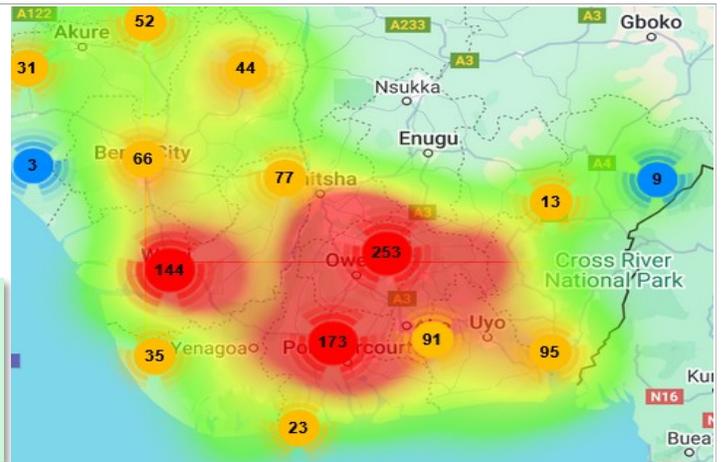


Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

Addressing the Underlying Drivers of Criminal Violence in the Niger Delta

May 04-10, 2025

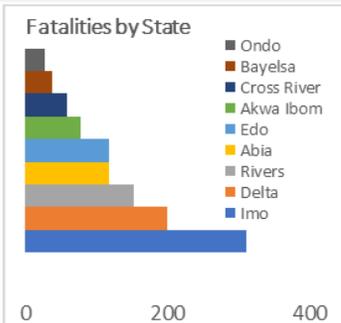
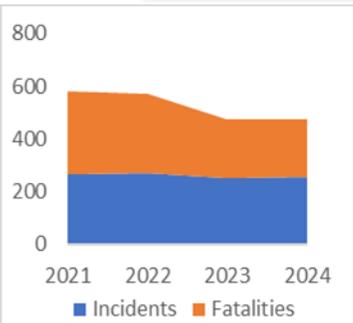
This update highlights the rising trend of organized criminal violence in the Niger Delta and the urgent need for targeted strategies to address its root causes. Recent data indicate that criminal violence continues to undermine peace and security in the region, reinforcing the urgent need to tackle the structural conditions that sustain it.



Heat Map shows the concentration of fatalities caused by criminal violence in the Niger Delta from January 2021 - March 2025. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4pnigerdelta.org



Trends and Flashpoints of Organized Criminality in the Niger Delta



Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The current trend of criminal violence has the potential to escalate, further worsening conflict and insecurity in the region - particularly amid the country's prevailing socio-economic and security challenges, including high unemployment, drug abuse, poverty, and inflation.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Stakeholders are working with relevant security agencies to mitigate the situation. However, there remains a pressing need for long-term institutional and developmental measures to address the underlying structural drivers and enablers of criminal violence in the region.



Timeline of Recent Incidents of Criminal Violence

Timeline from March to May 2025:

- May 06, 2025:** Gunmen reportedly attacked three boats and abducted over 16 passengers along the Isaka waterways in Okrika LGA, Rivers State.
- April 28, 2025:** Four people were reportedly killed in a series of clashes between rival cult gangs at different locations in Benin City, the Edo State capital.
- April 03, 2025:** A man was abducted from his farm and killed by gunmen suspected to be herders in Ubulu-Uku, Aniocha South LGA of Delta State.
- March 03, 2025:** Bandits allegedly attacked four communities in Akure North LGA of Ondo State, killing over 20 residents, including farmers.

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