

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: November-December 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 September-November 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), conflict issues during the period included communal tensions, cult violence, child abuse, and other criminal activities.

Communal Conflict: In October, herdsmen reportedly attacked a community, destroying crops and killing six residents in Oshimili North LGA. In Ukwuani LGA, herdsmen killed two people. In November, a 45-year old farmer reportedly killed a 20-year old herdsman during a disagreement in Aniocha South LGA. Separately, three were killed in a renewed clash over a boundary dispute between Aladja, an Urhobo community in Udu LGA and Ogbe-Ijoh, an Ijaw community in Warri South West LGA. In another incident, a 95-year old blind man was killed during a communal clash in Ndokwa East LGA. In Ndokwa West LGA, a clash between two factions over elections into community youth association resulted in one death and several injuries. Communal conflict is a key driver of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state. Women and girls are often the victims of communal tensions particularly, farmer/herder conflict.

Violent Criminality: In October, a 64-year old politician was kidnapped and killed by his

abductors in Aniocha North LGA. Separately, suspected militants kidnapped four expatriates who were providing humanitarian services in Burutu LGA. One of the victims was killed by the kidnappers. In another incident, the police killed three robbers in a gun duel in Uvwie LGA. In November, the leader of a group militants that kidnapped the expatriates the previous month, was reportedly killed by the police in a gun duel in Sapele LGA. Two other members of the group were arrested, while a police sergeant died during the confrontation. Separately, a police corporal was reportedly killed by cultists in Ndokwa East LGA. In another incident, two male robbers who robbed a resident were apprehended and beaten by a mob in Warri North LGA. One of the robbers later died.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG): In October, a 20-year old girl was reportedly raped by two men in Ndokwa East LGA.

Child Abuse: In November, two children reportedly died in a fire after unidentified arsonists threw a petrol bomb into their house in Aniocha South LGA. Separately, a 20-year old woman reportedly killed her new born baby boy in Ughelli North LGA.

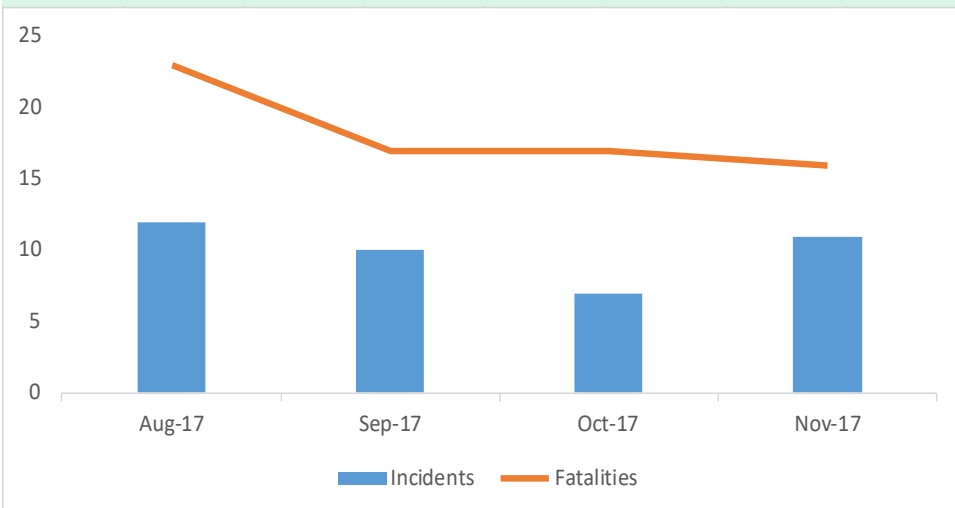
Others: In October, a man reportedly killed his uncle during a disagreement over a family property in Isoko South LGA. Separately, a boat operator was reportedly killed by a marine policeman during a disagreement in Warri South.

Recent Incidents or Issues, December 2017

Reported incidents included communal tensions, criminality, and cult violence.

Communal Tensions: Herdsmen reportedly attacked a community and killed three in Oshimili North LGA. The attack was reportedly a reprisal.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from August– November 2017 in Delta State.

