

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: June-July 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

April-June 2017

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

Communal Conflict: In June, two people including a 38-year old farmer were reportedly killed in clashes over land dispute between Amai and Umuebu communities in Ukwuani LGA. Separately, suspected herdsmen reportedly attacked a farm settlement, killed a 15-year old boy and shot the father in Umueze community, Ndokwa East. In another farmer/herdsmen conflict incident, a woman and her son were reportedly killed in Abraka, Ethiope East LGA. In Warri South West LGA, one person was reported killed and two others wounded in renewed hostilities between Ijaw community of Ogbe-Ijoh and Urhobo community of Agbassa. Separately, there was heightened tension in Warri South West, following the discovering of the corpses of three Ogbe-Ijoh youths allegedly killed by Aladja youths over a longstanding communal dispute.

Violent Criminality: In May, 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. Separately, one

person was reportedly killed and another injured during an ambush on a police patrol van by herdsmen in Abraka, Ethiope East. In June, robbers reportedly attacked a pharmacist and killed his wife in Ogwashi-Uku, Aniocha South. Separately, a gang of robbers reportedly killed their colleague during a shootout with vigilante and police joint patrol team in Warri South. In another incident, a 12-year old boy reportedly killed his landlady in Abraka, Ethiope East.

Militancy: In May, militants belonging to the Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) reportedly destroyed 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. 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.

Kidnapping: In June, five siblings were reportedly kidnapped in Osubi community, Okpe LGA. Residents later apprehended the

leader of the kidnapers and rescued the victims. Separately, the wife of the Delta state commissioner for special duties was reportedly kidnapped in Udu LGA.

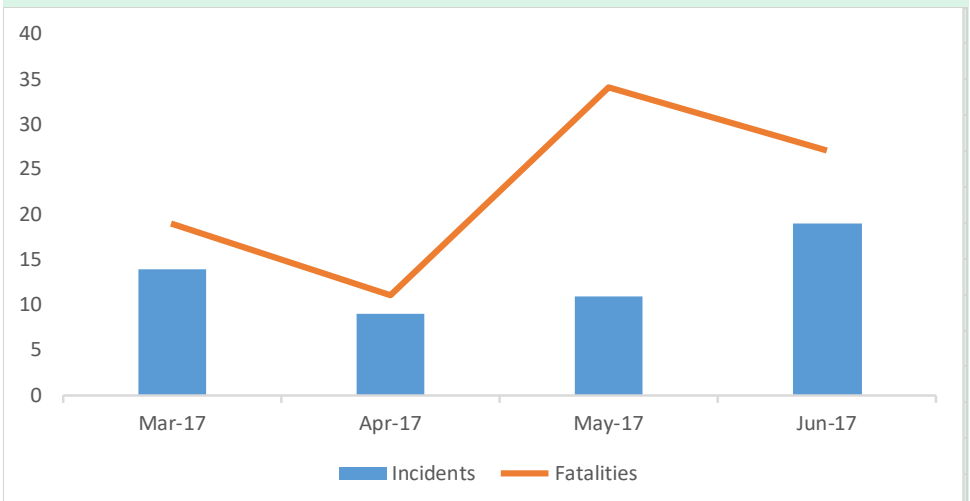
Others: In May, three youths were reportedly shot dead by naval personnel at an oil facility in Warri South. Separately a cultist was reportedly killed by rival cult members in a hospital in Bomadi LGA.

Recent Incidents or Issues, June 2017

Incidents included violent communal tensions, criminality, and cult violence.

Communal Tensions: Four were reportedly killed in hostilities between the Urhobo community of Aladja and the Ijaw community of Ogbe-Ijoh in Warri South West LGA. Separately, two were reportedly killed and several others injured during a clash between Uwheru and Unenurhe communities in Ughelli North. In another incident, a 17-year old son of a traditional

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from March– June 2017 in Delta State.

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

ruler was reportedly killed by youths during a chieftaincy tussle in Aniocha South LGA. In Ndokwa West, a farmer was reportedly killed by herdsmen.

Criminality: Pirates killed a woman and her son in Burutu LGA. Separately, a chieftain of the All Progressive Congress (APC) was reportedly killed in Oshimili North.

