

# Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

## Delta 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 a rise in conflict risk in Delta since February. In addition to incidents of violent criminality (mob violence, kidnapping, sexual violence, murder, and a cult clash), issues reported during this period included pastoral/farmer conflict, other communal conflict, and protests.

Pastoral/Farmer Conflict: Tensions involving herdsmen and farmers led to violent conflict during this quarter, including several killings, kidnappings and sexual violence. These incidents took place mainly in the northern part of the state (Ethiope East, Aniocha North, Ukuwani, and Ndokwa West). In Oshimili South, a protest was reported concerning these issues.

Other Communal Conflict Issues: In the central part of the state (Udu and Warri South West) tensions between Ijaw and

Urhobo youths led to clashes. Several land disputes were reported during the quarter, including a boundary dispute between Aladja and Ogbe-Ijaw communities in Udu LGA, and a lethal clash involving youths in Ukwuani from Umuezegoli and Akoku communities. Intra-communal clashes were also reported in Uvwie, Warri South, Ughelli North, and in Ndokwa East, Ibrede community. Also in Ughelli North, protestors demonstrated over a kingship issue.

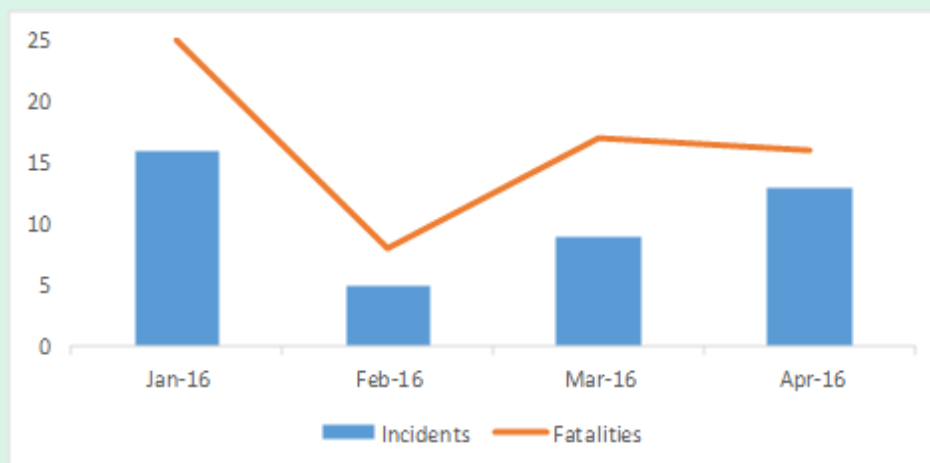
Protests: There were many reported protests in the state during the quarter, including protests over pensions, high electricity bills, road conditions, security conditions, as well as protests over market levy in Udu.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2016

Incidents reported in May included militancy, land disputes, protests and criminality.

Militancy: During the month, a new militant group in the state, Niger Delta Avengers, reportedly blew up pipelines and oil facilities belonging to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) in Warri North, Warri South, and Warri South West LGAs. Following these attacks, soldiers reportedly raided the affected areas and arrested five suspected militants.

Figure 1: Delta State Incidents and Fatalities



Reported incidents and fatalities from Jan-Apr 2016 in Delta State.

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

**Communal Tensions:** Tensions were reported in Obiaruku community, Ukwuani LGA, after Fulani herdsmen were asked to leave the community because eight residents were held hostage by suspected herdsmen.

**Violent Criminality:** A robber was reportedly burnt to death by a mob after he was caught by vigilantes in Warri South.

## Prognosis

Many incidents of inter-communal conflict, militancy, criminality and protests were reported in this period. Frequent communal conflict and the resurgence of militancy and destruction of energy infrastructure call for close attention by peace actors in the state.

## Questions for Peace Agents

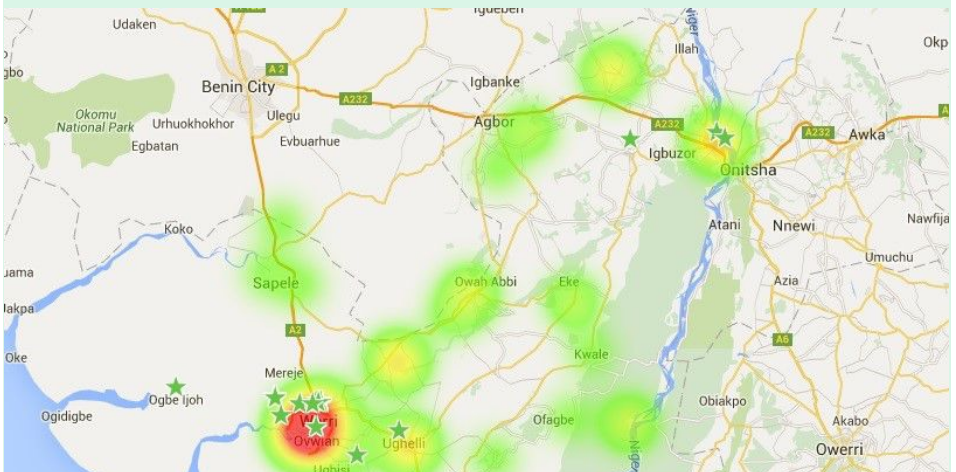
1. Is anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from this tracker, is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 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, and long term?

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



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Ndokwa East and Oshimili South 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 Delta State**



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from Feb–Apr 2016 in Delta; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

### 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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