

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: August-September 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 June-August 2018

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was an increase in lethal violence in Delta state in August 2018. Reported incidents during the period included communal tensions, cult violence, political violence, domestic violence, violence affecting women and children, and criminality including kidnapping for ransom.

Communal Conflict: In August, tension was reportedly heightened following division among kingmakers over the selection of a new king for Tuomo community, Burutu LGA. The division among the kingmakers resulted in the emergence of two traditional rulers in the kingdom.

Violent Criminality: In July, a youth leader of one of the factions of the Delta State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC) was killed by assassins at his residence in Ughelli North LGA. In August, a former councilor in Ughelli South LGA was reportedly killed by gunmen in Osubi town, Okpe LGA. Separately, a divisional chairman of the Petrol Tanker Drivers (PTD) unit of the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) was reportedly killed by gunmen in Oghara, Ethiope West LGA. In another incident, a gang of robbers reportedly attacked a security checkpoint

and killed a policeman in Kpakiamma community, Bomadi LGA.

Cult Violence: In July, a 21-year old cultist was reportedly shot dead during a clash between rival cult groups in Ovwian town, Udu LGA. Separately, the police reportedly killed a notorious cultist who doubles as a robber and arrested three gangsters in Jesse town, Ethiope West LGA. In another incident, two robbers were reportedly killed during a gun battle with the police in Warri South LGA. AK 47 rifles and magazines were recovered from the robbers.

Political Violence: In August, a secretariat of the All Progressives Party (APC) was reportedly burned down by some aggrieved members of the party in Oleh, Isoko South LGA.

Domestic Violence: In August, a 32-year old woman was reportedly arrested for stabbing her husband to death during a disagreement in Agbarha-Otor, Ughelli North LGA.

Violence Affecting Women and Children: In June, a 13-year old girl was reportedly raped by a 73-year old male native doctor in Warri South LGA. Separately, a 13-year old boy who was being abused by his guardians was rescued by youths in Osubi, Okpe LGA.

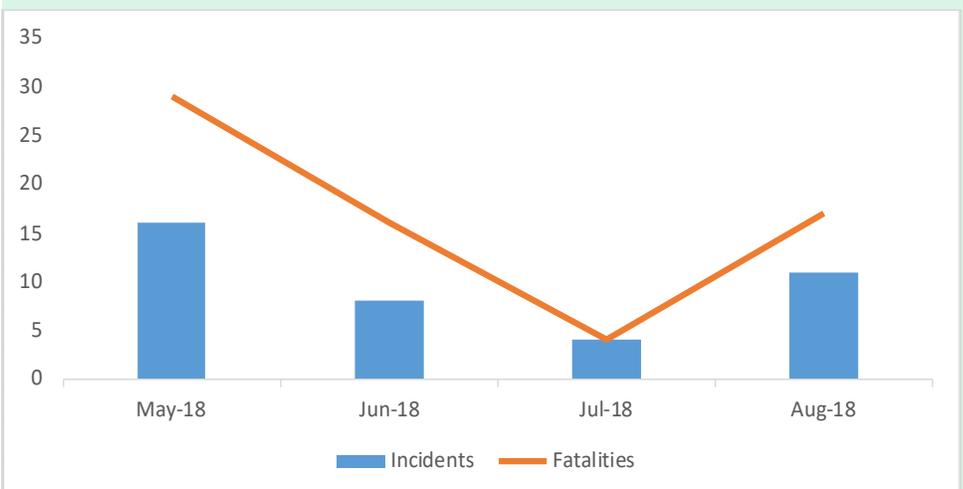
Recent Incidents, September 2018

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Violent Criminality: A male socialite was reportedly killed by gunmen in Sapele LGA. The assailants ensured that the victim was dead before they left the scene of the incident.

Kidnapping: A Catholic priest was reportedly abducted by kidnapers in Okpe LGA. The kidnapers demanded a 15-million naira ransom. The police later rescued the victim and arrested three suspects.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from May– August 2018 in Delta State.

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

Mob Violence: A trailer was reportedly set ablaze by a mob following a road crash involving the trailer and a commercial motorcyclist popularly called 'Okada', in Sapele LGA. The motorcyclist and his passengers, a man and his 3-year old daughter were killed in the traffic accident. The mob burned the trailer after the driver had escaped into the bush.

