## **Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update**

# **Building Resilience against Criminality** and Communal Violence in Ondo State

March 23 - 29, 2025

This update highlights the growing threats of organized criminality and communal violence in Ondo State, with a focus on strategies for strengthening communal resilience. Recent data indicates a surge in criminal violence, rising tensions between farmers and pastoralist communities, and increasing social unrest across the state.



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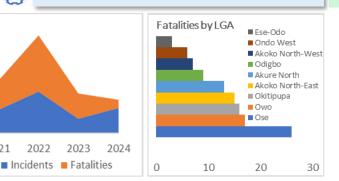
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## **Trends and Flashpoints of Communal** and Criminal Violence in Ondo State



## **Anticipated Trends and Dynamics**

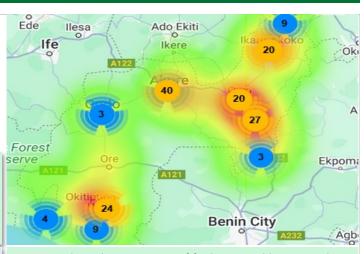
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The surge in communal and criminal violence, including targeted killings and herder-farmer clashes, risks triggering social unrest and a breakdown of law and order. This could bring about heavy-handed security responses and further worsen the state's security situation.

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

Stakeholders are addressing the situation through law enforcement and conflict management efforts. However, strengthening community resilience through social cohesion, trust-building, early warning systems, local policing, and economic empowerment remains vital.



Heat Map shows the concentration of fatalities caused by communal violence in Ondo State from January 2021 - December 2024. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4pnigerdelta.org

## **Timeline of Recent Incidents of Communal Violence in Ondo State**

## March 19, 2025

Farmers in Akure North LGA protested the alleged killing of five people by suspected herdsmen, further raising tensions in the area.

## March 08, 2025

Gunmen, suspected to be herders, reportedly invaded more than four communities in Akure North LGA, killing over 20 farmers.

#### February 15, 2025

Tensions escalated after youths reportedly protested a death in police custody by burning a police station and a house in Ifon, Ose LGA.

### January 30, 2025

Herdsmen reportedly killed five farmers while they were working on their farms in Ajegunle-Powerline community, Akure North LGA.

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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.





