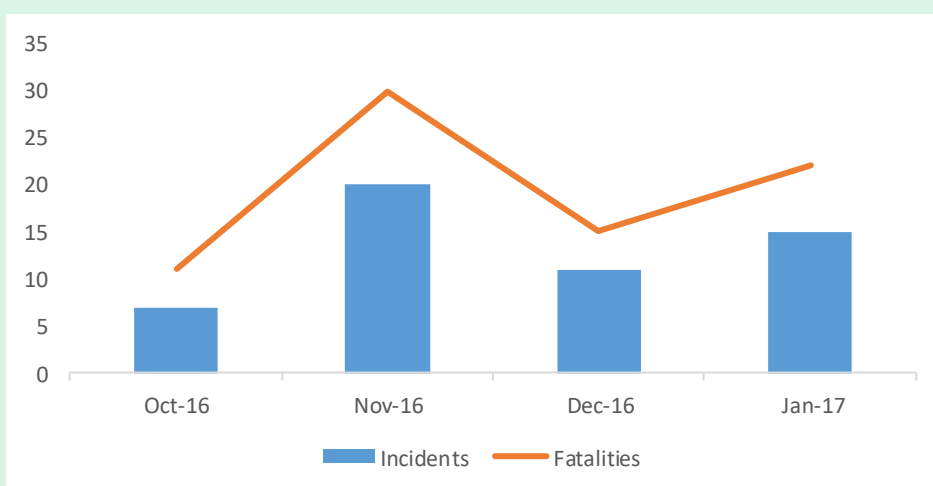
Incidents included violent criminality, kidnapping, and protests.

Violent Criminality: During the month, a man was reportedly shot dead by robbers in Ibusa, Oshimili South. Separately, the corpses of two policemen who were declared missing during a gun battle with herdsmen were later found in a nearby river in Ughelli North. In another incident, a herdsman was reportedly killed by hoodlums in Ndokwa East. In Isoko South, an archbishop of a popular church in the area was robbed in his residence. In Ughelli South, gunmen reportedly attacked a Catholic mission house and broke the head of a 73-year old priest.

Kidnapping: The treasurer of the Delta State chapter of the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) was reportedly abducted along the Ughelli-Asaba road. Separately, a woman was reportedly kidnapped in Sapele. The kidnappers allegedly came for the woman after the husband who was earlier abducted escaped.

Labor Strikes/Protests: Workers of the Delta

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from October 2016– January 2017 in Delta State.

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

State House of Assembly allegedly undertook a labor strike over salaries in Asaba. Separately, there was a mass protest over electricity supply in Sapele. In two related incidents, women protested over the destruction of their crops by cattle in Ndokwa East and Aniocha South LGAs.

Other Incidents: During the month, soldiers reportedly shot dead five supporters of the Indigenous Peoples of Biafra (IPOB) and injured twenty others in Oshimili South. The incident was reported to have occurred while the soldiers were trying to stop the group from holding a meeting. Separately, a woman was reportedly beheaded on her farm for ritualistic purposes in Ughelli South.

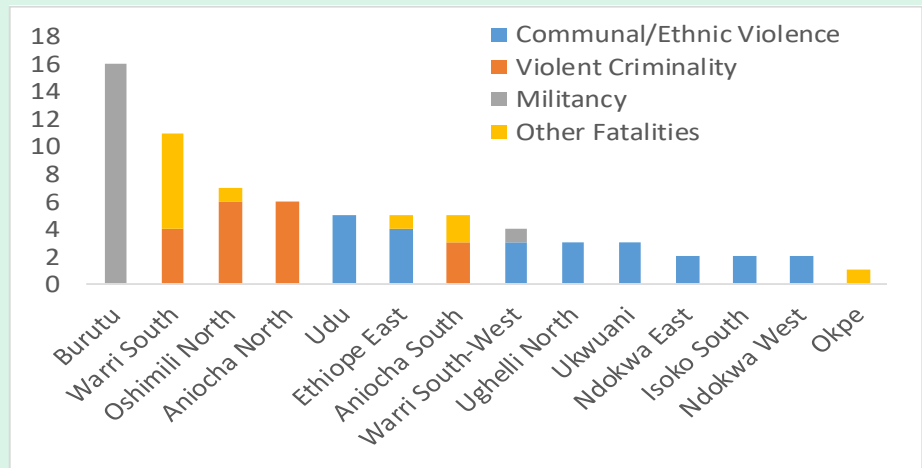
Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence during the period related mainly to criminality, communal violence, and protests. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

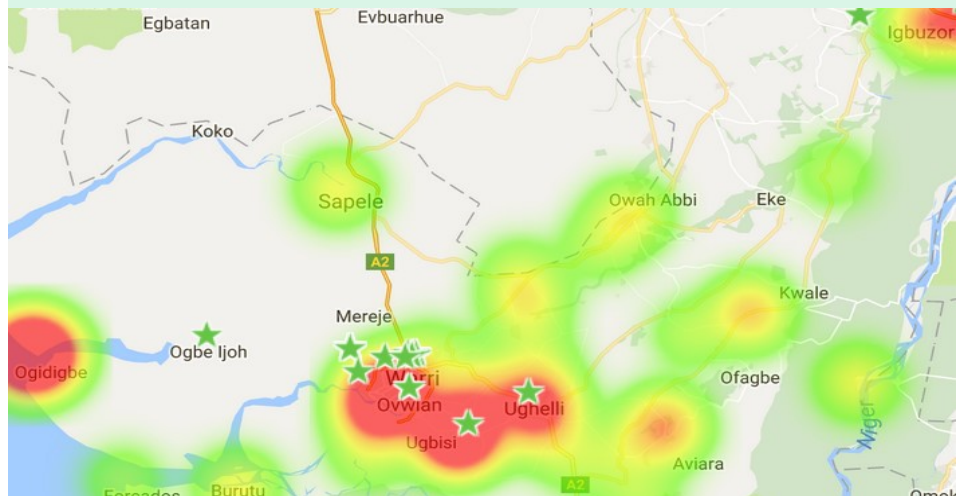
1. Is anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from this tracker, is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months 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 (November 2016 - January 2017)



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Burutu and Warri South, followed by Oshimili North 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 November 2016–January 2017 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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