

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Delta State: February-March 2019

### 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 Dec 2018-Feb 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 2), Delta was the second most violent state in the Niger Delta during this period. There was an increase in lethal violence in Delta state in February 2019 (see Figure 1). Reported incidents during the period included communal conflict, political violence, criminality, cult violence, mob violence, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

**Communal Conflict:** In January, herdsmen reportedly killed a fisherman in Agadama, Ughelli North LGA. The incident sparked off a protest by residents. A resident was reportedly shot during the protest. Separately, communal tension was reportedly heightened following the killing of 6 suspected cultists by herdsmen in Abraka, Ethiope West LGA. In February, herdsmen reportedly killed two residents and destroyed some houses in Effurun-Otor community, Ughelli North LGA.

**Violent Criminality:** In December, A 44-year old man was reportedly killed by robbers in his residence in Kwale, Ndokwa West LGA. Separately, gunmen reportedly killed a policeman and made away with his rifle at Jeffia Estate, Uvwie LGA. In January, robbers ambushed a group of traders, killed one and

inflicted injuries on two others in Ughelli North LGA.

**Political Violence:** In February, a Special Assistant to the Delta state governor on Youth Development was reportedly assassinated a day before the February 16, 2019 elections in Ekpan community, Uvwie LGA.

**Cult Violence:** In December, two cultists were reportedly killed by members of a rival cult group in Agbarho, Ughelli North LGA. In January, cultists reportedly killed a 23-year old man at his residence in Kwale, Ndokwa West LGA.

**Mob Violence:** In January, a robbery suspect was reportedly burned to death by a mob in Agbarho community, Ughelli North LGA. Separately, a woman was reportedly shot dead by a member of a community vigilante group in Effurun-Otor, Ughelli North LGA. The woman was reportedly shot during an altercation with members of the vigilante

group over the arrest of her brother.

### Violence Affecting Women and Girls

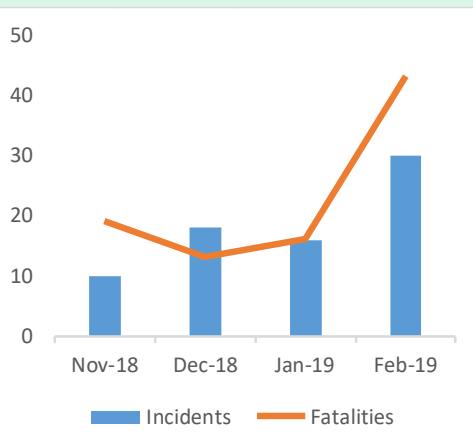
**(VAWG):** In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, sexual violence against women and girls was also reported during the period. In January, for instance, a 44-year old man was reportedly caught having carnal knowledge of a 7-year old girl in Sapele LGA. Separately, a 15-year old school girl was reportedly impregnated by a 56-year old man in Sapele LGA.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2019

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

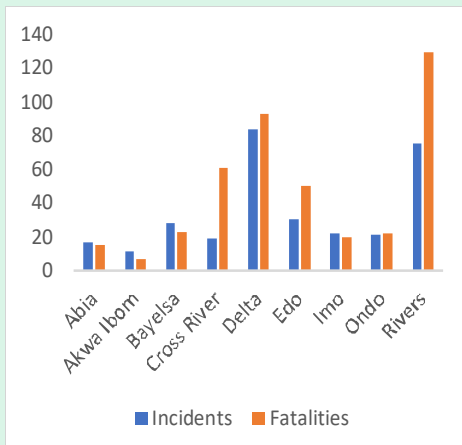
**Criminality:** During the month, four robbers were reportedly killed during a gun duel with the police in Isiokolo community, Ethiope

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2018 – February 2019 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 (Nov 2018 - Feb 2019)



East LGA. The hoodlums were confronted by the police after they had robbed some members of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) in the area. Separately, a man and his son were reportedly killed and buried by suspected assassins in Erhiephihor community, Udu LGA.

