

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Delta State: November-December 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 September-November 2018

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 2), Delta state had the highest number of reported incidents of conflict risk and lethal violence in the Niger Delta during the period. Reported incidents during the period included political violence, communal conflict, violence affecting women and children, and criminality including kidnapping for ransom.

**Political Violence:** In October, two people including a male student were reportedly killed at the venue of the Delta North senatorial district primary election of the APC in Oshimili South LGA. Separately, a police vehicle was reportedly burned by political thugs during a State House of Assembly primary election conducted by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Isiokolo town, Ethiope East LGA.

**Communal Conflict:** In October, a man was reportedly stabbed to death during a clash between rival groups over a leadership tussle in Ewu community, Ughelli South LGA. Separately, 18 people were reportedly killed during a clash over a boundary dispute between Aladja community in Udu LGA and Ogbe-Ijoh community in Warri South West LGA. In November, two people were

reportedly shot and several others injured during a clash between youths from Otor-Iwhreko and Ekiugbo communities over the ownership of the Ughelli main market in Ughelli North LGA.

**Violent Criminality:** In October, a robber was reportedly killed during a shootout with the police in Asaba, Oshimili South LGA. Separately, a nursing mother and her two children were reportedly abducted by gunmen in Afisiere town, Ughelli North LGA. In another incident, a female police officer was reportedly kidnapped in Ogwashi-Ukwu, Aniocha South LGA. In November, a police sergeant was reportedly shot dead by gunmen at a security checkpoint in Ogor, Ughelli North LGA. The hoodlums made away with a rifle belonging to the policemen. Separately, a policeman was reportedly killed during a shootout with gunmen in Asaba, Oshimili South LGA. The gunmen took away two rifles and a pistol belonging to the policemen.

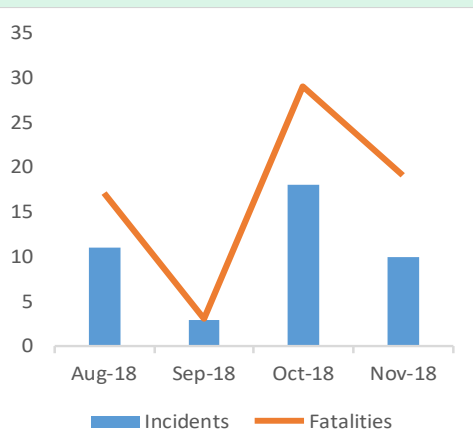
### Violence Affecting Women and Girls

**(VAWG):** In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, killing of women and girls for ritualistic purposes was also reported during the period. In November, for instance, a 60-year old woman was reportedly beheaded in Oghara, Ethiope West LGA. The woman was believed to have been killed for ritualistic purposes. Separately, a 12-year old girl was reportedly beheaded in Oghara, Ethiope West LGA. The victim had her vital body parts removed. In a separate development, armed criminals are reportedly stealing female underwear in Abraka, Ethiope East LGA. The undies are reportedly being used for ritualistic purposes.

### Recent Incidents, December 2018

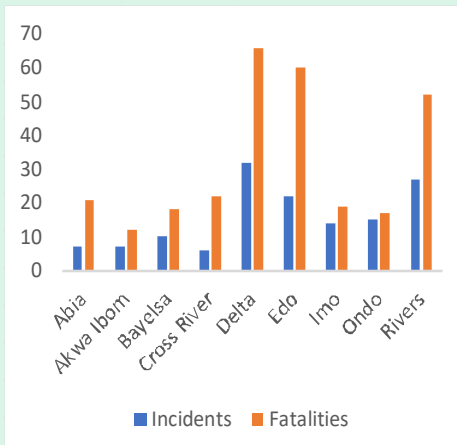
Reported incidents during the month related mainly to criminality, cult violence, and arms proliferation.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from August – November 2018 in Delta State and regional trends. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (Aug - Nov 2018)

