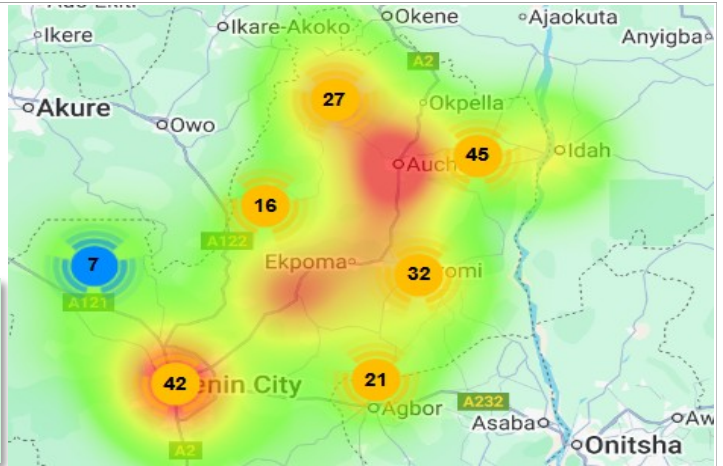


Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

Addressing the Rising Wave of Kidnapping for Ransom in Edo State

July 13-19, 2025

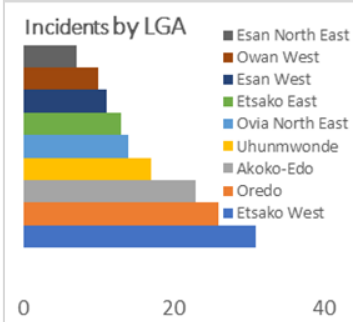
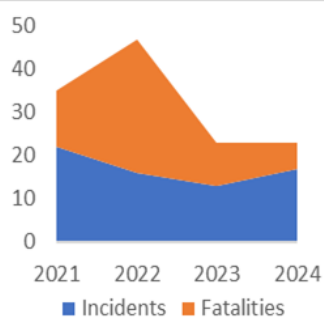
This update highlights the growing threat of organized crime in the Niger Delta, focusing on kidnapping for ransom in Edo State. Recent incidents indicate a rise in targeted abductions, with some victims killed. The recurring and violent nature of these kidnappings underscores the urgent need for effective strategies to address this threat.



Heat Map shows geographical concentration of reported incidents of kidnap for ransom in Edo State from January 2021 - May 2025. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4pnigerdelta.org



Trends and Hotspots of Kidnapping for Ransom in Edo State



Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

Based on recent trends, the current wave of kidnappings could escalate further, worsening human insecurity, destabilizing communities, and disrupting socio-economic activities in the state. If not effectively addressed, it could pose a significant and widespread security threat.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Security agents and local vigilantes have intensified patrols and joint operations. Recent efforts have led to the rescue of some victims. However, closer collaboration with community leaders is essential to boost surveillance and intelligence gathering in identified hotspots.



Timeline of Recent Incidents of Kidnapping in Edo State

July 13, 2025
The Chief Imam and chapter president of the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN), was kidnapped in Uromi, Esan North East LGA.

July 11, 2025
Gunmen killed two people and abducted others, including a 12-year-old girl who was killed during a rescue operation, in Etsako East LGA.

July 10, 2025
Gunmen allegedly attacked a Catholic Seminary in Agenebode, Etsako East LGA, and kidnapped three seminarians.

May 13, 2025
Police reportedly arrested a suspected kidnapper and recovered firearms and vehicles during a raid on a hotel in Benin City, the state capital.

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