

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Bayelsa State: November-December 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 September-November 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), reported incidents during the period included criminality, cult violence, and violence affecting women and girls (VAWG).

Violent Criminality: In September, pirates reportedly attacked a passenger boat and killed a man and a woman in Brass LGA. Separately, pirates reportedly ambushed a security patrol team and killed a policeman and an operative of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Southern Ijaw LGA. In Ogbia LGA, gunmen attacked a police security checkpoint and killed a police sergeant, and stole weapons. In October, four robbery suspects were reportedly killed during a shoot out with police in Yenagoa LGA.

Criminality was a key driver of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state during the period. Crime, particularly piracy, affects the safety and livelihoods of women and girls.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG): In September, a 47-year old man

reportedly impregnated the younger sister of his 18-year old wife and killed the baby boy. In November, a 21-year old woman was reportedly killed by her 24-year old husband with a machete in Kolokuma/Opokuma LGA. In Yenagoa, the state capital, a 40-year old man was sentenced to eight years imprisonment for defiling two minors in September. The victims included a 4-year old girl and a 5-year old boy.

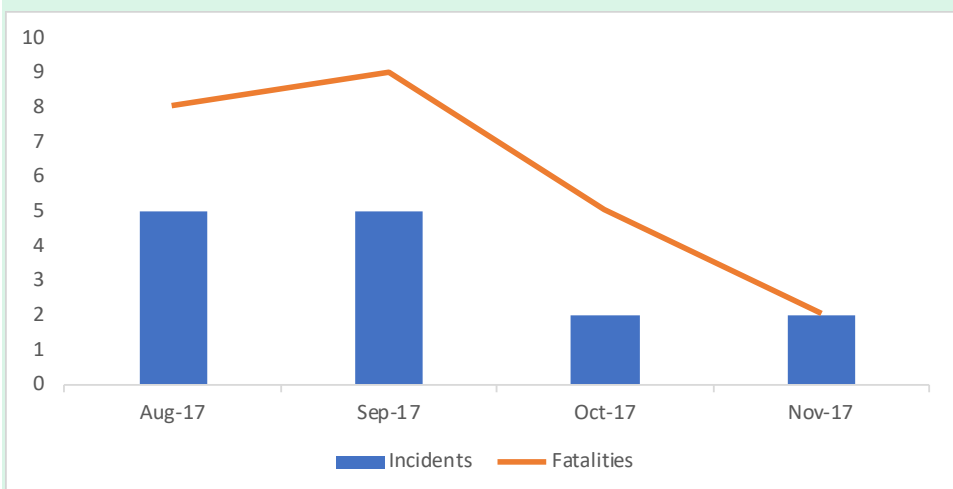
Others: In September, the corpses of two young men suspected to been killed in cult-related attacks were discovered by the police near a drinking spot in Yenagoa. In October, a 13-year old male secondary school student was reportedly killed by a police corporal in Yenagoa. In November, a male student of a university in Uyo, Akwa Ibom state was killed during the election of state coordinators for the National Association of Nigeria Students (NANS) in Ogbia LGA, Bayelsa state.

Recent Incidents or Issues, December 2017

Incidents reported during the month mainly related to violent criminality, cult violence and communal tensions.

Violent Criminality: Several incidents of criminality were reported in Yenagoa during the period. The chairman of the state chapter of the Cattle Breeders Association (CBA) and three of his aides were reportedly killed by gunmen at an abattoir. A former commissioner in the state was killed by gunmen. The chairman of a local chapter of the Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN) was killed by pirates. A robber was killed by his colleague during a robbery incident. A former commissioner in the state who is a chieftain of the All Progressive Congress (APC) was found dead in a hotel in

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Bayelsa State



Reported incidents and fatalities from August - September 2017 in Bayelsa State.

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

the state capital. The victim is believed to have been poisoned by his female companion. Also, in Yenagoa, the state capital, a female journalist was shot by some youths.

