

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Delta State: August-September 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 June-August 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 2), Delta State was one of the most violent states in the Niger Delta during this period. Reported incidents during the period included communal conflict, criminality, cult violence, protests, domestic violence, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

**Communal Conflict:** 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 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 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 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.

**Domestic Violence:** In August, 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.

#### 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 August, for instance, 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

**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 August, women protested against an oil company over payment of royalties in

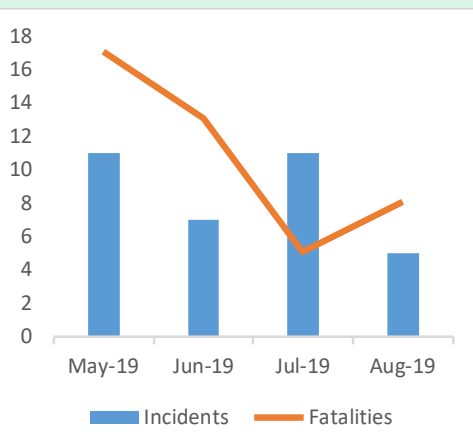
Sapele-Okpe community, Sapele LGA. Separately, women from several communities protested at a flow station belonging to an oil company over employment and payment of local contractors in Warri South-West LGA.

### Recent Incidents, September 2019

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

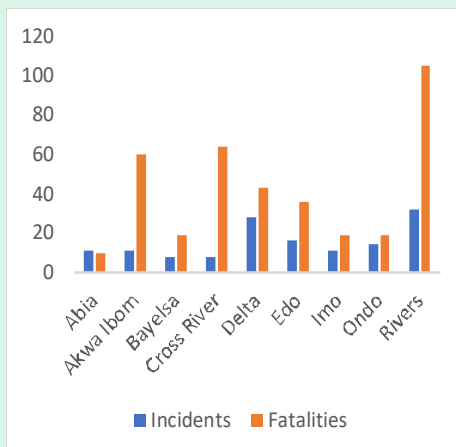
**Violent Criminality:** During the month, a commercial motorcyclist was reportedly killed for ritualistic purposes in Oria Abraka community, Ethiope East LGA. Separately, the corpse of a girl was found in a pool of blood in a farm in Ogorode, Sapele LGA. The girl was reportedly stabbed to death by unknown assailants. In a separate incident, an Inspector of Police was reportedly killed in a gun battle with herdsmen in Uvwiamughe community, Ughelli North LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from May – August 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 (May - August 2019)



**Kidnapping:** A lawyer and his colleague were reportedly abducted by gunmen along the East-West Road in Ughelli North LGA.

**Other Fatalities:** A robber was reportedly lynched by a mob at Effurun Roundabout, Uvwie LGA. Separately, a man was reportedly electrocuted while attempting to vandalize a transformer belonging to an electricity distribution company in Asaba, Oshimili South LGA.

**Flooding:** Three children, including a girl and two boys aged two, four and five years, were reportedly killed by flooding triggered by heavy rainfall in Polobubo and Tsekelewu communities in Warri North LGA.

**Protest:** There was a protest by residents over killings and robbery by cultists in Udu community, Ovwian LGA. Separately, there was a protest by youths over the death of a crown prince in Mbiri community, Ika North-East LGA. The prince was allegedly poisoned.

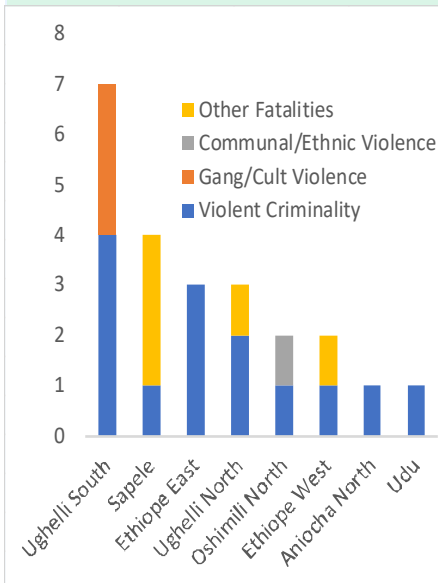
## Prognosis

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.

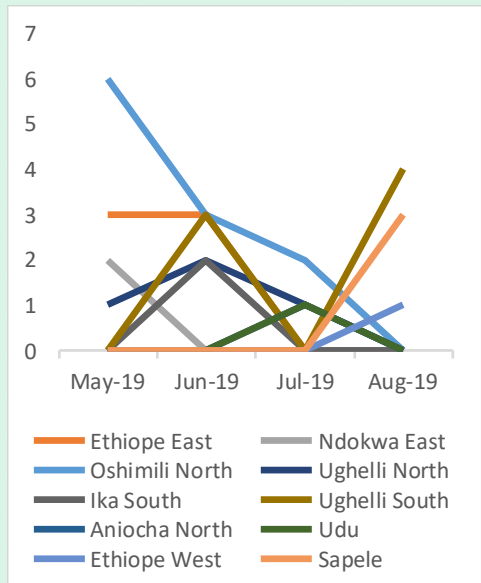
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 (June - August 2019)**

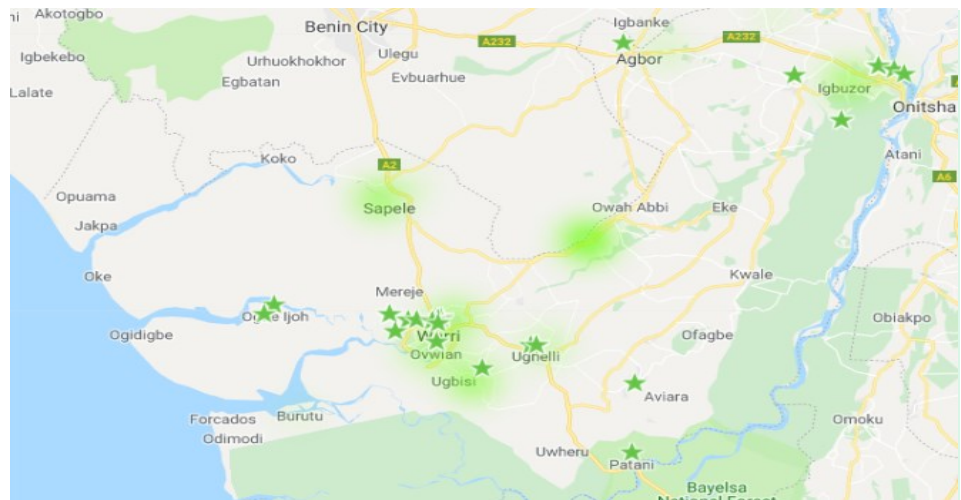


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA) in Delta State this quarter show that Ughelli South, followed by Sapele, 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. 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 June – August 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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