

# Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

## Bayelsa State - April/May 2016

### 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 Feb 2016-Apr 2016

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there has been an increase in lethal violence in the state since February 2016. Incidents reported included political tensions, militancy and criminality.

**Political tensions:** In April, two fatalities were reported in a clash between APC and PDP supporter during a funeral in Nembe.

**Leadership Tussle:** In April, tensions were reported following the purported removal of a communal chief by the traditional ruler of Okordia clan in Yenagoa.

**Militancy:** In February, ex-militants reportedly hijacked a chemical tanker near Brass LGA, and kidnapped three expatriates. In a separate incident in April, militants reportedly abducted two expatriates and

killed two soldiers in Nembe. One of the suspected militants was reportedly killed by soldiers.

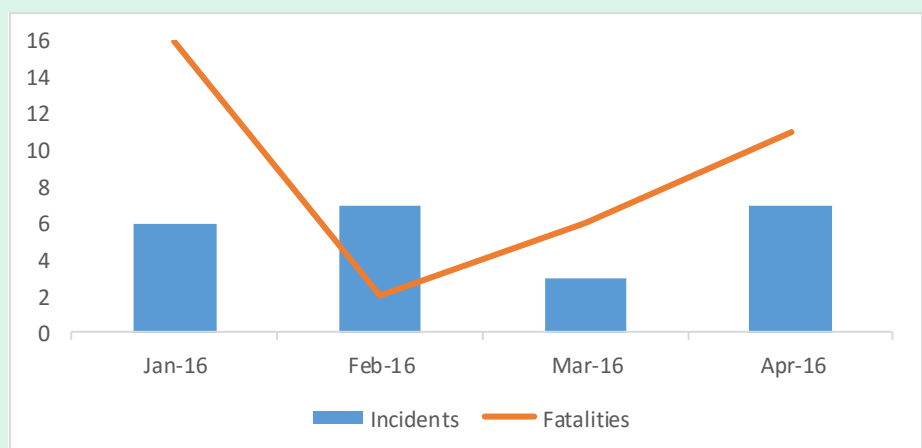
**Violent Criminality:** In March, gunmen reportedly attacked a branch of the United Bank for Africa (UBA) in Southern Ijaw, and carted away an Automated Teller Machine (ATM). Separately, gunmen reportedly attacked a police station and carted away arms and ammunitions in Southern Ijaw LGA. Igbo traders reportedly protested increased insecurity in the state after several people were reportedly killed by robbers in April. A cult clash in Southern Ijaw reportedly killed several Niger Delta University students. There were also a number of reports relating to issues of piracy.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2016

Key incidents reported in May included piracy, militancy, and vandalism of energy infrastructure.

**Piracy and Militancy:** A group of militants and pirates reportedly attacked and killed three soldiers under the Joint Task Force (JTF), Operation Pulo Shield in Southern Ijaw. Separately, six bodies including those of two naval ratings were reportedly recovered along the Brass River. The victims who were mainly oil workers were on a visit to an oil facility, when they were reportedly attacked

Figure 1: Bayelsa State Incidents and Fatalities



Reported incidents and fatalities from January 2016-April 2016 in Bayelsa State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

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**Vandalism:** An oil pipeline belonging to Nigeria Agip Oil Company (NAOC), was reportedly set ablaze during a clash between rival armed groups over disputed oil pipeline surveillance contracts in Southern Ijaw.

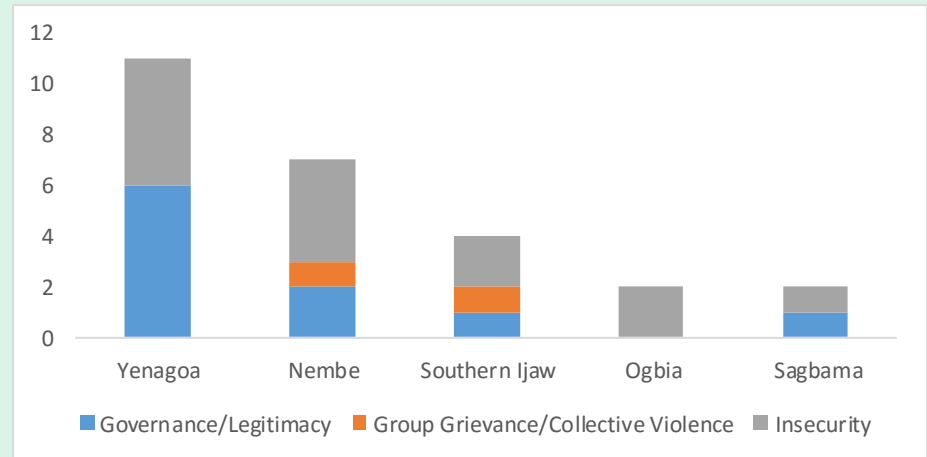
## Prognosis

Incidents of conflict risk and violence, especially incidents relating to militancy, robbery, piracy and kidnapping have been elevated in the state. Peace actors must monitor the situation closely and respond to the current conflict dynamics.

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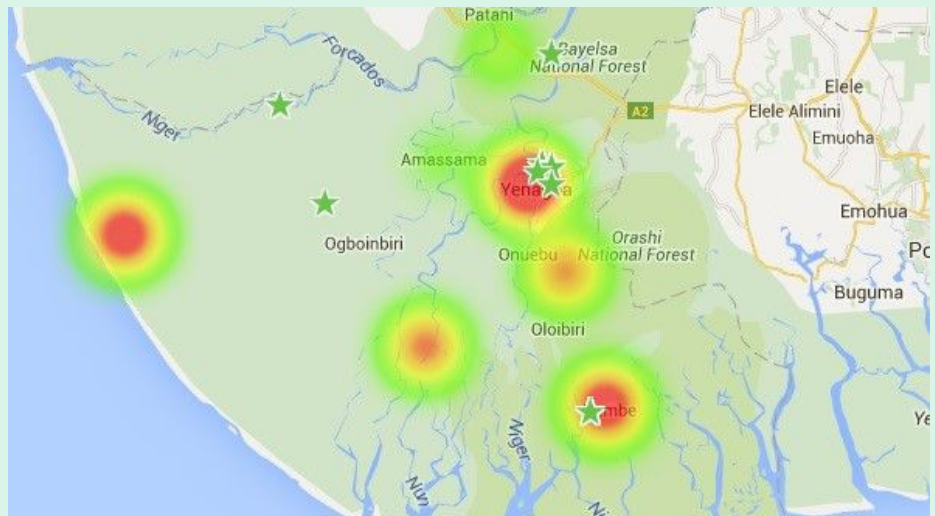
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely 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,

**Figure 2: Trends in Conflict by LGA (Feb – Apr 2016)**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Bayelsa State in this quarter shows that Yenagoa, Nembe and Southern Ijaw had the most incidents of conflict risk and violence. Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 3: Heatmap of Incidents and Peace Agents in Bayelsa State**



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from Feb-Apr 2016 in Bayelsa; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map

### Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system:

Text: 080 9936 2222

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

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