

Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

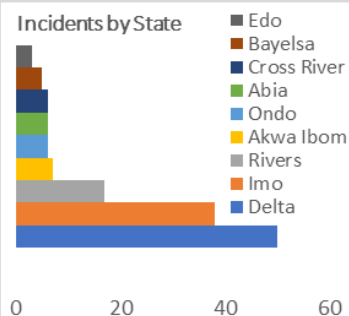
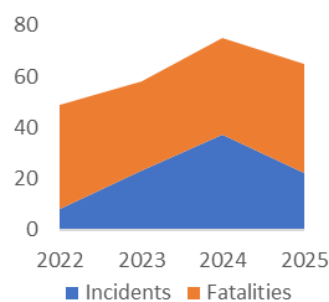
Strengthening Law Enforcement to Curb Small Arms Proliferation in the Niger Delta

September 20-26, 2026

This update highlights the continued proliferation of small arms in the region and the need to strengthen law enforcement responses. Recent arrests and recoveries of weapons underscore ongoing security risks. This is particularly concerning ahead of the 2027 General Election, as illicit weapons could heighten electoral security risks.



Trends and Hotspots of Illicit Small Arms Proliferation in the Niger Delta

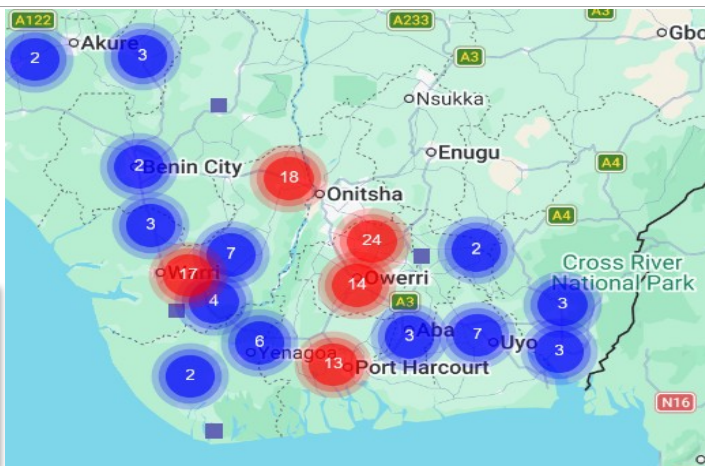


Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

Illicit firearms could embolden criminal and violent gangs, increasing kidnapping, robbery, communal violence, and insecurity. Ahead of the 2027 General Election, they could also facilitate voter intimidation and political violence, undermining public safety and confidence.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Security agencies are intensifying operations to identify and disrupt arms trafficking networks, arrest suspects, and recover illicit firearms. Sustained enforcement and inter-agency coordination will be critical to curbing arms proliferation and mitigating associated security risks.



Heat Map showing the concentration of reported incidents of illicit arms proliferation in the Niger Delta from January 2022 to June 2026. Sources: All data sources available on PIND's Peace Map www.p4pnigerdelta.org



Timeline of Recent Incidents of Illicit Small Arms Proliferation

September 03 - September 12, 2026

September 12, 2026

Police reportedly arrested a man and recovered a pump-action gun and 18 live cartridges in Obiaruku, Ndokwa West LGA, Delta State.

September 09, 2026

Police reportedly arrested a herbalist and recovered a pump-action gun and charms in Isepe, Ndokwa West LGA, Delta State.

September 06, 2026

Police allegedly arrested a 23-year-old man and recovered a locally made shotgun along Ayah Road in Ikot Ekpene LGA, Akwa Ibom State.

September 03, 2026

Police allegedly arrested a 29-year-old man and seized a gun, cartridge, and machetes in Ikot Akpabong, Mkpato Enin LGA, Akwa Ibom State.

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Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system: Text report to **0912 233 4455**.

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



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