

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Bayelsa State: June-July 2019

### Background

This monthly tracker is designed to update Peace Agents on patterns of conflict risk and violence, as identified by the Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU) early warning system, and to seek feedback for response to mitigate areas of conflict.

### Patterns and Trends

#### April-June 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was an increase in lethal violence in Bayelsa state in June 2019. Based on reported fatalities, Bayelsa was one of the least violent states in the Niger Delta during this period. Incidents reported during this period included criminality, cult violence, mob violence, sexual violence and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

**Violent Criminality:** In April, the father of a chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) was reportedly abducted by gunmen in Sagbama LGA. In June, hoodlums reportedly burgled the Bayelsa State High Court complex in Yenagoa LGA.

**Kidnapping:** In May, the wife of a staff member of the Niger Delta University (NDU) was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen in Gbarantoru community, Yenagoa LGA. In June, the corpse of a 78-year old woman that was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen was found along the creeks in Amassoma, Southern Ijaw LGA.

**Cult Violence:** In May, a male cultist was reportedly killed during a clash between

members of two rival cult groups in Akaba community, Yenagoa LGA.

**Sexual Violence:** In May, a 40-year old man reportedly drugged and raped a young boy in Oruma community, Ogbia LGA.

**Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG):** In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, domestic violence against women was also reported during this period. In April, for instance, a man reportedly killed his girlfriend during a disagreement in Oluasiri community, Nembe LGA.

**Mob Violence:** In April, a mob reportedly killed two robbers who attempted stealing a child in Edepie community, Yenagoa LGA. Separately, two robbers were killed by a mob in Biogbolo community, Yenagoa LGA.

**Protest:** In June, community leaders reportedly issued a 2-week ultimatum to an oil company to settle with the community or

have its operations shut down in Agge community, Ekeremor LGA.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, July 2019

Incidents reported during this period related mainly to militancy, criminality including kidnapping for ransom, and communal conflict.

**Militancy:** During the month, militants reportedly attacked an oil flow station, killed two soldiers, abducted another and made away with rifles belonging to the soldiers in Azagbene community, Ekeremor LGA. Following the incident, soldiers reportedly attacked the community and burned several houses.

**Criminality:** Gunmen reportedly attacked a police station and killed four police officers including three male officers and a pregnant

Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities, Bayelsa State

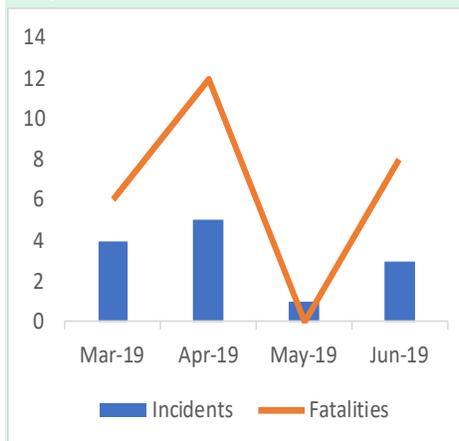
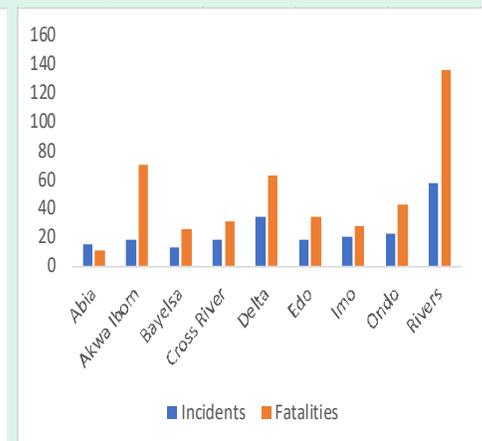


Figure 2: Incidents & Fatalities, Niger Delta (March - June 2019)



Reported incidents and fatalities from March—June 2019 in Bayelsa 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).

female officer in Agudama community, Yenagoa LGA. The hoodlums carted away arms, ammunition and police uniforms.

**Kidnapping:** Three women were reportedly kidnapped in Odoni community, Sagbama LGA. The victims included an 80-year and 66-year old woman along with her 17-year old daughter. Separately, kidnappers reportedly abducted a 5-year old girl in Akenfa community, Yenagoa LGA. The kidnappers later left the girl in a hotel room after they had collected a 1-million naira ransom.

