

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: December 2017-January 2018

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 October-December 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 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 December, herdsman reportedly attacked a community and killed three in Oshimili North LGA. The attack was reportedly a reprisal. 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 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. Separately, a police corporal was reportedly killed by cultists in Ndokwa East LGA. In December, robbers reportedly killed a policeman and stole his rifle in Warri

South LGA. 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. 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.

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.

Cult Violence: In December, three were killed during a clash between two rival cult groups, Eiye and Baga confraternities in Ndokwa East. In another incident, the manager of a sport betting center was reportedly killed by cultists during a disagreement over money in Udu LGA.

Criminality and gang violence are drivers of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state. In December, for instance, a woman and her child died after cultists poured petrol in their house and set it on fire in Aniocha South LGA.

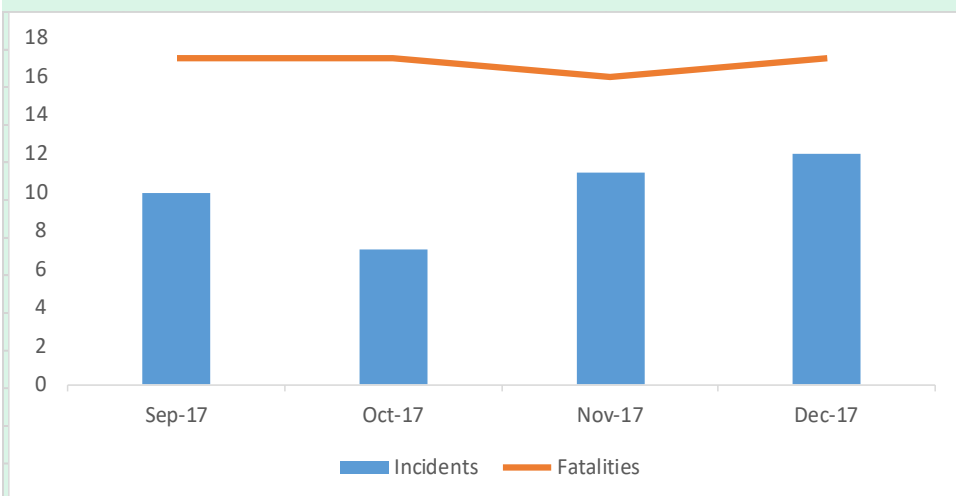
Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2018

Reported incidents included communal tensions, criminality, militancy/kidnapping, political violence, and protest.

Communal Tensions: Two villagers, including a hunter, were reportedly killed by herdsman in Ika North LGA. Separately, herdsman killed a farmer and raped a woman in Aniocha North LGA. In another incident, five were reportedly killed and several property destroyed during a clash between rival youth factions over leadership tussle in Uvwie LGA.

Criminality: A 74-year old woman was reportedly strangled for ritualistic purposes

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from September–December 2017 in Delta State.

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

in Oshimili South LGA. Separately, a businessman was reportedly killed by two men over a 2-million Naira transaction in Oshimili North. In another incident, a 57-year old suspected kidnap kingpin reportedly died in police custody in Oshimili North LGA. In Ughelli North, two robbers were reportedly shot dead by the police.

Militancy/Kidnapping: A prominent militant who doubles as a kidnap kingpin was reportedly killed during a gun battle between his gang and soldiers in Burutu. Separately, five workers of an indigenous oil servicing firm were reportedly abducted by gunmen at a waterside community in Warri North.

Others: An ad hoc staff of the Delta State Independent Electoral Commission (DSIEC) was reportedly killed by political thugs during a local government council elections in Ughelli North. In Isoko South LGA, women and youths reportedly besieged a flow station belonging to an oil company in protest over issues relating to community development and salaries for local staff of the company.

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 (October - December 2017)

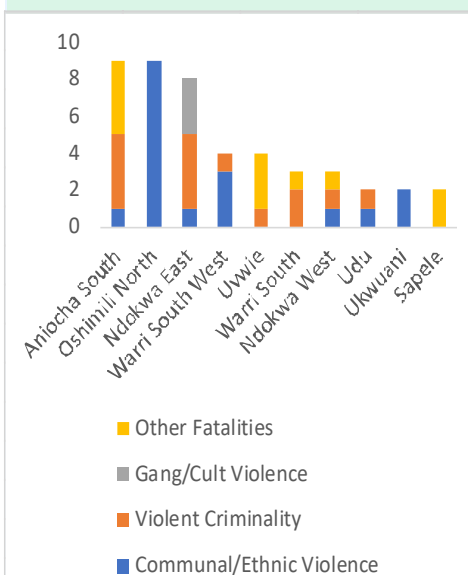
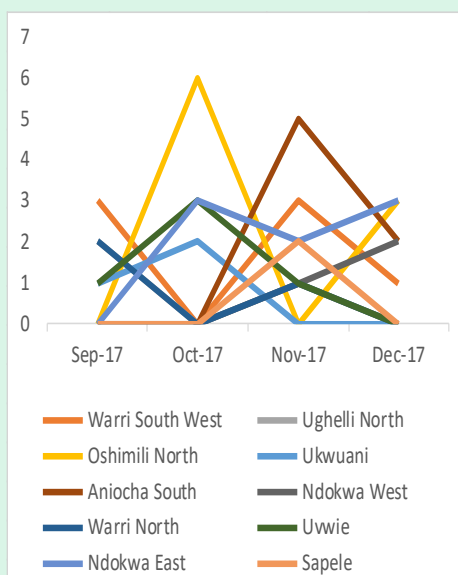
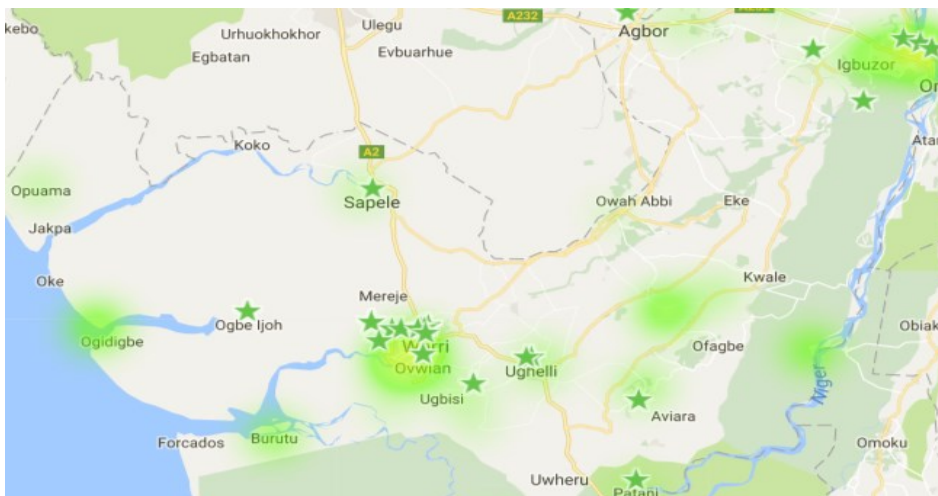


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Aniocha South and Oshimili North, followed by Ndokwa East 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 October–December 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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Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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