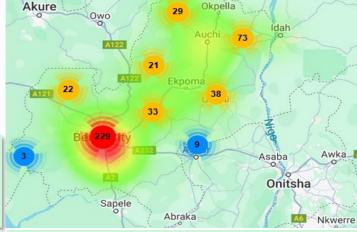
### **Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update**

# De-escalating Communal Tensions and Criminal Violence in Edo State

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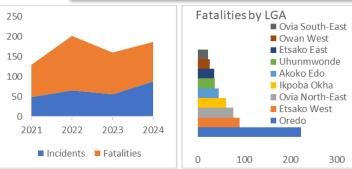
This update highlights organized violence and insecurity in the Niger Delta, with a focus on communal tensions and organized criminal violence in Edo State. Recent data indicates a rise in both communal and criminal violence, exacerbating conflict risks and insecurity. The resurgence of organized violence could cause instability in the State.



Heat Map shows the concentration of fatalities caused by communal and criminal violence in Edo State from January 2021 - December 2024. Sources: All data sources formatted on P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org



## Trends and Flashpoints of Communal and Criminal Violence in Edo State

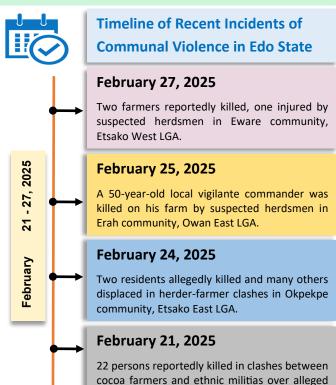


#### **Anticipated Trends and Dynamics**

A resurgence of criminal and communal violence could intensify conflict and insecurity in the state, further straining intercommunal relations, disrupting livelihoods, and displacing residents. This could create a conducive environment for organized crime and militancy.

#### **Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation**

Security agencies have intensified operations to curtail criminal violence and ease communal tensions in affected communities. Meanwhile, community leaders and local authorities are collaborating with law enforcement to restore stability and prevent further escalation.



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