

Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

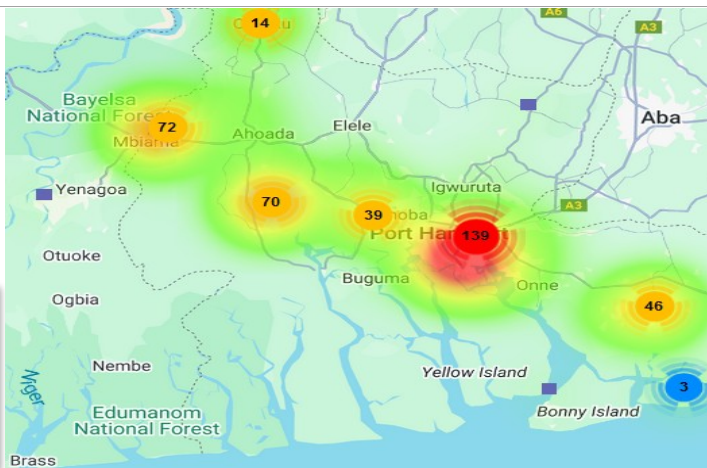
Mitigating Organized Criminality and Gang Violence in Rivers State

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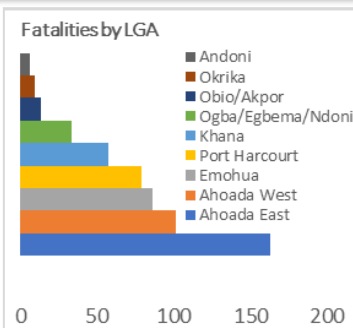
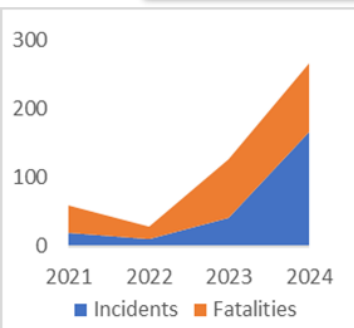
This update highlights organized crime in the Niger Delta, focusing on criminal violence and cult gang-related killings in Rivers State. Clashes between cult gangs and criminal violence remains the major drivers of insecurity in the state. Recent data shows a resurgence of violence and killings perpetrated by hoodlums and cult gangs in the State.



Trends and Flashpoints of Criminal and Gang Violence in Rivers State



Heat map shows concentration of reported incidents of criminal and gang violence in Rivers State from January 2021 - December 2024. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org



Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The current wave of violence and killings by hoodlums and cult gangs has the potential to escalate, further worsening insecurity, especially against the backdrop of political tensions in the state. This could have serious socio-economic, political, and security repercussions.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Stakeholders are collaborating with security agencies to tackle gang violence and criminality, while peace actors work with community leaders to address its root causes. Additionally, several organizations are actively engaged in combating organized crime in the state.



Timeline of Recent Incidents of Criminal and Gang Violence

Timeline: November 2024 - January 2025

- January 31, 2025**: Gunmen allegedly killed a Chief Security Officer of a stadium and his 23-year-old son at their residence in Igwuruta-Ali, near Port Harcourt.
- January 14, 2025**: Suspected cult gangs reportedly attacked and killed a local vigilante member during a routine patrol along Hospital Road in Ahoada East LGA.
- November 15, 2024**: A kidnapping suspect, who was also a member of the Iceland cult gang, was reportedly killed in a clash with the police in Luawii, Khana LGA.
- November 07, 2024**: Members of a cult gang reportedly killed a local vigilante member and injured four others in Obele Community, Emohua LGA.

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



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