

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Bayelsa State: April-May 2017

### 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

#### February-April 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was an increase in lethal violence in April 2017. Incidents during the period included communal tension, mob violence and protests.

**Communal Tensions:** In March, tension was reportedly heightened following the death of a man in Nembe LGA. A neighboring village was accused of being responsible for the killing. In April, tensions were reportedly heightened following the death of a cultist in Nembe LGA. The cultist was allegedly running away from youth leaders and jumped into a river and drowned.

**Violent Criminality:** In February, suspected oil vandals attacked Korokrosei community in Southern Ijaw LGA. A young man was reportedly killed and two children were injured during the attack. In March, a young man who deals in locally refined petroleum products was reportedly killed by unknown assailants in Ekeremor LGA. In April, bandits reportedly killed a policeman and stole his rifle in Yenagoa LGA. Also in Yenagoa LGA, a male staff member of the Bayelsa state-owned radio station, Glory FM, was

reportedly killed by robbers in his house. In another incident, a robber and an operative of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) were reportedly killed in gun duel in Ogbia LGA. In Southern Ijaw LGA, eight pirates and kidnapers were reportedly killed during a clash with a militant group, the Niger Delta Revolutionary Council (NDRC).

**Labor Strikes/Protests:** In February, there was a protest in Yenagoa LGA over the state government's plan to allocate a portion of land to herdsmen for grazing. Separately, staff of the state broadcasting corporation (Glory FM) embarked on a labor strike over an industrial dispute. In April, members of the Senior Staff Association of Electricity and Allied Companies (SSAEAC) reportedly shut down all Yenagoa offices of the Port Harcourt Distribution Company (PHED) in protest over poor services.

**Other Incidents:** In March, a woman reportedly beat her 11-year old daughter to death in Yenagoa LGA.

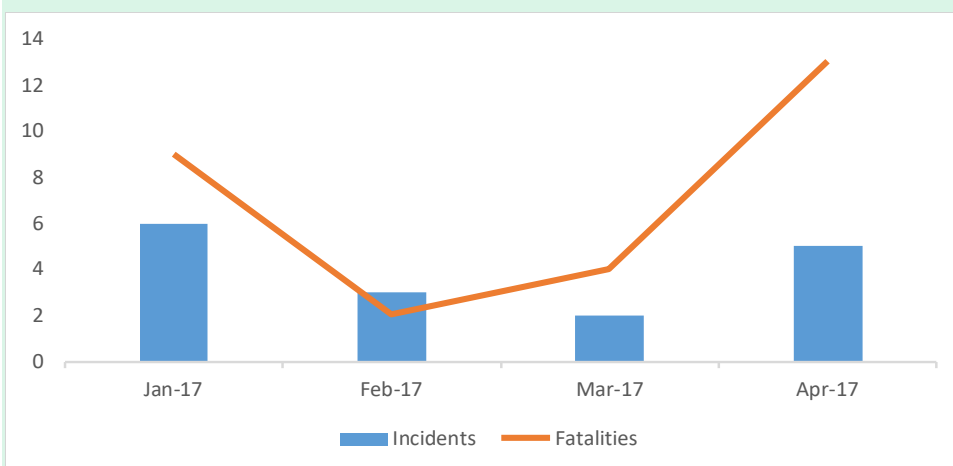
### Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2017

Incidents reported during the month included criminality and protests.

**Criminality:** During the month, a chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) was reportedly killed by gunmen in his residence in Yenagoa. Separately, a gunman reportedly attacked a police station and killed a policeman in Sagbama.

**Protests:** Members of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) and residents protested over alleged marginalization in employment at the Federal University Otuoke, Ogbia LGA. Separately, in Yenagoa, the state capital, a

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Bayelsa State



Reported incidents and fatalities from January - April 2017 in Bayelsa State.

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

group under the aegis of Concerned Citizens of Bayelsa State, reportedly protested the arrest and detention of a former Special Adviser to erstwhile Managing Director of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) on allegation of fraud against the commission.