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

Criminality: In Warri South LGA, robbers reportedly killed a policeman and stole his rifle. Also, in Warri South LGA, a male banker was killed by gunmen suspected to be assassins. In Burutu LGA, the former provost of a government school was killed. In Ndokwa West LGA, a community leader was killed by gunmen. The killing is believed to be related to the discovery of crude oil in the area. In Uvwie LGA, a man was killed by gunmen at the entrance of a government hospital. In Ika South LGA, a male thief was lynched by a mob.

Cult Violence: Three were killed during a clash between two rival cult groups, Eiye and Baga confraternities in Ndokwa East. The clash reportedly resulted from a disagreement over the choice of candidates for a local government elections. Separately, a woman and her child died after cultists poured petrol in their house and set it on fire in Aniocha South LGA. In another incident, the manager of a sport betting center was reportedly killed by cultists during a disagreement over money in Udu LGA.

Prognosis

Incidents during the period related mainly to communal violence, cult violence, child abuse, and other criminal activities. Peace Agents should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is anything 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 2017)

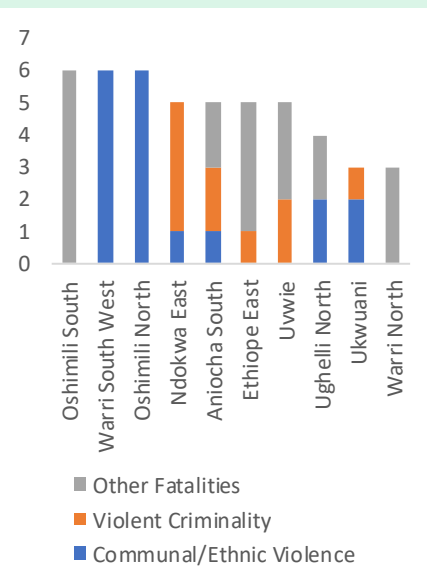
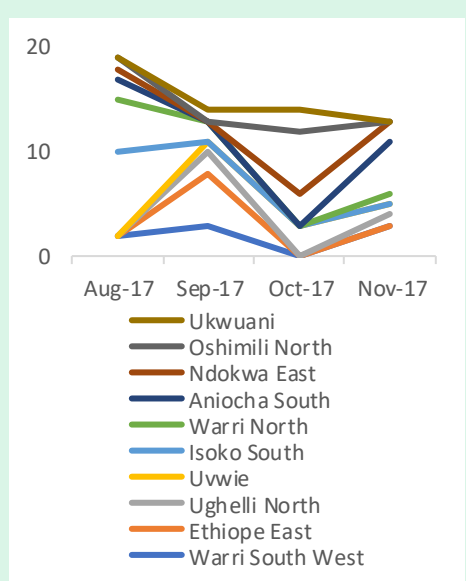
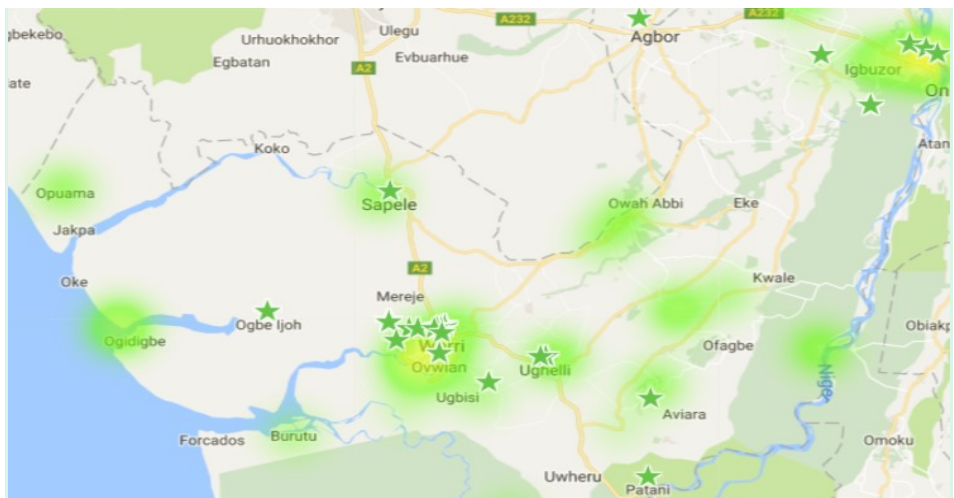


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Ndokwa East, followed by Aniocha South 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

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September–November 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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