

Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

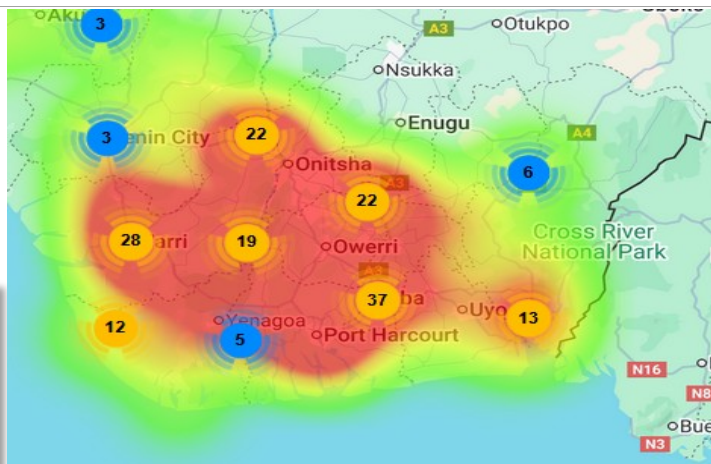
Curtailing the Proliferation of Illicit Arms in the Niger Delta

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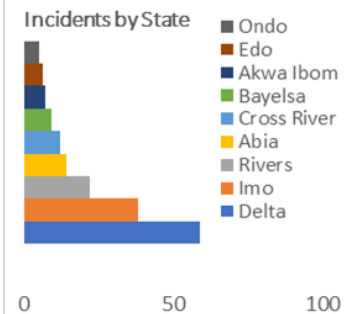
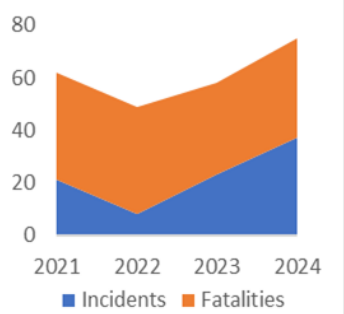
This update highlights the growing threat of illicit activities in the Niger Delta, especially the spread of small arms and light weapons. Recent reports show that these weapons continues to fuel insecurity, underscoring the urgent need for stronger enforcement to curb illicit arms, reduce violence, and improve public safety across the region.



Trends and Dynamics of Illegal Arms Proliferation in the Niger Delta



Heat Map shows the concentration of incidents of illegal arms proliferation in the Niger Delta from January 2021 - August 2025. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4pnigerdelta.org



Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The continued proliferation of illicit firearms could further escalate violent crimes, including cult clashes, armed robbery, and kidnapping for ransom in the region. It also emboldens criminal groups and undermines the ability of security agencies to maintain law and order.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Security agencies are intensifying intelligence-led operations to intercept arms traffickers and dismantle supply networks. However, stronger inter-agency coordination and border control are vital to curbing illicit arms flow and ensure lasting stability in the region.



Timeline of Recent Incidents of Illegal Arms Proliferation

August - September, 2025

- September 25, 2025**
A gunrunner and three accomplices were reportedly arrested for supplying firearms to criminal gangs in Irele, Irele LGA, Ondo State.
- September 22, 2025**
A 42-year-old passenger was allegedly arrested for unlawful possession of firearms along the Benin-Lagos highway in Edo State.
- September 06, 2025**
A young man was reportedly arrested with a cut-to-size double-barrel shotgun and live cartridges in Uyo LGA, Akwa Ibom State.
- August 31, 2025**
A 61-year-old man was reportedly arrested with multiple firearms and 128 live cartridges in Boki LGA, Cross River State.

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Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

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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