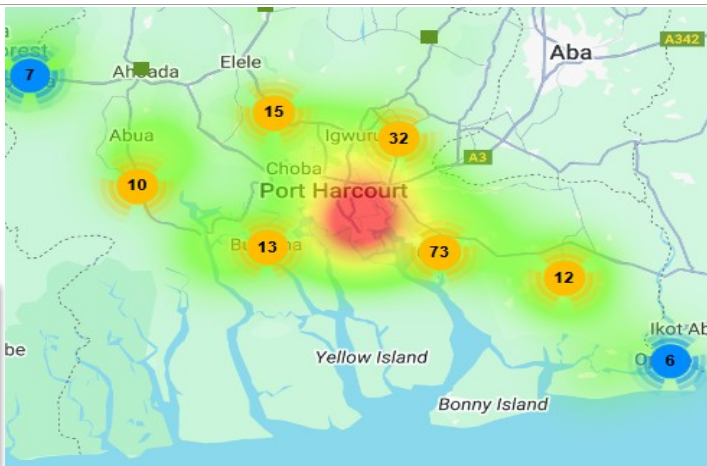


Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

Mitigating Political Tensions and Unrest in Rivers State

March 02 - 08, 2025

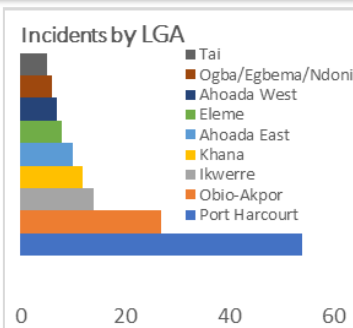
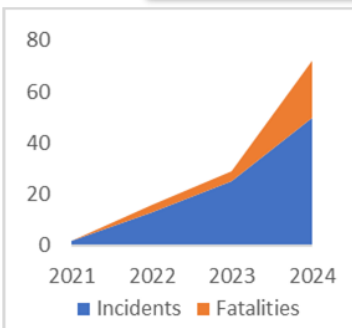
This weekly update highlights political violence in the Niger Delta, with a focus on escalating tensions and unrest in Rivers State. Politics in the region is highly contentious and often marred by violence. Recent developments have further heightened tensions, fueling political unrest, social instability, and broader insecurity in Rivers State.



Heat Map shows concentration of reported incidents of political violence in Rivers State from January 2021 - December 2024. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org



Trends and Flashpoints of Unrest and Political Violence in Rivers State



Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The recent court ruling on the status of the State House of Assembly and local government elections has heightened tensions, increasing the risk of politically motivated violence. This could have serious socio-economic, political, and security consequences for the State.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

The state government has directed local administrators to assume control of local governance, while security agencies remain on high alert to prevent potential clashes between rival factions. Meanwhile, peace actors are actively engaging in dialogue to reduce tensions.



Timeline of Recent Incidents of Political Violence in Rivers State

January — March, 2025

- January 16, 2025**
Tensions allegedly escalated in the state capital after a court ruling nullified the executive leadership of a major political party.
- February 28, 2025**
Supreme Court ruling has reportedly escalated tensions by affirming one faction, freezing state funds, and nullifying local elections.
- March 02, 2025**
The governor's directive for heads of LGA to assume control has reportedly heightened tensions amid disputes between rival factions.
- March 03 - 05, 2025**
Many residents protested against the nullification of local government elections and the suspension of federal allocations to the state.

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Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system: Text report to **080 9936 2222/0912 233 4455**.

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



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