

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Delta State: May-June 2019

### 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 March-May 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 2), Delta was the second most violent state in the Niger Delta during this period. Reported incidents during the period included communal conflict, criminality, cult violence, protests, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

**Communal Conflict:** In April, armed herdsmen reportedly killed four people including a man, his wife and daughter, in Abraka, Ethiope East LGA. Separately, three farmers were reportedly killed by herdsmen in Owah-Abbi village, Ukwuani LGA. In another incident, a youth was reportedly killed during a clash over a leadership tussle between rival youth groups in Erhioke community, Ethiope East LGA. In May, two people were reportedly killed during a clash between two families over the sharing of benefits from a planned exploration of crude oil in Aboh community, Ndokwa East LGA. Separately, herdsmen reportedly killed a prominent community leader in Ubulu-Uku, Aniocha South LGA.

**Violent Criminality:** In April, two robbers were reportedly killed by vigilantes in Okpara Inland, Ethiope East LGA. Separately, the police reportedly killed two robbers at Ekete Waterside, Udu LGA. In another incident,

bandits reportedly attacked a policeman at a security checkpoint and made away with his weapon in Asaba, Oshimili North LGA. Four travelers were reportedly abducted by gunmen in Okurekpo community, Ethiope East LGA.

In May, a vigilante group reportedly killed three kidnapping suspects during a gun duel and rescued two victims in Kokori, Ethiope East LGA. Separately, armed herdsmen reportedly shot a man and abducted his wife in Ubulu-Uku, Aniocha South LGA. In another incident, a polytechnic lecturer was reportedly shot dead at a drinking spot in Ogwashi-Ukwu, Aniocha South LGA.

**Cult Violence:** In May, four persons were reportedly killed during a clash between members of two rival cult groups in Asaba, Oshimili North LGA.

**Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG):** In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above,

sexual violence was also reported during this period. In May, for instance, a 42-year old man was reportedly caught raping his 16-year old step-daughter in Sapele LGA.

**Protests:** In May, there was a protest against an international oil company over issues relating to community development in Ugborodo, Warri South-West LGA. Separately, a community threatened to shut down the operations of an oil company over issues relating to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Eruemukwarien, Ughelli North LGA. In another incident, women besieged an oil flow station belonging to an international oil company in protest over employment for the locals in Irri community, Isoko South LGA.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, June 2019

Reported incidents during the month related mainly to criminality, cult violence, and protest.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State

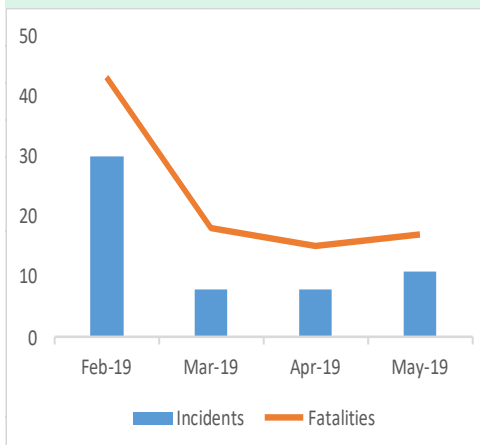
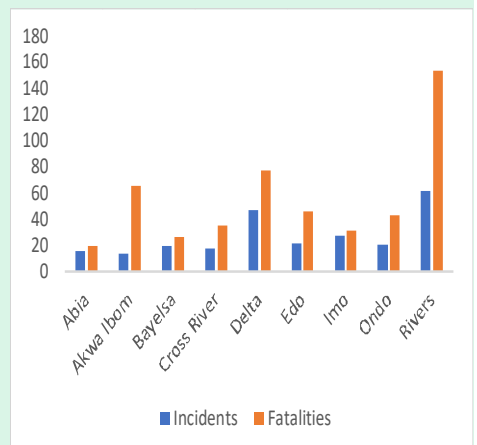


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (February - May 2019)



Reported incidents and fatalities from February – May 2019 in Delta State and regional trends. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

**Criminality:** During the month, two persons were reportedly killed by gunmen in Orode Street, Ughelli North LGA. Separately, the mutilated corpse of a female fashion designer was found in a sack in Abraka community, Ethiope East LGA.

**Cult Violence:** Two persons were reportedly killed during a clash between members of two rival cult groups in Otu-Jeremi, Ughelli South LGA. Separately, cultists reportedly killed a man with an axe in Iwrekan community, Ughelli South LGA.

