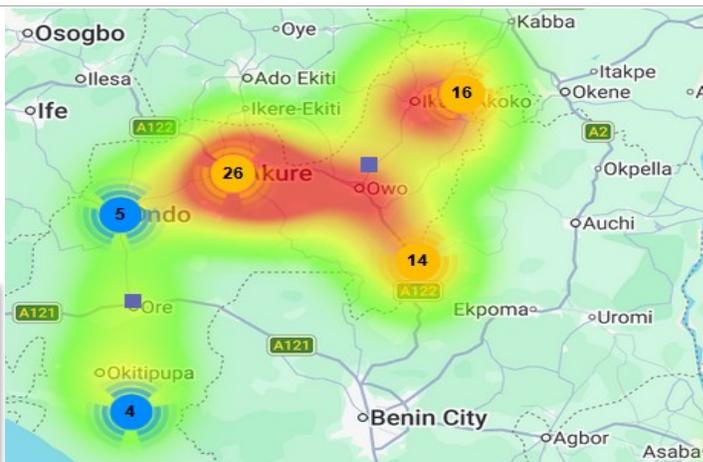


# Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

## Enhancing Institutional Responses to Kidnapping on Key Transport Corridors in Ondo State

January 25-31, 2026

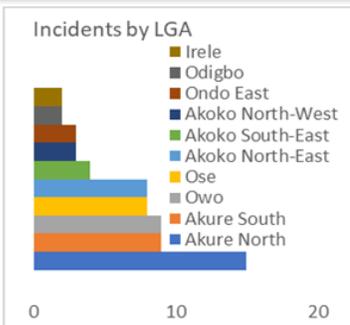
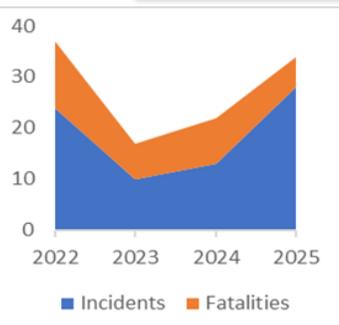
This update highlights the threat of organized criminal violence in the Niger Delta, with a specific focus on kidnapping along key transport corridors and residential areas in Ondo State. Recent incidents reveal continued vulnerabilities along major road networks, reflecting gaps in surveillance, rapid response, and inter-agency coordination.



Heat Map shows the concentration of reported incidents of kidnapping for ransom in Ondo State from January 2022 - December 2025. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map [www.p4pnigerdelta.org](http://www.p4pnigerdelta.org)



### Trends and Flashpoints of Kidnapping for Ransom in Ondo State



### Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

If current patterns persist, kidnappings along major transport routes are likely to increase, heightening insecurity among residents and commuters. Persistent gaps in surveillance, patrol coverage and rapid response may enable criminal groups to expand their operations.

### Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Stakeholders are strengthening intelligence-led operations and inter-agency coordination to improve rapid response. However, sustained deployment, community-based intelligence, and improved transport corridor surveillance remain critical to preventing further abductions.



### Timeline of Recent Kidnapping Incidents in Ondo State

**January 25, 2026**  
Six armed men reportedly opened fire on residents in the Ilu-Abo area of Akure North LGA, abducted a woman, and injured three others.

**January 24, 2026**  
Suspected kidnappers reportedly ambushed a worksite in Eleyewo, Akure North LGA, abducting four middle-aged men.

**January 18, 2026**  
Gunmen reportedly abducted a chieftain of a major political party along Okonga/Olodo Junction, Igbokoda, Ilaje LGA.

**January 07, 2026**  
A man was reportedly abducted along the Ifira-Isua Akoko Road in Akoko South-East LGA and later rescued by the police.

Timeline period: January 07 - 25, 2026

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