

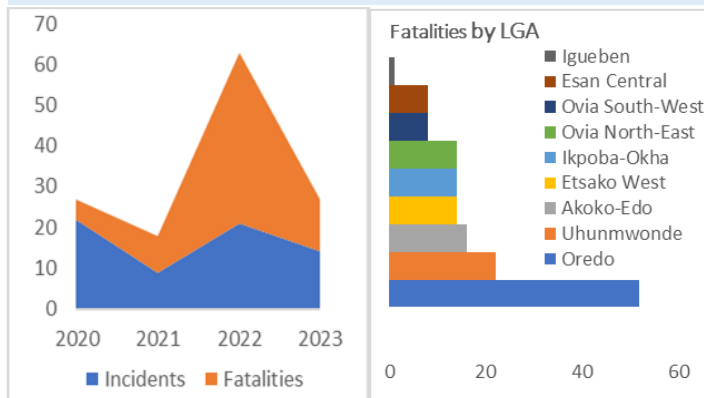
Niger Delta Weekly: Preventing Post-Election Violence and Insecurity in Edo State

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Background

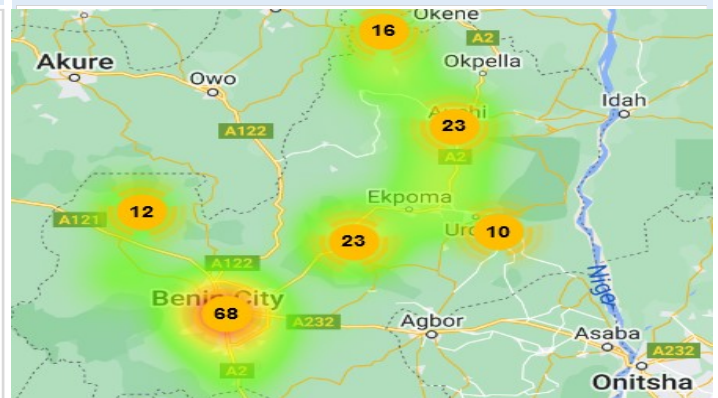
This weekly update spotlights election violence in the Niger Delta with a focus on the risk of post-election violence in the aftermath of the 2024 governorship election in Edo State. Elections in the State are usually highly competitive, often marked by violence. According to data (see map below), over 100 incidents of election violence were reported in Edo State between January 2020 and June 2024. In the run-up to the September 2024 governorship election, several incidents of violence were reported in the State. In July 2024, for instance, a police officer attached to the governorship candidate of a political party was reportedly killed during a clash between supporters of rival political parties in Benin City, the state capital. In August, a Senior Special Assistant to the Speaker of the State House of Assembly was allegedly killed by gunmen in Ozalla, Owan West LGA. On the eve of the election, some armed political thugs were reportedly arrested in Oredo and Akoko Edo LGAs. More recently, on October 02, 2024, protests were reported at different locations in the State over alleged vote rigging during the governorship election.

Key Facts and Figures: Trends and Dynamics of Election-related Violence in Edo State



Data shows that Oredo LGA had the highest number of fatalities caused by election-related violence during the period. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Incidents Heat Map of Election-related Violence in Edo State, Nigeria



Heat Map shows concentration of reported incidents of election-related violence in Edo State from January 2020 - June 2024. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Why it Matters

Protests over the outcome of the September 2024 governorship elections could spark off post-election violence and insecurity in the State. Protests could snowball into mass demonstrations which could be hijacked by hoodlums to perpetrate criminal violence. This could cause a crackdown by government security forces. This could intensify political tensions which could intersect with communal and ethnic tensions in ways that could dangerously impact the dynamics of conflict, insecurity, and political instability in the State.

Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

Political tensions in the aftermath of the September 2024 governorship elections have the potential to escalate and cause violence and insecurity in the State. Stakeholders should leverage conflict early warning systems to monitor the situation and respond proactively to potential incidents and indicators of violence by directing all grievances to the appropriate government agencies. Stakeholders should also collaborate with civil society organizations and media outlets to mitigate fake news and misinformation in the State.

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Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and brief incident description.



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