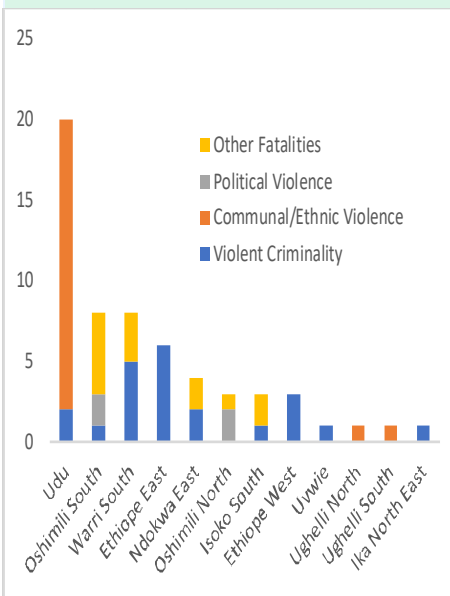


**Cult Violence:** During the month, two cultists were reportedly killed by members of a rival cult group in Agbarho, Ughelli North LGA.

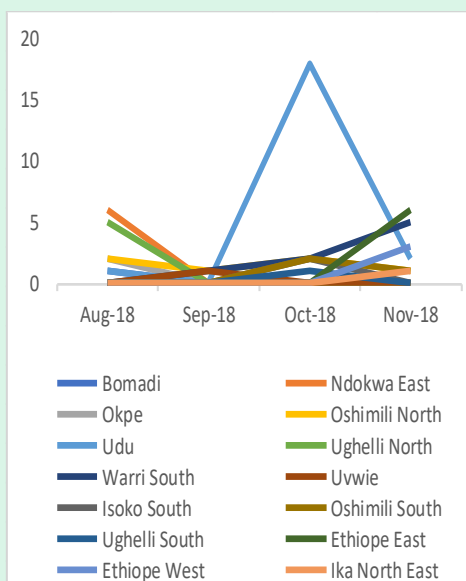
**Violent Criminality:** A 44-year old estate agent was reportedly killed by robbers in his residence in Kwale, Ndokwa West LGA. The robbers demanded money from the victim. They shot him dead. Separately, a robber was reportedly killed during a gun duel with the police in Ovir-Ogor, Ughelli North LGA. In another incident, a policeman was reportedly shot dead by gunmen at Jeffia Estate, Uvwie LGA. The gunmen made away with a rifle belonging to the policeman.

**Arms Proliferation:** The Delta state Police Command reported that there has been a rise in targeted attacks on policemen in the state with the intention of dispossessing them of their weapons. The police in the state has reportedly lost over 5 AK-47 rifles to hoodlums in the past few weeks.

**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (September - November 2018)**



**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Udu had the most reported lethal violence during the period. Sources (Figure 3): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 4): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

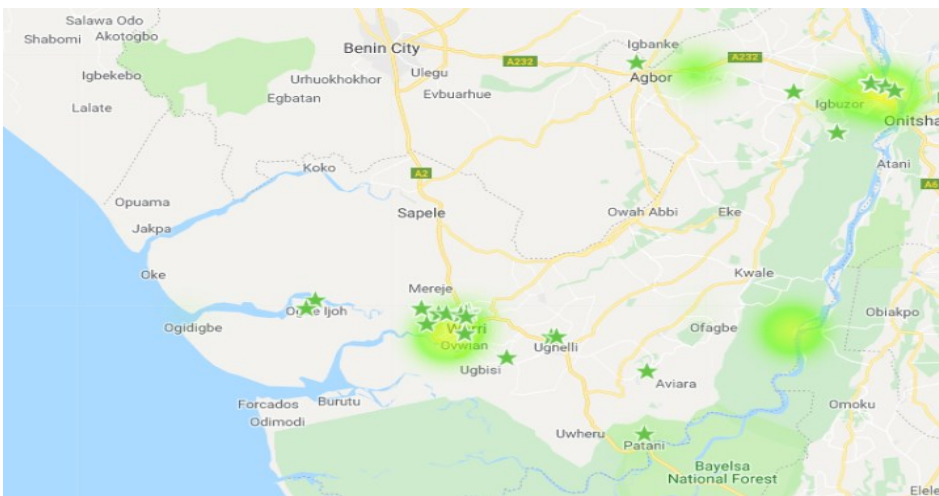
## Prognosis

Incidents during the period related mainly to political violence, communal conflict, cult violence, Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG), and criminality including kidnapping for ransom. 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 5: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Delta State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September – November 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](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

## Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system:

**Text:** 080 9936 2222

**Incident Details:** Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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