

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: July-August 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 May-July 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was a decrease in lethal violence in Delta State in July 2019. Reported incidents during the period included communal conflict, criminality, cult violence, protests, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

Communal Conflict: In May, herdsmen reportedly killed a prominent community leader in Ubulu-Uku, Aniocha South LGA. In July, herdsmen reportedly destroyed farmlands with their cattle and killed a 20-year old motorcyclist in Ibusa community, Oshimili North LGA.

Violent Criminality: In May, a vigilante group reportedly killed three kidnappers during a gun duel and rescued two victims in Kokori community, Ethiope East LGA. Separately, a polytechnic lecturer was reportedly shot dead at a drinking spot in Ogwashe-Ukwu, Aniocha South LGA. In June, two persons were reportedly killed by gunmen in Orose Street, Ughelli North LGA. In July, a 42-year old woman was reportedly killed by robbers at a security checkpoint at Igbiki Junction, Udu LGA. Separately, a 63-year old landlady was reportedly killed by her tenant in Umunajie Street in Asaba, Oshimili North LGA.

Kidnapping: In May, armed herdsmen reportedly shot a man and abducted his wife in Ubulu-Uku, Aniocha South LGA. In July, two students of a polytechnic were reportedly abducted at the gate of their hostel in Oghara community, Ethiope West LGA. The students were released after a ransom was paid to the kidnappers.

Cult Violence: In May, four persons were reportedly killed during a clash between members of two rival cult groups in Asaba, Oshimili North LGA. In June, two persons were reportedly killed during a clash between members of two rival cult groups in Otu-Jeremi, Ughelli South LGA. Separately, cultists reportedly killed a man with an axe in Iwrekan community, Ughelli South LGA.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG): In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, sexual violence was also reported during this period. In June, for instance, the mutilated

corpse of a female fashion designer was found in a sack in Abraka community, Ethiope East LGA.

Other Fatality: In July, a female trader was reportedly stabbed to death by the mother of her son's girlfriend at Ughelli Main Market, Ughelli North LGA. The incident was triggered by the relationship between their teenage children.

Protest: In June, there was a protest by residents over delayed response to a burning oil facility belonging to a multinational oil company in Polobubo community, Warri South LGA. Separately, residents protested against an oil servicing company over alleged neglect of their villages in Edjebe, Warri South LGA. In July, there was a protest by residents over the arrest of a community pipeline surveillance supervisor by security operatives attached a major multinational oil corporation in Polobubo community, Warri North LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State

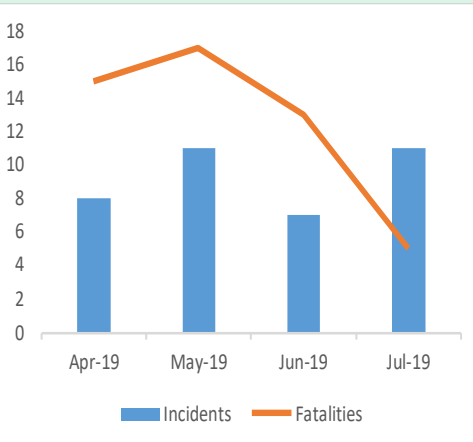
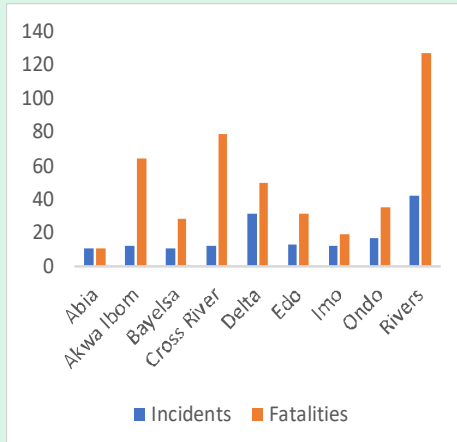


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (April - July 2019)



Reported incidents and fatalities from April – July 2019 in Delta State and regional trends.

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

Recent Incidents or Issues, August 2019

Reported incidents during the month related mainly to criminality, domestic violence, and protests.