Cult Violence: A young man was reportedly stabbed to death by a rival cult member in Ughelli North. A 36-year old man was reportedly killed by cultists in Ughelli South.

Militancy: Militants reportedly attacked an army formation, killed a soldier and injured several others in Burutu LGA. The militants reportedly made away with weapons belonging to the soldiers.

Others: A prostitute reportedly stabbed a businessman to death during a disagreement at a brothel in Oshimili North. Separately, a man was reportedly arrested by the police for killing his younger brother over a girlfriend in Oshimili South LGA,

Prognosis

Incidents during the period related mainly to criminality, communal violence, kidnapping, militancy 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 (April—June 2017)

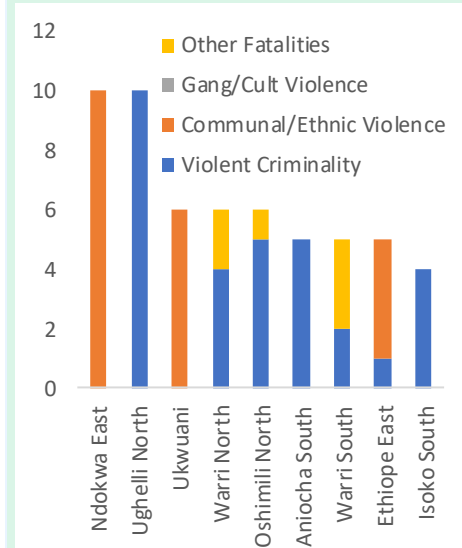
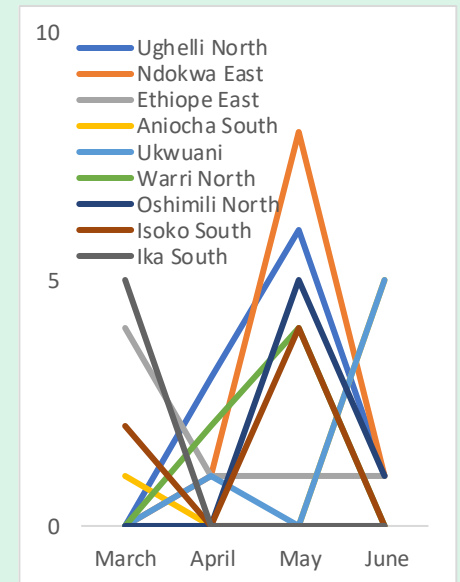
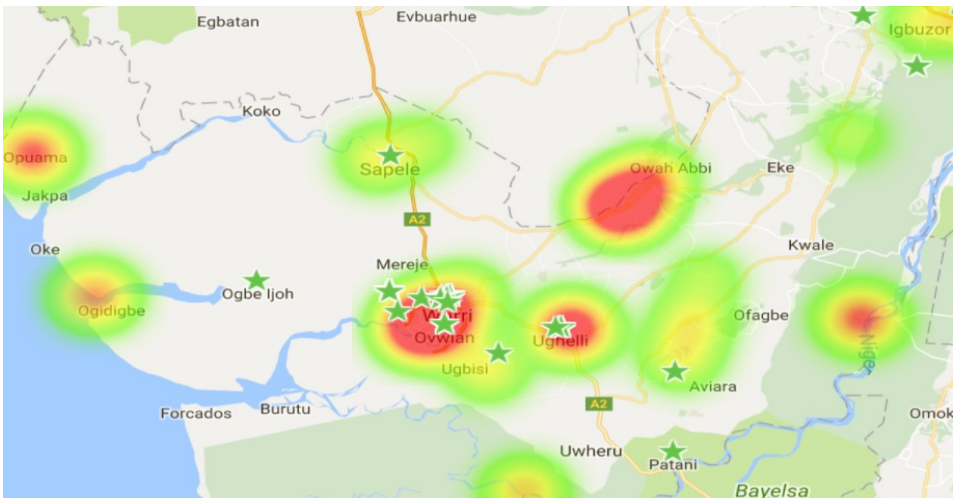


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Ndokwa East, followed by Ughelli 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 April—June 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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