**Political Violence:** Thugs reportedly attacked a voting center, killed two voters and took away voting materials in Oghara community, Ethiope West LGA. Separately, gunmen reportedly killed a man at a voting center in Ughelli South LGA.

**Cult Violence:** A man was reportedly killed by suspected cultists in Emevor community, Isoko North LGA.

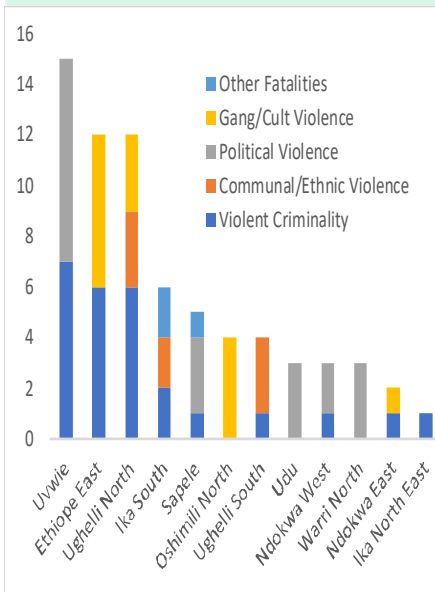
## Prognosis

Incidents during the period related mainly to political violence, communal conflict, cult violence, criminality, mob violence, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Agents should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

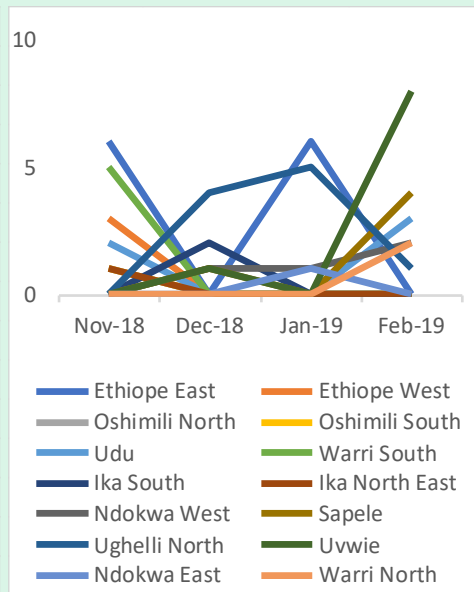
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (December 2018 - February 2019)**

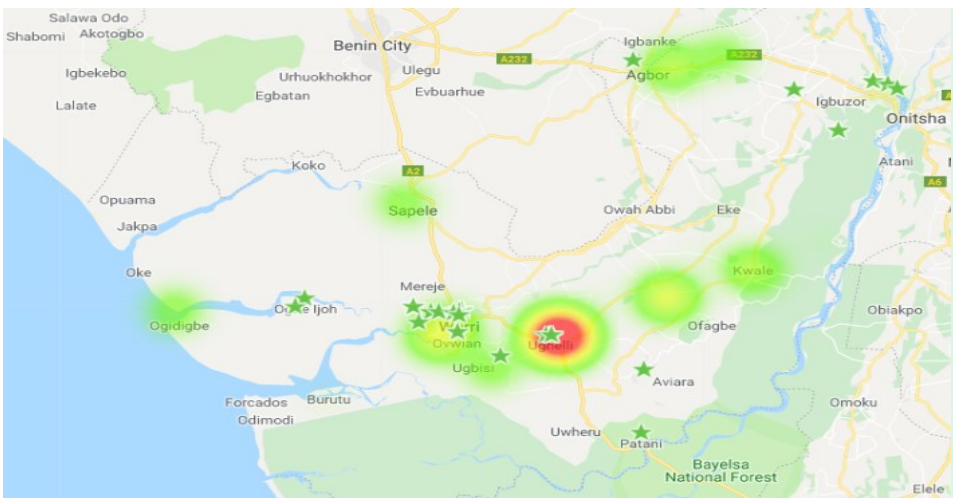


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Uvwie, followed by Ethiope East and Ughelli North, 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)

**Figure 5: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Delta State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from December 2018 – February 2019 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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