

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: January-February 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 Nov 2017-Jan 2018

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 January, two villagers, including a hunter, were reportedly killed by herdsmen in Ika North LGA. Separately, herdsmen killed a farmer 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. Communal conflict was a driver of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state during this period. In January, for example, a woman was raped by herdsmen in Aniocha North LGA.

Violent Criminality: In December, robbers reportedly killed a policeman and stole his rifle in Warri South LGA. In Burutu LGA, the former provost of a government school was killed. In Uvwie LGA, a man was killed by gunmen at the entrance of a government hospital. In Oshimili North LGA, a businessman was reportedly killed by two men over a 2-million Naira transaction. In another incident, a 57-year old suspected kidnap kingpin reportedly died in police custody in Oshimili North LGA.

Militancy/Kidnapping: In January, 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 LGA.

Cult Violence: In December, three were killed during a clash between two rival cult groups 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. For instance, in January, a 74-year old woman was reportedly strangled for ritualistic purposes in Oshimili South LGA.

Others: In January, an ad hoc staff of the Delta State Independent Electoral

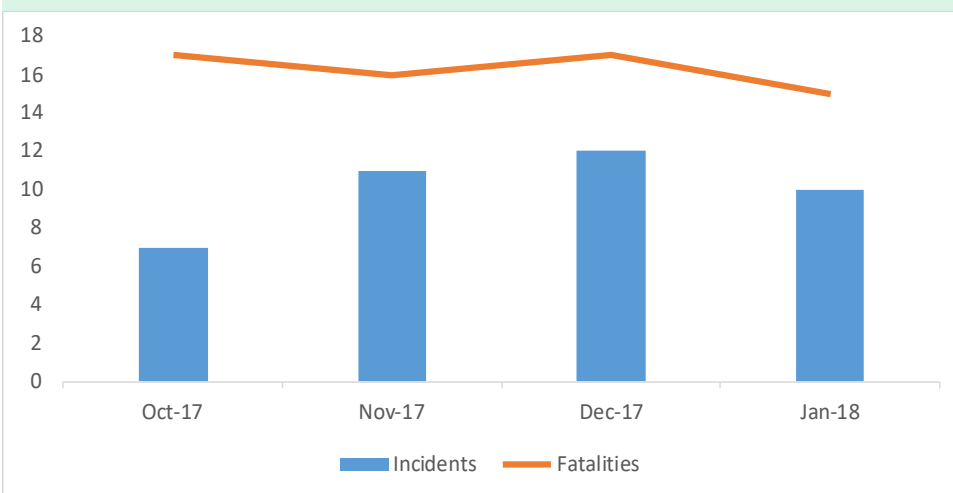
Commission (DSIEC) was reportedly killed by political thugs during a local government council elections in Ughelli North. In Isoko South LGA, women and youths reportedly besieged a flow station belonging to an oil company in protest over issues relating to community development and salaries for local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

Recent Incidents or Issues, February 2018

Reported incidents included communal tensions, criminality, and violence affecting women and girls.

Communal Tensions: Two residents were reportedly killed during a joint security operation in response to a longstanding dispute over a leadership tussle in Ogborodo community, Warri South West LGA. Separately, two persons including a male primary school pupil, were reported killed and 16 others injured during a clash between

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from October 2017– January 2018 in Delta State.

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

Aladja community in Udu LGA and Ogbe-Ijoh community in Warri South West LGA. In Ethiope East LGA, herdsmen reportedly killed a man and injured his wife on the farm.

Criminality: Four robbers were reportedly killed in a gun battle with the police in Sapele LGA. Separately, a former Chief Security Officer (CSO) to the late cultist and kidnapping kingpin in Rivers State, was reportedly killed by the police in Ukwuani LGA, Delta state. In another incident, a 23-year cultist was reportedly killed by his former colleagues for leaving the group to join another cult group in Ughelli South LGA.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls

(VAWG): A female student of a polytechnic in Delta state was found dead in Ozoro, Isoko North LGA, with her breast and other parts of her body missing. She is believed to have been killed for ritualistic purposes. In a separate incident, a middle-aged man attacked and cut his wife with a cutlass, and later committed suicide in Oshimili South.

Prognosis

Incidents during the period related mainly to communal violence, cult violence, violence affecting women and girls, 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 (November 2017 - January 2018)

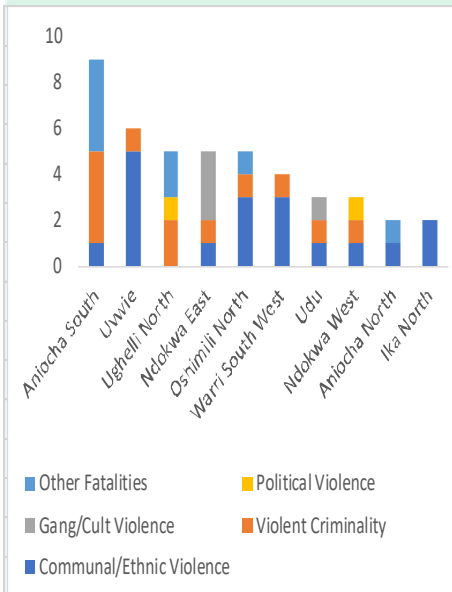
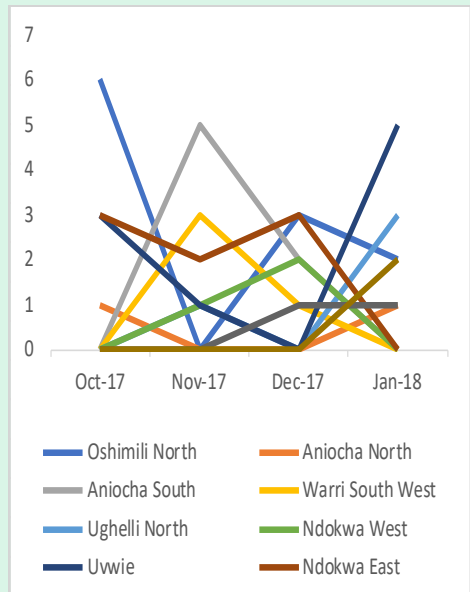


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Aniocha South, followed by Uvwie 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 November 2017–January 2018 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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