Flooding: Two coastal communities, Aika and Abala-Oshimili, in Ndokwa East LGA were reportedly submerged as a result of flooding. Houses, farmlands and crops were destroyed. In a related development, primary schools in the riverine communities of Tsekelewu and Polobubo in Warri North LGA were reportedly shot down because of flooding. The flooding also contaminated drinking water in the affected communities.

Other: A 75-year old woman reportedly died of Lassa fever at a federal medical facility in Asaba, Oshimili South LGA.

Prognosis

Incidents during the period related mainly to criminality, communal conflict, cult violence, political tension, flooding, domestic violence, child abuse, and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). 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 (June - August 2018)

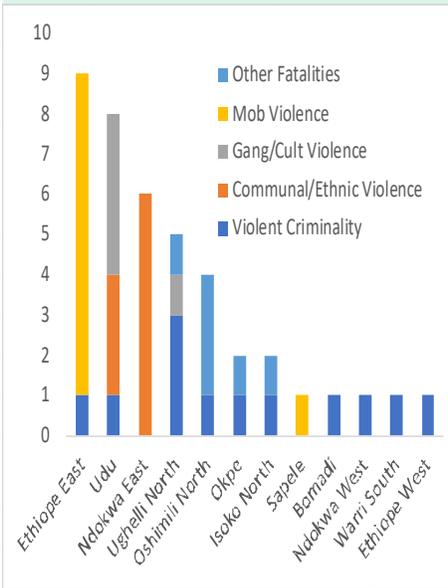
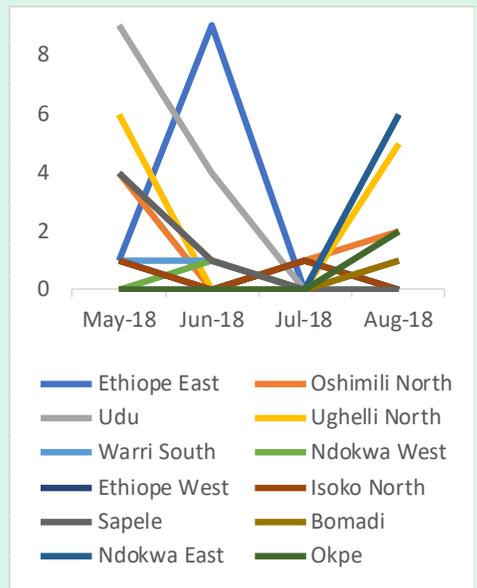
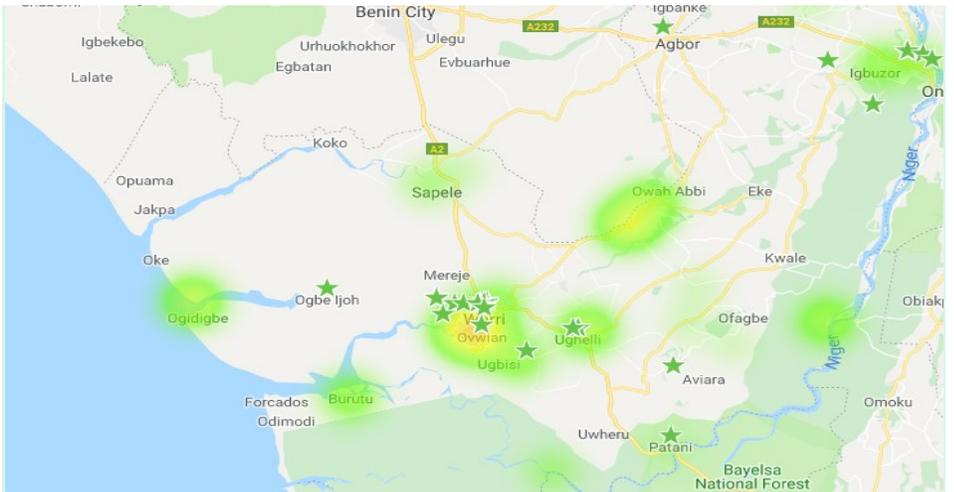


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (May - August 2018)



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Ethiophe East, followed by Udu had the most reported lethal violence during the period. Sources (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 June – August 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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