

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: October-November 2017

Background

This monthly tracker is designed to update Peace Agents on patterns and trends in conflict risk and violence, as identified by the Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU) early warning system, and to seek feedback and input for response to mitigate areas of conflict.

Patterns and Trends August-October 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), conflict issues during the period included communal tensions, militancy, cult violence, and other criminal activities.

Communal Conflict: In September, two were reportedly killed during a clash between Unenurhe and Uwherhu communities in Ughelli North. Separately, three were reportedly killed and seven declared missing during clash over a leadership tussle in Ugborodo community, Warri South West LGA. In October, herdsman reportedly attacked a community killed six residents and destroyed crops in Oshimili North. Separately, two were reported killed by herdsman in Ukwuani. Communal conflict is a key driver of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state. Women and girls are often the victims of communal tensions particularly, herders/farmers conflict.

Violent Criminality: In September, the leader of a vigilante group was shot dead in Uvwie LGA. Separately, a 55-year old man was reportedly killed by members of a vigilante group in Ethiope East. In another incident, a member of an anti-cultism corps was reportedly killed by suspected cultists at a drinking spot in Ukwuani LGA. In Okpe, a ward chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) was assassinated in front of his

residence. In Asaba, gunmen reportedly attacked a market dominated by traders from the northern part of the country and killed four. In Bomadi, gunmen reportedly kidnapped the mother of the deputy majority leader of the Delta State House of Assembly. In October, a 64-year old politician was kidnapped and killed by his abductors in Aniocha North. Separately, suspected militants kidnapped four expatriates who were providing humanitarian services in Burutu LGA. One of the victims was killed by the kidnappers. In another incident, the police killed three robbers in a gun duel in Uvwie LGA.

Criminality was a key driver of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state during the period. In October, a 20-year old girl was raped by two men in Ndokwa East LGA.

Others: In September, a 32-year old man was reportedly killed and two other injured by stray bullets fired by policemen during a ceremony in Warri South LGA. Separately, a

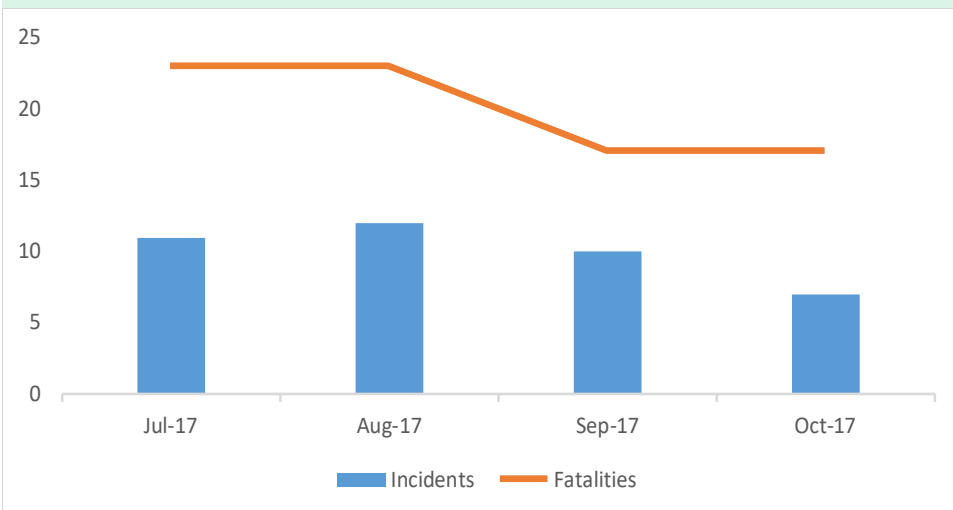
man who had reportedly killed a commercial motorcyclist for ritualistic purposes was shot dead by soldiers in Sapele. In October, a man reportedly killed his uncle during a disagreement over a family property in Isoko South LGA. Separately, a boat operator was reportedly shot dead by a marine policeman during a disagreement in Warri South.

Recent Incidents or Issues, November 2017

Reported incidents included communal tensions, criminality, and child abuse.

Communal Tensions: A 45-year old farmer reportedly killed a 20-year old herdsman during a disagreement in Aniocha South. Separately, three were killed in a renewed clash over a boundary dispute between Aladja, an Urhobo community in Udu LGA and Ogbe-Ijoh, an Ijaw community in Warri South West LGA. In another incident, a 95-year old blind man was killed during a

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from July–October 2017 in Delta State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

communal clash in Ndokwa East LGA. In Ndokwa West, one was reportedly killed and several others injured during a clash between two factions over elections into a community youth association.

