

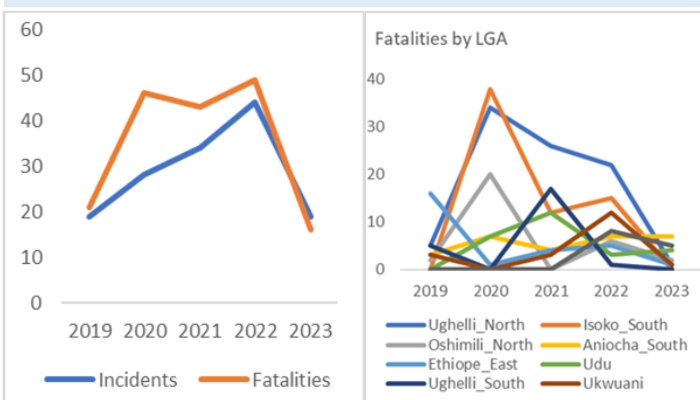
Niger Delta Weekly: Preventing and Mitigating Communal Violence in Delta State

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Background

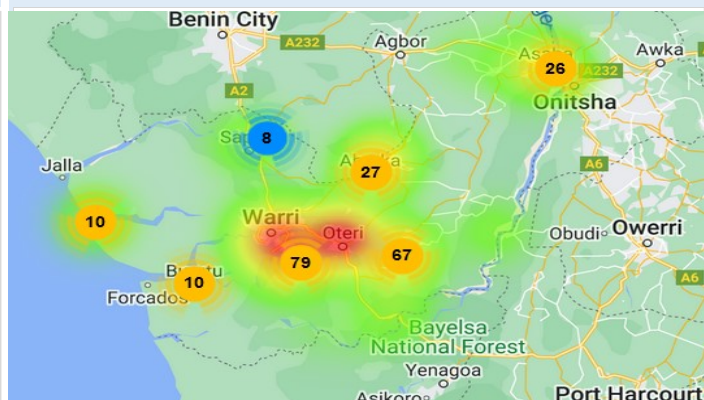
This weekly update spotlights communal conflict in the Niger Delta with a focus on rising communal tensions over land disputes and leadership tussles in Delta State. Clashes over land and boundary disputes as well as leadership tussles are major causes of lethal violence and instability in Delta State. According to data (see map below), communal violence caused more than 200 fatalities in Delta State between January 2021 and December 2023. Recent incidents indicate an escalation of violence over land disputes and leadership tussles in the State. In January 2024, for instance, six persons were reportedly killed in renewed clashes over a land dispute between Okoloba and Okuama communities in Bomadi and Ughelli South LGAs respectively. Separately, two youth leaders were allegedly killed in a series of clashes over a leadership tussle in Mosogar community, Ethiope West LGA. More recently, on January 29, 2024, many properties were allegedly destroyed, some residents injured, and several others fled their homes following a clash between two rival vigilante groups in Bonsaac area of Asaba community, Oshimili South LGA.

Key Facts and Figures: Trends and Patterns of Communal Violence in Delta State



Data shows that Ughelli North and Isoko South LGAs had the highest number of fatalities caused by communal violence during the period. Sources: All data sources formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Fatalities Heat Map of Communal Violence in Delta State, Nigeria



Heat Map shows concentration of reported fatalities caused by communal violence in Delta State from January 2021 - December 2023. Sources: All data sources formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Why it Matters

The recent escalation of communal violence over land disputes and leadership tussles has the potential to intensify communal tensions and ethnic hostilities. Heightened communal tensions and hostilities could adversely impact the dynamics of conflict and insecurity in the State. It could trigger a cycle of reprisal violence and killings, and the proliferation of arms and unregulated vigilantes and local militias. This could bring about far-reaching socio-economic, humanitarian, human rights, political and security consequences in the State.

Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

Conflict over land disputes and leadership tussles remains recurrent in Delta State with periodic incidents of violence. Stakeholders should collaborate with the State government to develop policies to holistically address the underlying conflict drivers. Stakeholders should also work with relevant government agencies, community leaders and CSOs to establish conflict resolution committees and community-based early warning systems to proactively identify and respond to potential triggers of communal violence in the State.

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Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and brief incident description.



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