

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: July-August 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 May-July 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), conflict issues during the period included communal tensions, militancy, cult violence, kidnapping, and other criminal activities.

Communal Conflict: In July, 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 Unenurhie communities in Ughelli North. In another incident, a 17-year old son of a traditional ruler was reportedly killed by youths during a chieftaincy tussle in Aniocha South LGA. In Ndokwa West, a farmer was reportedly killed by herdsmen.

Violent Criminality: 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. In July, 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.

Militancy: In July, 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.

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

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 July, 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.

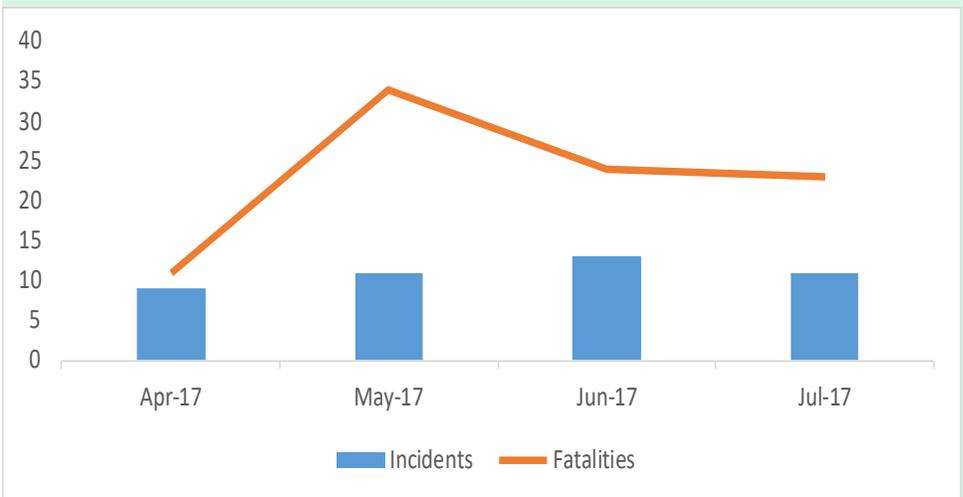
Recent Incidents or Issues, August 2017

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

Communal Tensions: Two were reportedly killed during a communal clash over a leadership tussle in Ugborodo community, Warri South West LGA. One of the victims was a member of the interim Management Committee of the community. Separately, seven were reportedly killed in a clash over a land dispute between Igbide and Okpolo-Enwhen communities in Isoko South. In another incident, two were killed in renewed clashes between Uwheru and Unenurhie communities in Ughelli North LGA.

Criminality: Several incidents of criminality were reported during the month. A man was reportedly killed by hooligans during an argument over the payment of a levy at a building site in Ika South. A villager was reportedly killed on his farm for ritualistic

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



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

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

purposes in Ndokwa East. A robber was reportedly shot dead by the police in Isoko North. Two kidnap suspects were reportedly killed by soldiers in Warri North. A 27-year old man was reportedly killed at the home of his girlfriend in Warri North LGA.

Others: A mentally deranged man reportedly killed his uncle and nephew in Aniocha South. Separately, a kidnap suspect was reportedly set ablaze by a mob in Ethiope West. The suspect was allegedly identified by a victim. In another incident, a 26-year old woman was reportedly killed by shells from a cannon fired during a traditional ceremony in Udu LGA. In Isoko South, a 34-year old man was reportedly killed by a stray bullet fired by a policeman attached to a local chief during a funeral. The victim was reportedly hit by the stray bullet during sporadic shooting by the policeman.

Prognosis

Incidents during the period related mainly to communal violence, cult violence, militancy, kidnapping, and other criminal activities. Peace Agents should 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 (May—July 2017)

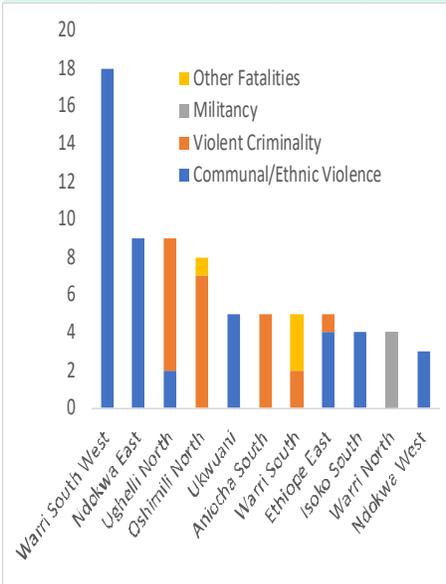
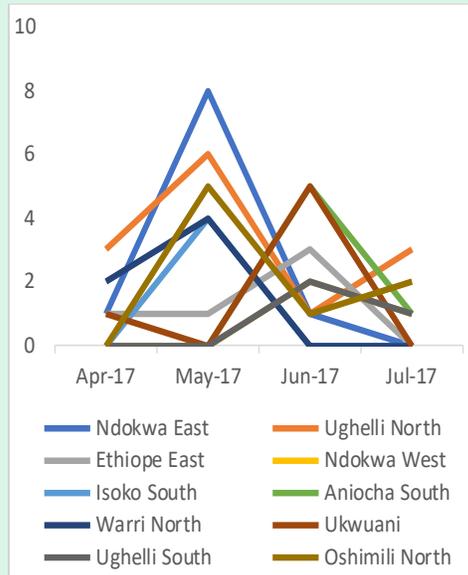
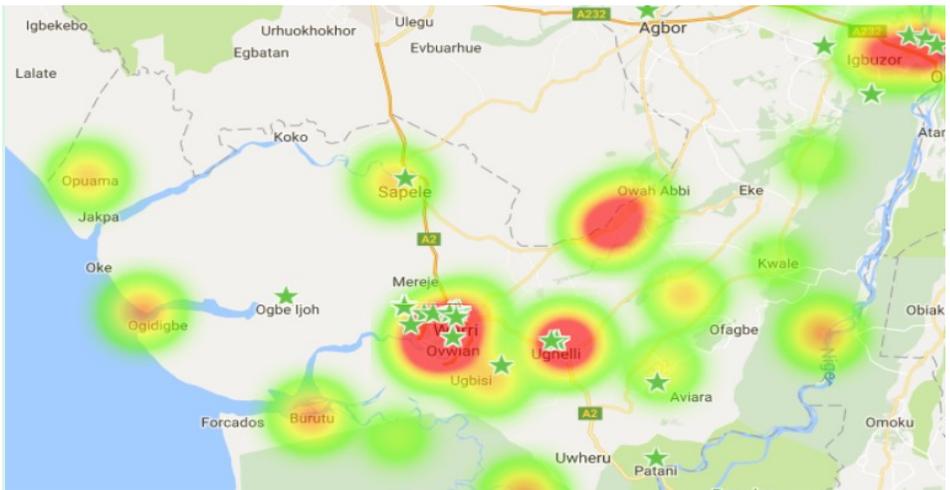


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Warri South West, followed by Ndokwa East 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 May–July 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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