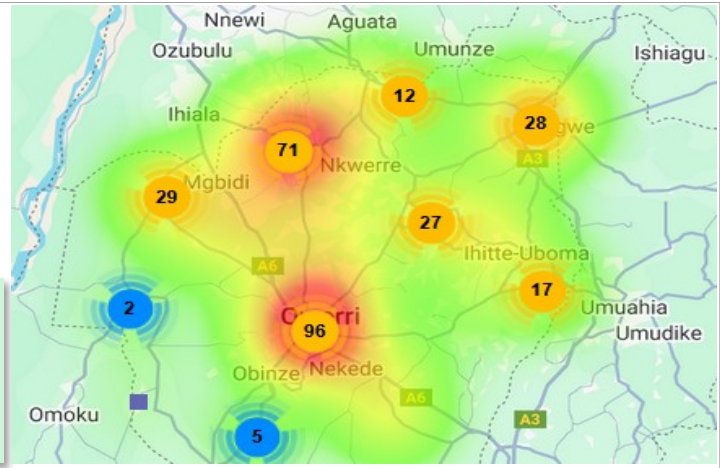


# Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

## Spotlighting Rising Criminal Violence and Targeted Killings in Imo State

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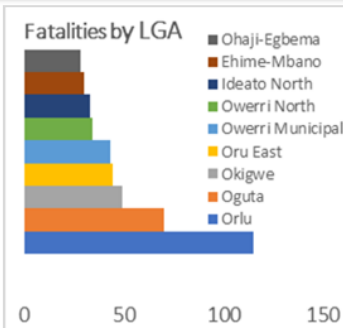
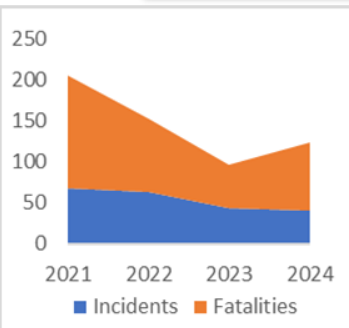
This update highlights organized crime in the Niger Delta, focusing on criminal violence and targeted killings in Imo State. Data shows a rise in kidnappings, killings of residents, and clashes between criminal groups and government security forces. The prevalence of criminal violence underscores the growing security challenges in the State.



Heat Map shows concentration of reported incidents of organized criminal violence in Imo State from January 2021 - December 2024. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)



### Trends and Flashpoints of Criminal Violence and Targeted Killings in Imo State



### Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

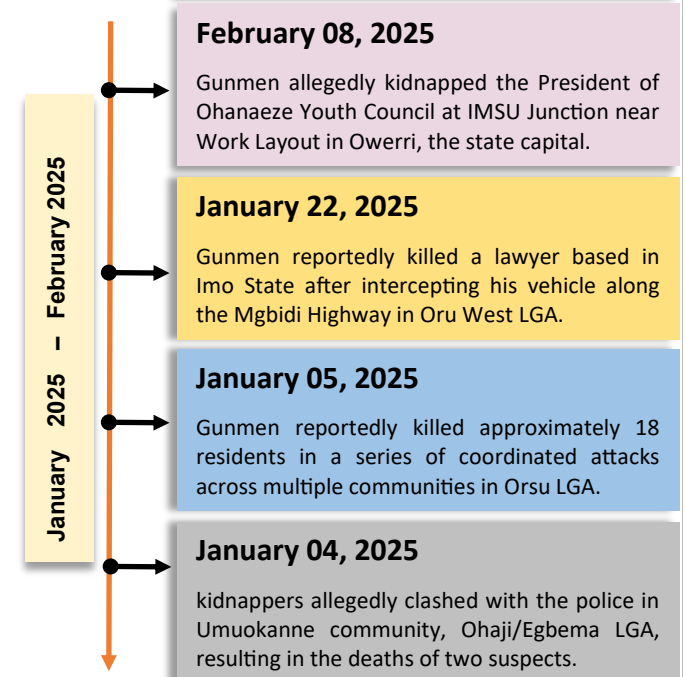
The ongoing surge in criminal violence and targeted killings could escalate further, significantly affecting conflict dynamics and intensifying social, political, economic, and security challenges in the state. If left unchecked, this could lead to a breakdown of law and order.

### Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Security agencies have intensified operations to combat criminal activities through targeted raids and the rescue of kidnapped victims. Additionally, community leaders and local authorities are working closely with law enforcement to help mitigate the situation.



### Timeline of Recent Incidents of Criminal Violence in Imo State



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



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