

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Bayelsa State: August-September 2016

Background

This monthly tracker is designed to update Peace Agents on patterns of conflict risk and violence, as identified by the Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU) early warning system, and to seek feedback for response to mitigate areas of conflict.

Patterns and Trends June–August 2016

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported included militancy, piracy, criminality and communal conflict.

Militancy: In June, the Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) reportedly blew up a crude oil pipeline. In July, the NDA reportedly attacked a crude oil facility in Nembe. Separately, two militant groups were reportedly engaged in a gun battle over a missing speed boat in Gbaran community of Southern Ijaw.

In August, Operatives of the Joint Task Force (JTF) code named 'Operation Delta Safe' reportedly attacked the hideout of members of the NDA in Southern Ijaw and killed two militants and arrested three others. Separately, suspected members of the NDA reportedly attacked a military checkpoint, killed three soldiers and stole their rifles and gunboat in Nembe.

Violent Criminality: In July, pirates reportedly ambushed and killed an officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) in Southern Ijaw creeks. Separately,

a staff member from the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) was reportedly abducted by gunmen in Ogbia. In August, a 17-year old boy, a son of a Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) official, was reportedly shot dead by the police for alleged armed robbery in Yenagoa. Separately, the father of a lawmaker was reportedly kidnapped in Yenagoa.

Communal Tension: In August, tensions was reportedly high in Agrissaba community in Nembe following the arrest of a traditional ruler by the Department of State Security (DSS) over his alleged involvement in a protest against an oil company.

Other Incidents: In August, a 5-year old girl was reportedly raped to death in Sagbama, and a woman who was reportedly killed by her son-in-law in Ekeremor.

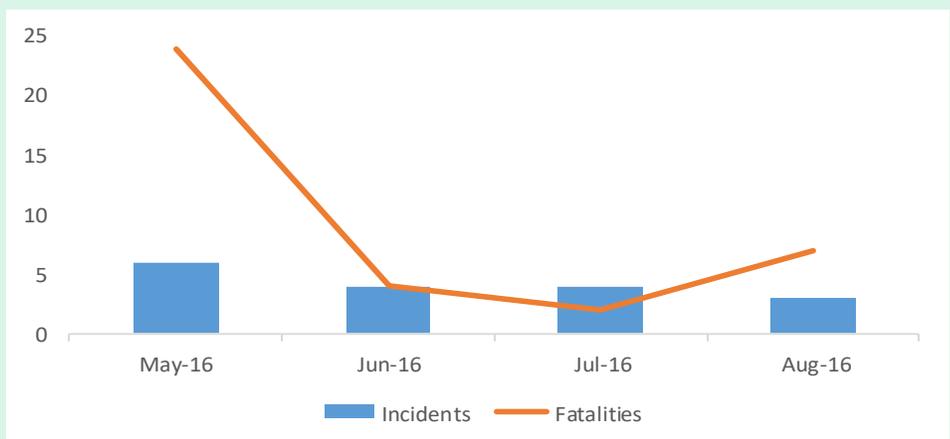
Recent Incidents or Issues, September 2016

Key incidents reported in September included cult violence, vigilante violence, rape, and kidnapping.

Youth/Cult Violence: A free-for-all fight was reported among youths during a local election in Yenagoa. Dangerous weapons including machetes were used during the scuffle. Separately, there was a reported shootout between members of rival cult groups in Yenagoa.

Vigilante Violence: There was reported tension in Korokorosei community in Southern Ijaw following the death of a robbery suspect in the custody of members of the Vigilante Group of Nigeria. Houses

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Bayelsa State



Reported incidents and fatalities from May-August 2016 in Bayelsa State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

were reportedly destroyed in retaliatory attacks between the vigilante and community residents.

Criminality: Operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) reportedly arrested about 59 suspected illegal drug dealers in Yenagoa and its environs.

Others: Other incidents during the month included a 19-year old girl that was gang raped by four boys in Sagbama, and a suspect who reportedly kidnapped two teenage boys for ritualistic purposes in Yenagoa.

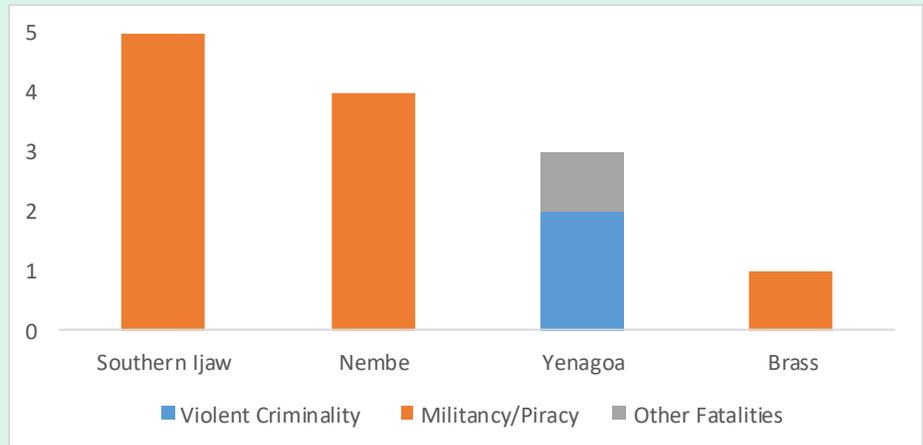
Prognosis

Conflict fatalities in the state during the period related to militancy, piracy, and other violent criminality. Peace Agents should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

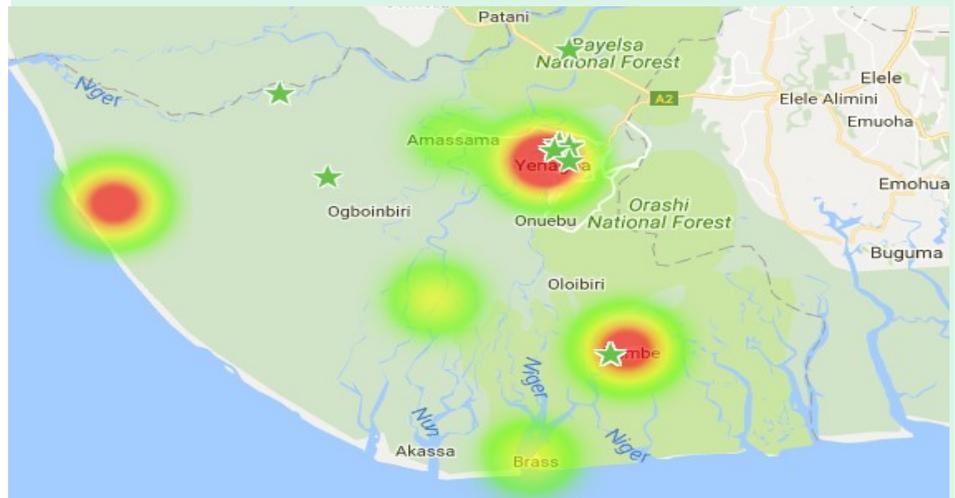
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months that could escalate this conflict?
4. Who are the key stakeholders that have influence on the conflict?
5. What will you do to help mitigate the conflict in the short, medium, and long term?

Figure 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (June – August 2016)



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA) in Bayelsa State in this quarter shows that Southern Ijaw and Nembe had the most incidents of conflict risk and violence, predominantly related to militancy. Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 3: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Bayelsa State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June-August 2016 in Bayelsa; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

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Text: 080 9936 2222

Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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