**Protests:** There was a protest by residents over delayed response to a burning oil facility belonging to a multinational oil company in Polobubo community, Warri South LGA. Separately, residents protested against an oil servicing company over alleged neglect of their villages in Edjeba, Warri South LGA.

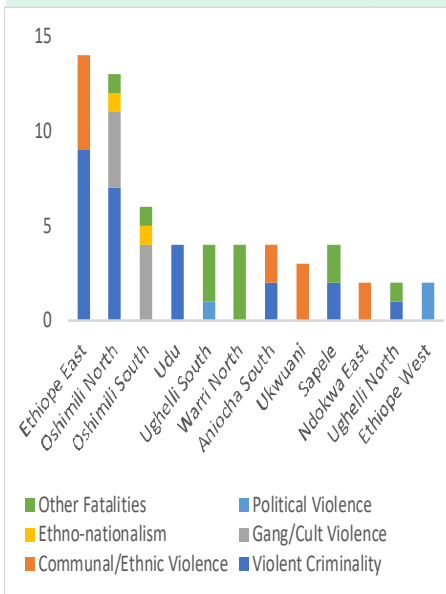
## Prognosis

Conflict risk and lethal violence in Delta state during this period were driven mainly by communal conflict, criminality, cult violence, protests, sexual violence, and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Agents should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

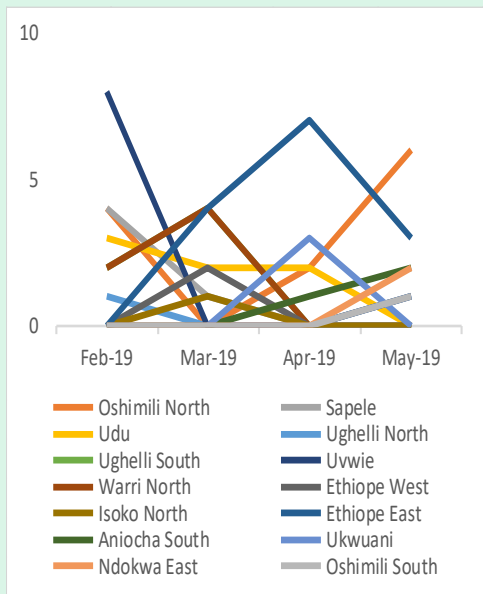
## Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is anything 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 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (March - May 2019)**

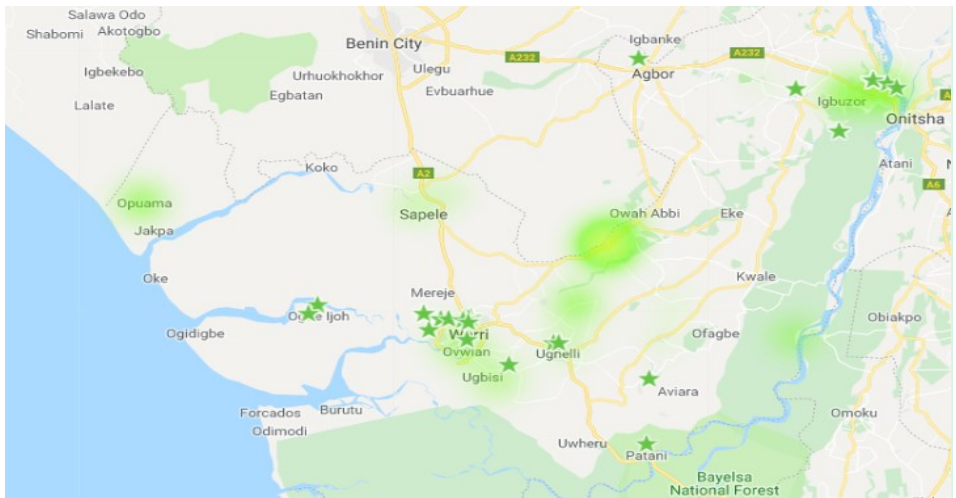


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (March - May 2019)**



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA), in Delta State this quarter show that Ethiope East, followed by Oshimili North, had the most reported lethal violence during the period. Sources (Figure 3): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 4): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace. Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 5: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Delta State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from March – May 2019 in Delta; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

## Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system:

**Text:** 080 9936 2222

**Incident Details:** Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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