Cult Violence: A 30-year old man was reportedly shot dead by cultists in Yenagoa. A policeman was also shot during the incident. Also in Yenagoa, a policeman was mistakenly killed by his colleague during a gun duel with cultists.

Others: Two youths were reportedly killed during a communal clash over the control of oil pipeline surveillance jobs in Southern Ijaw LGA. Separately, 20 were reported killed by fire caused by explosion at a local petroleum refining site in Ogbia LGA.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to criminality, cult violence, communal tensions, and violence affecting women and girls. 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 (September - November 2017)

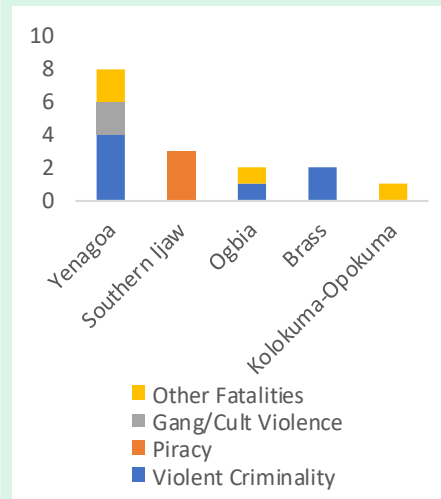
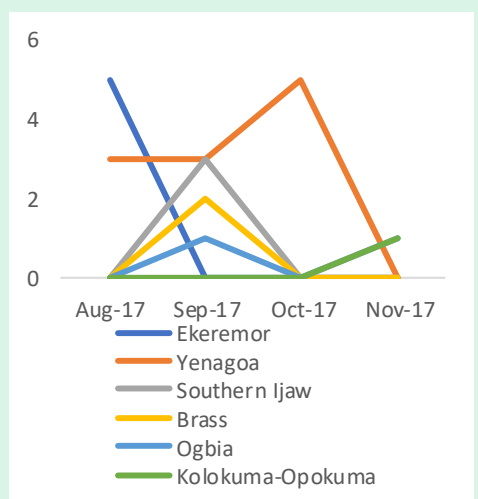
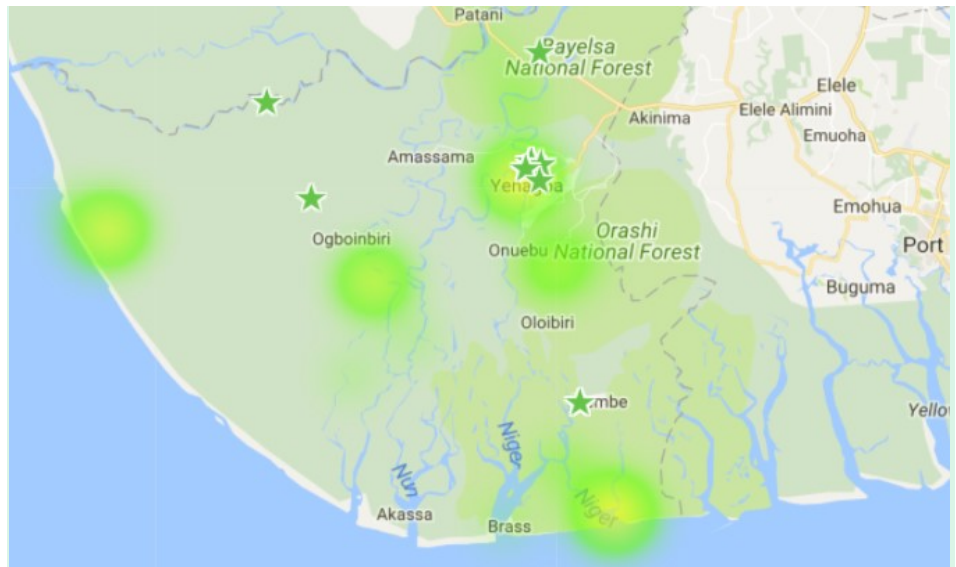


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (September - November 2017)



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA) in Bayelsa State in this quarter shows that Yenagoa, followed by Southern Ijaw 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

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September-November 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

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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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