Domestic Violence: A man reportedly killed his brother over infidelity in Amukpe town, Sapele LGA. The victim allegedly had a sexual relationship with his brother's wife.

Other Fatality: A girl was reportedly found dead in a hotel in Amukpe, Sapele LGA. A man who lodged in the hotel with the victim was arrested while trying to escape.

Protest: Women protested against an oil company over payment of royalties in Sapele -Okpe community, Sapele LGA. Separately, women from several communities protested at a flow station belonging to an oil company over employment and payment of local contractors in Warri South-West LGA.

Prognosis

Conflict risk and lethal violence in Delta state during this period were driven mainly by communal conflict, criminality, cult violence, protests, domestic 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 (May - July 2019)

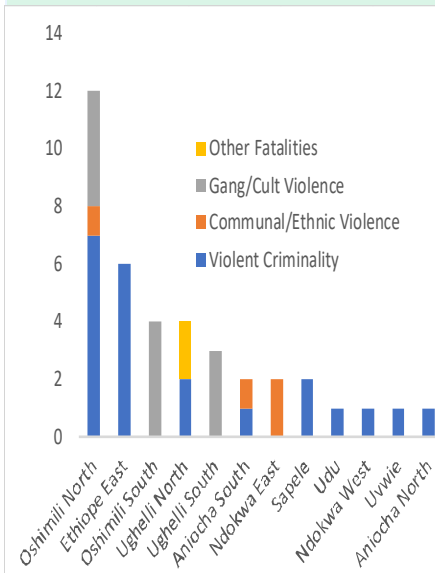
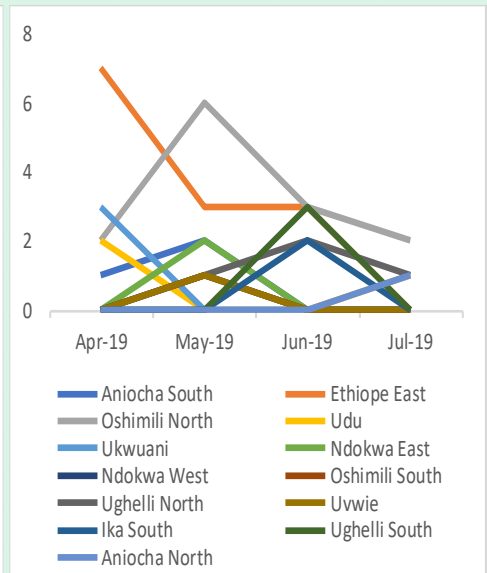
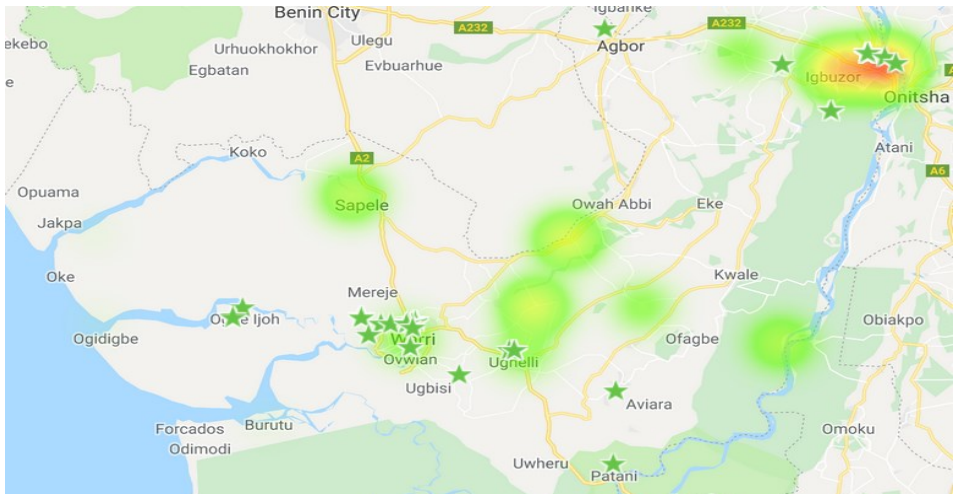


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



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

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from May – July 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

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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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