

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Delta State: February-March 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

#### December 2016-

#### February 2017

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

**Communal Conflict:** In January, 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. Several people were reportedly killed in a clash involving herdsmen and a local community in February in Ughelli North. Several members of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) group were reportedly shot by police in Oshimili North.

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

February, 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 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. Also in Ughelli North, several were reported killed in a cult clash during the month.

**Kidnapping:** In February, 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.

**Labor Strikes/Protests:** In January, 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. In February, workers of the Delta State House of Assembly reportedly embarked on 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.

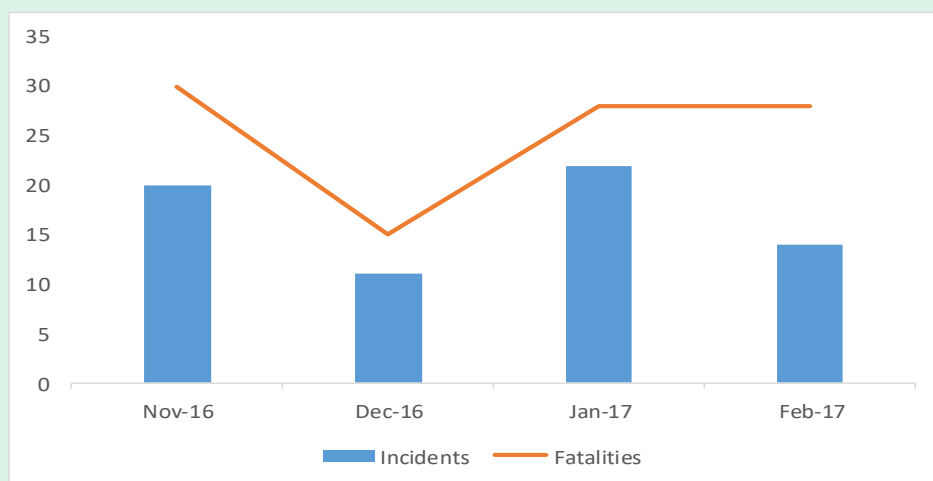
**Other Incidents:** In February, a woman was reportedly beheaded on her farm for ritualistic purposes in Ughelli South.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2017

Incidents included violent criminality, communal tensions, and protests.

**Violent Criminality:** During the month, a 41-year old man was killed by suspected

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2016– February 2017 in Delta State.  
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

assassins in Udu. Separately, a traditional ruler was reportedly shot and wounded by robbers in Isoko South. In another incident, a hotel guard was reportedly shot dead by robbers in Irri community in Isoko South. Also in Isoko South, a member of a vigilante group was reportedly killed by sympathizers of robbers arrested by the vigilante.

**Kidnapping:** A police officer was reportedly abducted in Umunede, Ika North. Separately, a woman was reportedly abducted in Sapele.

**Communal Tensions:** Herdsmen reportedly attacked Emuhu community in Ika South, killed three and injured six others. The attack resulted in a protest by residents. Separately, a herdsman reportedly killed a man in Abraka, Ethiope East.

**Labor Strikes/Protests:** Residents of oil bearing communities reportedly protested at the premises of an oil firm in Oleh, Isoko South. Separately, teachers reportedly embarked on a strike over salaries in Asaba, the state capital.

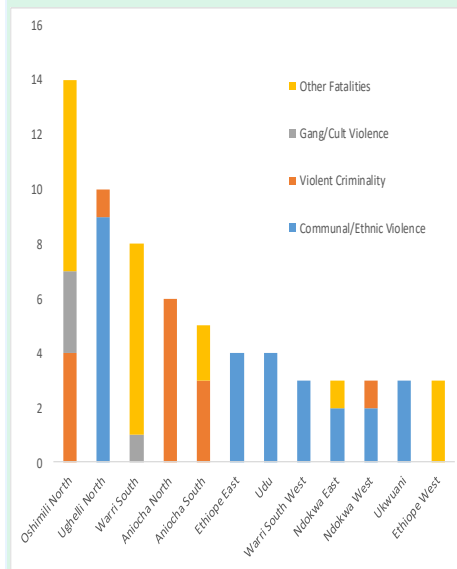
## Prognosis

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.

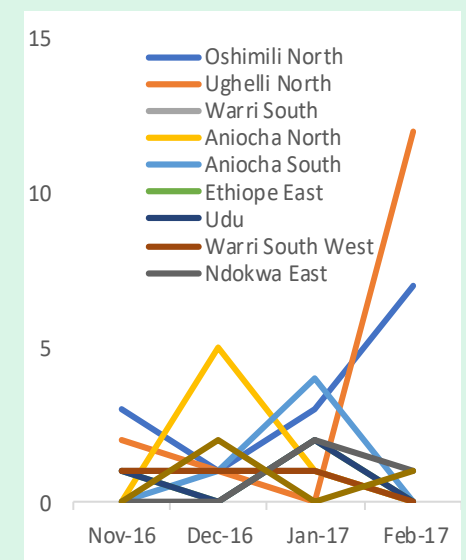
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 (December 2016 - February 2017)**

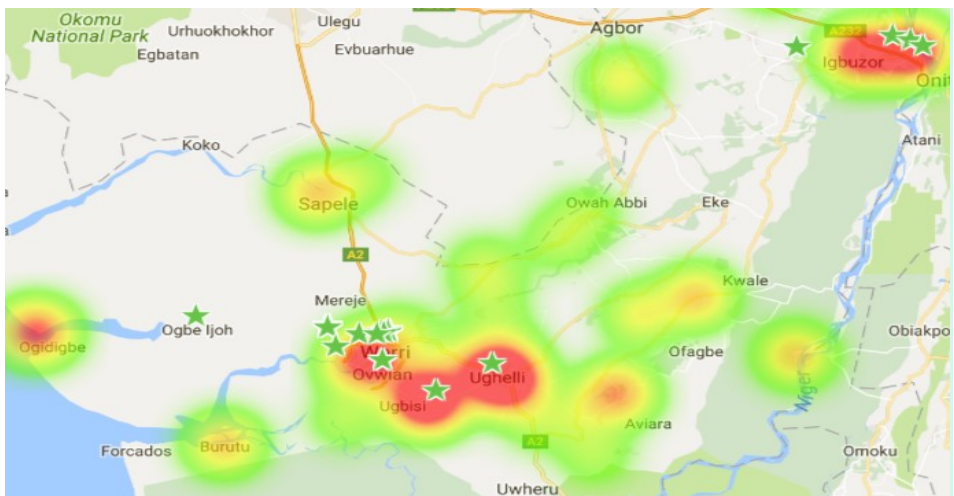


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Oshimili North, followed by Ughelli North had the most reported fatalities. Source (Figure 2): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 3): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Delta State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from December 2016–February 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](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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