

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Delta State: March-April 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 January-March 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was a decrease in lethal violence in Delta state in March 2019. Based on reported fatalities, Delta was the second most violent state in the Niger Delta during this period (see Figure 2). 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 community, Ughelli North LGA. In February, herdsmen reportedly killed two residents and destroyed some houses in Effurun-Otor community, Ughelli North LGA.

**Violent Criminality:** In January, robbers reportedly ambushed a group of traders, killed one and inflicted injuries on two others in Ughelli North LGA. In March, four robbers were reportedly killed during a gun duel with the police in Isiokolo community, Ethiope East LGA. Separately, a man and his son were reportedly killed and buried by suspected assassins in Erhiephior community, Udu LGA.

**Political Violence:** In February, a Special Assistant to the Delta state governor on Youth Development was reportedly

assassinated in Ekpan community, Uvwie LGA. In March, 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:** In January, cultists reportedly killed a 23-year old man at his residence in Kwale, Ndokwa West LGA. In March, a man was reportedly killed by suspected cultists in Emevor community, Isoko North 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.

**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

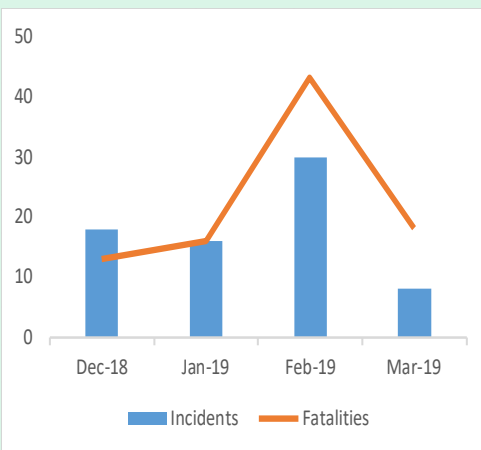
also reported during the period. In January, for instance, a 44-year old man was reportedly caught having carnal knowledge of a 7-year old girl in Sapele LGA. Separately, a 15-year old school girl was reportedly impregnated by a 56-year old man in Sapele LGA.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, April 2019

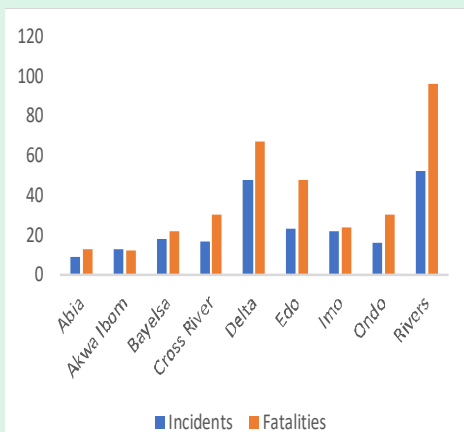
Reported incidents during the month related mainly to communal violence and criminality including kidnapping for ransom.

**Criminality:** During the month, two robbers were reportedly killed by vigilantes in Okpara Inland, Ethiope East LGA. Separately, two robbers were killed by the police at Ekette Waterside, Udu LGA. In another incident, bandits reportedly attacked a policeman at a security checkpoint and made away with his rifles in Asaba. Separately, four travelers were reportedly abducted by gunmen in Okurekpo community, Ethiope East LGA.

**Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State**



**Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (Dec 2018 - Mar 2019)**



Reported incidents and fatalities from December 2018 – March 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).

**Communal Violence:** Three farmers were reportedly killed by herdsmen in Owah-Abbi village, Ukwuani LGA. Separately, herdsmen reportedly killed four people including a man, his wife and daughter, in Abraka, Ethiope East LGA. In another incident, a youth was reportedly killed and properties destroyed during a clash over a leadership tussle between rival youth groups in Erhioke community, Ethiope East LGA.

**Others:** A member of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) was reportedly killed during a clash with the police in Asaba, the state capital. A landlord was reportedly stabbed to death by the son of his tenant in Asaba, Oshimili North LGA. The incident happened when the landlord was trying to stop the boy from beating his mother.

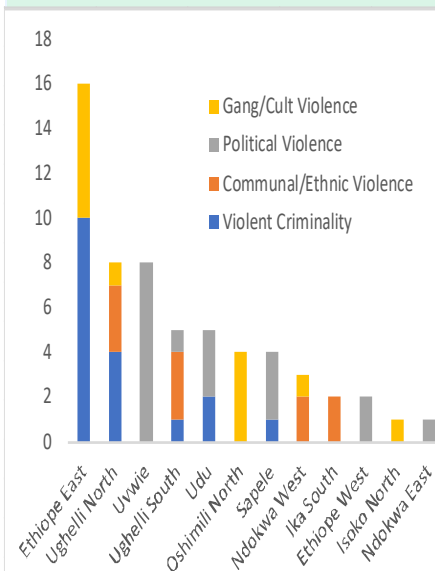
## Prognosis

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.

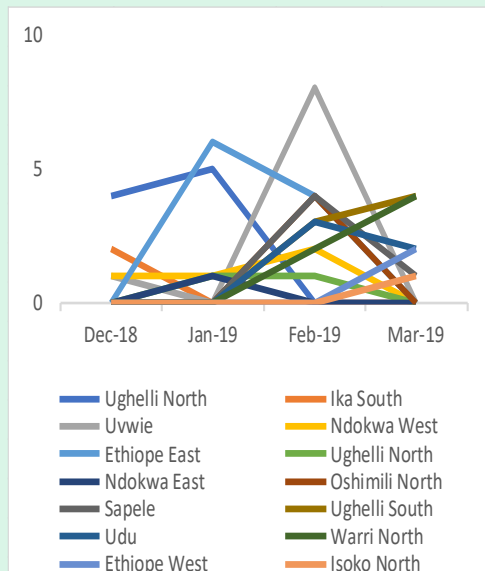
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 (January - March 2019)**

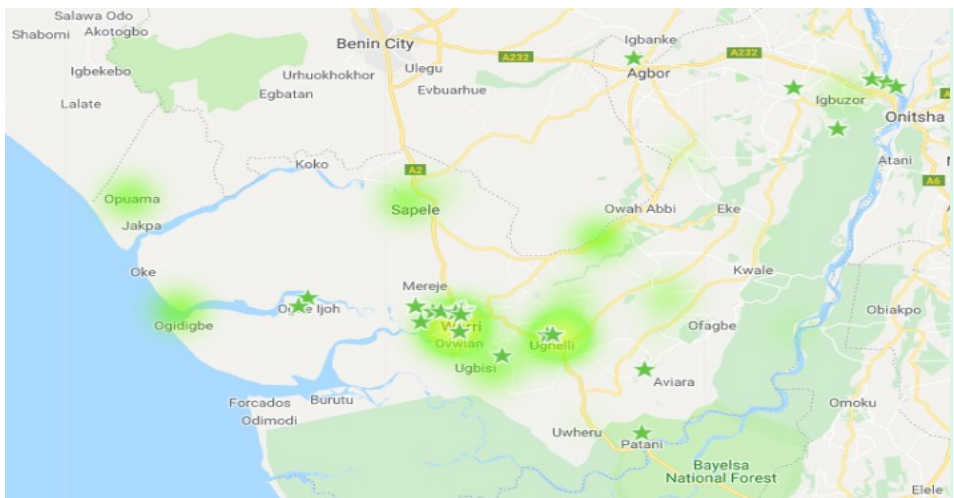


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



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