

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: August-September 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

June-August 2017

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

Communal Conflict: In June 5 were killed in an Ukwuani land dispute between Amaï and Umuebu communities. In July, four were reportedly killed in hostilities between the Urhobo community of Aladja and the Ijaw community of Ogbel-joh 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. In August, two were reportedly killed during a communal clash over a leadership tussle in Ugborodo community, Warri South West LGA. 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.

Violent Criminality: In August, a man was reportedly killed 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 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.

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.

Others: In August, 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. In another incident, a 26-year

old woman was reportedly killed by 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.

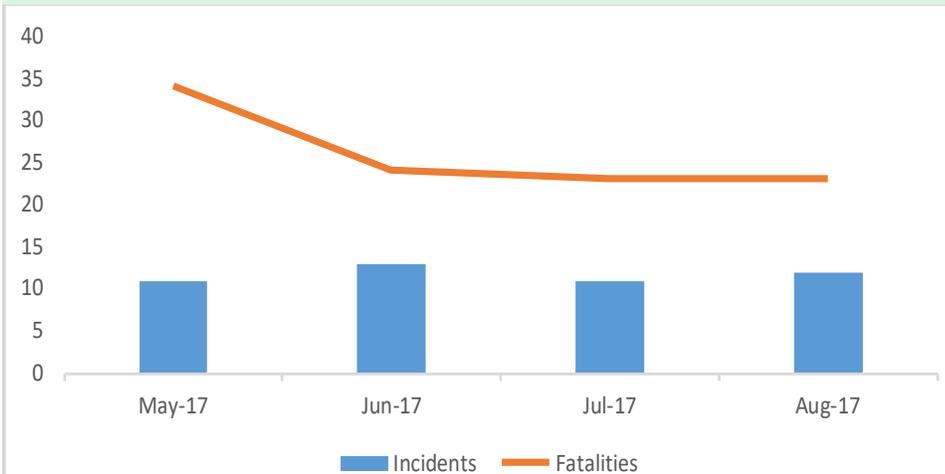
Recent Incidents or Issues, September 2017

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

Communal Tensions: Two were reportedly killed during a clash between Unenurhie and Uwheru communities in Ughelli North. Separately, three were reportedly killed and seven declared missing during clash over a leadership tussle in Ugborodo community, Warri South West LGA.

Criminality: Several incidents of criminality were reported in the state during the month. The leader of a vigilante group was shot

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



Reported incidents and fatalities from May– August 2017 in Delta State.

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

dead in Uvwie LGA. Separately, a 55-year old man was reportedly killed by members of a vigilante group in Ethiope East. In another incident, a member of an anti-cultism corps was reportedly killed by suspected cultists at a drinking spot in Ukwuani LGA. In Okpe, a ward chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) was assassinated in front of his residence. In Asaba the state capital, gunmen reportedly attacked a market dominated by traders from the northern part of the country and killed four. In Bomadi, gunmen reportedly kidnapped the mother of the deputy majority leader of the Delta State House of Assembly.

Others: A 32-year old man was reportedly killed and two other injured by stray bullets fired by policemen during a ceremony in Warri South LGA. Separately, a ritualist was reportedly shot dead by soldiers in Sapele. The suspect was shot by the soldiers while he coming out of the bush where they had reportedly killed a commercial motorcyclist for ritualistic purposes.

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 (June—August 2017)

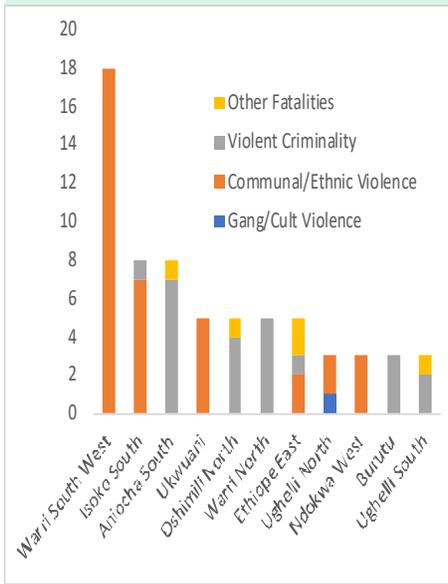
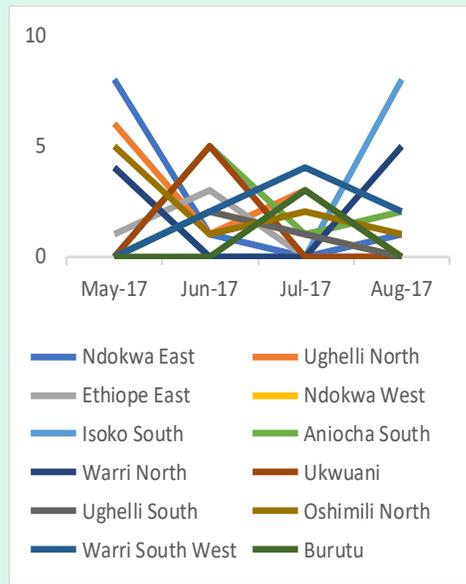
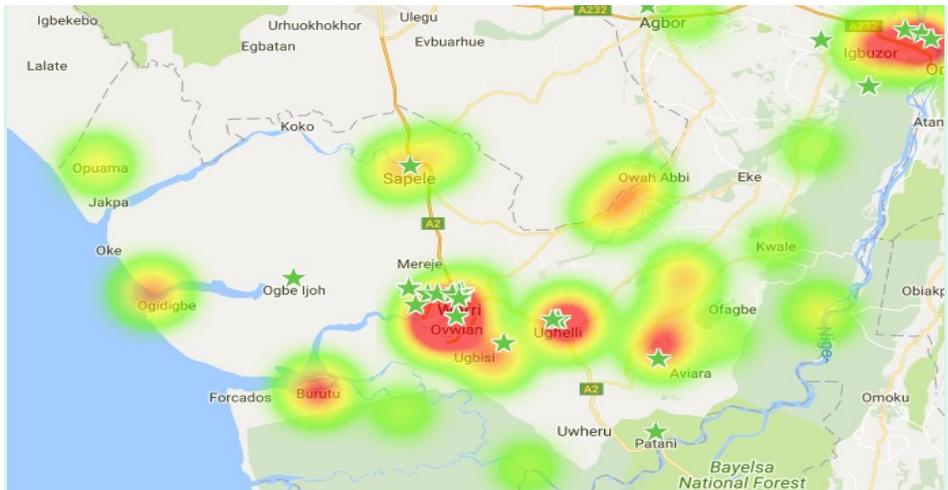


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Warri South West, followed by Isoko South and Aniocha South 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 June–August 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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