Criminality: The leader of a group militants that kidnapped and killed an expatriate the previous month, was reportedly killed by the police in a gun duel in Sapele. Two other members of the group were arrested while a police Sergeant died during the confrontation. Separately, a police corporal was reportedly shot dead by cultists in Ndokwa East. The victim was believed to have been killed because of his anti-cultism activities in the area. In another incident, two male robbers who robbed a resident was apprehended and beaten by a mob in Warri North LGA. One of the robbers later died from injuries sustained during the beating.

Child Abuse: Two children were reportedly burned to death after arsonists threw petrol bomb into their house in Aniocha South. Separately, a 20-year old woman reportedly killed her new born baby boy in Ughelli North LGA.

Prognosis

Incidents during the period related mainly to communal violence, kidnapping, child abuse, and other criminal activities. Peace Agents should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is anything missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from this tracker, is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months that could escalate this conflict?
4. Who are the key stakeholders that have influence on the conflict?
5. What will you do to help mitigate the conflict in the short, medium, and long term?

Figure 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (August - October 2017)

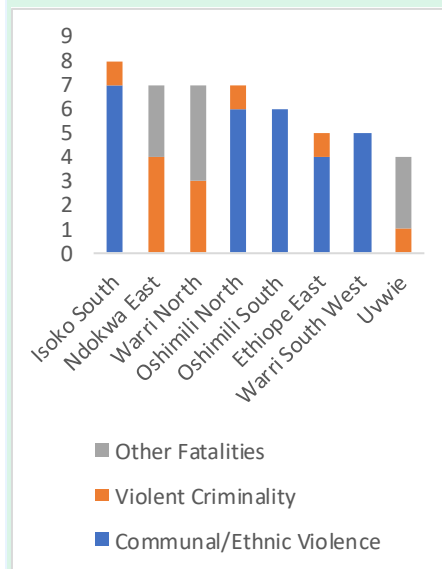
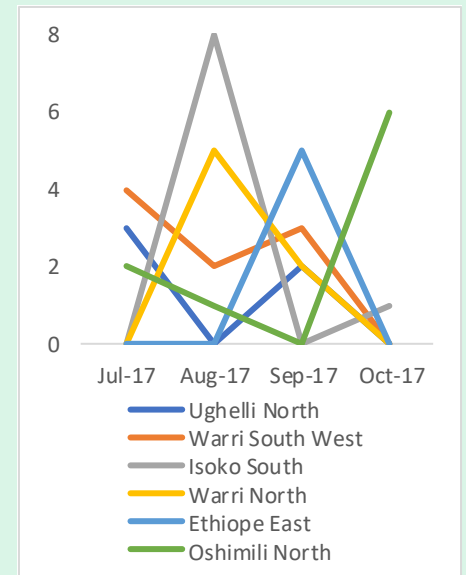
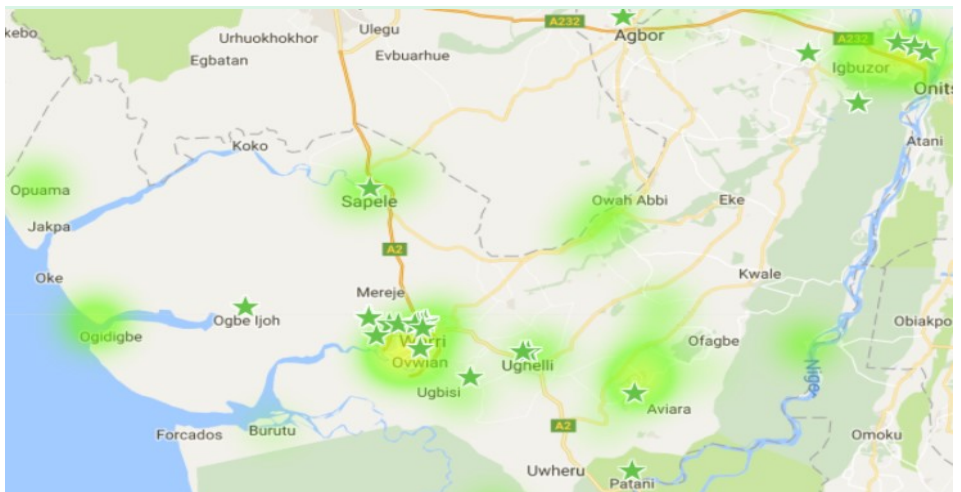


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Isoko South, followed by Ndokwa East, Warri North and Oshimili South had the most reported fatalities. Source (Figure 2): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 3): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace. Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Delta State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from August–October 2017 in Delta; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

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Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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