

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: April-May 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 February-April 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), conflict issues during the period included communal conflict, labor strikes/protests, kidnapping and other criminal activities.

Communal Conflict: In April, a herdsman was reportedly killed in a gun battle with youths in Ndokwa East. Separately, a 43-year old man was reportedly beheaded by herdsmen in Abraka, Ethiopie East LGA. In another incident, the corpse of a 54-year old man was discovered with gunshot wounds in Amai, Ukwuani LGA. Youths from a neighboring community who reportedly have been in contention with the victim's community over a farmland, are believed to be responsible for the killing. In Warri North, two were reported killed in a leadership tussle in Koko community.

Violent Criminality: In March, a 41-year old man was killed by suspected assassins in Udu. Separately, a hotel guard was reportedly shot dead by robbers in Irri community in Isoko South. Also in Isoko South, a member of a vigilante group was reportedly killed by sympathizers of robbers arrested by the vigilante. In April, two policemen, including an Inspector, were reportedly killed by herdsmen in Ughelli North. Separately, a male member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) was reportedly shot dead by unknown assailants

in Oghara, Ethiopie West.

Militancy: In April, militants reportedly attacked soldiers who were patrolling a community and injured one.

Kidnapping: In March, a police officer was reportedly abducted in Umunede, Ika North. Separately, a woman was reportedly abducted in Sapele. In April, a medical doctor was reportedly kidnapped in Ughelli North.

Labor Strikes/Protests: In March, residents of oil bearing communities reportedly protested at the premises of an oil firm in Oleh, Isoko South.

Others: In April, a chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) reportedly died in police custody in Sapele. The victim was arrested after a gun was found in his vehicle.

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Communal Tensions: During the month, herdsmen reportedly killed a man in his farm in Ethiopie East. The herdsmen alleged that their cattle were killed by the insecticide the farmer sprayed on his crops. Separately, seven were reportedly killed by herdsmen in Ossissa, Ndokwa East LGA.

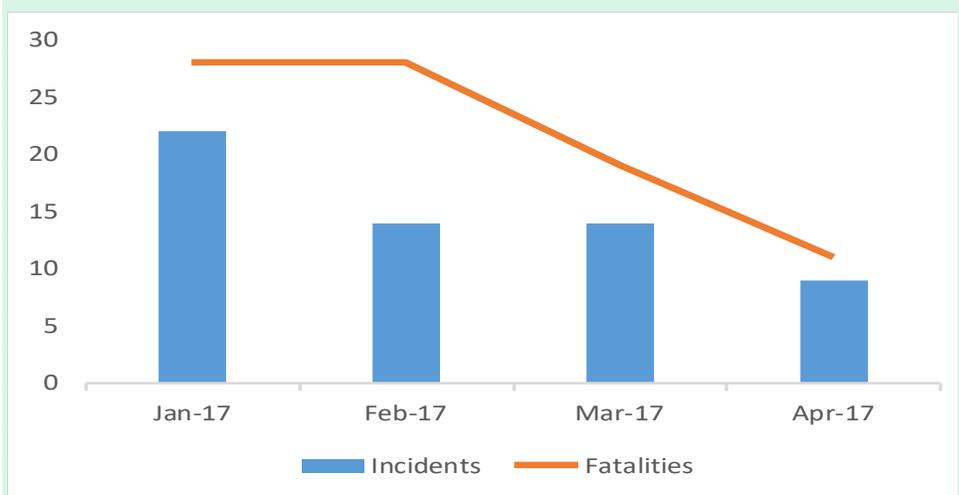
Violent Criminality: An Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) was reportedly killed by gunmen in Ughelli North. Also in Ughelli North, five robbers were reportedly shot dead by the police. In Oshimili North, three bandits were reportedly killed during a shoot-out with police. The police were conveying kidnapping suspects to the court when they were ambushed by the bandits. Separately, one was reportedly killed and another injured during an ambush on a police patrol van by herdsmen in Abraka, Ethiopie East LGA.

Militancy: Militants belonging to the Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) reportedly destroyed

Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2017

Incidents included violent communal tensions, militancy, kidnapping, cult violence

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from January–April 2017 in Delta State.

