

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Bayelsa State: June-July 2017

### Background

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

### Patterns and Trends

#### April-June 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents during the period included communal tension, mob violence and protests.

**Communal Tensions:** In April, tensions were reportedly heightened following the death of a cultist in Nembe LGA. The cultist was allegedly running away from youth leaders and jumped into a river and drowned.

**Violent Criminality:** In April, bandits reportedly killed a policeman and stole his gun in Yenagoa LGA. Also in Yenagoa LGA, a male staff member of the Bayelsa state-owned radio station, Glory FM, was reportedly killed by robbers in his house. In another incident, a robber and an operative of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) were reportedly killed in Ogbia LGA. In Southern Ijaw LGA, eight pirates and kidnapers were reportedly killed during a clash with a militant group, the Niger Delta Revolutionary Council (NDRC). In May, a chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) was reportedly killed by gunmen in his residence in Yenagoa. Separately, a gunman reportedly attacked a police station and killed a police officer in Sagbama. In

June, a police officer was reportedly killed by gunmen who made away with his rifle in Yenagoa. Separately, a policeman was reportedly shot dead during a kidnap attempt on an official of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Ogbia LGA.

**Labor Strikes/Protests:** In April, labor unions reportedly protested electricity services in Yenagoa. In May, union members demonstrated against employment practices by a university in Ogbia LGA. Separately, in Yenagoa, the state capital, a group reportedly protested the arrest and detention of a former Special Adviser to erstwhile Managing Director of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) on allegation of fraud. In June, supporters of an accused bomber reportedly protested in Yenagoa, the state capital, calling for his release.

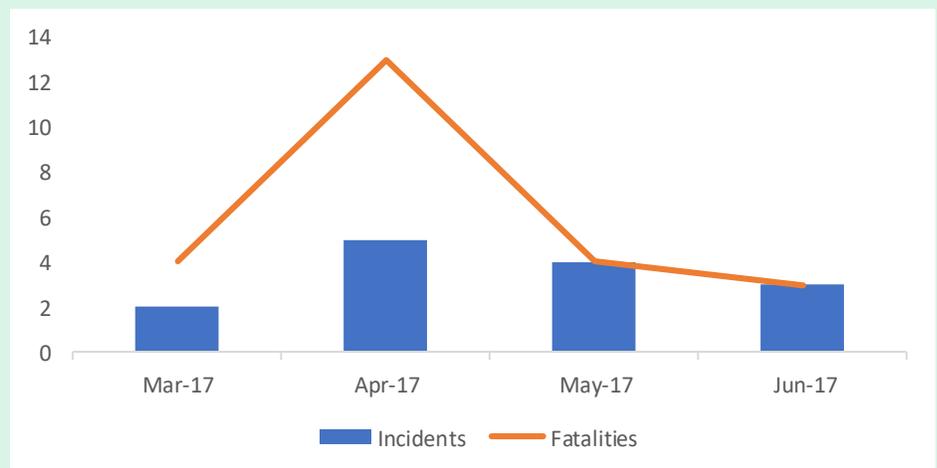
**Other Incidents:** In May, a 34-year old man was reportedly killed by a policeman over cultism in Yenagoa. In June, a journalist who was arrested for allegedly being a militant reportedly died in detention in Yenagoa.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, July 2017

Incidents reported during the month included protests, criminality, and cult-related violence.

**Criminality:** A 20-year old undergraduate of the Nigerian Defense Academy, Kaduna, was reportedly shot dead by street gang members in Yenagoa. The killing of the military cadet led to a protest by residents. Separately, a 20-year old man was reportedly killed in a clash between soldiers and youths suspected to be pipeline vandals in Southern Ijaw. The youths reportedly

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Bayelsa State



Reported incidents and fatalities from March - June 2017 in Bayelsa State.

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

clashed with the soldiers while they were protesting their alleged exclusion from a ‘Petroleum Task Force’ set up by the local government council.

**Cult Violence:** A 24-year old student of a polytechnic in Delta state was reportedly killed during a clash between two rival cult groups in Southern Ijaw LGA.

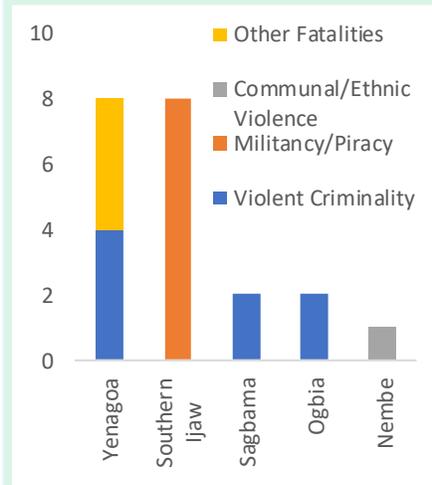
## Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to criminality, communal tension, cult violence, and protests. Peace Agents should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

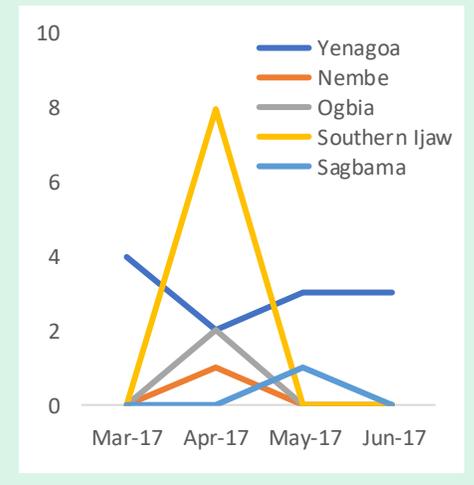
## Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there 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 (April - June 2017)**

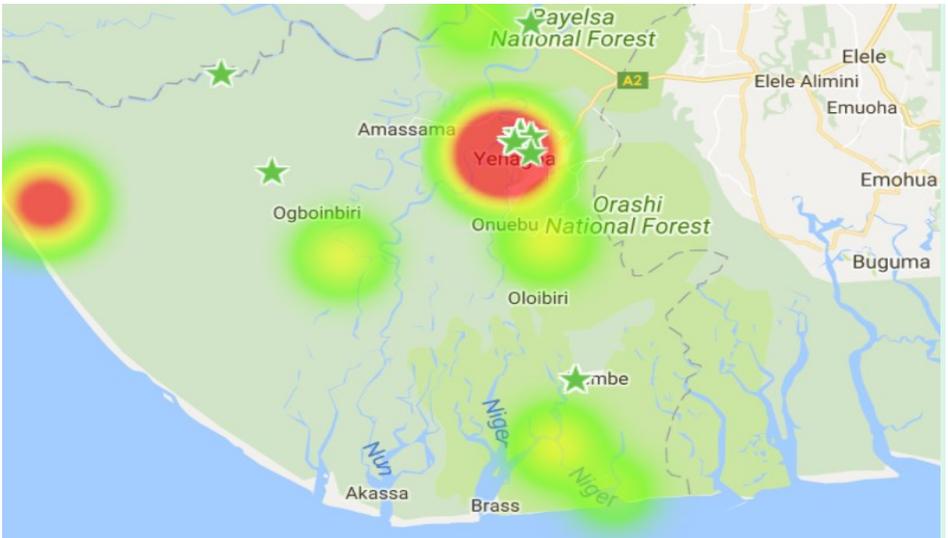


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (April - June 2017)**



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA) in Bayelsa State in this quarter shows that Yenagoa, followed by Southern Ijaw had the most reported incidents of conflict risk and violence. 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](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from April-June 2017 in Bayelsa; 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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