

# Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

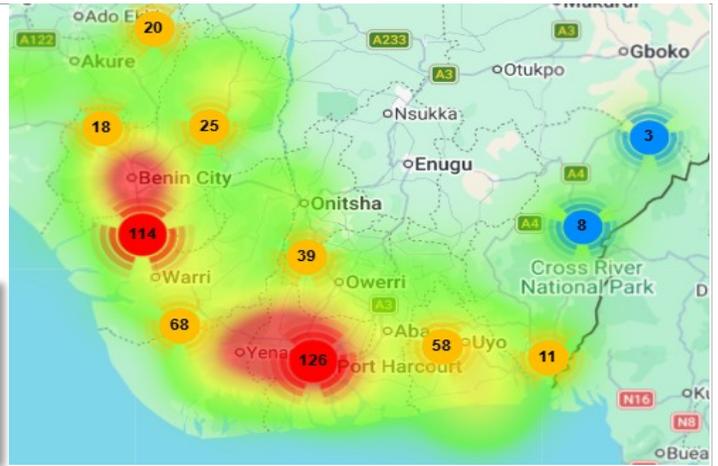
## Enhancing Security Responses to Organized Crime and Gang Violence in the Niger Delta

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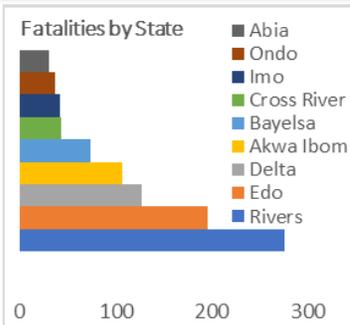
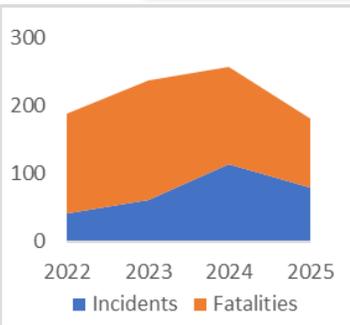
This update highlights emerging trends in organized crime and gang violence in the Niger Delta. Recent incidents reveal sustained cult rivalries and the growing use of hired violence to settle personal and political disputes. These patterns indicate the deepening presence of criminal networks and their growing impact on regional security.



### Trends and Flashpoints of Gang Related Violence in the Niger Delta



Heat Map shows concentration of reported fatalities caused by gang related violence in the Niger Delta from January 2022 - December 2025. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map [www.p4pnigerdelta.org](http://www.p4pnigerdelta.org)



### Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The persistence of cult rivalries and organized criminal activity could heighten insecurity in communities. Without effective interventions, retaliatory attacks and youth recruitment into violent networks are likely to rise, further undermining peace and security in the region.

### Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Security agencies have strengthened coordination and surveillance in identified hotspots. However, sustained enforcement, targeted youth engagement, and community-based early warning systems remain critical to reducing gang violence and enhancing regional security.



### Timeline of Recent Incidents of Gang Related Violence

**January 02 - February 05, 2026**

- February 05, 2026**: Cultists reportedly killed two people, including a youth leader, at a drinking spot in Omoku, Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni LGA, Rivers State.
- January 28, 2026**: Security operatives reportedly arrested suspects over an alleged plot to hire cultists to kill a rival pastor in Nembe LGA, Bayelsa State.
- January 03, 2026**: Security forces reportedly dismantled a 13-man criminal gang, arrested suspects and recovered arms in Ibusa, Oshimili North LGA, Delta State.
- January 02, 2026**: Armed youths, suspected to be cultists, reportedly disrupted a live television broadcast at a hotel in Oroazi, Obio/Akpor LGA, Rivers State.

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



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