**Other Incidents:** A lady was reportedly killed for ritualistic purposes by her boyfriend in Yenagoa. This led to protests by residents who burned down shops belonging to traders from the same ethnic group with the suspect. Separately, a 34-year old man was reportedly shot dead by a policeman over cultism in Yenagoa.

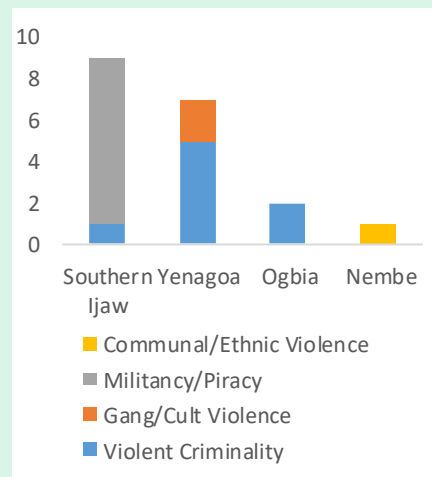
## Prognosis

There was a rise in conflict risk and lethal violence in the state in April, 2017 (see Figure 1). Conflict risk and violence during the period related mainly to criminality, communal tension and protests. Peace Agents should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

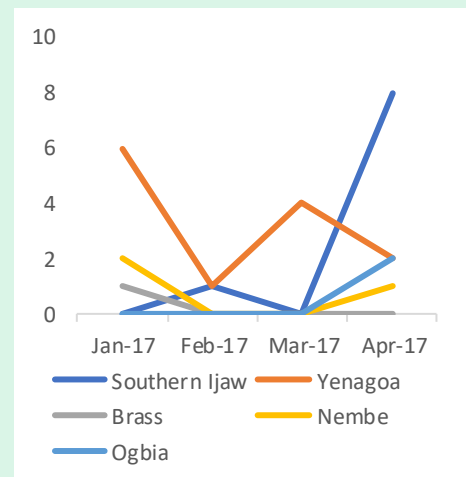
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 (February - April 2017)**

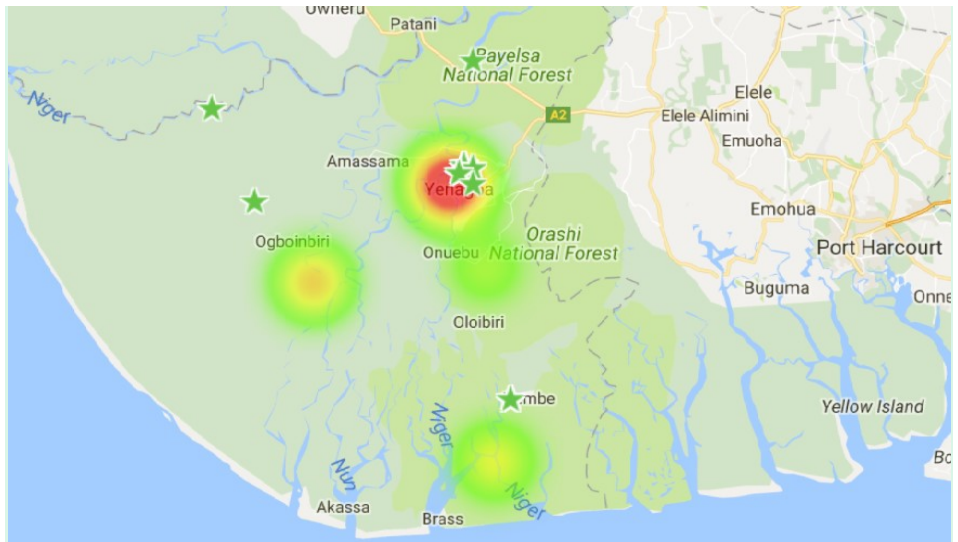


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from February-April 2017 in Bayelsa; 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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