**Communal Conflict:** Two people were reportedly killed during a clash between Toru-Orua and Ofoni communities, Sagbama LGA.

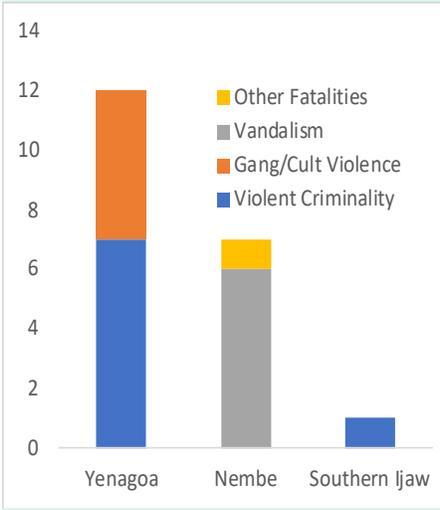
## Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence in Bayelsa state during this period were mainly driven by criminality including kidnapping for ransom, militancy, cult violence, mob violence, protest, sexual violence, and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Agents should monitor the security situation closely and respond appropriately.

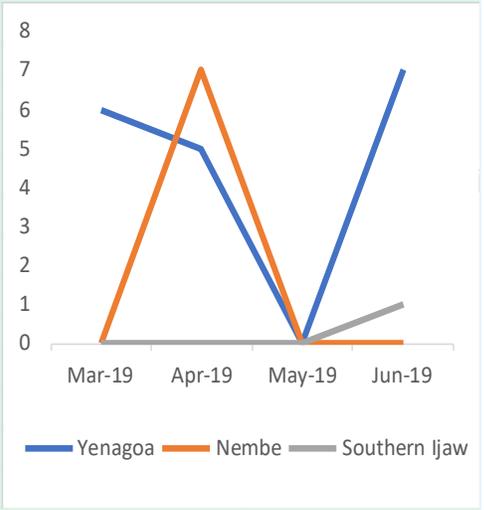
## Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there 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 (April - June 2019)**

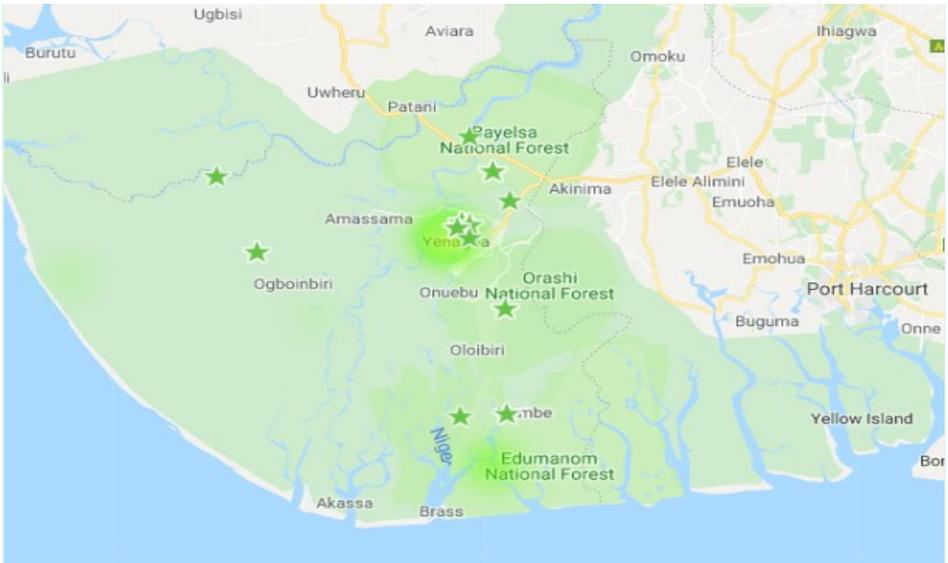


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (April - June 2019)**



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA) in Bayelsa State this period show that Yenagoa, followed by Nembe, had the highest number of reported incidents of lethal violence. 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 Bayelsa State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from April - June 2019 in Bayelsa; 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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