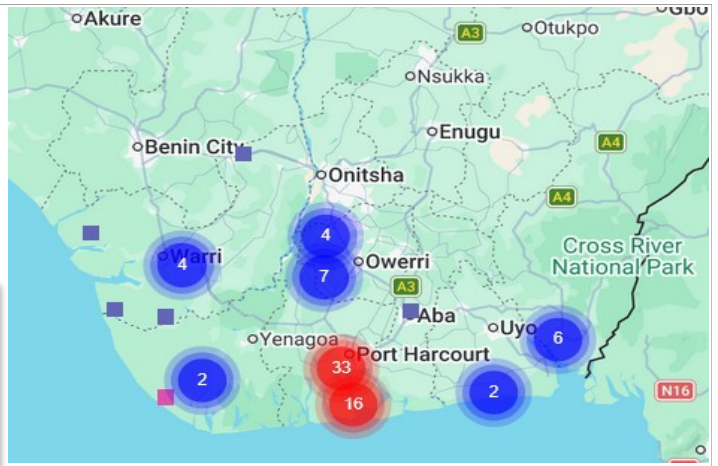


# Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

## Combating Energy Infrastructure Sabotage and Theft in the Niger Delta

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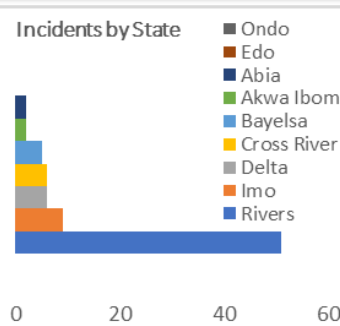
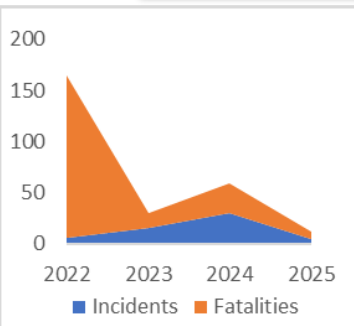
This update highlights ongoing energy infrastructure sabotage and theft in the Niger Delta, including illegal bunkering, petroleum product theft, and vandalism. Recent incidents indicate continued targeting of critical energy assets, with significant implications for economic stability, environmental safety, and regional energy security.



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents of attacks on energy infrastructure in the Niger Delta from January 2022 to March 2025. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map [www.p4pnigerdelta.org](http://www.p4pnigerdelta.org)



### Trends and Dynamics of Attacks on Energy Infrastructure in the Niger Delta



### Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

If current patterns persist, recurring sabotage and theft of energy infrastructure are likely to strengthen criminal networks and increase economic losses. This could undermine investor confidence, disrupt energy operations, and weaken economic development in the region.

### Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Security agencies have intensified operations against infrastructure vandalism across the region. However, stronger protection of critical assets and deeper collaboration with local communities remain vital to reducing sabotage and sustaining energy security.



### Timeline of Recent Incidents of Attacks on Energy Infrastructure

**March 15 - April 20, 2026**

- April 20, 2026**: Joint Task Force operatives allegedly recovered 3,250 liters of suspected illegally refined petroleum products in Eleme LGA, Rivers State.
- April 19, 2026**: Residents reportedly apprehended two suspects attempting to vandalize and steal solar streetlights in Sagbama LGA, Bayelsa State.
- March 22, 2026**: The Nigerian Navy reportedly intercepted over 44,000 liters of illegally refined petroleum products in Obio/Akpor LGA, Rivers State.
- March 15, 2026**: Police reportedly arrested four suspects for vandalism and stealing of energy facilities in Ibeno LGA, Akwa Ibom 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 **0912 233 4455**.

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

