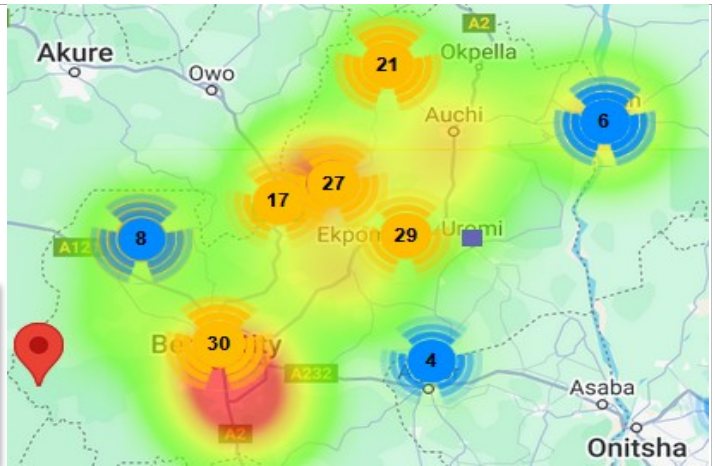


# Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

## Mitigating Mob Violence and Communal Tensions in Edo State

March 30 – April 05, 2025

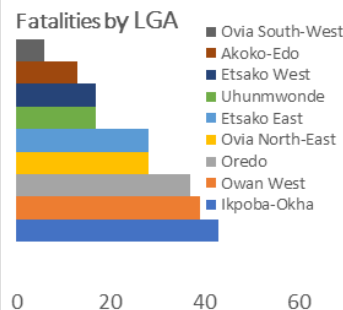
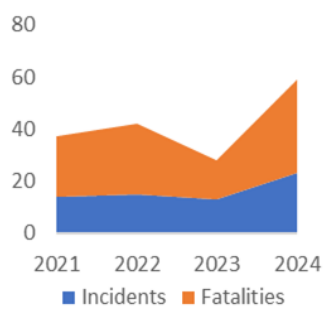
This update highlights social grievances and insecurity in the Niger Delta, with a focus on the prevalence of mob violence and communal tensions in Edo State. Recent data indicate a rise in vigilante and mob violence. These trends not only exacerbate communal unrest but also pose a significant threat to the rule of law and human security.



Heat Map shows the concentration of fatalities caused by mob and communal violence in Edo State from January 2021 - December 2024. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map [www.p4pnigerdelta.org](http://www.p4pnigerdelta.org)



### Trends and Flashpoints of Mob Violence and Communal Tensions in Edo State



### Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The growing prevalence of mob violence threatens to escalate conflict dynamics in the state, as mobs remain vulnerable to ethnic and criminal exploitation. This could intensify communal tensions, fuel broader conflicts, and further erode social cohesion and security.

### Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Security agencies have intensified operations in affected areas, while the state government engages community leaders to foster dialogue and prevent escalation. Civil society organizations have increased advocacy for conflict resolution mechanisms and social cohesion.



### Timeline of Recent Incidents of Organized Violence in Edo State

#### March 28, 2025

About 16 travelling hunters from northern Nigeria were allegedly killed by local vigilantes and a mob in Uromi, Esan North-East LGA.

#### February 27, 2025

Two farmers were reportedly killed and one injured by assailants suspected to be herdsmen in Eware community, Etsako West LGA.

#### February 25, 2025

A 50-year-old local vigilante commander was reportedly killed on his farm by suspected herdsmen in Erah community, Owan East LGA.

#### February 21, 2025

22 persons reportedly killed in clashes between cocoa farmers and ethnic militias over alleged farm theft in Gbelemoti, Ovia South-West LGA.

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### Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system: Text report to **080 9936 2222/0912 233 4455**.

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



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