

# Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

## Delta State - March 2016

### 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 2015-Feb 2016

Incidents reported during this period included criminality, inter-communal conflict, youth leadership crisis and protests.

Communal Tensions: Tensions involving pastoralists and farmers led to conflict in December and January, including the abduction and killing of a traditional ruler.

Cult Clashes: The most lethal violence was related to cultism which killed over a dozen people in December, January, and February.

Attacks on Energy Infrastructure: In January, oil pipelines in Warri South West were reportedly blown up by suspected militants.

Other incidents included political tensions,

criminality, as well as protests by women, indigenes, okada riders, and unions over a variety of complaints and disputes.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2016

Incidents reported in March included land disputes, protests and criminality.

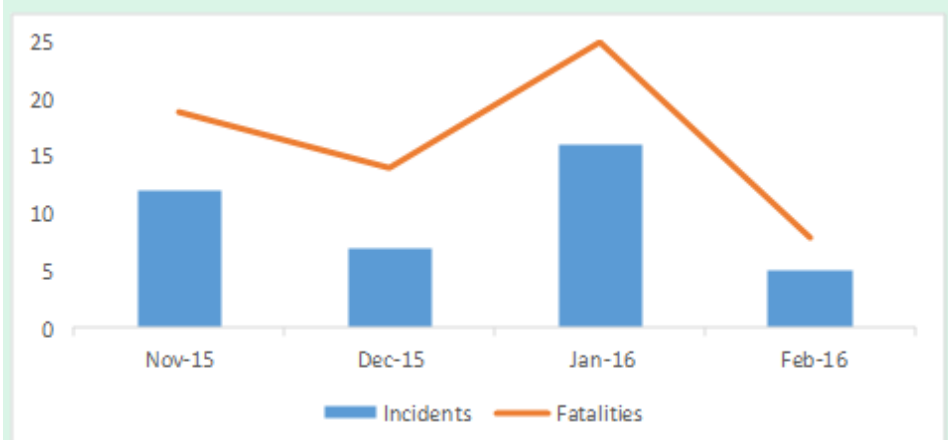
Land Dispute: Two people were reported killed in a land dispute in Ndokwa East. In Ughelli North, two brothers were reported killed in a conflict over land ownership. In a separate incident, reported boundary disputes between Aladja and Ogbe-Ijaw

communities in Udu and Warri South West escalated. In another incident, a protest by women over disputed land that was sold to an oil firm led to a physical altercation with soldiers.

Other Protests: There was a reported protest by a community against an oil firm over an alleged neglect of a vandalized oil pipeline and a damaged road in Ndokwa East.

Criminality: The leader of a robbery gang was reported killed by police in Uvwie. In a separate incident, three kidnapers were reported killed by police in Warri South. In Okpe, the leader of a youth association was

Figure 1: Delta State Incidents and Fatalities



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2015-February 2016 in Delta State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

kidnapped along with his wife. In Ika North, two people were reported killed by gunmen, while a middle-aged woman was reported murdered in Ika South.

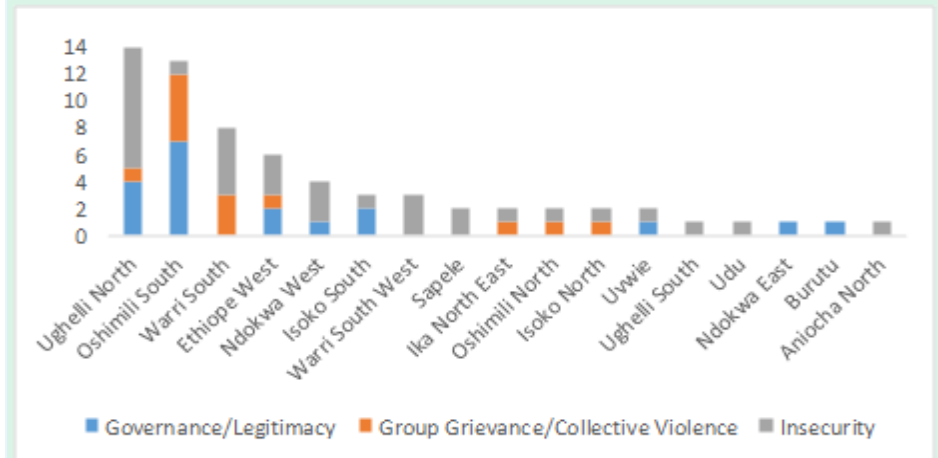
## Prognosis

Many incidents of inter-communal conflict, cultism, criminality and protests were reported in this period. Renewed ethnic animosity between Aladja and Ijaw communities is a potential driver of conflict that should be closely monitored by peace actors to avoid escalation of violence.

## Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top 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?

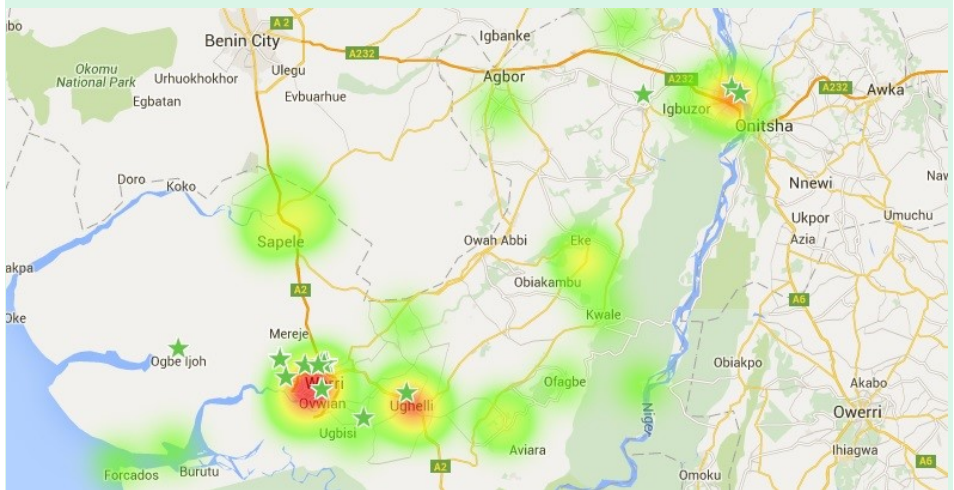
**Figure 2: Trends in Conflict by LGA (Dec 2015 - Feb 2016)**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Ughelli North and Oshimili South had the most incidents of conflict risk and violence.

Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 3: Heatmap of Incidents and Peace Agents in Delta State**



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from Dec 2015 –Feb 2016 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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