

Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

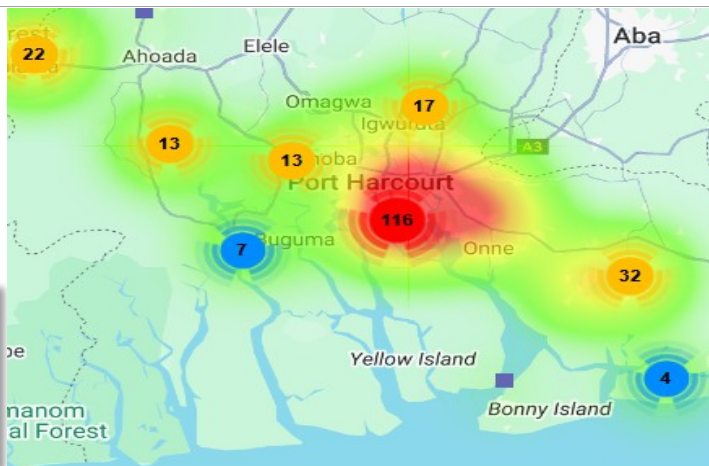
Addressing the Resurgence of Domestic Violence and Homicide in Rivers State

August 17-23, 2025

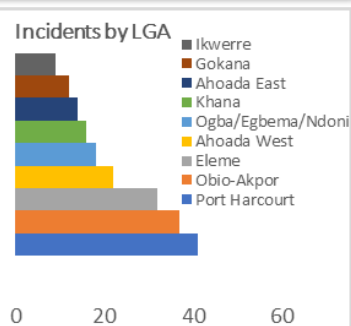
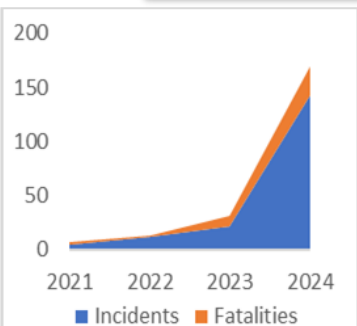
This update highlights the rising trend of interpersonal violence in the Niger Delta, with a focus on domestic violence and homicide in Rivers State. Recent cases of intimate partner violence have resulted in fatalities, underscoring the growing risks of gender-based violence and its wider impact on community safety and stability in the State.



Trends and Flashpoints of Homicide and Domestic Violence in Rivers State



Heat Map shows concentration of reported incidents of domestic violence and homicide in Rivers State from January 2021 - June 2025. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4pnigerdelta.org



Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

Domestic violence and homicide in Rivers State are likely to worsen amid rising economic hardship fueled by inflation. Increasing financial pressures are intensifying household tensions, elevating the risk of intimate partner violence, and threatening community stability.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Stakeholders are responding to domestic violence and homicide through arrests and trials. However, urgent action is needed to tackle underlying causes and implement preventive measures, including awareness campaigns to change harmful attitudes and behaviors.



Timeline of Recent Incidents of Domestic Violence and Homicide

August 17, 2025

A man reportedly stabbed his lover to death during an argument at Mile 1 in Diobu, Port Harcourt City LGA.

July 30, 2025

A 23-year-old man reportedly killed his 44-year-old girlfriend with a machete in Umuebule community, Etche LGA.

July 06, 2025

A female undergraduate allegedly set her 32-year-old boyfriend on fire during a disagreement in Choba community, Obio/Akpor LGA.

May 15, 2025

A 43-year-old woman reportedly bit off the tip of her lover's genitals during a domestic altercation at Mile 3 in Diobu, Port Harcourt LGA.

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Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

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



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