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

an oil pipeline in Warri South. Separately, four marine policemen were reportedly shot dead by suspected militants over an oil bunkering deal in Warri North. In another incident, eight persons including four community leaders and four staff of an oil servicing firm were reportedly abducted by militants along the Benin River in Warri North. The militant later demanded a 36 million Naira ransom.

Kidnapping: A lecturer was reportedly kidnapped in Isoko North. The kidnapers later demanded a 100 million ransom. Separately, the wife of a oil worker was reportedly kidnapped in Sapele.

Cult Violence: A cultist who was receiving treatment in a hospital was reportedly killed by rival cult members in Bomadi LGA.

Others: Three youths were reportedly shot dead by naval personnel at an oil facility in Warri South. The youths allegedly entered the facility in protest over contract renewal and employment.

Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence during the period related mainly to criminality, communal violence, militancy, kidnapping, and cult violence. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

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 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 (February—April 2017)

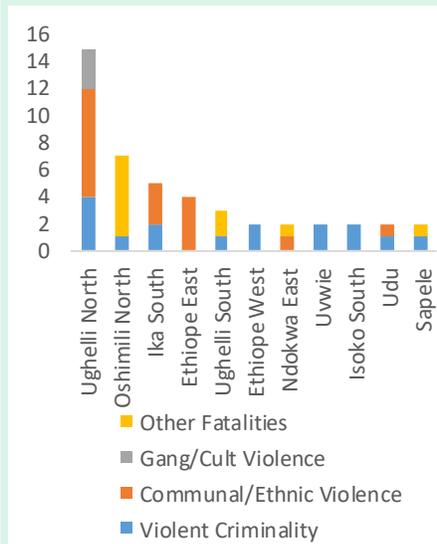
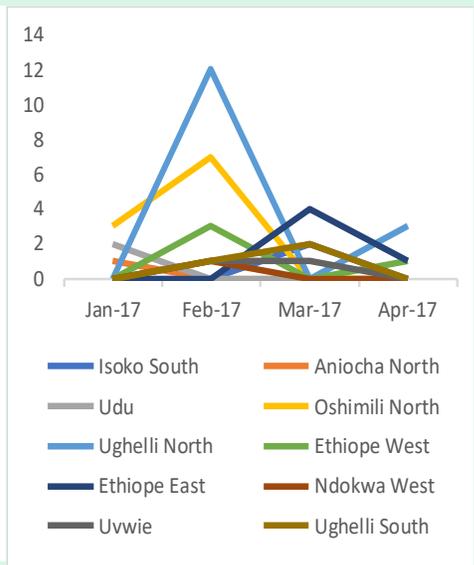
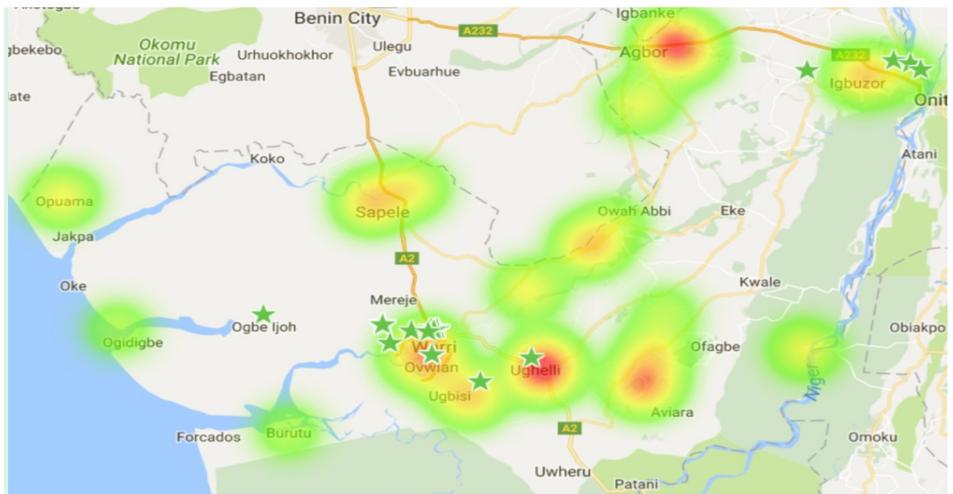


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Ughelli North, followed by Oshimili North 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 February–April 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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Text: 080 9936 2222

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

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