

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Delta State: August-September 2016

Background

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

Patterns and Trends

June-August 2016

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was a rise in conflict risk and violence in Delta state in August. Incidents during the period included militancy, communal conflict, criminality, mob violence, and protests.

Militancy and Vandalism: In July, the Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) reportedly continued attacking oil facilities in Warri North, Warri South, and Warri South West LGAs. In August, sixteen soldiers under the military task force code named 'Operation Crocodile Smile' were reportedly killed in Ethiope West. In response to the military's 'Operation Crocodile Smile', a militant group, Niger Delta Greenland Justice Movement (NDGJM) launched 'Operation Crocodile Tears' and blew up oil pipelines in Ughelli North, Udu, and Oshimili South.

Communal Conflict: In July, one person was reportedly killed during communal clashes in Ukwuani. In August, a fatality and several missing persons were reported in a clash between Enwhe and Igbide communities in Isoko South over a land dispute. There was also tension in Oleh, Isoko South, following the bombing of the Isoko Development Union (IDU) secretariat by suspected youths.

Cult Violence: In July, a 22-year old man and

his friend were reportedly killed by cultists in Boji-Boji Owa town in Ika North. Also, one person was reportedly killed and several others injured during a clash between rival cult groups in Obiaruku community in Ukwuani. In August, four people were reported to have been killed in a rival cult war in Ika South. Also, a cultist was reportedly killed by a rival cult group in Uvwie.

Mob Violence: In July, a 21-year old bus driver suspected of robbery was reportedly lynched by a mob in Uvwie. Another robbery suspect who had allegedly attacked the house of a prominent politician, was also killed by a mob in the Emede community in Isoko South.

Protests: In August an oil company was reportedly besieged over the course of three days over employment opportunities for the locals in Warri South-West.

Recent Incidents or Issues, September 2016

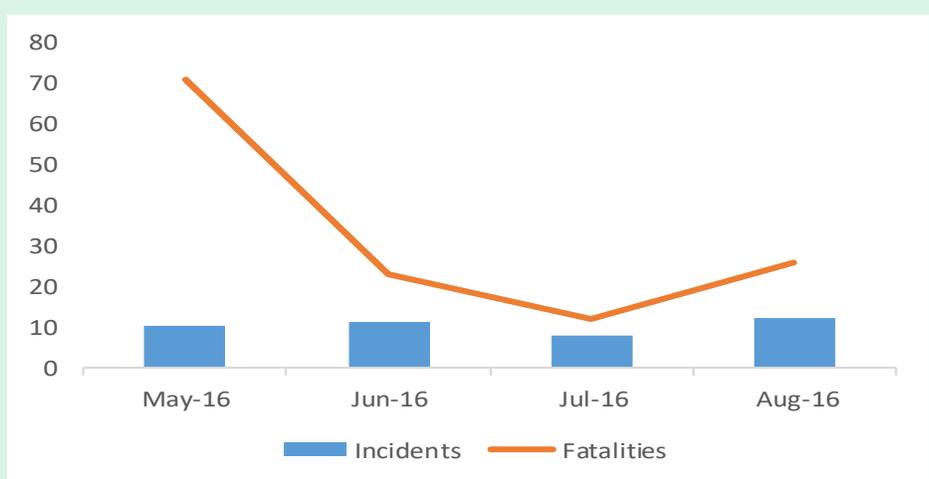
Incidents reported in September included militancy, communal violence, violent criminality, and protests.

Militancy and Vandalism: During the month, a militant group, Niger Delta Greenland Justice Mandate (NDGJM) reportedly blew up oil pipelines in Ughelli North and Ughelli South.

Communal Violence: A fatality was reported in reprisal attacks over a disputed land between Igbide and Okpolo-Enwhe communities in Isoko South. Separately, two farmers were reportedly killed in Aniocha South during an inter-communal clash with pastoralists.

Violent Criminality: A man was reportedly stabbed to death in Uvwie.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Delta State



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

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

Protests: There was a reported protest against an oil company over destruction of farmlands by oil spillage in Isoko South. Separately, there was reportedly a protest by women over hike in electricity tariff in Ughelli North. Also, there was a protest by traders over the death of their colleague following an attack by youths in Warri South.

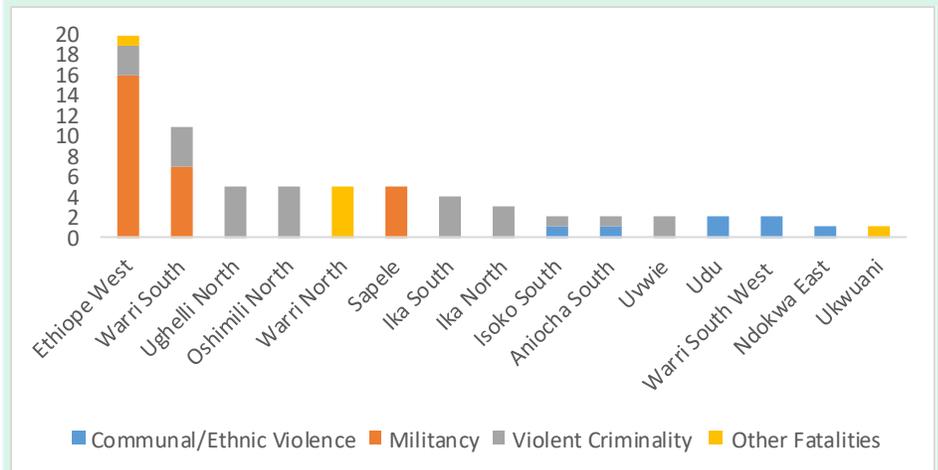
Prognosis

There was a rise in violence in the state during the period, particularly issues relating to communal violence and militancy. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

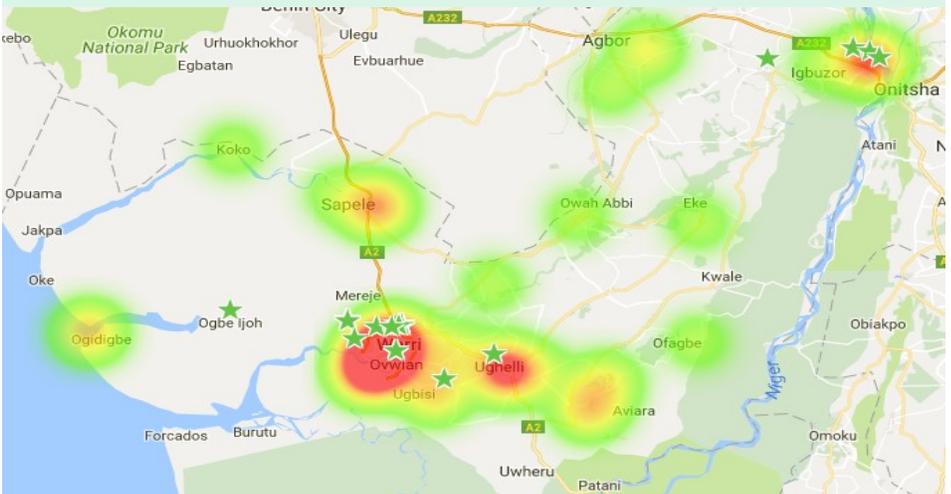
1. Is anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from this tracker, is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months 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 Delta State this quarter show that Ethiope West and Warri South were the most lethal. 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 Delta State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June–August 2016 in Delta; 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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