

Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

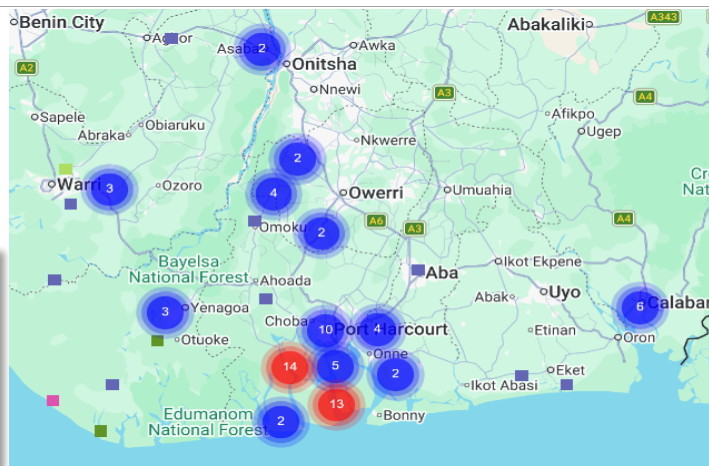
Addressing the Human and Socio-Economic Costs of Oil Theft and Related Criminality

September 06-12, 2026

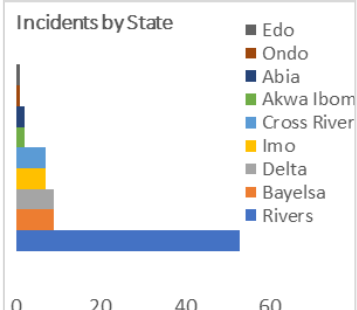
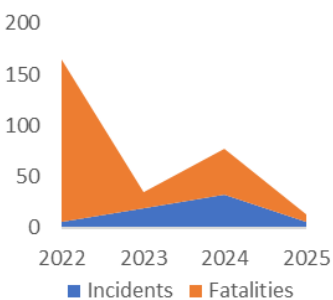
This update highlights the human and socio-economic costs of oil theft and related crimes in the Niger Delta. Recent incidents involving crude oil theft and petroleum product hijacking demonstrate the risks of the illicit oil economy, including loss of lives, threats to livelihoods, and economic disruption. The trend underscores the need for stronger preventive measures to curb petroleum-related crimes.



Trends and Hotspots of Oil Theft and Related Crimes in the Niger Delta



Heat Map shows concentration of reported incidents of oil theft and related crimes in the Niger Delta from January 2022 - June 2026. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's Peace Map www.p4pnigerdelta.org



Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The continuation of oil theft and related crimes could increase fatalities, economic losses, and risks to transport and energy operations. If not addressed, these activities may strengthen criminal networks, threaten livelihoods, and undermine efforts to protect critical assets.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Security agencies are intensifying operations against oil theft through raids, arrests, and seizures of stolen products. However, better enforcement, intelligence sharing, and community collaboration remain essential to curbing these crimes and their socio-economic impacts.



Timeline of Recent Incidents of Oil Theft and Related Crimes

August 21 - September 03, 2026

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At least 37 persons suspected of oil theft reportedly died after inhaling a petroleum product at Okari Jetty in Okrika LGA, Rivers State.

September 02, 2026

Navy personnel reportedly uncovered a reservoir containing about 10,000 liters of stolen crude oil in Warri South LGA, Delta State.

August 28, 2026

A truck carrying 45,000 liters of AGO was reportedly hijacked, and the driver abandoned in the bush in Ohaji/Egbema LGA, Imo State.

August 21, 2026

Navy personnel reportedly arrested three suspected oil thieves and impounded two vehicles in Oguta LGA, Imo State.

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



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