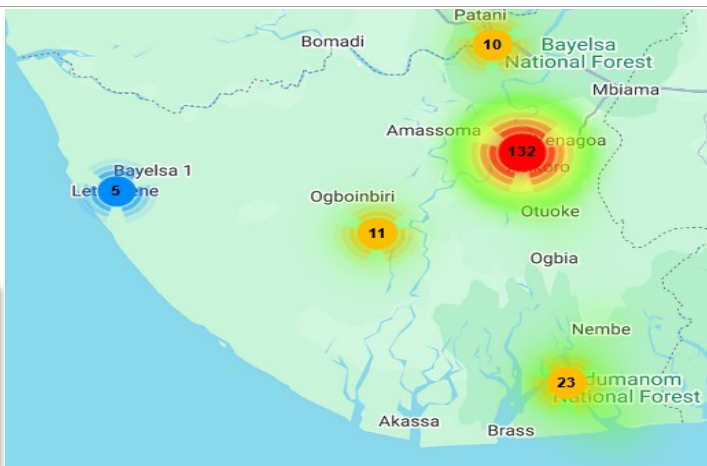


# Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

## Strengthening Community Resilience Against Gang Violence in Bayelsa State

April 13-19, 2025

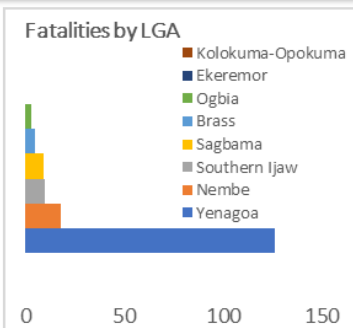
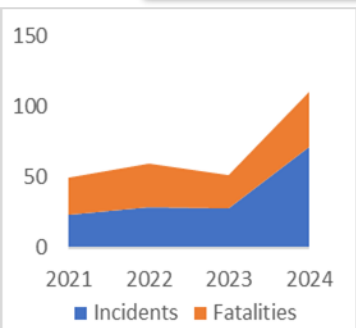
This update spotlights organized crime in the Niger Delta, focusing on gang violence in Bayelsa State. Clashes between rival cult gangs have become a major driver of insecurity and communal tensions. Recent data shows a rise in cult-related violence across the state, marked by brutal attacks, targeted killings, and a growing atmosphere of fear.



Heat Map shows the concentration of fatalities caused by cult and gang violence in Bayelsa State from January 2021 - December 2024. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map [www.p4pnigerdelta.org](http://www.p4pnigerdelta.org)



### Trends and Hotspots of Cult and Gang-Related Violence in Bayelsa State



### Timeline of Recent Incidents of Cult and Gang-related Violence



**January - March 2025**

- January 10, 2025**  
Suspected cultists reportedly killed three people, including the son of a local vigilante leader, during an attack in Igbogene, Yenagoa LGA.
- January 19, 2025**  
A renewed cult clash reportedly resulted in the death of one person amid the resurgence of gang violence in Yenagoa, the state capital.
- February 03, 2025**  
A woman was reportedly killed by a stray bullet during a cult clash between rival gangs at the Swali Ultra-Modern Market in Yenagoa LGA.
- March 03, 2025**  
A lingering cult war reportedly claimed the life of a 30-year-old man as rival gang violence resurfaced in Yenagoa, the state capital.

### Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The recent surge in cult clashes and targeted killings in Bayelsa State poses a significant threat to public safety, with the potential for further escalation. If not urgently addressed, this violence could destabilize communities and disrupt economic activities across the State.

### Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Stakeholders are working with security agencies to curb cult-related violence in the State, while peace actors engage community leaders to discourage youth involvement. Civil society organizations are also promoting awareness and community-led solutions across the State.

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### Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

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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