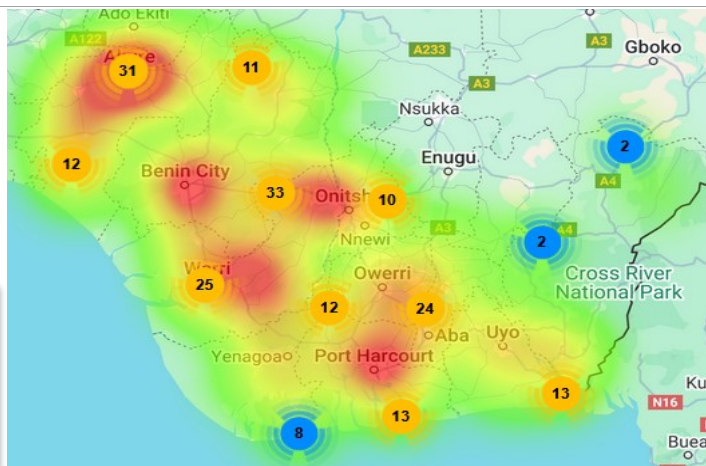


Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

Addressing Emerging Trends of Criminal Violence Against Women and Girls

May 17-23, 2026

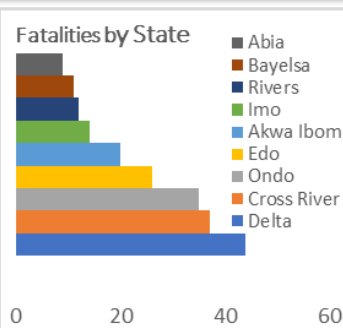
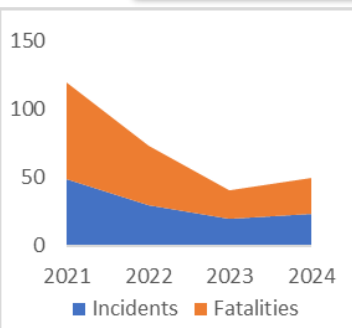
This update highlights emerging patterns of criminal violence against women and girls in the Niger Delta, including sexual violence, child trafficking, matricide, and physical assault. These trends underscore growing threats to the safety and well-being of women and girls, and the need for stronger protection and preventive response measures.



Heat Map showing the concentration of reported violence affecting women and girls in the Niger Delta from January 2022 to March 2026. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4pnigerdelta.org



Trends and Hotspots of Violence Against Women and Girls in the Niger Delta



Timeline of Recent Incidents of Violence Affecting Women & Girls



March 01 - May 04, 2026

May 04, 2026

A man allegedly sexually abused his neighbor's 16-year-old daughter in Rukpokwu, Obio/Akpor local government area (LGA), Rivers State.

April 23, 2026

Police operatives reportedly intercepted a child trafficking syndicate and rescued a 13-year-old girl at Owena in Idanre LGA, Ondo State.

April 21, 2026

A viral video reportedly showed a woman being assaulted during a cultural festival in Edjeba community, Warri South LGA, Delta State.

March 01, 2026

A 13-year-old girl was reportedly raped and impregnated by a pastor in Yenagoa, the capital of Bayelsa State.

Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The persistence of violence against women and girls could heighten fear, insecurity, and vulnerability in affected communities. If not addressed, these trends may deepen social trauma, weaken public trust in protection systems, and increase risks to vulnerable groups.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Human rights organizations and law enforcement agencies are intensifying investigations, rescue operations, and prosecutions of offenders. However, stronger enforcement of protective laws and sustained community sensitization are essential to curbing the trend.

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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.



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