

Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

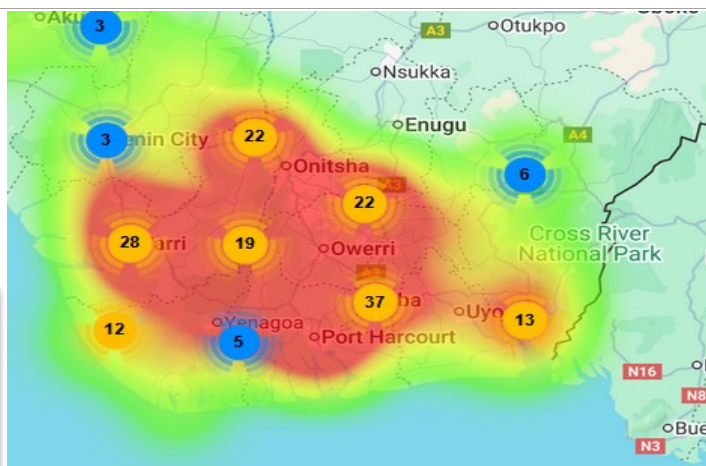
Addressing the Proliferation of Illicit Arms and Ammunition in the Niger Delta

April 26 - May 02, 2026

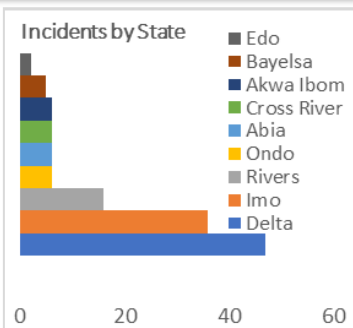
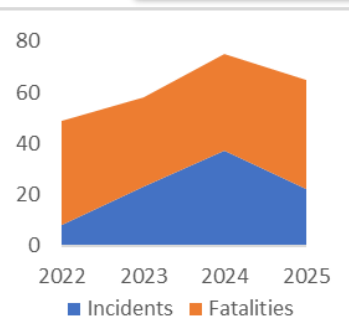
This update highlights the growing proliferation of illicit arms and ammunition in the Niger Delta. Recent incidents indicate widespread circulation and links to criminal networks, underscoring rising risks to public safety and the need for stronger enforcement, improved arms control, and coordinated responses to curb illicit weapons.



Trends and Dynamics of Illicit Arms Proliferation in the Niger Delta



Heat Map shows the concentration of incidents of illicit arms proliferation in the Niger Delta from January 2022 - December 2025. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4pnigerdelta.org



Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The continued trafficking and stockpiling of illicit arms may sustain criminal violence and strengthen organized networks across the region. If not addressed, these dynamics could intensify armed attacks, deepen insecurity, and erode public confidence in security agencies.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Security agencies have intensified operations to intercept illicit arms flows and dismantle trafficking networks. However, sustained intelligence sharing and coordinated surveillance of known transit routes and hotspot areas remain critical to curbing further proliferation.



Timeline of Recent Incidents of Illicit Arms Proliferation

April 26, 2026
A 28-year-old man was reportedly shot dead by a police officer during an arrest over illegal firearm possession in Uvwie LGA, Delta State.

April 19, 2026
The police reportedly arrested a 60-year-old gunrunner and recovered locally fabricated weapons in Odukpani LGA, Cross River State.

April 16, 2026
The police reportedly arrested suspects linked to the fabrication of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Akure South LGA, Ondo State.

April 14, 2026
Joint security operatives reportedly recovered a significant cache of weapons and ammunition during a raid in Ikwerre LGA, Rivers State.

April 14 - April 26, 2026

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



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